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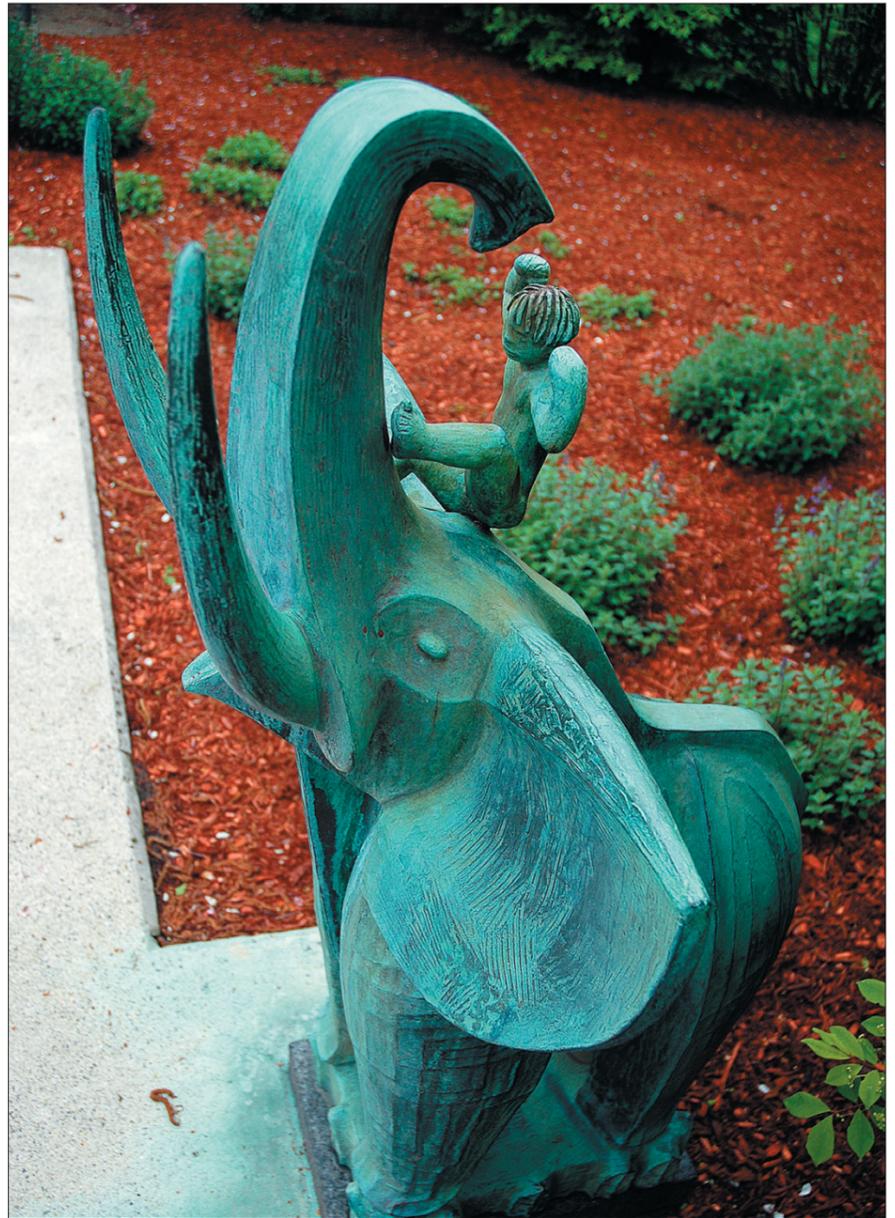
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Approximately 2,400 diplomas awarded today

BY KAT SCHMIDT
Daily Editorial Board

Approximately 2,393 diplomas from Tufts' undergraduate and graduate schools will be awarded at today's commencement exercises.

The ceremony will take place in two phases.

Phase I will take place on the Academic Quad between Bendetson and Ballou Halls. The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. as an all-school ceremony that will include graduates from all schools and colleges of the University.

The presentation includes the academic procession, commencement speaker Lance Armstrong's address, the awarding of honorary degrees and the presentation of degrees by the University's Board of Trustees.

In addition to Armstrong, who is the seven-time winner of the Tour de France, honorary degrees will be granted to pastor and humanitarian Rev. Gloria E. White-Hammond, retired Gen.



Zhou Joan (LA '09) sets up one of the thousands of chairs that will cover the Academic Quad for the University's commencement.

Joseph Hoar, philanthropist and Veterinary School benefactor William S. Cummings and prominent evolutionary biologist Lynn Margulis. (For more information on the honorary degree recipients, see page 13.)

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Phase II consists of smaller ceremonies for graduates of each of the respective departments, in which each graduate receives their diploma and departments may conduct specialized, department-specific activities.

These ceremonies are held in various locations around campus. They will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. and are expected to last through 3 p.m., including luncheons.

The administration opted for this two-phase commencement ceremony after widespread complaints about the previous lengthy ceremony, in which diplomas were presented to every graduate while the entire University community looked on.

The baccalaureate service for graduating seniors was held at 3 p.m. on May 20.

At the ceremony, University President Lawrence Bacow and Wendell Phillips Award winner Mauricio Artinano address the

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Jonathan Tisch endows University College with \$40 million naming gift

BY KAT SCHMIDT
Daily Editorial Board

Jonathan Tisch (LA '76), chairman and CEO of Loews Hotels, Corp. and University trustee, will donate \$40 million to endow the future of Tufts' University College.

Formerly known as the University College of Citizenship and Public Service, the school has been renamed the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service.

The donation was announced on Friday, May 12 at a midday ceremony in which President Lawrence Bacow and Tisch unveiled a sign bearing the college's new name in front of the Lincoln Filene Center.

The Tisch College is a University-wide program which pushes students to apply academic knowledge from any discipline to make improvements in their communities.

Former President John DiBiaggio launched what was then known as the University College in 2000 with the use of a \$10 million startup donation from Pierre and Pam Omidyar (LA '88, LA '89)

Tisch's gift is the third-largest in Tufts history and is believed to be the largest individual gift ever to any public service program.

The donation, Bacow said, "ensures in perpetuity" the existence of the College and will create an endowment that will support the college indefinitely off of the interest earned from the donation.

Tisch describes himself as an "early and

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Jonathan M. Tisch (LA '76, right) is congratulated by Keith L.T. Wright (LA '77) just before the May 12 ceremony renaming the University College as the Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service after Tisch announced a donation of \$40 million to the college. Tisch is CEO of Loews Hotels and a University trustee, and Wright is a Member of Assembly in New York and a member of the Tisch College Board of Overseers.

Immigration debate lands in Somerville

BY ROB SILVERBLATT
Daily Editorial Board

"A people united will never be defeated." Thousands of demonstrators gathered to shout out refrains like this on May 1, the nationwide U.S. Day Without Immigrants.

The goal of the boycotts, in which immigrants were encouraged to take the day off from work, was to highlight immigrants' importance in the economy and allow them the opportunity to rally for additional rights.

To varying degrees, Tufts, the Somerville community, and the state of Massachusetts have rallied along with them.

Several Tufts students formed the May Day/STAIR (Students at Tufts Acting for Immigrant Rights) Coalition to prepare for the protests. In the coalition's main action, members marched from the Tufts campus to a rally in Somerville's

Foss Park.

According to graduate student and STAIR member Dan DiMaggio, the purpose of the march was to demonstrate solidarity with the plight of many immigrants.

"I hope that people will realize the level of support that exists for immigrant rights in this country," he said.

DiMaggio said that marching is an effective way to demonstrate this support.

"I think we need more marches," he said. "I think they show we're serious in our support [and they] get the word out there."

Sophomore Daniel Becker agreed that the march helped to "show that we care" and to make a show of Tufts student support in the community.

Although its members were certainly vocal in their support, Becker said that the group aims to do more than merely create a com- motion.

"It's not just for people to come together and make noise," he said. "Some of the big misconceptions you could only get rid of by talking to people."

At the Foss Park rally, Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone spoke about his attitude toward the immigrant population.

"I'm here to deliver a very simple message to all of you and to all of the people who live in Somerville," he said. "Let me be very clear: This is your city. It doesn't matter where you come from."

He said that immigrants, "no matter what their citizenship or national origin, enjoy the same rights and are entitled [to] the same protection as any other resident of this city."

Curtatone said that he anticipates continuing this commitment regardless of the outcome of the legislative debate taking place in the

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Tufts takes steps to invest Omidyar microfinance fund

BY MARC RAIFMAN
Daily Editorial Board

The Board of Trustees of the Omidyar-Tufts Microfinance Fund has taken the initial steps to outline an investment plan for the \$100 million gift from Pierre and Pam Omidyar (LA '88 and '89, respectively) with diversification as the primary goal.

The Board intends to invest in both direct and indirect microfinance "to better position the fund to take advantage of a wider range of investment opportunities," according to an e-mail response from Tufts' investment office.

"We will seek to diversify the fund's investments across a number of dimensions, including geography, currency and

investment-fund managers," the office said.

Yet the investment is conspicuously different from the investments in which Tufts typically puts its donations: instead of tapping the returns from stocks or bonds, Tufts sets out to invest in microfinance at an unprecedented level to tap, as the Economist put it, "the hidden wealth of the poor."

Microfinance refers to small investments, particularly in the developing world, through which very small loans, as low as U.S. \$50 or \$100, can make a big difference in the lives of very poor people who would not qualify for traditional financial services.

The plan would not only

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After difficult transition, Jenke 'doing well' at financial software firm

After an abrupt departure from Tufts in the spring of 2004, John Jenke, former assistant director of the international relations program, is "doing well," he told the Daily in a telephone interview from his home.

He declined to comment on the circumstances surrounding his departure.

After a year of unemployment, Jenke has been working as a business analyst at Vestmark, Inc, a financial software firm in Wakefield, Mass.

He continues to live in Winchester, Mass., with his wife and two children.

The firm's software, he said, "helps asset managers provide their expertise to people with \$100,000-250,000 minimum investments."

"The software that company develops", he said, "permits asset managers to provide "mom and pop to have the access to high quality financial expertise in many ways" not previously affordable.

"It's like the democratization of finance in many ways," he said. "Usually, star asset managers would only provide their services to the super-rich."

The new sector requires the development of a series of new skills.

"I have been and continue to learn a great deal about the asset management realm," he said. "I work for a fabulous company just starting to enter the marketplace."

"It's really fun to be in this company right now," he said. "In a company flush with the creative ideas of many recent MIT grads, there are lots of creative people who really create an environment where you can learn."

Jenke called the time after leaving Tufts a "difficult transition."

Certain individuals at Tufts have been particularly helpful, he said, namely Tufts-in-London Director Jacki Levenson, Political Science Professor Kent Portney, Director of Programs Abroad Sheila Bayne and Associate Professor of History Jeanne Penvenne.

"These people have made it easier for me to make the transition," he said.

"I really miss the students at Tufts ... more than anything else," he said. "I get e-mails from alums, and that makes it a lot easier."

"I still think extremely well of Tufts students ... They're fabulously gifted people," he said. "I wish them a happy graduation and interesting careers."

— Kat Schmidt

IR curriculum passes in unanimous vote

BY ROB SILVERBLATT AND KAT SCHMIDT
Daily Editorial Board

After a discussion lasting approximately two years, the faculty voted on May 10 to overhaul the International Relations (IR) curriculum with a proposal presented by the International Relations Executive Committee (IREC).

Prof. Jack Ridge, chair of the Arts and Science (A&S) Curricula Committee, presented the proposal at the May 10 A&S faculty meeting, and it passed unanimously.

"The revisions adopted ... will enhance both the rigor and the coherence of the IR curriculum," Program Director Malik Mufti said.

Although there had been debate in the past about the exact shape these revisions would take, Mufti said, faculty collaboration in the overhaul was crucial for its success.

The IREC has been in the process of these revisions for a year and a half.

"During that time, we have consulted with the IR core faculty, the departments that play a big role in the IR program, and the new IR student body, the Director's Leadership Council," Mufti said. "Important feedback from each of these groups was incorporated into IREC's deliberations, and helped shape the final proposals."

The most significant change is a rearrangement of core and concentration requirements.

Core classes are broad introductions to the main themes, approaches, and debates within several disciplines, whereas the



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Professor Malik Mufti, pictured here, is the director of the International Relations program at Tufts. The IR curriculum was overhauled in a May 10 vote that will "enhance both the rigor and the coherence of the IR curriculum, according to Mufti.

concentration requirement is Previously, an IR major needed
meant to allow students to special-
ize in a specific area.

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Tufts spared flooding problems

BY ANDREW SILVER AND DAVID POMERANTZ
Daily Editorial Board

For once, Tufts students might be thankful that their college is located on a big hill.

Record-high rainfalls shocked the state last week, producing the worst flooding in 70 years, but the Tufts campus was generally spared of any serious damage.

In an e-mail sent to the Tufts Community on Tuesday afternoon, Vice President of Operations John Roberto updated the status of conditions on the Medford/Somerville campus.

"Several buildings on the Medford/Somerville campus are experiencing water problems from flooded basements to minor roof leaks," he wrote. "A number of our underground utility manholes are flooded as well, however, disruption has only been minor. Facilities is doing everything it can to address problems as they are identified."

Representatives from Tufts Facilities did not respond to repeated requests for comment by press time.

Tufts University Police Department Captain Mark Keith said that the flooding was not an enormous issue on campus.

"I don't think that we have any major areas [of flooding]," Keith said. "I think there have been a number of small areas."

No disturbances were expected for Tufts' commencement exercises, according to Commencement Coordinator Meredith Everson.

"There are no changes in times or locations," Everson said on Tuesday. "Everything is going as planned ... We're hoping it's not an issue."

The city of Somerville was in a state of emergency that Mayor Joseph Curtatone declared from 8 a.m. last Sunday, May 14 until 8 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, according to Somerville Public Information Officer Meaghan Silverberg and the City of Somerville's Web site.

"A lot of residents have called in with basement floods, and a few businesses have had flooding," Silverberg told the Daily on Monday afternoon. "We are dispatching the appropriate personnel to those locations."

Silverberg classified the volume of calls to the city's public service hotline as "significantly higher than normal" about flooded basements and flooded catch basins.

At the same time, however, road closures were minimal. The intersection of Hansen and Properzi Streets was the only closure, according to Silverberg, and that intersection was reopened on Monday.

"While some homeowners are still trying to cope with significant damage and inconvenience, Somerville as a whole has come through in good shape," Curtatone said in a statement on the City of Somerville's Web site. "We did see some localized phone outages and power losses, but our flood-related street closures were few in number and short in duration — and we never had to cancel school ... we're very lucky compared to the hard-hit communities in the Merrimack Valley and elsewhere in the Commonwealth."

The towns of Peabody, which is 20 miles northeast of Tufts, and Melrose, which is just six miles northeast, were two of the hardest-hit areas.

Gov. Mitt Romney told the Boston Globe that damage would exceed "tens of millions" in Massachusetts alone.

Aside from massive damages in the northeastern part of the state, there was one fatality registered, a 59-year-old man found dead in a submerged car in Topsfield, Mass.

The major roads and highways affected by the flooding were "predominantly in the northeastern part of the state," Jon Carlisle, spokesman for the Massachusetts State Transportation Department said on Monday afternoon. "Probably the most notable closure was up in Saugus where we had some issues on Route 1. Right now Route 1 is closed from Route 60 in Revere to Route 128 in Peabody."

Such flooding-related closures made transportation a headache for the many commuters who were forced to look for alternate routes into Boston.

"It's had a significant impact, particularly the Route 1 closure," Carlisle said. "Also, some of these secondary roads that have been closed can cause a ripple effect through the entire region."

Does academic freedom ring at Tufts? Views vary on campus

BY AARON SCHUMACHER
Daily Editorial Board

Over a year after the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate passed a resolution supporting academic freedom at Tufts, campus conservatives have a range of views on the extent to which academic bias is a problem on the Hill.

Last year the Senate addressed concerns about academic freedom brought forward by the Tufts Academic Freedom Project (TAFP), a sub-group of the Tufts Republicans.

The TAFP set up the project as a response to concerns about academic bias taking place in Tufts classrooms.

The resolution, which passed on Feb. 13, 2005, stated its official support of the University's policy on academic freedom. The resolution passed 21-3 with one abstention.

This policy states that faculty "should be free from institutional censorship or discipline [but] should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should make every effort to indicate that he/she is not an institutional spokesman."

The policy also states that professors should "be careful not to introduce into his/her teaching controversial matter which has no relation to the subject."

While some maintain the concerned urgency of TAFP, a range of interviews show widespread disagreement about the extent of a problem with academic freedom at Tufts.

Nicole Balkind, senior and Primary Source co-Editor-in-Chief, still articulates the strong concern voiced by TAFP members last year.

"I can't speak for the Tufts Republicans leadership, but as far as the campus conservatives are concerned, academic freedom is still an issue," she said.

"It is difficult to challenge professors," Balkind said. "This year, I think that many students were more worried about 'playing the game' to get grades, as opposed to the overall quality, balance

and completeness of their education."

Yet others, including the current leadership of the Tufts Republicans, assert that academic bias from the faculty is not a grave problem.

"I don't think these improprieties are very common," Tufts Republicans Vice-President and sophomore Jordan Greene said, referring to instances of bias in the classroom. "I'm not as convinced as others that a treatable problem exists."

"I have not been discriminated against by any professors over my first year here at Tufts," said freshman Dan Hartman, treasurer of Tufts Republicans. "I wrote many conservative-leaning English papers, and they were fairly graded."

Apart from his individual treatment, Hartman said he thinks his professors have generally treated his classes fairly.

"All of us here at Tufts really admire people who think critically, whether they agree with us or not," said Linda Beardsley, director of student teaching and school partnerships in the Tufts education department. "We try to model an open dialogue about a number of issues."

"We certainly want teachers to teach in ways that they can express themselves," Beardsley continued. "It doesn't mean hiding your own [views], but respecting others is at the foundation of teaching."

The Faculty Handbook protects faculty members' academic freedom, described therein as "essential to the free search for truth and its free exposition and applies to both teaching and research."

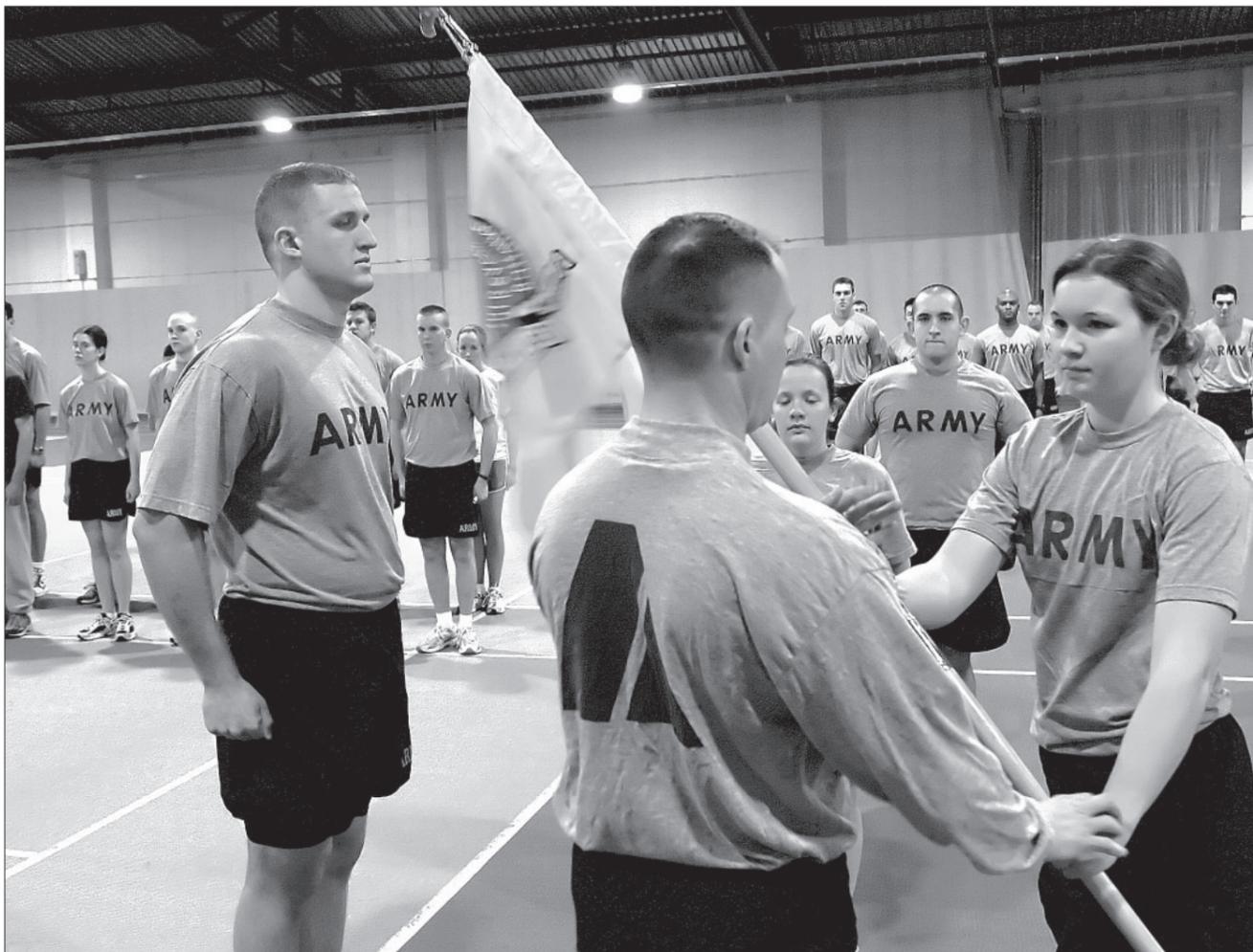
Dean of Undergraduate Education James Glaser said he is unaware of any instances of political discrimination on campus.

"I don't know of anything in particular at Tufts," he said.

For the most part, students say professors have adhered to this standard.

"I think there is a place for political criticism in academia as long as it is kept to the context of the class or lecture," said junior Kayt Norris, incoming

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Tufts senior Caroline Kennedy (right) relinquishes command of her post as Battalion Commander for the Army ROTC Paul Revere Battalion at MIT. After graduation, Kennedy will be working for military intelligence at Fort Campbell, Ky.

All construction works on campus near completion

BY DANNY LUTZ
Daily Editorial Board

All campus construction projects are on schedule and running smoothly, according to University Vice President of Operations John Roberto.

"Everything's on track," he said, adding that he expected all current projects to be completed by Dec. 2006.

The most anticipated current construction project, Sophia Gordon Hall, is on target and set to open in September for housing next semester.

"The building is starting to take great shape inside," Roberto said.

"Everyone jokes about, 'What happens if they don't finish?'" junior and future resident Shanti Sattler said. "[But] they made a lot of progress this year so I'm not worried about it."

The completion of Sophia Gordon Hall will accompany the repaving and opening of a stretch of Talbot Avenue that has been closed for the entire year.

The basement of Cohen Auditorium, which Roberto said "will be completely gutted and renovated," is slated to be finished by September. "It's going to be a stretch, but we're confident," he said. "We've just begun that work."

The new music building addition will be finished by December, and Roberto plans to move the music department into the building in January, 2007. The Linbeck Company was responsible for the construction of the new addition and the Cohen basement, as well as Sophia Gordon Hall.

The parking spaces lost as a result of the completed music building will be recouped when an underground parking structure is finished beneath the former site of the South Hall tennis and basketball courts this July.

Shawmut Design and Construction is currently working on the South and East sides of the Cabot Tower of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. The building is receiving Tufts' version of a facelift, consisting of "mason repair and window replacement," according to Roberto.

Off campus, the new Tufts boathouse was completed in the beginning of May. The boathouse is located on the Malden River near the Wellington Station T station on the Orange Line and is "about 10,000 gross square feet," Roberto said. "[It's] a two-story boathouse with a spectator deck" for watching crew regattas.

According to Roberto, Sophia Gordon's construction process has set the eco-friendly bar high for future Tufts projects.

"We've learned a number of things throughout the process, so it's very safe to say that awareness has been raised,"

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ROTC students keep Pass in Review tradition alive

BY PRANAI CHEROO
Senior Staff Writer

Tufts was represented in all three branches of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) at an annual pass in review ceremony on Apr. 28.

Ten Jumbos were present in the Army unit, four in the Air Force unit and six in the Navy unit for the event, held on Berry Field at MIT.

The review celebrates ROTC cadets' accomplishments of the year and includes a symbolic inspection of the units, conducted by the guests of honor.

According to Captain Robert Holland, who spoke at the event, the "post 9-11 volunteers" gathered on the field represented seven different schools from the New England area. The MIT ROTC program has commissioned over 6,800 officers into active reserve duty.

Tufts has lacked an ROTC program since the Vietnam War, so ROTC Jumbos commute to MIT for the program.

Harvard senior Joseph Payne, of the Navy ROTC, emceed the event.

"What you are about to see is a long-standing tradition which happened before battle, when officers wanted to inspect their troops, or when troops gathered in celebration," Payne explained at the beginning of the review.

He then directed the crowd's attention to two A-10 Warthog Aircrafts flown by pilots from the 104th fighter wing that were approaching for a fly-over.

The keynote speaker at the review was Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, who has served in Iraq, Bosnia, and Haiti. Petraeus is also a top graduate of the Army Staff College and Princeton University.

Throughout his speech, Petraeus drew from his extensive military experience. Most notably, he led the first Multi-National Security Transition Command and a NATO training mission in Iraq in 2004.

"It's a particular pleasure to appreciate the seniors on the field and their parents," he began, before speaking on a candid view of war.

"Yes, there are moments of celebration," he said. "But days of combat are tough. Nothing you have ever experienced is harder than losing one of your troopers."

Petraeus took special care to highlight the leadership responsibilities that students would have as officers.

"The troopers you lead will follow your example," he said. "If you make light of adversity, your troopers will too. Your attitude will be echoed and re-echoed. You can be a hero to your troops, or a zero. It's difficult to lead from the rear. You need to

lead from the front."

He emphasized the difference between an officer and a soldier, saying, "You will be graded on how your platoon does, not how you do."

After his speech, Petraeus, along with Holland and another guest, walked out to each of the units, giving a cursory inspection of each in turn. All of the units then marched around the field, passing by the "reviewing area," where they were applauded by the spectators.

"They just have us march right past the commanding officer and the guest of honor who is there," said Tufts senior Daniel Crenshaw, who is part of the Navy ROTC program.

Now that their training and academic terms are completed, many of the cadets will be going on to active service.

"Ultimately, I will end up doing military intelligence at Fort Campbell, Ky.," said Tufts senior Caroline Kennedy, a cadet in the army ROTC program.

Crenshaw will go to San Diego after graduation to take part in training for the Navy SEAL program.

"I kind of always wanted to go into the SEALs and obviously [to] go to college, and so ROTC was a pretty good path for that," Crenshaw said.

Ten other Tufts seniors will be moving on to positions in their respective units.

Tufts students get involved in heated Massachusetts gubernatorial race

BY BRUCE HAMILTON
Daily Editorial Board

With five and a half months left before the Massachusetts gubernatorial election, the race is intensifying, and Tufts students are increasing their involvement.

Lieutenant Governor and Republican Kerry Healey has already been named as her party's candidate, and Tom Reilly, Deval Patrick and Chris Gabrieli are all contending for the Democratic nomination.

Reilly is the current Massachusetts Attorney General. His platform attacks Gov. Mitt Romney's administration for job losses and stagnating academic performance among students. He also has stressed the ever-increasing costs of healthcare in Massachusetts and is in favor of importing prescription drugs from Canada.

Patrick has never held elected office before, but he served as

Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights under President Bill Clinton. As a political outsider, he has tried to distance himself from Massachusetts politics.

Gabrieli has never held elected office before, but he worked in Boston Mayor Tom Menino's office and also made an unsuccessful bid for Lieutenant Governor in 2002.

Independent Christy Mihos, former Director of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, and Green-Rainbow party activist Grace Ross are also in the race.

Despite holding 87 percent of the seats in the state legislature, the Democrats have been absent from the governor's office for 20 years. The party will hold a primary election in September to nominate their candidate.

In her Apr. 29 acceptance speech, Healey said that the state needs to re-elect a Republican in order to avoid a dangerous political imbalance.

"Who can argue—with a straight face—that [Democrats] do not have enough power as it is?" Healey said in the speech. "To every voter who wants to keep two-party democracy alive in this state and hold your government accountable: I ask you to stand with us in this election."

Major polls vary, but a CBS4 poll on May 4 showed a statistical tie between the three candidates. Of 421 likely Democratic voters polled, Reilly led with 32 percent, followed by Gabrieli with 29 and Patrick with 28. The margin of error was 4.9 percent. Other polls have Reilly leading by larger margins. According to the State House News Poll of May 3-4, a Reilly-Healey-Mihos election saw Reilly receiving 38 percent support, Healey 30 percent and Mihos 13 percent. A Patrick-Healey-Mihos match-up showed Patrick at 29 percent, Healey 31 percent and Mihos at 15 percent.

According to the Boston Globe, Reilly has been endorsed by 15

Massachusetts mayors, including Michael McGlynn of Medford.

Reilly and Gabrieli have not rejected the possibility of raising taxes to assist in funding the sweeping healthcare legislation recently passed, which drew criticism from Healey.

Senior Kevin Johannsen, outgoing president of the Tufts Republicans, said that Healey's attitude on taxes and stimulating small business growth is a key reason that the club is supporting her.

"We really like the fact that she's pro-business ... and looking to roll the state income tax back," Johannsen said. He said that her focus on keeping taxes low, controlling spending and being tough on crime are among the main reasons he supports her.

Healey is, however, more socially liberal than many members of the Tufts Republicans, according to Johannsen. She has attempted to distance herself from the more con-

servative Romney, and, according to the Globe, planned to attend a "Republicans for Choice" event as a means of illustrating this difference.

"Our club is a little more conservative on the social issues than Healey is," Johannsen said. "We're willing to put aside minor differences."

Healey is pro-choice, favors civil unions, and is against restrictions on stem-cell research.

"More people in our club would probably be against that," Johannsen said.

Still, some members of the group have been collecting signatures and will be assisting with phone banking, knocking on doors and voter registration.

The Tufts Democrats are also gearing up for the election, but according to President Aaron Banks, they will not endorse a candidate

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'Cage-free' eggs may be a misnomer

BY JENNA NISSAN
Daily Editorial Board

Earlier this spring, Tufts Dining Services announced its decision to serve cage-free liquid eggs.

Patti Klos, Director of Dining and Business Services, said that the switch was made because the senior leadership in the department is committed to socially and environmentally responsible decisions.

An Apr. 14 Daily article ("Run free, little chickens,") documented these changes, but the Daily has since learned that this particular socially and environmentally responsible leadership decision is more complicated than it seems.

"The term 'cage-free' is a little bit of a scam. The [chickens] are not in cages, but they're crowded in barns," said Dr. George Saperstein, Professor of Environmental and Population Health at Tufts' Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine.

Saperstein is also involved with the Veterinary School's own free-range egg project (see box, page 9).

The Veterinary School has been producing free-range eggs for a little over a year with the support of a USDA grant, but Saperstein said that most farmers cannot afford to raise truly free-range chickens because the process is very expensive, cutting into profits, and leads to higher risk for diseases such as avian influenza.

"[Free-range chickens] suffer higher morbidity and mortality than birds kept in cages," he said.

Klos did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

While the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires that chickens raised for meat have access to the outdoors in order to receive cage-free certification, there is no

legal definition for cage-free chicken eggs.

"To our knowledge, a science-based international or nationally recognized standard defining animal husbandry practices for cage-free layer flocks does not exist," said Roger Glasshoff, the National Supervisor of Shell Eggs. "Therefore, USDA does not certify egg production facilities as conforming to a standard for cage-free layers."

Consequently, egg farmers may sell their eggs as free-range if their cages are slightly oversized or if there is a window in the shed.

If farmers want to have a USDA "cage-free" label on their eggs, they can contact the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to request certification and pay a fee.

The only catch is that there is no set protocol for the AMS graders who monitor chicken conditions.

"The voluntary program provides for the sanitary processing, grading, sizing, and proper labeling of shell eggs in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Voluntary Grading of Shell Eggs," Glasshoff said.

He said that a resident USDA grader working at a plant which receives and packages eggs with a USDA "cage-free" shield is responsible for monitoring the source and segregation of the product.

Though the USDA does not provide a legal definition of "cage-free," the agency does maintain an accreditation program for awarding farms a "certified organic" label.

This program is run under the authority of the National Organic Program. Any eggs labeled "organic" must be cage-free.

"The NOP states that a layer flock must have access to the outside at all times. Consequently, a production flock certified as 'organic' is recog-



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Tufts Dining Services has switched to cage-free liquid eggs as part of the department's commitment to socially and environmentally responsible decisions.

nized as a cage-free flock," Glasshoff said.

Saperstein said that if the USDA did create a legal definition for 'cage-free,' he would be concerned that it would be a disincentive.

Saperstein said it is also important to consider whether such regulations would be feasible in New England with its frigid winter temperatures.

"My personal view is that our agricultural system is based on market forces, and we have to use those to guide production," he said. "Our goal is to preserve open space by providing financial means for farmers to be more diversified and more profitable."

Saperstein said animal rights activists petitioning for the elimination of battery cages must also consider the

evolution of the poultry industry from an international view. He said that people in the United States are used to a very high standard of living and very inexpensive food relative to their income, and there are financial considerations for not shifting entirely to cage-free eggs.

"By using good record systems and having a free market system, we have developed a highly entrepreneurial efficiency of agricultural production," Saperstein said. "The situation is often over-simplified and played on public sentiment of the animal welfare. But it's a very complicated situation, and the welfare of people in poverty is also involved, not just the welfare of the

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Admissions confident in branding strategy

BY KELLY MCANERNEY
Daily Editorial Board

The once-annual declarations that the "best class ever has just been admitted to Tufts" may be dwindling in the coming years.

According to Dean of Admissions Lee Coffin, after big jumps in the academic statistics of admitted classes, numbers have begun to level out. This does not mean, however, that Admissions will necessarily be coasting from here on out.

With the help of consultant Mark Neustadt, Tufts is in the midst of an image revamp that is changing the way that Admissions presents the University to prospective students.

"If you look at the last four or five classes, every class has been gaining academically," Coffin said. "What I think is happening, in terms of the profile, is that we had a lot of rapid growths and shifts, and now we're solidifying."

The class of 2009's average SAT score of 1399 was a thirty-one point jump from the average 1368 of the class of 2008, which was in turn a big jump from the 1332 of the class of 2007.

The rise in scores from the class of 2009 to the newly accepted class of 2010 was not so dramatic. The average combined SAT (excluding the new writing portion) has only gone up seven points, from 1399 to 1406.

Statistics for the class of 2010 are based on the number of students who have so far accepted the offer of enrollment. As of May 13, 25 percent of accepted students had neither declined nor accepted the University's offer. May 13 was the postmark deadline.

"What seems to be happening this year — nationally — is that kids are taking their sweet time to decide," he said. He added that high school guidance counselors have told him that this is a year when kids are really struggling to make college decisions.

Coffin said that when he looks at other schools similar to Tufts — universities of about the same size, with the same number of applicants — "our admissions profile looks like Northwestern, like Georgetown — and it's getting closer to Dartmouth."

Coffin attributes this rapid improvement during the past five years to the presidency of Lawrence Bacow.

"It really parallels the Bacow presidency," he said. "The [applicant] pool had been growing, and as President Bacow has led us toward a greater definition of our strengths, as the faculty grows in strength, Admissions is able to talk about it more clearly, and students respond."

Bacow has also proved an asset in fundraising, Coffin said. "He has raised quite a lot of money, and it continues to come. As you increase resources, it allows different kinds of research and different kinds of programming."

Coffin cited the Omidyar fund as an example of a new initiative that has allowed him to talk about entrepreneurialism, microfinance, global outreach and citizen involvement.

Faculty achievements have also flourished this year, as chemistry professor David Walt received a \$1 million grant as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor, and Professor Martin Sherwin was a co-recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for a biography of Robert Oppenheimer.

"I think this place has become much more confident in the way it presents itself," Coffin said. "We present ourselves in a way that more and more high-achieving students can say, 'I can see myself there.'"

One high school student who sees himself at Tufts is Jeffrey Finkelstein, a senior at Irvington High School, a small public school in Westchester county, New York. Finkelstein chose to attend Tufts over Boston University and will be matriculating in the fall.

"I definitely knew that Tufts was big on having kids go abroad in their third year," Finkelstein said when asked about Tufts' reputation for internationalism. "And I knew that there was a community service program."

"Tufts was always a place that people liked," but now they can articulate why, Coffin said. "Having Newsweek put the spotlight on our international studies program has helped."

"What I'm not saying is that we're going to be complacent," Coffin said. "But I don't think you're going to see steep increases; I think there will be forward movement, but less dramatically so."

"The goal will always be to keep rising," he said. But right now, he said, with 82 percent of students ranking in the top 10 percent of their class, there is a limit to how high these numbers can go.

There will always be good students who are not in the top 10 percent who should be admitted, Coffin said, or students at schools of such a high caliber that being in the top 20 percent is an achievement.

Coffin said that in the coming years, the admissions department will "focus more on things like the essays that people write — although there's no way to quantify that."

The University hired Neustadt, of Neustadt Creative Marketing, to complete a University-wide communications project, and his work is greatly changing Admissions' selling points.

According to Coffin, Neustadt did a great deal of marketing research last year, ranging from surveys to focus groups. He found that participants in focus groups really responded to the idea of a school that "uses its intellectual resources to make a difference," but could not really name a school that did so.

This theme, Neustadt advised, appeared "highly appealing, organic

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Dealing with a rising China

BY PAUL LEMAISTRE
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Chinese President Hu Jintao's recent visit to the United States has prompted many commentators to examine the current state of Sino-U.S. relations and its future direction. Analysts agree that there was a visible attempt by both states to foster closer economic cooperation. Many key issues, however, remain unresolved, including a realistic valuation of the Chinese currency and key diplomatic negotiations revolving around North Korea and Taiwan. This week we talk to Professor Alan M. Wachman of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, an expert on Sino-U.S. Relations and international politics.

PL: Some commentators have identified a warming in relations between the United States and China, if not necessarily progress on many important issues. Over recent years the two states have seemingly become more enmeshed in foreign policy decisions. How will China look to assert itself more in global affairs?

AW: First, I wouldn't accept the premise that U.S.-China relations are warming. Whether China will exert more influence or allow the United States to take the lead, it very much depends on the issue and how much clout either Beijing or Washington will exert.

For example, China will wish very much to exert influence over some issues but not have any clout on others. Both the United States and the People's Republic of China (PRC) are enmeshed in relations, burdened by responsibilities and constraints by certain impediments that make their relationship part of a much broader international system.

It's still too vague to just generally say whether China will exert more influence on the foreign stage, because it suggests that it's a type of popularity contest.

PL: President Hu's recent visit to Washington saw him meet with U.S. government and business leaders and consider certain U.S. economic demands, including a realistic valuation of the yuan. How serious are these Chinese pledges?

AW: Well that's a style of diplomacy with very instrumental aims that may have nothing to do with the issues at hand. If the PRC ... understands well that to achieve this broad, long-term aim of building prosperity and power, [then] it needs to avoid being entangled in conflict or economic warfare.

It has a very long-range ambition, which it is very

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Trustees meet to approve diplomas, discuss issues

BY SARAH BUTRYMOWITZ
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The Tufts Board of Trustees met for the third and final time of the year on May 19 and 20 to consider important projects and initiatives.

The meeting occurred after the Daily went to press, but Secretary of Trustees Linda Dixon explained the agenda for the meeting.

The trustees are continuing their emphasis on Tufts' capital campaign, the next big step for Tufts fundraising. The campaign, which will end its "quiet phase" and be officially announced in November, has already raised 40 percent of its goal.

The Advancement Committee planned to present its final report on its campaign at the meeting, including its fundraising goal, time span, and additional recommendations.

The Committee of Administration and Finance is also considering the annual budget as well as two construction projects. The Dental School intends to expand the school's facilities. Since the school is located in downtown Boston, the proposed expansion would add four stories to the building since there is no room to expand horizontally. Representatives from the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine plan to present this plan at the meeting.

The other project under consideration is the renovation of the newly-purchased Dame Elementary School building on George St. in Medford. Since the school is a historical building, the exterior can not be changed.

The plan is a year-long project that would gut the inside and "essentially build a new

building inside the shell," Dixon said. When finished, offices from five or six locations would be consolidated into the building, freeing up space for more academic offices on campus.

The Academic Affairs Committee is concerned with "an academic strategic plan," Dixon said. "The provost and the president have been working for two or three years on a long-term academic plan for the University."

Another important goal, Dixon said, is "knitting the schools together."

This integration would involve increased collaboration between programs, research, and courses within distinct areas of the University.

According to Dixon, this cohesiveness is not only cost-effective, but it becomes an asset as researchers apply for grants. Integrated research teams are "the wave of the future," she said.

Two faculty members, one from the Tufts University Medical School and one from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, planned to speak at the meeting to discuss further integration between teaching and research.

Additional orders of business planned for the May 20 board meeting included the approval of all diplomas awarded at today's commencement exercises.

A special committee has also planned to present its results of a five-year internal review of Tufts President Lawrence Bacow.

The committee interviewed deans, faculty, administrators, students, and alumni and asked them to evaluate a set of objectives given by Bacow himself when he took the job as president.



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Janet Mozes, MS, a nurse practitioner at Tufts Health Service, performs a routine check-up for a student on May 10.

Practitioners say health insurance is worth the expense, even for college graduates

BY ANTHONY MCGOVERN
Daily Editorial Board

Tufts seniors graduating today will be leaving with a degree and a diploma, but many will soon be lacking something important: health insurance.

State law mandates that all college students be insured. While the majority of Tufts students are covered under their parents' plans, Tufts offers its own student health insurance for those who are not. Graduation is the time when coverage options begin to slide away from students.

Depending on the plan, coverage can end at the time of graduation or extend through the end of the summer, as is the case with the Tufts University Plan.

Individual insurance plans are comparatively expensive and unaffordable on many student budgets, especially when students are already hampered by college loans.

Some students have few qualms about going without health insurance.

"I'd be willing to say that most seniors are willing to go without [insurance]," senior Stephanie Davis said.

Davis will be working with the Japan Exchange and Teaching

Laws stiffen standards for post-collegiate health insurance

Life just got a bit harder for Massachusetts college graduates who are dealing with decisions about insurance.

On Apr. 12, a new Massachusetts state healthcare reform bill was signed into law that will require health insurance for all who can pay.

Beginning Jul. 1, 2007, all financially able Massachusetts residents over the age of 18 must purchase a minimum level of health insurance.

Those who do not comply by 2007 will lose certain tax exemptions, and after Jan. 1, 2008, they will be denied their state tax refund equal to 50 percent of an affordable health insurance premium.

Healthcare for graduates has also been complicated by another change that amends Massachusetts' state law to prohibit the insurance continuation plans that Tufts used to offer.

According to the legislation, the extensions that used to run six or nine months can now run only until the end of August.

However, Massachusetts' new health insurance law also provides for the creation of family plans that will allow students to remain on their family's policy for two years past the loss of dependent status, up to the age of 25. It will also offer specially designed lower-cost policies for 19 to 26 year-olds.

The law also creates another program that will assist people like recently graduated college students in their search for affordable insurance.

The program, known as the Commonwealth Care Health Insurance Connector, will be available to any state resident that is unemployed or is unable to receive health insurance from his or her employer for any reason.

According to a press release from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services for The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, one of the primary benefits provided by the Connector is that it will allow people to, "purchase affordable plans on a pre-tax basis... [and] will administer premium assistance for low-income individuals."

Omidyars, Tisch not the only major donors to Tufts

BY MARC RAIFMAN
Daily Editorial Board

Jonathan Tisch and the Omidyars are not the only people to have made generous financial gifts to Tufts in the past year.

A Swiss businessman, a former hockey star, and a large provider of dental benefits have all donated money to the University recently.

Swiss businessman and philanthropist Thomas Schmidheiny recently pledged a \$5 million gift to the Fletcher School.

The monies will be used to initiate a two-year interdisciplinary International Management masters' degree program in the fall of 2008, the Boston Business Journal reported on May 9.

According to the article in the Journal, 25 students will initially enroll in the program, and Tufts will hire additional international business and finance faculty over the next five years. Financial aid will be offered to students of the program, but tuition rates have not yet been set and may not be finalized until August.

Important aspects of the program include the creation of an interdisciplinary Center for Emerging Market Enterprises and the creation of a training program on the finance and law of emerging capital markets. The Center for Emerging Market Enterprises will address risk in global asset

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A Boost for Samiyah Diaz

The State Senate campaign of Tufts alumna and Republican candidate Samiyah Diaz (LA '99) received a big boost on May 8, when city officials announced that her opponent, the Democratic incumbent Diane Wilkerson, had failed to collect enough signatures to appear on the ballot.

(The Daily profiled Samiyah in an Apr. 20 article, "Diaz: An unlikely Republican.")

"We totally didn't think that senator Wilkerson would not get on the ballot," Diaz said. "We had no idea that this was going to happen."

Wilkerson submitted 491 signatures to the Boston Election Department on the May 2 deadline, but election workers ruled

that 228 of those were invalid. 136 of the signatures thrown out came from voters outside the district, which is the second Suffolk district.

Wilkerson did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

The 263 signatures remaining on Wilkerson's petition are 37 short of the 300 required to appear on the ballot in September.

According to a May 9 article in the Boston Globe, Wilkerson is requesting a review of the discarded signatures. She has until May 25 to do so.

Diaz was dubious about the likelihood of a successful protest by the Democrat.

"We don't feel that this is

going to happen," Diaz said. "The Elections Department has been very diligent to make sure" that those signatures which were valid were certified.

If Wilkerson does not obtain the approval of the Elections Department, she will wage a sticker campaign for the Democratic nomination in the September primary.

Wilkerson, however, will have to contend with Diaz, her Republican opponent, who announced on May 11 that she will also be running a sticker campaign for the endorsement of the Democratic party.

In the event that Diaz garners enough write-in votes for the Democratic nomination during



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Diaz (left) campaigns in Dorchester.

the September primary, her name will appear twice on the ballot in November, resulting in a de facto victory of the seat.

"We're going to have to do what we were doing before —

reaching out to both Democrats and Republicans," Diaz said. "I am a Republican who can work across party lines to make change in the district."

— Judy Wexler

Tisch donation marks milestone for University College

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avid" supporter of Tufts' active citizenship program, which was initially proposed in 1998 by trustee and entrepreneur Brian O'Connell (LA '53).

"I remember sitting there, thinking that this is a remarkable concept and an important idea that Tufts should embrace," Tisch told the Daily in a separate interview.

Tisch is thrilled to see the program come to this stage of development.

"Today we are awarded with the opportunity to become one of the elite universities with this program that will educate future leaders," he said at the ceremony.

"Jon is a member of a family synonymous with philanthropy," said Jim Stern, chairman of Tufts' Board of Trustees.

The Tisch family is a giant in philanthropy circles that is best known for its work with New York University (NYU). The family heavily financed NYU's Tisch School of the Fine Arts, but it has also contributed to Cornell University, Brown University and the University of Pennsylvania, as well as to numerous hospitals and New York educational charities.

This is not the first time that the Tisch family has supported Tufts. Jonathan's parents, Preston Robert "Bob" Tisch and Joan Tisch, donated the funds used to remodel the main Arts and Sciences Library into the familiar Tisch Library, inaugurated in 1992.

Philanthropy is second nature to the family, Tisch said at the ceremony as he reflected on his father, who passed away last November.

"Where we came from, we didn't know of anything else," Tisch said. "It was just something we did ... we had some assets, and we used those assets to help others towards the greater good."

Tisch characterized the donation as the "ultimate nod to my father, who taught [this ethic] to us from minute one."

In following the model set by his parents, Tisch set an example of his own as an active citizen both during and after his time on the Hill.

Tisch was the second member of his family to attend Tufts, following his older brother Steve (LA '71), and he became a member of Tufts' Board of Trustees in 1988.

Though no Active Citizenship program was formally in place at the time, Tisch said that many students were very active in the Lincoln Filene community service organization. He also said that classes he took in the Experimental College helped him engage in learning outside the classroom.

An internship with the WBZ TV station that he secured through the ExCollege helped him to "venture outward" from the University to engage in an "important and beneficial" project.

He liked the business so much that at the end of his senior year, he was offered a job and stayed on for three years as a cinematographer and producer.

Tisch also engaged the community through his leadership on the Concert Board.

During an interview with the Daily, Tisch told a story that dates to March 1976, a few months before his graduation, when the Concert Board had assembled a concert with two acts.

The first act, he said, had sold relatively well, but the second act had sold so badly that after the intermission Tisch was forced to tell the performer that the second show would have to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

Who was this performer? "Billy Joel," Tisch said.

(Joel did eventually make it back to campus for a more well-received performance in September of 1991, picking Tufts as one of his stops on an exclusive college tour that included only six locations.)

Tisch's donation will also have an impact that reaches beyond Tufts.

"Tufts is also playing an important role as a model for other institutions," Bacow said. "We're looked to as the gold standard for civic engagement."

Last fall, the president met with 28 other university presidents from around the world at a conference hosted at Tufts' campus in Talloires, France. The

attendees were all looking to Tufts as a model for implementing active citizenship programs.

"The impact of this gift will be felt far beyond greater Boston," said American Council on Education President David Ward in a May 12 press release. "The unique interdisciplinary nature of the Tisch College is a fine example of how a university can harness the academic strength in every element of its community toward a common goal of improving our nation and our society."

Large gifts like Tisch's will also be an advantage as the University kicks off its next capital campaign starting in November.

The past two years have yielded impressive results for Tufts fundraising. In 2004, the William S. Cummings Foundation donated \$50 million, and the Omidyars donated \$100 million in the fall of 2005. (see "Tufts takes steps to invest Omidyar microfinance fund," page 3).

"The structure about these significant gifts to Tufts ... reflects on the genius of the Omidyars," Tisch said. "It's not about just writing a check. Their gifts keep on giving."

"We continue to make substantial progress," Bacow said. "Each of these gifts helps reinforce that we have alumni and friends who believe in our institution and are willing to help us achieve our goals."

Large donations like the Omidyars' and Tisch's "help us to raise the bar," Bacow said.

"It's a very exciting gift to the University," said Julie Dobrow, director of the Communications and Media Studies program, in which many of the courses, including the very popular, "Producing Films for Social Change," have an active citizenship component. "Everybody is very jazzed up."

And Dobrow was not the only one to point out that the new name will make for a clearer transmission of the college's purpose, rather than ambiguous "University College" or its clunky predecessor of an acronym, "UCCPS."

The Tisch College "rolls off the tongue better," she said, adding that this increased clarity "will advance all of the initiatives."

Out of the Woods

Tisch's donation marks a milestone for the University College in terms of clarifying the ambiguities of its identity and securing its financial future. Its prospects — financial or organizational — have not always been so rosy.

In its early stages, the college did not have a strategic plan and struggled to define its role both internally and to the larger community, resulting in some frustration. Tufts alumna Lisette Garcia (LA '01) told the Daily about her disappointment in 2002. ("Concerns arise over UCCPS funding," Nov. 21, 2002)

"UCCPS could have been something incredible and it just hasn't taken off," said Garcia, who was involved in a student advisory group before she graduated.

Others, however, were confident that the college would continue to evolve, including then-sophomore and UCCPS scholar Matan Chorev (LA '05).

"There is a lot of room for improvement, but it has come a long way in a short period of time," Chorev told the Daily in 2004. ("University College works to gain outside funding," Mar. 29, 2004)

"People always try to find flaws in the program. It's not perfect, it's not even great yet, but it will be. The community needs to be patient with the College," said Chorev, who is currently pursuing a Master of Arts of Law and Diplomacy at the Fletcher School.

The Omidyar Fund originally pledged \$10 million in start-up costs as part of an agreement stipulating that the University College would diversify its sources of funding and raise \$20 million within five years of its 2000 startup.

The Daily also obtained an internal memo described in a November 2002 article that expressed concern over whether the college would be able to solidify its financial position. At that time, only \$3 million of the targeted \$20 million had been raised.

In 2004, four years after the original grant, the Daily reported that the

University College had still only raised \$5 million of the \$20 million goal.

In that article, University College Dean Robert Hollister told the Daily that another donation on the order of the Omidyars' was unlikely, and that donors would probably be smaller-scale institutions and individuals.

But with the flick of Jonathan Tisch's pen, the College became the recipient of the largest single donation to any public service program.

Hollister said that several factors contributed to the massive step forward.

One is the expansion of both the College's programming and of its on-campus profile. As of last year, 30 percent of Tufts undergraduates had taken a class with an active citizenship component.

While Hollister said that the College has expanded somewhat since that time, he added that Tufts' presidential leadership has proved a strong force in attracting investment.

He said that Bacow advocated "significant adjustments in the University College's strategic orientation" and "was compelling in communicating with donors about the College."

Hollister also noted that the donation was largely due to the exceptional nature of Tisch himself and his strong belief in active citizenship philanthropy.

Hollister said that the Omidyars were intent on providing venture capital, not endowment, and that they had intended for the money to be spent to provide for the first years of the College's operation.

"Each year we were drawing down a portion of the [Omidyar] grants," he said.

Asked if he ever thought the college would fail financially, Hollister expressed confidence in its success. From his perspective, the College's growth took place at a remarkable pace, and any skepticism about the program's success came too early.

"I knew from the start that we would succeed; my only uncertainty was about how long it would take," Hollister said. "The College now is less than six years old. In academic time, that's a nanosecond."

The Future of the Tisch College

It turns out that community-based projects still have appeal even when Tufts students have a plethora of perhaps more prestigious or glamorous opportunities to travel far outside of their own communities.

"People feel responsibility to the communities in which they live," Hollister said. "Tufts students in Somerville, Medford, Grafton and Boston still feel the obligation to be good citizens."

Though the Tisch grant provides the College with a firm foundation, it will also bring with it a whole new set of challenges.

"The naming gift increases everyone's expectations," Hollister said.

The College hopes to continue pushing for sustainable and strong projects — a challenge when students are only on the Hill for four years.

He also hopes to further harness the power of research for active citizenship purposes.

"Many people feel like research and active citizenship are different or competing priorities," Hollister said. "But we want to demonstrate that citizenship and research can go hand in hand."

He cited such examples as Friedman School Professor Christina Economos' "Shape up Somerville" project, an applied research initiative to battle child obesity in Somerville, and Medical School Professor Douglas Brugge's research on asthma among inner city populations.

The real test of the college's programs, however, will be the legacy of its alumni and whether their post-University life will in fact show a record of more active citizenship.

Though "anecdotal evidence" to this end exists, "we need to prove the educational outcomes we are claiming," Hollister said.

He also said that the College had been working with Executive Director of Institutional Research Dawn Terkla to "conduct surveys and other institutional tracking methods" to explore the college's actual impact.

Brian O'Connell: idea man behind the newly renamed Tisch College

Trustee Brian O'Connell (LA '53) may not have the same name recognition as John DiBiaggio, Pierre and Pam Omidyar or Jon Tisch.

But according to many colleagues and friends who call him the "intellectual father of the Tisch College," the College would not be here today without him.

"Brian was the driving force, no question," Secretary of the Trustees Linda Dixon said.

O'Connell, who has spent his life working in public service, had been looking to expand his reach in the collegiate community.

"I had been part of the efforts of Campus Compact [an intercollegiate public service organization] but I realized that participation wasn't going to increase unless we did something," he said. "We couldn't take for granted that people would just learn [active citizenship] by osmosis."

With the help of Rob Hollister and then-President DiBiaggio, O'Connell put together a presentation on the proposed college for the Board of Trustees in November 1998.

"He said that this is an idea whose time has come and that it's just time we brought this into the mainstream," Dixon recalled. "Instead of doing active citizenship in dribs and drabs, we want to do this in an organized, systematic way."

Some people greeted the proposal with skepticism.

"It was true that some of the trustees looked at each other and raised their eyebrows," Dixon remembered.

After much discussion, the board gave the committee the approval to develop the proposal further. A year later, the committee reconvened, and the Trustees were floored when the Omidyars pledged \$5 million in support.

O'Connell did not characterize himself as a particularly active citizen while at Tufts, but the seed was planted for social activism in the form of readings he completed for his English major.

"I found myself very interested in old literature, and I read a lot about social causes," he said.

After O'Connell graduated from Tufts early in 1953, he went to work in a clinic for developmentally disabled children in Worcester.

O'Connell found himself "enraged" by the way the children were treated, particularly when he saw "how they could learn to speak, with the determination of their parents."

Moved to action for social change, he attended the Maxwell School of Public Service at Syracuse University, but was frustrated at the program's lack of emphasis on community service.

"It was all about being a city manager," he recalled. "I was interested in a different kind of public service."

O'Connell has been successful in many public service leadership positions, beginning with a decade at the American Heart Association and then moving on to serve as National Director of the Mental Health Association. He has also served on numerous boards and steering committees.

He then helped found and served as President of Independent Sector, a "leadership forum" for charities and nonprofit organizations from 1980 to 1995.

O'Connell has worked for the newly renamed Tisch College in an office on the ground floor, working as a resource for students for the past 12 years. He has written 15 books on public service, including his recent memoir, "50 Years in Public Causes: Stories of a Road Less Traveled."

His work has won him widespread praise.

"No one has had more of an influence on the development of nonprofits in America than Brian O'Connell," wrote John C. Whitehead, Chairman of the Goldman Sachs Foundation in his review of "50 Years in Public Causes."

"It's absolutely great to have come this far," O'Connell said, surveying the newly unveiled "Tisch College of Citizenship of Public Service" sign outside of the Lincoln Filene center. "It's lightning-fast; it's just extraordinary."

— Kat Schmidt

Chicken welfare affects consumers, too

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chickens.”

Saperstein said that to change the system for a perceived benefit in animal welfare would have a negative impact on people in poverty because they would need to switch to a cheaper protein source.

The wholesale cost of eggs in the U.S. is 69 cents per dozen, Saperstein said, making the profitability of one egg a fraction of a penny. This price has remained relatively stable despite inflation and changes in the market.

The industry switched to using cages to subvert the dominant fowl pecking order. Free-range chickens are more prone to cannibalism and are at a greater risk for disease and predators.

“We have a very cheap, high-quality protein source,” Saperstein said. “There are people who still can’t afford even these cheap eggs.”

He also said that articles aiming to make farmers change by portraying them as cruel has the reverse effect. “I’ve worked with farmers my whole career and, by and large, they like

working with animals, and they’re proud to feed the country and the world,” he said.

Saperstein thinks that the best way to get farmers to change is by taking a positive rather than a negative approach. “If consumers demand a new product, farmers will aim to please them,” he said.

He said that when evaluating different methods of raising chickens for eggs, it is important to consider not only the welfare of the chickens but also the farmers and people across the globe.

“As a chicken, I’d prefer to be in the back yard. As a person or a farmer, I’d prefer the chickens in the back yard. As a business man, I’d raise them in the battery cages,” Dr. Saperstein said. “There’s no perfect system. It’s not as simple as good and bad. It’s just different.”

“My message is that there’s nothing wrong with cage-free; there’s nothing wrong with our system,” he said. “They are just examples of different products on the market, and hopefully they can all be kept available.”

Azaluna: blue-green eggs and ham?

The Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine raises its own free-range eggs — and they really are free. The chickens are housed on the Veterinary School campus in a safe roost and are free to roam, scratch, and feed during the day. The chicken feed is free of antibiotics and hormones commonly used to stimulate growth or egg production.

In addition, the chickens produce eggs of a distinctive bluish-green color. Dr. Seuss jokes aside, the unique color helps to contribute to the eggs’ marketability and brand name of “Azaluna.”

The eggs are currently being test-marketed under the “Azaluna” brand at two Massachusetts supermarkets, Roche Brothers in Acton and Shaun and Gerry’s in Westboro. They currently sell for \$3/dozen.

The Azaluna brand is in charge of selling the eggs, whose hens are descended from Araucana chickens, which originated in Chile.

Dr. George Saperstein of the Cummings School said that the Azaluna brand came out of the Cummings School’s project.

“A consultant helped us develop the logo and the name,” Saperstein said. “Tufts trademarked the brand.”

The Azaluna brand hopes to produce a series of livestock products that taste better because of the production methods.

“We hypothesize that consumers will pay a premium price for these kinds of products which in general cost more to produce,” Saperstein said.

He also said that the Azaluna brand could not supply Tufts Dining Services because the brand has only a few hundred chickens, and the project is very costly.

“In our model, we’re trying to get producers to voluntarily agree to keep the chickens outside,” Saperstein said.

“If any producer does not uphold the free range, the others will gladly kick him out. It’s self-enforcing for the sake of the brand,” he said. “Our product is not meant as a replacement for what’s on the market. It’s meant as an alternative for consumers who can afford [it] because [the free-range eggs] truly taste better.”

Saperstein is hopeful for the future of the Azaluna brand.

“We’re hoping the next phase will be to find an entrepreneur who wants to license the brand, follow our protocol, and take over the business,” Saperstein said.

All but two concentration categories will change in new IR curriculum

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seven core classes and four thematic cluster courses.

When evaluating the current structure of the major, the committee decided that the “curriculum had become too top-heavy” and students needed more specialization, according to the proposal.

The new revision changes the number of required core classes to four and the number of concentration classes to seven. IR majors still must fulfill eight semesters of instruction in a foreign language.

The revision also changes the name of the concentration requirement from the ‘Thematic Cluster Requirement’ to the ‘Thematic Concentration Requirement,’ “in order to highlight our objectives of greater coherence and focus,” Mufti said.

The two core requirements eliminated were one U.S. foreign policy class and one class in the arts or literature of the language that a student studies.

These requirements are now to be included in each student’s area of concentration “in order to afford students a deeper grounding in their areas of specialization,” according to the proposal.

Mufti said that the collaborative process that took place within the faculty committee included “direct

contact with the departments all along to make sure they were on board,” and various means of feedback from faculty, including an online discussion forum.

“We’ve been moving toward shaping reforms,” Mufti said. “They’ve been altered many times. Most of the kinks have been worked out.”

A few finer points still need to be refined, however.

“There are still a couple of things that need to be done to further refine changes and sub-concentrations that need to be worked out,” Mufti said. “We also need to decide which courses meet each requirement.”

He expects the final arrangement to be worked out within the year.

“We expect to complete everything during the fall semester and have the revised curriculum ready for incoming students after that,” he said.

Students who have already begun the major will then have the choice of switching to the new system or completing the major under the old platform.

“I probably would not switch over to the new program,” said IR major and sophomore Adam Levy, explaining that his double major with peace and justice studies and IR allows him to have more specialization in the former field and

a broader background in his IR major.

“I would agree with the fact that the IR major is a little mixed up and doesn’t allow you to specialize in one thing,” Levy said, but added that he was grateful for extensive core requirements which had introduced him to fields in which he previously had scant knowledge.

“I would have never taken two econ classes without the requirement,” Levy said.

“I think the changes are going to make the curriculum both more rigorous and more coherent,” Mufti said. “[Now it is] such a hodge-podge, such that many courses that fulfill so many requirements, and the requirements are themselves unclear.”

“We want to try and sharpen the focus of each concentration, with a sense that you’re accumulating knowledge within the concentration,” Mufti continued.

Mufti said that one goal of the changes was to help students feel that they have gained a cohesive body of knowledge by the time they graduate, a sentiment that he feels is lacking with the current curriculum.

International relations major and sophomore Josh Benjamin agreed that the department “is a little bit disparate” and could benefit from more focus.

The Curriculum Committee, comprised of 20 members from 11 different departments, suggested the changes after recognizing “an overwhelming consensus — among faculty, administrators, and students alike — that the IR curriculum had grown dysfunctional and needed to be revised.”

The specific areas of concentration have also been revamped. Previously, there were five: Regional and Comparative Analysis; International Economic and Environmental Affairs; Global Conflict, Cooperation and Justice; Foreign Policy Analysis; and Nationalism, Culture and Identity.

Now there are six. Regional and Comparative Analysis and International Economic and Environmental Affairs have remained, but Global Health, Nutrition, and the Environment; International Security; The United States in World Affairs, and Identity and Ideology have replaced the other four concentrations.

The seventh concentration requirement encompasses what was previously the seminar or research requirement, allowing students to gain “knowledge built on knowledge” by conducting research in their area of specialization, according to the proposal.

The new categories, which allow for more sharply defined thematic offerings, were developed in the

hopes that they would repair an old system in which too many classes could count for multiple requirements.

The previous Nationalism, Culture, and Identity requirement, for example, had 302 approved classes.

Finally, no more than three of the seven concentration classes can be an introductory-level course. At least two must be in the field of social science, one in history, and one in culture. One of these seven classes must analyze the role of the United States in the region or issue area that the student is studying.

According to a description given in the curriculum proposal, the international relations major at Tufts “offers a rigorous plan of study” for students interested in the field.

It includes the study of international and regional systems, foreign relations, the sources of international conflict and cooperation, the domestic and transnational actors and interest that influence states, and traditions that impinge on the international relations of particular states or regions.

Levy said that he would also like to see more research money made available for a department with so many students.

“I wish it were easier to get money and to get internships,” the sophomore said.

Bowdler: Taking single graduate course a cheap way to get health insurance

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(JET) program to teach English in Japan and will not be provided with benefits.

However she did acknowledge the expense incurred from medical exams required by certain jobs, such as a mandatory chest x-ray she underwent before going to Japan.

“I think [lack of] accessibility is hard to adjust to,” Davis said in regard to the loss of the Tufts Health Service. “I know people who go to Health Services every time they get a cold.”

Lindsey Shanholt graduated from Tufts last year and had no plan for her insurance needs when she graduated. When she left school, she was still covered by her parents’ plan for a short time and was able to begin a job in January that provided her with insurance.

Shanholt said she would probably have gone without insurance if necessary but she “probably would have only let it go for a few months. Then I would have felt I had to get health insurance, because you never know what could happen.”

She also noted that she has less-lucky

friends who have gotten jobs at Starbucks for the insurance while they waited for a career opportunity.

While most students are concerned by the idea of lacking health insurance altogether, those who do not have a job that provides it see going without coverage as a necessary evil.

Yet this attitude unsettles many in the health care business, including Tufts University’s Director of Health Services Michelle Bowdler.

Bowdler said she understands why being uninsured is “a gamble [students] are willing to take” and said that she was inclined to see it that way when she was younger.

But given the potential financial liability, Bowdler does not recommend life without health insurance “even for a day.”

“If you do need it and you don’t have it, it could follow you for the rest of your life,” Bowdler said.

For example, a student could avoid education loans for four years in college only to rack up an equivalent financial burden after a four-day hospital stay.

According to Bowdler, an injury as simple as a broken leg can cost \$10,000 - \$15,000 after emergency room costs and X-rays, while a few nights in an intensive care unit in a serious emergency can cost over \$100,000. Bowdler recommends that all seniors should know the expiration date of the health insurance policy that currently provides their coverage.

Earlier this semester, Bowdler gave a presentation on student health insurance for seniors to a class taught by Assistant Professor of Political Science Gary McKissick. She found that most students were very interested in the issue but were poorly informed.

Bowdler has several recommendations for graduating students to avoid forgoing insurance.

“You could take a part-time job that has benefits while you’re looking for the job of your dreams,” Bowdler said.

She also suggested taking a single graduate course. Many universities, including Tufts, will provide student health policies to part-time students at rates that are often significantly cheaper than an individual plan from an insurance

provider.

A good individual insurance policy often costs almost as much as the price of a single course plus student insurance.

Bowdler urges students to “seriously consider” one of these options after graduation.

The Tufts student plan costs \$1,365 per year for undergraduates and \$1,479 per year for graduate students.

She said that students, beyond making sure they have insurance, need to make sure that their plan is appropriate for their needs.

“It is mind-boggling how many different insurance plans there are out there,” she said, “[and] not all insurance companies offer plans to individuals.”

This concern is particularly important for students with existing medical conditions, Bowdler said.

Most insurance policies have a “pre-existing condition clause” that creates a gap period, usually the first six months of coverage, during which expenses incurred for treatment of preexisting problems are not covered.

State and local governments handcuffed on immigration without federal reform

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U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

"But whatever the outcome of that debate, one thing will not change," he said. "Here in this city of immigrants, we will honor your rights as citizens, and we will honor your contributions to this community."

He also read a resolution that he has since introduced to the Board of Aldermen that reaffirms Somerville's commitment to providing equal access to public services and its policy of having police officers only ask for documentation if their inquiry is in connection with a crime.

The Board of Aldermen referred the resolution to a committee for further investigation. As of press time, a date had not been set for the committee to meet.

According to Curtatone, local communities should not be actively looking for documentation from all citizens. Federal agencies are entrusted with documentation work, he said, and bringing local law enforcement into that role would destroy community relations.

"It's just not going to work," the mayor told the Daily. "We're trying to reach out to these different communities ... and to divert from that and become the local arm of the federal government's attempts to clean up their mess regarding immigration would really just jeopardize our attempts."

Franklin Dalembert, the executive director of the Haitian Coalition in Somerville, said that if this resolution were implemented, it "would be a very positive sign — a sign that shows us that the leadership of the city is working in favor of the immigrant community."

Much of the talk during the day was also focused on national efforts to reform immigration policy. Protestors wanted to call attention to the debate in U.S. Congress over a bill passed earlier this year by the House of Representatives that would criminalize undocumented immigrants.

Before leaving Tufts for Foss Park, Jesse Kanson-Benanav, a community organizer for the Somerville Community Corporation, spoke about the dangers of the House immigration bill, which is sponsored by Representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R - Wisc.).

Kanson-Benanav said that the bill would have a particularly strong impact in Somerville, where approximately one-third of the residents are immigrants.

"If this racist, hateful Sensenbrenner bill was ultimately approved and signed by the president, it would criminalize thousands of people within Somerville," he said.

DiMaggio thinks that the bill, which has not been approved by the Senate, has essentially been defeated by public outrage. "The mas-

sive walkouts, the massive protests over the past few weeks [make] it look like that bill is dead," he said.

Curtatone also opposes the House bill. The concept of criminalizing undocumented immigrants and those who support them is "absurd, extreme, and unrealistic," he told the Daily.

Curtatone said that he is in favor of legislation that offers a path to citizenship.

Massachusetts Senator and Democrat Edward M. Kennedy's citizenship proposal, which allows many workers to obtain citizenship after waiting a specified period, paying a fine, and meeting English and civics requirements, is one possibility.

Curtatone said that he is in favor of a "clear, predictable, and realistic rule ... that will pave the way for [undocumented immigrants] to become naturalized citizens."

Massachusetts Representative Democrat Ed Markey warned that "it is very important that we do not undermine the legal immigration process when trying to deal with the illegal immigration problem in our country today."

"I support a middle ground," Markey told the Daily through his press office. "Something like the Kennedy-McCain bill — whereby illegal immigrants who are otherwise law-abiding can eventually earn citizenship."

According to Joe Ramsey, a Ph.D. candidate at Tufts and STAIR member, speakers at a May 1 rally on the Boston Common took a more radical position than the path-to-citizenship approach.

"That rally was calling for amnesty for all immigrant workers in this country," he said.

Ramsey also said, however, that most people at the rally were not involved in politics and were thus able to support the amnesty position "which most politicians, regardless of party affiliation, refuse to take."

Yet many people are skeptical of the concept of offering citizenship to undocumented immigrants.

Jim Rizoli, who is running for the Massachusetts State House as a write-in candidate, is a controversial and vocal opponent of undocumented immigrants and a member of the Framingham group "Concerned Citizens and Friends of Immigration Law Enforcement." Rizoli said that undocumented immigrants should not be subject to the same protections as U.S. citizens because they entered the country illegally.

"They broke into the country," Rizoli said. "They have no rights [other than] human rights."

Rizoli presented a proposal in Framingham earlier this month to insert a clause into the town's Board of Health application that would

make it illegal for restaurants to hire undocumented immigrants for reasons of public health.

"[Undocumented immigrants] have not been checked for their health anywhere in their travels," said Rizoli.

Rizoli said that health issues can have the largest impact in restaurants, and he asserted that health standards should be applied to everybody working in the food industry, immigrant or otherwise.

"Anybody working in the restaurant field should be able to pass tests or should be able to [be] certified that they're in good shape," he said.

Although it is already illegal for restaurants to hire undocumented workers, Rizoli said that the law often goes ignored.

"It's funny how that all gets pushed to the sides. No one even thinks about it," he said, adding that the leaders in Framingham are making matters worse through their inaction.

"The officials of Framingham are basically aiding and abetting illegal immigrants by not telling them that their working here is wrong," Rizoli said.

He also accused the people of Framingham of ignoring the law.

"The people of Framingham like to aid and abet illegal immigrants. What they are basically doing is helping people break the law," he said. "It's a very corrupt and lawless town."

Rizoli said that if officials set an example by enforcing the law, undocumented immigrants would listen.

"What you have to do is start doing it to a couple of [undocumented immigrants], and the rest of them will leave," he said.

Rizoli's proposal, presented at a Framingham town meeting, was not accepted, and the Framingham Board of Health found no connection between undocumented workers in town restaurants and the spread of disease.

"I'm just blown away by it because the Board of Health does not seem to care," Rizoli said. Rizoli switched from an unenrolled to a Republican candidate on May 10, and faces a primary election in September.

Aru Manrique, the Multicultural Director for Somerville, acknowledged that it is illegal for restaurants to hire undocumented immigrants, but he feels that actions like Rizoli's miss the point.

Manrique thinks that those against immigration would prefer not to have any immigrants in the country, regardless of their legal status.

According to Manrique, the best approach is to focus on improving the quality of life of those who are already here, partly because it is unrealistic to believe that the legislation and federal officials can deal with every undocu-

mented immigrant.

"The federal government [has its] hands full in trying to track down criminals," he said. "They're not actively hunting down a small family."

He said that many immigrants come to the United States to flee repression, so telling them they cannot work in one town will not solve the problem.

"Once they're here, it's going to be incredibly hard to get them to leave," he said.

Manrique said that it is impossible to find a solution if people refuse to compromise.

"It makes it hard to work with people when ... their mentality is so negative," he said. The outcome is that "neither party will be happy, and the problem will remain the same."

According to Massachusetts State Representative and Tufts alumnus Carl Sciortino (LA '00), the bipolarity is indicative of a larger struggle within Massachusetts.

"Everyone is aware that this problem exists, and very few people are coming to grips with what we need to do to fix it," he said.

Sciortino represents the 34th Middlesex district, which encompasses parts of both Medford and Somerville.

"I think there's a mixture of sentiment in both communities," he said. "The only consensus that I perceive from my constituents is a strong feeling that there's a problem that needs to be addressed. I don't think we agree on the solution."

Sciortino said that the issue calls for a serious debate in Congress to address the critical issues at stake.

"They have yet to have that debate, and it's long overdue," he said.

He added that a comprehensive reform bill is necessary at the federal level. Without such reform, he said that state legislators are often left looking at a problem that they cannot control.

"State legislatures are left to grapple with the consequences of a failed immigration policy, while having no control over the legal status of individuals and families living in our communities," he said.

Markey agreed that there is a serious problem.

"Our current legal immigration process is badly broken," he said. "It sometimes takes years for families or workers to enter our country through legal channels."

Both he and Sciortino believe there needs to be an appropriate balance between enforcement and reform in order to address the universally acknowledged problems.

"We need to have strong enforcement of immigration policies, and we need to have a reform of the policies because they're clearly not working," Sciortino said.

Sophia Gordon to apply for LEED certification

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he said, noting that there was an increased effort to dispose of and recycle building materials in an environmentally efficient fashion.

"[Sophia Gordon] is an environmentally friendly building, with the carpeting and other materials," Roberto said.

"Sophia Gordon is being built under the LEED guidelines," Roberto said. According to the United States Green Building Council website, "the LEED [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] Green Building Rating System is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings."

The rating system not only intends to create a set of environmentally aware standards that take into account water savings, energy efficiency, and materials selection, but it also seeks to identify environmental leaders in the building community.

According to Roberto, Sophia Gordon is "the first building where we are going to seek LEED certification."

"We're certainly going forward with [the environmental concepts in] future renovation projects," he said.

Microfinance's diversity helps weather economic shocks

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generate revenue for Tufts, but also supply much-needed capital for the developing world.

"Half of the returns on the Omidyar-Tufts Microfinance Fund's investments are reinvested in the fund, and half [are] used for programs at Tufts," read a statement from the Tufts investment office.

Despite their lack of resources, the poor have by and large proved to be scrupulous customers, and their default rates are extraordinarily low, averaging between one and three percent.

An increasing number of investors are considering microfinance not only as philanthropy, but also as good business, an entrepreneurial spirit that the Omidyars want to harness.

Since the initial donation, the fund has been invested in a traditional and stable money market account, earning returns to finance undergraduate summer internship stipends and summer school tuition. As appropriate investment opportunities are identified, the funds will be invested in microfinance.

Microfinance investments themselves are still being made. In April, the Fund Board approved two such investments. One is an investment in a microfinance company and the other is an indirect investment in a microfinance fund that makes loans in Latin America.

University spokeswoman Kimberly Thurler declined to provide more specific information on these investments due to investment office policy.

"Neither investment has yet been

made because final terms are still being worked out," she said, adding that she hopes to see the process completed by the fall.

But what exactly goes into investing such a fund?

For all of microfinance's promise, finding reasonable and sustainable microfinance opportunities is no easy task and is an undertaking that, according to Thurler, will likely take as much as three years to complete.

Gil Crawford, who is the general manager of MicroVest Capital Management, is not working for the University but is an expert in the field of microfinance.

"You need time to study the space and do it correctly," he said of such investments. MicroVest is an intermediary firm that helps companies invest in particular microfinance opportunities.

While some microfinance opportunities are very reliable, others are far riskier. Of the 8,000 microfinance banks worldwide, Crawford said that his company would only consider investing in approximately 250 of them.

A direct investment goes directly into a microfinance company that will give small loans to small developing businesses in the region.

"We are taking a part ownership interest in this company," Thurler said of the direct type of investment, comparing it to a citizen buying shares of stock in a publicly traded company.

In indirect investment, intermediaries like MicroVest operate as the middleman by receiving investments and distributing them among microfinance banks abroad.

While direct investments are judged primarily on predicted risk/return ratios, indirect investments are judged on the investment manager's ability to select good opportunities, according to the statement from Tufts' investment office.

"We [the investment office] look at six areas," the statement read. "The strength of the organization, the quality of the people, the coherence of the investment philosophy and process, the prior performance achieved by the manager and the terms we are able to negotiate, as well as the fit of the product being offered within the portfolio structure we have developed."

Crawford is convinced that the Omidyars' donation will lend serious credibility to the practice of microfinance investment.

He thinks that Tufts is poised to lead the way in showing other universities that microfinance "is a safe investment for other endowments."

According to Crawford, microfinance companies are still trying to demonstrate the benefit from microfinance investment.

If investors put all their eggs in one basket by placing large amounts of money into a single corporation in developing countries, any shocks to the economy can result in serious losses.

Because microfinance loans are diversified among thousands of smaller companies and self-employed individuals, investments in these areas can prove hardier in times of economic hardship.

"I think they're really doing some extraordinary stuff," Crawford said.

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management and strategic challenges for emerging market-based multinationals, among other issues.

Schmidheiny was awarded an honorary doctorate of business administration from Tufts and is the chairman of Spectrum Value Management Ltd. in Zurich, Switzerland.

Delta Dental of Massachusetts, an association offering dental benefits to employers in the state, announced that it is "awarding a \$5 million endowment to the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine," a May 5 press release from Delta Dental of Massachusetts read.

The endowment will be used to create an academic chair in public health and community service, improve care and access to dental care for persons with special needs and other underserved populations, and expand Tufts' use of a clinical database to create best practices for dental treatment guidelines for persons with special needs.

This chair, in particular, "will coordinate and extend the already-large number of public health and community service programs we have underway and strengthen the public health component of our curriculum," said Lonnie Norris, dean of the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, through Health Sciences spokeswoman Siobhan Gallagher.

"A specialized database will enable practitioners to unify electronic dental records and practice management systems at eight clinics for the Tufts Dental Facilities for Persons with Special Needs located across Massachusetts," the release said.

The statement quoted Norris as saying that the mission of the endowment is aligned with the mission of the dental school.

"The Delta Dental endowment will enable Tufts Dental School to increase community outreach and service to underserved populations," Norris told Delta Dental.

"Community service and public health are at the heart of the mission of Tufts Dental School and are integrated into the teaching curriculum ... Our faculty, staff and students are grateful to Delta Dental for its support of our shared vision to address these disparities."

According to Norris, "Tufts Dental School serves more than 15,000 patients with special needs per year at eight clinics across the state, a ... nationally-recognized model of care for persons with special needs.

The Tufts Facilities for Persons with Special Needs has spent 30 years providing care for people with developmental or other disabilities, Norris said, including people with cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis (MS), muscular dystrophy, and others.

In January, 2000, Delta Dental established the Oral Health Foundation to provide financial grants to qualified community organizations.

The Cam Neely Foundation donated \$7 million to Tufts-New England Medical Center, The Boston Globe reported in an Apr. 25 article. Neely is a former Boston Bruin and National Hockey League Hall of Famer.

Two million dollars of The Cam Neely Foundation's \$7 million donation will go toward the creation of a pediatric-bone marrow transplant facility at the medical center's Floating Hospital for Children. The rest of the money will help improve the hospital's established neurosurgery program.

"We don't think the hospital, and the cancer center especially, gets the recognition it deserves," Neely told the Globe.

Construction of the pediatric facility has yet to begin, but the improvements on the neurosurgery center are near completion, the Globe reported. These improvements will be named in honor of Neely's father, Michael Neely, who died of brain cancer.

Neely's foundation had previously funded the creation of a residential floor for cancer patients at Tufts, known as the Neely House.



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Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate Deval Patrick receives a warm welcome before addressing the College Democrats of Massachusetts annual convention April 8 at Tufts.

Tufts Republicans, Dems support candidates

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until after the September primary as individuals within the group support different prospective people.

The group has been active, however, in raising awareness of the various Democrats seeking the party's nomination. Patrick, who has a "strong base" of support on campus according to Banks, spoke at Tufts on Apr. 8 as part of the Massachusetts College Democrats Convention.

State Representative John Lepper also spoke in support of Reilly, and Banks said that a group of students is volunteering on his campaign as well. The Tufts Democrats did not officially undertake any efforts for Gabrieli's campaign because he declared his candidacy later than the others.

Banks said that now that Gabrieli's campaign is under way, the Tufts Democrats expect to see

more students involved in his candidacy as well.

"He's a genuine candidate and I think there will definitely be support for him, too," Banks said.

The Tufts Democrats have collected signatures and will be involved with grassroots campaigning in preparation for the election. Banks believes that Healey's close affiliation with Romney will hurt her chances.

"They did everything they could to block this universal healthcare, to water it down ... They haven't reformed education the way they said they would," Banks said.

One Tufts Democrat, junior Mitch Robinson, has taken a leadership role in promoting Patrick, his candidate of choice. Robinson is the college coordinator for the campaign, overseeing the efforts of Massachusetts college students who are getting involved with the grassroots campaigning. He is also

the incoming TCU President

"A campaign is all about everyone making a strong effort," Robinson said. "I want to help a campaign and a candidate that I believe in."

Robinson was accepted in his junior year to the Tufts-in-Washington program, but elected not to go primarily because of his interest in working on the Patrick campaign, which he began doing in March 2005, before Patrick even declared his candidacy.

"I love the results that politics can bring," Robinson said. He expressed his goal as "bringing people out and making people feel the same way I do about this campaign."

Both the Tufts Democrats and the Tufts Republicans say they are getting ready for the campaign and are excited to be involved in grassroots politics. Though activity will slow over the summer, political action on campus will heat up again next fall.

Admissions works to brand Tufts as a global school that aims to make a difference



YOLANDA FAIR/TUFTS DAILY

Prospective students braved the wet weather to receive a tour of the Hill on May 11. The incoming class of 2010 boasts an average SAT score of 1406.

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to the University, and differentiating," Coffin said.

Coffin said that he personally enjoys using this new message, "because you can talk about political science, community health, chemistry, everything with it ... it doesn't alienate any discipline."

According to Coffin, "the intent is to look ahead five to 10 years and guarantee that," at the point in time when the number of 18-year-olds starts to decline, "Tufts is in a position of strength, that we've got the right infrastructure in Admissions to recruit and enroll the type of students we like to have here."

In addition, Neustadt found that participants liked the idea of the international focus of the University, but that the concept is more powerful "if it's across the curriculum." Students who are biology majors, for instance, liked the idea of a general international focus, but wouldn't be helped by an excellent IR major.

"It's a subtle but insightful change," Coffin said. "I'm much more aware of the need to talk about globalism."

Finally, Admissions is also working with Neustadt to produce a new viewbook, which will go out to the prospective class of 2011.

"It's similar to the New York Times Magazine," Coffin said. The new book has bigger pictures, more photojournalism and less words. "It's more provocative," Coffin said. It is also over a hundred pages long.

"The intent is to mail it out and have a different kind of kid take a look at it," he said. "We don't want to lose the old one, though."

Still, while the new Tufts campaign to focus its reputation may be having a large impact, for students like Finkelstein, the ultimate reasons that high school students choose Tufts may be more humble than the school's global nature or community activism.

"The main reason I chose Tufts is that I liked the kids who go there," Finkelstein said. "They just seemed like really nice, normal and helpful people."

— David Pomerantz contributed to this article

India seeking stronger U.S. ties to balance China

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consciously trying to affect by avoiding conflict and needless confrontation verbally and militarily. Yes, the PRC leadership comes to the United States, and it understands, as does the U.S. leadership, that there needs to be ... something that journalists can point to as having been a success.

Otherwise the whole thing evaporates into a cloud of South Lawn receptions. If Congress doesn't feel like they have gotten something from all the investment they have put in, then relations could falter in a way which would be counterproductive.

PL: President Bush presented the Chinese leadership with a list of human rights cases in China during President Hu's visit. What effect will the U.S. appeal to China's much-criticized human rights record have on state relations?

AW: Well let's assume that Bush gives Hu Jintao a list of two dozen political prisoners. Let's also assume that Hu releases them all. What does that do about human rights in China? It simply reinforces the idea that the judiciary system in China is worthless, is not independent and is open to manipulation by the executive. Is that what we want? A system where the executive takes a list from a foreign leader and releases the prisoners in exchange for a certain amount of goodies in their trade relations? That says nothing about human rights.

By the time the political prisoners are in jail, the PRC has already spoken about its commitment to human rights. It's a sham when the U.S. government gives a list of political prisoners asking for their release.

The Bush administration, like all its predecessors, will claim a commitment to human rights. But it has nothing to do with the transformation of China's system of imprisoning people for political crimes, mistreating them when they are in prison or holding them without charges. It's all showmanship. If the president of China were to take this list and say that he doesn't have the right as the president of the PRC to force the judiciary, that would say something about the law. I think this whole game is very wrong-headed.

PL: Some American commentators have called for a stronger effort to quit addressing China's economic strengths and instead refocus on making the United States more competitive.

AW: We criticize the Chinese for having such a low wage and for doing so little to protect the welfare of their workers. But who's buying all that stuff manufactured in China? If we really felt strongly about all that stuff, we could stop buying cheap goods.

It's just because their workers are paid such low wages, like U.S. workers used to be paid in industries that have now moved to China. Now we are supporting the efforts of our government to bludgeon the Chinese into doing what we, ourselves, decided we didn't want to do? There's a logic here that makes very little sense to me ... Is this a failure of the United States to accept responsibility and address its 'weaknesses'? No, I think it's a failure to put the pieces together and to realize you can't have [it] both ways.

PL: What are the United States' strategies to induce the Chinese to exert pressure on North Korea to return to the bargaining table to address its nuclear

weapons program?

AW: There may be an exchange of payment, but it might not be economic. It might have to be with Taiwan, or the U.S. security alliance with Japan. That's the way states function. If a state perceives some way of extracting something that serves its interest from another state, it will do it.

Who has more to lose if the North Korean regime collapses? The United States or the PRC? It's the PRC, because they'll have 20 million refugees flooding across their border. Who has more to lose if there's a nuclear confrontation on the Korean peninsula? Again, the PRC. There are plenty of independent reasons why the Chinese will want to manage this crisis. But, if [China] sees a way to leverage itself against the United States, it'll do it to maximize [its] interest.

PL: How do you perceive the PRC's reaction towards a fast developing US-India relationship, with a strengthened India serving as a democratic counterweight to Chinese influence in the region?

AW: With respect to India in particular, the Sino-Indian relationship has its own history of tension and conflict. It may unfold in such a way in the future to either create more tension or more cooperation. What's interesting to think about is the strong likelihood that it is the Indians, out of respect [for] China's rise, who will seek stronger relations with the United States.

To see the relationship between Washington and Beijing in isolation is difficult. It's too strongly entangled with the dynamics of international politics in a way that creates a multitude of pressure points, opportunities and constraints.

Tufts' policy toward military irks campus conservatives

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

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president of the Tufts Democrats. "I think for the sake of education, it is important that professors distinguish their opinions and their expertise and give a fair shake to the opposing viewpoint."

Norris thinks that education is best-served by intellectual diversity in the classroom.

"I often wish that I had more conservatives in my classes so that there is more diversity in discussion. It is in the students' best interest that not just one viewpoint is represented in classes."

While Greene thinks that specific incidents of political bias are uncommon, he did express concerns about a homogenous political climate outside of the classroom.

Greene said the issue goes beyond specific instances of bias.

"What concerns me is not simple liberal bias, it's that the entire university system, as a principle, is gerrymandered against almost all sorts of conservative expression," he said.

Greene said students choose to change their outward attitudes because they do not want to be seen by the liberal majority of Tufts students as prejudiced.

"Many students here are so desperate to shed any possibility of being mistaken as narrow or parochial that they'll go out of their way not to be associated with any right-wing elements on campus," he said. "They will, of course, regain their sense of ideological orientation once they start a family and pay taxes."

Hartman mentioned the administration's policies towards the military as an

instance of systemic bias here at Tufts.

"The fact that [the Tufts administration] doesn't allow military recruitment on campus is unfair," he said. "Although they may disagree with President Clinton's 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy in the military, the military still deserves to have the opportunity to set up on campus."

Greene said that students' attitudes tend to change during college, and then revert back to a more conservative stance after graduation.

"If students were not already leftists before they came to Tufts, certainly their peers, their professors and their course offerings all push them in that direction," Greene said. "[But] I find this neither shocking nor particularly appalling."

Opinions also differ about what action, if any, should be taken.

Norris and Hartman said they support adding a clause about ideological discrimination to the detailed list of protections in the non-discrimination policy in the Pachyderm, Tufts' student handbook.

The policy does not currently mention protection against political prejudice.

"I personally support adding 'political ideology' to the Pachyderm's non-discrimination policy," Hartman said. "I believe doing so would make it clear that Tufts recognizes that it is a potential problem."

But Greene said he is skeptical about the effect such a change could actually make.

"If [a problem does exist], I can almost guarantee that it cannot be solved with an expanded non-discrimination clause," he said.

Schools hand out diplomas

COMMENCEMENT

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graduating class.

The Wendell Phillips Award is granted annually to one senior at Tufts and one at Harvard who excel in public speaking and public service. Tufts seniors competed for this award earlier this semester with an oratory competition of five-minute speeches.

The School of Arts, Sciences and Engineering will award 890 Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees, 138 Bachelor of Science (BS) Degrees and 187 Bachelor of Science (BSE) degrees.

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and Graduate School of Engineering will award 167 Master of Arts (MA) degrees, 15 Master of Science (MS) degrees and 78 Master of Science in Engineering degrees. Twenty-six Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph. D.) will also be awarded.

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy will award 210 Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy (MALD), 75 Master of Arts (MA) degrees and 14 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees.

The School of Dental Medicine will award 173 Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degrees and eight Master of Science (MS) degrees.

The School of Medicine will award 142 Doctor of Medicine (MD) degrees, 33 Masters of Public Health (MPH) degrees, one Master of Science (MS) in Health Communication and one Master of Science (MS) in Pain Research Education and Policy.

The medical school will also award a host of combined degrees, including 13

combined MD/Master of Business Administration Health Management (MD/MBA) degrees and 15 combined MD and Master of Public Health (MD/MPH) degrees.

It will award two joint MD/PhD Degrees and two joint MD/Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy (MD/MALD) degrees.

The Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences will award 28 Ph.D. degrees and 16 MS degrees.

The Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy will award 12 Ph.D. degrees, 46 MS degrees nine joint Master of Science and combined dietetic internship degrees.

Seven joint MS/MPH degrees and 6 Master of Arts in Humanitarian Assistance (MAHA) degrees will be awarded. This last degree is offered in conjunction with the Fletcher School.

The Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine will be awarding 71 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degrees and seven MS degrees in Animals and Public Policy. It will also award three combined DVM/Master of Public Health (DVM/MPH) degrees, three combined DVM/Master of Science in Laboratory Animal Medicine degrees and seven Master of Science in Animals and Public Policy degrees.

The "Severe Weather Plan" on the commencement Web site indicates that an abbreviated ceremony would take place on the lawn in the event of rain, but that the ceremony could be canceled in the event of severe weather.



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Seniors aren't the only people receiving degrees today at Tufts

This year's honorary degree recipients are as varied as they are talented, ranging from athletic champion to scientist to entrepreneur. Below, Features' *Anne Fricker* explores their backgrounds.



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Champion cyclist Lance Armstrong, pictured on Thanksgiving Day in 2005, is today's keynote speaker.

LANCE ARMSTRONG keynote speaker & honorary degree recipient

Seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong's courageous story has inspired people across the globe. After his promising career was seemingly cut short by cancer, Armstrong proved to himself and the world that with hard work and perseverance, he could come back and accomplish his dreams.

Armstrong started his career early. At the age of 13, he won the Iron Kids Triathlon. At 16, he joined the professional cycling world. During his senior year of high school, Armstrong trained with the U.S. Olympic cycling team in Colorado.

When he first entered the world of competitive cycling, Armstrong was a promising young cyclist who quickly made a name for himself. By 1991, he was the U.S. National Amateur Champion. By 1996, Armstrong was the No. 1 ranked cyclist in the world and a member of the U.S. Olympic Cycling Team in Atlanta.

In October of 1996, Armstrong was diagnosed with testicular cancer that was revealed to have spread to his lungs and brain. Armstrong began aggressive chemotherapy treatment, which was successful. Soon after his diagnosis, Armstrong formed the Lance Armstrong Foundation to help others overcome their struggles with cancer. His chances of survival had originally been less than 50 percent, but Armstrong struggled through and soon was back to full health, though he didn't know if he would ever be able to race again.

After he tried to compete in a Paris-Nice race in 1998 and failed to complete the Tour, many were sure Armstrong's career was over. But they were wrong. Armstrong went on to win his first Tour de France in 1999. He then added six more consecutive Tour victories to that list, breaking the record for career Tour victories and inspiring people everywhere to overcome their difficulties to achieve greatness. Besides earning countless athletic honors, Armstrong's work with the Lance Armstrong Foundation has provided information and hope for cancer victims and funding for cancer research.

"Lance Armstrong brings a powerful message to our graduates and commencement guests: Never give up," University President Lawrence Bacow said when announcing Armstrong's presence at Commencement. "His perseverance on the bike and in life sets an extraordinary example for all who seek to overcome obstacles and achieve their highest goals. We are honored to have him at Tufts."

Now retired from cycling, Armstrong will be receiving an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

REVEREND GLORIA E. WHITE-HAMMOND, M.D. honorary degree recipient

Reverend Dr. White-Hammond wears many hats: pediatrician, pastor, humanitarian, medical missionary — and Tufts graduate.

White-Hammond received her BS in biology from Boston University and went on to earn a Doctorate of Medicine from Tufts Medical School in 1976 and a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School.

White-Hammond is the co-pastor of Bethel AME Church in Boston and has been a pediatrician at the South End Community Health Center since 1981. She has also been heavily involved in local community service as well as global humanitarianism.

As the founder of, and consultant to, the church-based creative writing and mentoring ministry "Do The Write Thing," White-Hammond works with high-risk black adolescent females in Boston public schools, juvenile detention facilities, and at the Bethel AME Church. For the past three years, White-Hammond has been the co-convenor of The Red Tent Group, along with Rabbi Elaine Zecher, bringing together Christian and Jewish women for a group Torah and Bible study.

Globally, White-Hammond has worked as a medical missionary in Botswana, the Ivory Coast, South Africa, and other African countries. She has made seven trips in the past five years to southern Sudan, where she works to obtain freedom for enslaved women and children. She co-founded My Sister's Keeper in 2002, a women's group to help women of the Sudan. White-Hammond is currently the national chairperson of the Million Voices for Darfur campaign and the Co-Chair of the Massachusetts Coalition to Save Darfur. In 2005, she traveled to Darfur to hear stories and learn from female genocide survivors in internally displaced per-



MELINDA WEEKES/NPR

Gloria White-Hammond, national chairperson of the Million Voices for Darfur campaign, will receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters today.

sons (IDP) camps.

In addition to her community service and humanitarian work, White-Hammond serves on the Board of Trustees of Brigham and Women's Hospital, the Boston board of the American Anti-Slavery Group and the Board of Overseers for the recently-renamed Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service.

White-Hammond will be receiving an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

GENERAL JOSEPH HOAR honorary degree recipient

General Joseph P. Hoar, United States Marine Corps (retired), a Boston native, graduated from Tufts in 1956 before pursuing a distinguished 37-year career in the United States military.

Hoar's impressive career includes enforcing the no-fly zone in Iraq and overseeing peacekeeping and humanitarian operations in Kenya and Somalia.

He served as commander in chief of U.S. Central Command from 1991 to 1994.

During that time, he was in charge of planning and operational responsibilities for 19 countries in the Middle East, South Asia and Africa.

He has been the subject of interviews in the New York Times and the Executive Intelligence Review regarding his warnings for caution

with the current war in Iraq, as well as testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Hoar joined the Marines in 1957.

In 1984, he was promoted to brigadier general. On Aug. 9, 1991, Hoar first assumed the position of general.

Hoar has a masters degree from George Washington University and is also a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the National War College.

Hoar has received the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" and gold star, and the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star. He retired in 1994.

Hoar will be receiving an honorary doctorate of public service.



PUBLIC DOMAIN

Joseph Hoar will receive an honorary doctorate of public service today.

LYNN MARGULIS honorary degree recipient

Lynn Margulis is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Geosciences at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She received her undergraduate degree at the University of Chicago, her Masters of Science at the University of Wisconsin, and her Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley.

As an associate professor at Boston University in the 1970s, Margulis wrote her career-defining work: "The Origin of Eukaryotic Cells."

The book proposed the idea that mitochondria and chloroplasts evolved symbiotically, a proposal directly countering the established point of view at the time. The theory, though still debated, is now taught in high schools.

Margulis's Symbiotic Theory gained more acceptance after the 1981 publication of her book "Symbiosis in Cell Evolution."

She has made numerous contributions to the areas of cell biology and microbial evolution.

Her research now focuses on Serial Endosymbiotic Theory. Some of her books include "Symbiotic Planet: A New Look at Evolution," "Acquiring Genomes: A Theory



COURTESY BATES

of the Origins of Species" and "Symbiosis in Cell Evolution: Microbial Communities in the Archean and Proterozoic Eons."

Margulis is also recognized for her work with James E. Lovelock's Gaia concept, as well as her theory of symbiogenesis.

Margulis chaired the National Academy of Science's Space Science Board Committee on Planetary Biology and Chemical Evolution from 1977-1980.

She was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1983. In 1998 the Library of Congress announced that it would permanently archive her papers.

In 1999, Margulis was the recipient of the Presidential Medal of Science from President Clinton.

Margulis will be receiving an honorary doctorate of science.

WILLIAM S. CUMMINGS honorary degree recipient

A native of Somerville, Mass., William S. Cummings graduated from Tufts in 1958. He went on to do a wide variety of philanthropic work, co-founding the Cummings Foundation in 1986.

The Cummings Foundation is now one of the largest charitable foundations in Massachusetts. It owns and operates two non-profit assisted living facilities, serving over 500 seniors and operating the McKeown Scholars Program, which awards college scholarships to high school seniors in the greater Boston area.

The Cummings Foundation also worked with Tufts University to donate \$50 million to the recently renamed Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, the second-largest donation in Tufts' history.

Asode from as being a distinguished philanthropist,

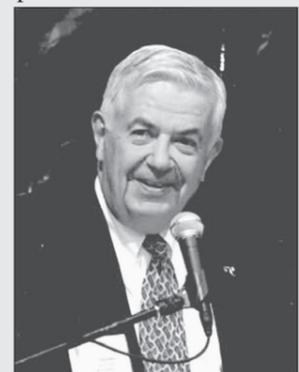
Cummings is also a successful entrepreneur. His real estate firm, Cummings Properties, LLC, provides the locations for approximately 1,860 businesses and other organizations in Massachusetts. Cummings was named the Real Estate Entrepreneur of the Year for New England by Ernst & Young, LLP in 1998.

In addition to his entrepreneurial work in real estate, Cummings is the president of New Horizons, one of the Cummings Foundation's assisted living facilities. He has founded and published three community newspapers: the Woburn Advocate, Stoneham Sun and Winchester Town Crier.

Cummings has served as the chairman of the Winchester Planning Board, director for over three decades of the Woburn Boys and Girls Club, Inc., director of Winchester Hospital and

Winchester Country Club, chairman of Walnut Hill Properties (Tufts' property-holding corporation), overseer of Tufts Medical School and a trustee emeritus of Tufts University. He has been awarded Tufts University's Distinguished Service Award.

Cummings will be receiving an honorary doctorate of public service.



COURTESY THE CUMMINGS FOUNDATION

Fast cars, new books and German shepherds

Features' *Sydne Summer* investigates what's next for the Class of 2006 — and finds plenty of fascinating futures

Today, the class of 2006 will listen to Lance Armstrong's advice about the future. Tomorrow, they will *be* the future. So what does the future have in store? While the majority of the graduating class will take the subway or mom's old station wagon to work, seniors Andrew Gordon and Todd Putnam will be driving \$585,000, 750 bhp (brake horsepower), 2700-pound cars.

No, Gordon and Putnam did not just win the lottery. On May 30th, the two will move to Irvine, Calif., to work for Saleen, Inc., a manufacturer of performance cars.

For Gordon, driving fast cars in southern California is nothing new. During his junior year, he became intrigued with Saleen after watching a special on television about the world's fastest cars.

"I emailed my resume to [Saleen's] sales department, they forwarded the letter to the engineering department and I had a summer internship," he said.

The company liked Gordon so much that, for the past semester, they have flown the self-proclaimed "car guy" out to Orange County about 10 times to calibrate the 550 hp Extreme Mustang.

In addition to flying cross-country, Gordon stayed in touch with Saleen by working with them for his design project through the School of Engineering with peer and friend Putnam — the two met during the Tufts Wilderness Orientation program their freshman year. The project was so successful that Putnam was also offered a job with the company.

"Honestly, my job is cool," Gordon said. "But I don't even compare to half of the Fletcher students who are saving countries or the pre-med students."

While fellow senior Stephanie Anastopoulos may not be saving the world, she is preparing to protect others. After graduation, the electrical engineer will start working for BAE Systems, an aerospace and defense company whose motto is "We protect those who protect us."

"I was hired into an engineering leadership development program where I work for the company, and they pay for me to get my masters as well as teach me leadership type stuff," Anastopoulos said. "One of the sweet things about my job is that I get every other Friday off!"

Like Gordon and Putnam, Anastopoulos found her job with relative ease, after simply "plopping down her resume" at a career fair in Cousens Gym. After a pleasant interview experience, she happily accepted the offer, which sounded like a perfect match.

"I like to challenge myself and to be dif-

ferent," Anastopoulos said. "There aren't many female engineers — let alone electrical engineers — so I thought this was right up my alley."

While Anastopoulos is excited about graduating and being independent, the Massachusetts native is anxious about her move to Nashua, N.H.

"My boyfriend lives in New York, so that's the toughest part," she said.

But she won't have any trouble staying warm. Anastopoulos recently got a German shepherd, Mochaccino, who she will take to Nashua when she moves into her condo on June 1.

Unlike Anastopoulos, there are some graduates who are still uncertain of their definite career. Instead of spending the summer on the beach, however, students like Samantha Hilbert are taking a more productive approach.

Last summer, while attending a cocktail party in Texas, Hilbert began chatting with the widow of Wallace Scott, a glider pilot who is nationally recognized for his noteworthy soaring achievements.

Scott was also a mentor to Hilbert's stepfather, which heightened the English major's interest in the subject. After numerous conversations, Hilbert was hired last summer by Scott's wife to write a biography of the deceased legend.

Over the past semester, Hilbert has continued writing the book through a special topics class taken with English professor Michael Ullman.

"It's been challenging to write a book during my senior year," Hilbert said.

As challenging as it may have been, Hilbert is already two-thirds done and plans to finish the biography after graduation before beginning a career in journalism.

"I'm looking forward to being able to dedicate time to finishing the book before I start writing for news," Hilbert said.

While Hilbert will be sitting at a computer and meeting with publishers, fellow



COURTESY ANDREW GORDON

Senior Andrew Gordon (pictured), a self-described "car guy," will head from the Hill to California to work for Saleen, Inc., which manufactures high-performance cars.

senior Laura Nolan will embark on a 27-month voyage to the South Pacific.

But don't expect to see her lounging on the beach sipping Mai Tais.

Nolan will be working for the Peace Corps Health Extension in Fiji in order to learn about and work on Fiji health-related concerns such as water sanitation, HIV/AIDS, obesity and Type II diabetes.

"I will be spending three months living with a Fijian family, learning Fijian and some Hindi, the customs and traditions of the islands and specific health-related information related to my ultimate assignment and community," Nolan said. "After the three months of 'training' I'll be transferred to my assignment that I'll be working on for two years."

Nolan's study abroad experience while at Tufts encouraged her to explore opportunities to work and volunteer overseas.

"I spent my junior year abroad in Spain and became addicted to living, learning and working abroad," she said.

Many Tufts classes, such as "Women and Health," "Pediatric Psychology," "Nutrition 101," "School and Society" and "Environmental Biology," also inspired her decision.

Since Nolan plans to attend graduate school in the future and eventually work in health, she saw the Peace Corps as a perfect opportunity to get hands-on experience in her field.

"Health education is imperative in developing countries, and it's fabulous to be given the resources to act on that need," she said.

Nolan's fellow Jumbo, Lianne Petracca, will be joining her in the South Pacific, but she is headed to an even more remote location: an outer island of the Marshall Islands.

Beginning this July, Petracca will volunteer as an English teacher for grade school-level children through Worldteach, a non-profit organization affiliated with Harvard

University.

"I'm entirely in favor of embracing opportunities like these while I'm still young, before I make any long-term commitments," Petracca said.

Though she plans to go to graduate school after the year-long program, Petracca believes that she can make an impact on the world while deciding whether to go into environmental studies or public health.

"My main goal while volunteering is for my students to improve their English," Petracca said. "Marshallese children have notoriously poor performance on English literacy exams, which is why this program was formed in the first place."

Though Petracca has never had experience with teaching, she has always been interested in environmental issues.

While at Tufts, in addition to completing three majors — psychology, environmental studies and biomedical engineering — Petracca participated in an Australian wildlife and conservation program during the summer after her freshman year and spent a semester in Tanzania, Africa, last spring studying wildlife ecology and conservation.

"My traveling really broadened my perspective and spurred me to make an impact outside of the U.S.," she said.

During her stay, Petracca will live with a Marshallese family, sans running water or electricity. Aside from being the sole English speaker on the island, her only means of communication with the main island of Majuro will be via two-way radio, so snail mail will be her only point of contact with friends and family back in the States.

Petracca, however, believes that sacrificing luxury will be worth it.

"I'd like to see a higher percentage of children on my island to pass their exams," she said. "I'm not sure if this improvement will be earth-shattering, but I'll be satisfied even if I make a small difference."

Tufts Teaches for America | Graduating seniors make a difference in under-resourced schools

BY ARIANNE BAKER
Daily Editorial Board

After 17 years of school, most seniors are ready to do something different when they graduate. Twenty-one Tufts seniors, however, are headed right back to school. And no, it's not to grad school.

This coming school year, over 3,000 students nationally will be participating in Teach for America, a venue for graduating seniors to make a difference in a direct and concrete way. The program, according to its Web site, aims to lessen the gap between the advantaged and disadvantaged by sending qualified graduates to under-resourced schools to teach for two years.

"The opportunity to effect change straight out of college is what interested me in Teach for America," senior Samuel Ronfard said.

Another graduating senior was drawn to the possibility of helping out within the United States.

"I was thinking about doing Peace Corps, but after studying abroad for a year, I realized I wasn't ready to leave the coun-

try for another two years," senior Amara Nickerson said. "Teach for America is a wonderful domestic service-oriented opportunity."

But the application process isn't easy, according to senior Dave Baumwoll. After a round of paper application selection, students attend an all-day session of interviews and simulations.

"You have to teach a lesson to a class on a particular subject of your choosing," Baumwoll said. "They give you scenarios to see how you're going to interact with other candidates."

Overall, it was a unique experience to fit a unique program, Baumwoll explained. "It was a very interesting process; it wasn't exactly easy, but in the end, I'm really glad to have gone through it."

Part of the pull of Teach for America is that the program works only with under-resourced schools. "It's what makes Teach for America compelling," Nickerson said.

"It's not just teaching to teach; it's teaching to be part of a bigger effort to address the inequality that exists in education in our country today," Nickerson added.

Graduates who take part in

Teach for America get a fair amount of freedom to choose the area of the country in which they are most interested in working. For instance, Ronfard will be teaching in New York City in a special education classroom, and Nickerson will be working in Brownsville, Texas.

“The experience of Teach for America is supposed to be absolutely invaluable; you don't need to stay in education for it to be meaningful.”

Dave Baumwoll
Senior

For Baumwoll, the prospect of going back home was appealing. "I'll be teaching in Newark, New Jersey. I'm from about 10 miles away, so I had a personal stake in working there as opposed to going to some random place," he said.

While a two-year commitment

to teaching is significant, most graduates plan to pursue a career path outside of education after finishing the program. "I used to be [interested in education] when I was younger; then my interests strayed to politics around sophomore and junior year of high school," Nickerson said.

"I'd like to go to law school after the program," Baumwoll said. "A lot of people end up going into grad school after the program. The experience of Teach for America is supposed to be absolutely invaluable; you don't need to stay in education for it to be meaningful," he added.

Ronfard, though, hopes that Teach for America will guide him in his career choices. "I have had a vague interest in teaching for the last couple of years, and when I learned more about Teach for America's program, I decided that this was something that I needed to do," he said.

The program begins with the new recruits attending a summer training institute along with other future teachers and continues in September with placement of the newly trained teachers in the

classroom.

"I am very excited," Ronfard said. "I can't wait to get to the summer institute and meet the other corps members, and I can't wait to start teaching."

Not everyone is quite so fearless. For Nickerson, the prospect of standing in front of a full classroom is exciting, but daunting.

"I'm so excited, but also really nervous. It's a huge responsibility to be accountable for the education of a classroom of students," she said.

Baumwoll, Nickerson and Ronfard all have socially oriented goals: Each wants to improve opportunities for the students in the schools where they will be teaching.

"Education in many forms is a vehicle by which people can achieve the American dream. A lot of these places are in such dire straits that students don't have much of a chance, and my goal is to give the students I'm teaching an opportunity to achieve," Baumwoll said.

"At this point, it seems as though

In Katrina's wake, displaced Tulane students found refuge — and a new life — at Tufts

Tulane seniors who attended Tufts last semester reflect on their semester on the Hill

BY ALIYAH SHAHID
Senior Staff Writer

Following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, many universities across the United States opened their doors to Tulane University students who were seeking a place to study during the fall semester as the cleanup continued in New Orleans.

Tufts was one such institution. It admitted 40 undergraduates — eight of whom were seniors — to the Medford campus until Tulane could reopen its doors. Seniors were in a particularly unique situation, as they were forced to leave established friends, half-completed senior theses and a familiarity with their campus and surroundings.

In January, the Tulane campus reopened for the spring semester. And this past week, the Tulane seniors graduated and left New Orleans, but continue to reflect on their experiences at Tufts and their lives ahead after college.

Coming to Tufts as a senior neuroscience major, Morgan Katz had difficulty finding the classes she needed to take to complete her major.

"It's really hard to find classes that fit your major when you're a senior at another school, because you're so specialized by that point," Katz said. "I couldn't find all of the classes that I needed at Tufts, so I didn't take that many." As a result, in addition to taking three classes at Tufts, Katz took a part time job at Tufts Medical School, which was geared more towards her field of study.

Katz, a Baltimore, Md., native, hopes to become a neurologist, but will be taking time off before attending medical school. She will work in Baltimore and hopes to do medical research at Johns Hopkins.

In terms of the social life at Tufts, Katz

lived in an off-campus apartment which made it complicated to make many friends.

"Your senior year, you want to be at your own school," Katz explained. "It was just really stressful trying to figure out classes, your social life and living situation in such a short time."

For Tulane senior Jenny Durkin, the decision to attend Tufts was an easy one, as the proximity of her hometown in Cambridge, Mass., provided an easy commute. Durkin's mother also attends Tufts and is pursuing a graduate degree in child development.

"Everything happened so fast," Durkin said. "We didn't get to think about it much. My decision was easy because I lived so close."

Next year, Durkin, a double major in ecology and communications, hopes to teach English in Thailand with Global Service Corps, but aspires to one day become an event planner.

Academically, Durkin found that the difficulty of Tufts courses were very similar to her courses at Tulane. She particularly liked taking an Anthropology course that is not offered at Tulane.

Socially, however, Durkin felt the "freshman feeling" all over again when she came to Tufts.

"We didn't know our way around campus or any of the buildings," Durkin explained. "As a senior, you're used to seeing people you know everywhere you go. We definitely didn't have that."

In addition, Durkin found that Boston nightlife differs substantially from that of the Big Easy. "Bars stay open until 6 a.m. in New Orleans. It's really a different way of life," she said.

With over 300 Tulane students in the Boston area last fall, Tulane students at

Tufts were able to spend time with their college peers.

Tulane senior Andrew Ryba says that he spent most of his time with other Tulane students.

"I wasn't really involved in meeting new people at Tufts. I didn't really have a sense of finding a group of friends because I knew I was going so soon," Ryba said. "I wish I branched out more, but I really didn't."

The chemical engineer from Chicago is, however, grateful for the time he was able to spend at Tufts. With tough demands from the chemical engineering department at Tulane, Ryba was never able to take a semester abroad. "It was great to live in a different city," Ryba said. "I never went to Europe or traveled abroad, so it was like my semester away from Tulane."

Next year, Ryba will work at an engineering firm outside of New Orleans. The senior does not, however, plan on becoming an engineer, as he hopes to attend business school in the future.

According to the Tulane students, the most difficult part of the experience was the uncertainty over whether Tulane would reopen in the spring. Seniors, in particular, were ecstatic when they found out they would be able to spend their last semester back in New Orleans.

"The reaction coming home was absolutely amazing," Ryba said. "The camaraderie is fantastic. Everyone is really happy to be back with their friends."

According to Katz, public services in New Orleans, like garbage pick-up, are often delayed, but the city is slowly gaining momentum. "Everyone in New Orleans is really positive and understands everyone has been through a lot," he said. "We're really happy to be home. I love it here."

An atypical summer is in store for these scholars

BY AMANDA MCDAVID
Daily Staff Writer

While most students are excitedly waiting for the semester to come to a close so that they can get a break from their studies, some Tufts students have chosen to stay on the Medford campus for the summer and continue their research.

The Tufts Summer Scholars Program gives undergraduates the opportunity to actively participate in research with professors. Each student receives \$3,500 for full-time research that will ideally lead to a senior honors thesis. Additionally, a \$1,000 grant is available to each student to help pay for research expenses incurred during his or her undergraduate career, and faculty mentors also receive a \$1,000 research stipend.

"By exploring the challenge of creating new knowledge, we bring learning to life," explains the Summer Scholars Web site.

One such summer scholar is junior Zachary Cuttler. A double-major in environmental studies and American studies with a concentration in politics and the environment, Cuttler will work with Political Science Professor Kent Portney in the Tufts Institute of Environment.

"This is a great opportunity to get a head-start on my senior thesis as well as to work with my favorite professor," Cuttler said.

Cuttler's project concentrates on urban governance regimes and their correlation to sustainability. His project focuses on looking at the structure of power within city municipalities and whether or not political leaders take that structure seriously.

"I intend to spend my life in the environmental field, as it has always been my passion,

and I am considering graduate studies in political science, economics or environmental law," Cuttler said.

"I'm definitely looking forward to being paid to do my research," Cuttler added. "I'm looking forward to staying in Boston over the summer and being in personal contact with my professor by seeing him a few times per week. I'll fly to at least one to two cities; I'm going to Seattle over the summer."

Junior and Summer Scholar Brendan Bowler echoes many of Cuttler's hopes for the summer.

"I didn't know anything about healthcare a term ago, but after having taken Professor McKissick's course, and — most of all — learning just how poorly structured our current healthcare system is, I am very interested in learning as much about it as I can."

Alexandra Pryor
Sophomore

A physics and astrophysics major, Bowler will be working under Associate Physics and Astronomy Professor William Waller.

"Being a summer scholar will allow me to continue my work

and get paid, as well as lay the foundation of my senior honors thesis," Bowler said.

Bowler's project concerns the process of star formation in the Horsehead Nebula; he will study the environment around molecular clouds to determine how it influences the formation.

Bowler will use infrared images obtained from a telescope in South Africa.

"In astronomy, one thing you need is research experience, and it helps you decide if you truly enjoy doing the research or not for the future," Bowler said, adding that he is applying to a Ph.D. program in the fall.

"In high school, I bought a telescope and got interested in the topic, so I took courses in physics and astronomy. I've been taking them ever since," Bowler said.

Sophomore Vincent Weisband is a Summer Scholar who is majoring and doing research in the field of chemistry, the latter being conducted this summer with Weisband's faculty mentor, Molecular Biology and Microbiology Professor Eddie Goldberg.

"I wanted to do research, and this program seemed like a great opportunity," Weisband said. "I didn't know the professor before [becoming a Summer Scholar], and [I] just contacted the professor because he was doing research on chemical applications, something I'm interested in."

Weisband's project has to do with connecting two protein nanorods, the goal being to arrange them in a triangle formation. This triangle is very small and can be used to filter substances, such as arsenic, out of drinking water. It can also be used for medical devices.

SYDNE SUMMER | HOW TO . . .



...Make new friends but keep the old ones

Once finals ended, the reality of graduation truly hit me. For the past month, I was filled with excitement and anxiety about starting a new chapter of my life and finally beginning my career.

But until now, I had never had the time to reflect on what I would leave behind.

So today, as you walk down the aisle and receive your diploma, remember the friends you have made along the way. Cherish those memories and as you carve your future; never let them go.

It's hard to maintain long-distance relationships — though, considering you've made it through Tufts you should be able to keep your friendships alive. But if you need a little help, read on.

Call on me

It may sound corny, but your friends really are only a phone call away. How hard is it to pick up the phone and say hello?

The biggest mistake that people make is they believe that every time they call a friend that it has to be an hour-long conversation. If you wait to call a friend until you have an hour to spare, it's probable that you'll never put aside the time for a phone call.

There's no shame in picking up the phone just to say a quick hello. Wouldn't you rather have a friend call for five minutes on their way to work every other week rather than speak to him or her every six months?

Sometimes a brief phone call is heartwarming. It says: I'm really busy right now but I just wanted to let you know that I'm thinking about you.

You can also say it with a text, an even less time-consuming method of staying in touch. And with text messages generally costing less than 10 cents each these days, a quick, "Hello!" is well-within your budget.

Living in a technology world

Unlike our parents, we have the advantages of technology to help our friendships thrive. E-mails are a great way to update an old roommate on your current status or see if your friend from Art History wants to meet for lunch.

The only suggestion I have for e-mail is to write each person separately. I have received many group emails, especially when I studied abroad, and I usually skimmed through them since I knew there was nothing in there directed towards me. Even though it takes more time to personalize your emails, your friend will appreciate the gesture, making them more likely to respond.

Aside from e-mails, there are myriad Web sites solely dedicated to staying in touch. Sophomore year we saw the debut of Facebook, which has now increased in popularity to an extent that there are even t-shirts saying "Facebook Me!"

As much as we poke fun at Facebook and its ability to help us procrastinate for hours, the site is great for staying in touch. I was shocked when I had a pending friend request from a girl who I had not seen since middle school. Now she writes on my wall for my birthday, and I even talked to her when I visited my hometown of Miami last summer.

So continue poking, because as immature as it may seem, it helps keep friendships alive.

In addition to Facebook, there's the ever-popular MySpace. Much to my friend's, as well as my own, dismay, I finally caved in and recently joined the social networking site. If you are not yet a member, be forewarned: MySpace is an ever bigger form of procrastination than Facebook. Not only can you view other people's pictures, but with a general knowledge of HTML, you can bedazzle your own profile into a site that would make your CompSci professor proud.

If you are a member of these sites, however, realize that by placing information on the Internet, you are making it easily accessible. Now that you have graduated and need to be a responsible young adult, you do not want a

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PETE MCKEOWN | DAILY TOWNIE



A summer in Medford

Another year has passed at Tufts and this summer, some of you are going home to places like Hawaii, Los Angeles or even overseas. I'm not even crossing the Mystic.

I can live with that, though. I'm completely content with my summer ahead. I don't need a summer at the O.C. I'll find way funnier plot lines if I become a regular at the RB (Revere Beach). Don't underestimate the power of Medford: It has a special ability to suck you in. It's similar to a roulette table or drugs; you know you want to do it but shouldn't because it could be detrimental to your life in some ways. But luckily, we're in college. As a matter of fact, I'm going to count down the top six reasons (I wanted to do the top 24 reasons to honor Jack Bauer, but I couldn't fit it under the word limit — I bet he could) as to why a summer in Medford is far better than a summer anywhere else, with exceptions of maybe Provincetown or the Jersey Shore.

Number 6: July 4th

Boston has by far the best, most amazing Fourth of July celebration in the country, maybe even the world (for those of you who missed that joke ... damn). They set off about 400 million fireworks while the Boston Pops flawlessly perform the 1812 Overture as you stand by the Charles River, nibbling on cotton candy or shot-gunning a beer for America.

The fireworks display is unrivaled, and townies are in full effect, drinking Natty Lights all day in the sun. Staring up at a dizzying array of fireworks tends to be high comedy if you're in the mood to see sunburned men falling into the Charles from their drunken vertigo.

Number 5: Trips to Cape Cod

This place is unreal. Want to see the next David Ortiz? Check out a Cape League baseball game. In dire need of some choice seafood? Hop down to any beachside town; their food without a doubt beats anyplace I've ever been — but watch out for the crabs. Did you just get caught making out at a bar with someone other than your girlfriend, by your girlfriend? Bed and breakfast is within walking distance of either a beach or shopping outlets ... it's the Massachusetts equivalent of Monopoly's get-out-of-jail-free card.

Number 4: The bars

Townies are in full effect during the summer months, knowing they can sweat off the hangovers at work the next morning. The fashion shows on display at Beantown bars are nice; summer nights rival any held in Milan or Paris. For men, the shirt of choice is the wife-beater tank top, a gold watch, bronzer (for their peeling fake-bake tans) and two pounds of extra-strength black market hair gel. For women, there are low-cut shirts, high riding skirts, knee-high boots and a horrified/dangerously crazy boyfriend.

Number 3: The Red Sox

My team is more fun to watch than yours. I don't care who you root for; it's not as fun as the Sox. The only two who can make arguments are fans of the Yankees or the Cubs, because they have fun stadiums with good fans. Going to a game at Fenway, in the summer, in a series against the Yankees, during a pennant race, 10 beers deep, seated next to a guy who's puking and a guy with a tattoo on his bicep that counts the number of street fights he's won, and catching a Papi homer is precisely why it's better to be a Sox fan.

Number 2: The chicks

Where else can you find girls who will spend six hours each day lying out at the beach with three bottles of intense tanning lotion and one of those huge reflecting mirrors for maximum burn — and then they go to work at their tanning salon that same night, spending another four to five hours in a tanning booth with the "might as well be standing on the sun" level of power? Nothing like skin that could be mistaken for leather to get your heart racing.

Number 1: College Ave.

Enough students will stay around to take

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Trendy, but still true

Davis Square's hipness quotient stays high, thanks to its mix of the new and the old

BY SARAH FELDBERG
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Ask Tufts University students what made them decide to head to the Hill, and they'll probably mention a number of factors that influenced their decision.

They'll tell you about the outstanding academics and the brilliant professors. They'll bring up loads of extracurricular activities, like clubs and sports teams, and finally they'll mention the kicker: location, location, location.

But what exactly does location mean? If we're talking zip code, Tufts is not exactly a city school. In fact, it's more Medford Square than Metro Boston. But for most Tufts students that's beside the point. They can live the city life without even hopping on the T, right in their very own hub: Davis Square.

Davis is the commercial center closest to Tufts. A quick walk down College Ave. or a brief ride on the Joey and you'll land smack in the middle of this trendy Somerville neighborhood.

Once a declining local city square, Davis has been revived in recent years thanks to an influx of business and real estate developments motivated by the Red Line Extension, which delivered a T stop, as well as plenty of young professionals, to the area.

In 1997 the Utne Reader recognized Davis's full potential, naming the square one of the "hippest places to live" in the United States. And things have only improved since then.

Today, Davis boasts a wonderful array of restaurants, businesses and boutiques that offer everything from cocktail dresses to curried chicken, and Tufts students are reaping the benefits.

For Tufts senior Shaina Tofias, living close to Davis has been one of the biggest advantages of her off-campus apartment. "I've enjoyed this year living on the Davis side of campus," Tofias said.

Being within walking distance of the square grants Tofias and her roommates easy access to Tufts' many bars and restaurants. On many weekend nights they find themselves heading to Davis to meet friends for a few beers or listen to live music.

"Davis Square is a fun place for young people to be at night," Tofias added. "There's a good variety of bars; the Burren, Redbones and Joshua Tree all offer different styles of nightlife."

Beyond the requisite Irish pubs and dive bars that have kept Tufts students and Somerville locals alike tipsy for years, the openings of two new nightspots this spring have taken Davis in a decidedly trendier direction.

Diva Lounges, a sister business to the popular eatery Diva Indian Bistro, has brought a taste of downtown to Davis. Even from the street, Diva Lounge stands out among the wooden and brick store fronts of this Somerville square.

The nightspot's walls are made of bubbled plastic that filter the outside light bathing the bar in a warm soft glow, and once inside, small tables and low benches topped with pillows provide a comfy spot to sip on one of the bar's signature cocktails or taste something off the Indian tapas menu.

According to one bartender, Tufts students have already been stopping by and taking advantage of the new venue, particularly on weekend evenings when



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A sister business to the popular eatery Diva Indian Bistro, Diva Lounge has brought a taste of downtown to Davis.

disc jockeys spinning house music raise the lounge's seriously hip vibe.

While Diva Lounge boasts delicious drinks and interesting snacks in a sensational space, for sports fans the nightspot lacks one particular amenity: big televisions.

With baseball season now in full swing, it can be hard to convince members of Red Sox nation to go anywhere without a TV. Enter 400 Highland.

Open for just over a month, this upscale bar and restaurant

provides a comfy place to watch the game while dining on anything but standard bar fare.

Assistant manager Brian Crum described executive chef Zachary Lord's menu as having "lots of French influence with a California kick."

Not sure what that means? Think pan-roasted local halibut served with beef steak tomatoes and yellow wax beans or sesame tuna tartar with lotus root chips. And for Tufts students looking

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The grandson of Nelson Mandela has followed in his famous grandfather's humanitarian footsteps

BY ANNE FRICKER
Daily Editorial Board

As seniors graduating today ponder their futures, one Tufts alumnus has a message to spread: get involved.

Prince Cedza Dlamini (LA '05), a native of Swaziland, Africa, graduated from Tufts last year and has continued to work for social change during his year away from the Medford campus.

Before attending college, in 1998 Dlamini co-founded America Reads/South Africa Reads (ARSAR), which he describes as "a non-profit organization advocating literacy." Through book-drives across the U.S., Dlamini collected over 100,000 books for libraries that serve poor rural South African schools.

Dlamini stresses that he is very passionate about social entrepreneurship.

"I am a social entrepreneur. I have a passion to achieve a social mission, but I employ practical business principles to achieve it," he says.

Dlamini's family has a long history of humanitarian work. A descendent of "freedom fighters," Dlamini's grandfathers are King Sobhuza II, who fought for the independence of Swaziland, and Nelson Mandela, the first black President of South Africa.

Dlamini was not, however, always dedicated to humanitarian work.

"Though I descend from great leaders, I did not expect nor set out to be a leader. When I was in high school, I got distracted and caught up in partying," he says.

However, after a life-changing experience living in the poverty-stricken African countryside, Dlamini decided to change his life and "became more focused."

After high school, Dlamini worked in the private sector with the Mitsubishi Corporation in South Africa. At Mitsubishi and at a subsequent job with his family's consulting firm in Johannesburg, Dlamini



COURTESY CEDZA DLAMINI

Prince Cedza Dlamini (LA'05), a native of Swaziland, Africa, graduated from Tufts last year

was exposed to the many obstacles facing black entrepreneurs in the post-apartheid South Africa.

"I was determined to return one day to expand resources and provide economic opportunities for my fellow Southern Africans, who had been marginalized during the Apartheid years in South Africa" he explains.

Several years later, while visiting America, Dlamini decided to resume his schooling in Boston — the "logical choice because it's considered the intellectual capital of the world," he says.

But Dlamini was unprepared to enter college.

"I did not have a student portfolio with SAT scores or transcripts," he explains. "Frankly, I didn't have anything."

At the last minute and with the help of a few friends, Dlamini was able to enroll at UMass Boston, where he spent his first year of college before transferring to Tufts.

After excelling at UMass, Dlamini joined

the REAL (Resumed Education for Adult Learners) program at Tufts.

"I was attracted to Tufts for many reasons: its international reputation, diverse international student body, and international relations program," he says. "I wanted to understand how people and nations work and how we can build a better world."

Dlamini's humanitarian work continued while on the Hill. In 2003, he was named the Africa co-chair for the World Youth Peace Summit, which aims to build a global network of young leaders with a spiritual and moral vision committed to peace-building.

In his junior year at Tufts, Dlamini attended the Pan-African Youth Leadership Summit in Dakar, Senegal. Subsequently, the United Nations extended to him an invitation to be one of the first leaders from across Africa to work on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), an eight-point plan aimed at eradicating worldwide poverty, hunger, and disease.

During his time at Tufts, Dlamini also worked with the Global Action Youth Network, an international collaboration of youth and youth-serving organizations. He also regularly addressed high school students on conflict resolution, youth empowerment and activism.

As a U.N. Youth Emissary for the MDGs, Dlamini is looking at the role that young people can play in achieving the MDGs by 2015. His work focuses on what he called "the three most important issues right now facing young people in Africa: poverty, the empowerment of women, and AIDS." He had some startling statistics to share: "AIDS is the leading cause of death in Africa and the fourth-leading cause of death worldwide, and 70 percent of all people infected with HIV live in Sub-Saharan Africa. About 313 million people in Sub-Saharan Africa

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Changing the world, one internship at a time

BY MATT SKIBINSKI
Daily Editorial Board

Junior Maisie Ganz did not want to spend her precious summer months organizing files and making coffee in an air-conditioned office. In fact, she did not want her summer plans to involve air conditioning at all.

"I love being outside," Ganz said. "I love digging my hands into the ground and working really hard all day long."

This summer, thanks to one of the 25 internship stipends granted by Career Services, Ganz will have the opportunity to do just that. While many of her peers will be returning to the comforts of an air-conditioned home, Ganz will be heading to New Mexico. There, in the mountains north of Santa Fe, she'll spend her days under the sun working for Gemini Farm, a seven-acre organic farm committed to food production as a method of educating the public about how humans affect the environment.

"I'll be helping grow and harvest crops and getting experience with the methods of organic agriculture," Ganz said. "I hope to learn a lot."

In the past, only five students would have received summer internship stipends from Career Services, which used money from the AS&E diversity fund. This year, however, 25 students will receive grants from Career Services, for new funds are now used from the \$100 million donation given to the university by Pierre and Pam Omidyar in November 2006.

"The Internship Grant program is an unprecedented service here at Tufts, and one that we believe will meet a strong need among our population and make a significant contribution to the organizations where they will work," said Director of Career Services Jean Papalia.

This will be Ganz's second summer internship at Gemini Farm, but her first time receiving a grant to do so.

"I feel like the grant has made it [her internship at Gemini] all the more legitimate in the eyes of not only the farm but also the Tufts community," she said.

As part of the grant requirements, Ganz will present a presentation and poster session about her internship when she returns next fall.

"I get to share my experience with other Tufts students," she said, "which is one of the cool things about the grant."

The internship will also be a way for Ganz to explore her life's passion. Although she said she receives the occasional "raised eyebrow" whenever she discusses her plans for the future, Ganz hopes to become an organic farmer after she leaves Tufts, or even to open a farm of her own.

"Besides the actual experience with organic farming methods, I also want to find out for myself how I want to integrate farming into my life," she said.

Ganz said she's interested in the balance between production and education at Gemini Farm, which uses internships to teach students about the techniques of sustainable agriculture.

"I'm very conscious of our current agricultural system, and it means a lot to me that I live my life so that I'm not only making my ecological footprint smaller, but also educating others about why it's important to do so," she said. "The way that these guys have gone about it is inspiring."

Papalia believes that the grant allows students like Ganz to extend their humanitarianism when away from Tufts. "One of the most notable characteristics of the Tufts student population is its commitment to public service and humanitarian initiatives," Papalia said. "Our students embrace the concept of citizenship, both philosophically and actively, both inside and outside the classroom."

According to Papalia, while the internships "reflect a wide range of professional interests, organizations and geographic locations,"

they share a common thread in that all students selected demonstrated a commitment to both learning and making a difference. She said she hopes the internships will give them the "opportunity to contribute."

Sophomore Adam Levy, another grant recipient, hopes his internship with Coalicion de Derechos Humanos, an immigrant rights and community awareness group in Tucson, Ariz., that offers legal aid to recent immigrants, will give him both career experience and a chance to do something worthwhile.

He'll spend his summer being trained in immigrant rights and interviewing legal and illegal immigrants to document abuses.

"I was definitely looking to work for some kind of non-profit organization, and I wanted something to give me a chance to have hands-on contact and really influence things," he said. "We'll be organizing a network of pro-bono lawyers and trying to assemble a network of options to help these people."

While the internship will give him valuable experience that will help him with his plans for the future — which include majoring in International Relations and Peace and Justice studies, attending law school and eventually working for a non-profit organization — he said the issue is particularly meaningful because of his background. Levy and his family immigrated legally to the United States from Ecuador when he was a boy.

"I think it will make me realize how lucky I am as an immigrant," he said. "My experience was different than it is for these people — I never had to pay a coyote to smuggle me across the border or leave my family behind."

Levy recalled returning to Ecuador in recent years and seeing entire villages devoid of middle-aged men, most of whom were working in the United States to support their families in Ecuador.

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BY THE NUMBERS

Great expectations

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As the Class of 2006 makes its way into the working world, many of its members are also making their way toward (eventual) financial independence. In this Commencement installment of "By the Numbers," the Daily explores graduating college students' outlooks on monetary matters, as well as their job-market prospects.



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7/10 College upperclassmen (juniors and seniors) who believe they will have a full-time job "within 3 months of graduation," according to a recent CitiBank survey

2.1% Unemployment rate for college graduates in April 2006

14% Increase in the number of college graduates employers intend to hire this year as opposed to last year, according the National Association of Colleges and Employers

59% College upperclassmen who believe they will make \$30,000+ in their first year post-graduation

1/3 College upperclassmen who believe they will make \$40,000+ in their first year post-graduation

43% College upperclassmen who say they're "extremely/very likely to ask their parents for money if they're unable to meet financial obligations after graduation"

28% Upperclassmen planning on living with their parents post-graduation

10% Amount by which that percentage has increased since last year



CORBIS

47% Upperclassmen who "think they have sufficient knowledge to manage finances and credit responsibilities after graduation"

18% Amount by which that percentage has decreased since 2004

46% Upperclassmen who say they're "good" at managing day-to-day spending

73% Upperclassmen who say they're "consistently" on-time in paying bills

77% Upperclassmen who say they're "concerned with establishing good credit"

1 Rank of "parents" on the list of sources to which upperclassmen turn for financial information

2 Rank of "banks/financial institutions" on that list

3 Rank of "the Internet" on that list

4 Rank of "their college/university" on that list

1095 College upperclassmen included in the study, which took place Feb. 23 - Mar. 7 of this year

+/- **3.1%** Margin of error

The information cited above comes from Citi Credit, the Center for American Progress and the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

CAMPUS COMMENT

Snowball fights! Late nights! And, of course, NQR

What's your favorite college memory?

Alex Wright
Sophomore



"I don't have a particular favorite memory, but I really love spring here, when the flowers pop out of the ground. I'm from San Diego so I've never seen that before."

"This past fall, I helped organize the YET [Young Entrepreneurs at Tufts] Conference, and to promote it, my friend and I dressed up as the Blues Brothers and drove around yelling into a megaphone and blasting the Peter Gunn theme. And then President Bacow called TUPD on us."

Katrina Sison
Sophomore



"Kid's Day this past year... I helped coordinate it, so it was amazing to see everyone coming together, and it was fun to see college students being kids again."



Jonathan Teper
Senior

The end of spring giving way to the beginning of summer frequently marks not only the end of a season, but the end of an era.

Aside from the classes, exams and papers that characterize any student's four years in college, there are also the candlelight ceremonies at the beginning of freshman year and the end of senior year, Homecoming, a capella concerts, late-night cannon paintings, hang-outs on the rooftop of Tisch, semesters spent abroad and, of course, the Naked Quad Run and Spring Fling.

Jumbos thus often find it hard to single out their one favorite time which best caps their Tufts experience.

Junior Cynthia Medina, who has spent the past semester studying abroad in Paris, recalls the first snow storm of her freshman year as her favorite memory.

In the grand tradition of sledding and snowball fights along the President's Lawn, Medina remembers a bonding experience with her floor-mates in the Massachusetts cold.

"All the people on my floor went out to play in the snow," Medina said. "We played football and went sledding ... Afterwards, we went inside and hung out in the lounge to sing Christmas carols and drink hot chocolate. It finally felt like Christmas!"

When sophomore Ara Cho reflects on her time at Tufts thus far, she thinks fondly of late nights spent with friends, "staying up super late, ordering food, eating ice cream and just hanging out," she said.

"But there was one time where we played a 'Punk'd' sort-of scenario on some of our friends," Cho said, laughing. "We prank called them using fake voices and

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Townie prepares for summer

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classes or intern in Boston to make this a pretty fun atmosphere with keg barbecues and other keg-related activities.

You can take a six-pack on the porch and watch domestic disputes occur all around you, like a Jerry Springer show with the theme "Mothers who get mad at

their daughters for working on the same corner."

There's always something to do and, when in doubt, you can always just walk down to The Broken Yolk and have a conversation with that guy who just swears at everyone who walks by.

Not to mention the most redeeming quality of Medford: I'm always here.

Dlamini founds Ubuntu Institute for Young Social Entrepreneurs

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survive on less than one dollar per day," Dlamini explained.

Dlamini believes youth have the power to change the status-quo.

"One young person can change the world," he says. "However, young people are not fully engaged; many are apathetic, disillusioned with politics and policy-making; and even if we are active, our efforts are not effectively targeted and our resources are not efficiently pooled or streamlined."

As a result, after graduating from Tufts, Dlamini founded the Ubuntu Institute for Young Social Entrepreneurs, to which he now devotes most of his time in New York City.

The Ubuntu Institute "arms young African leaders with the leadership and professional skills they need to achieve the MDGs in their communities," according to Dlamini's Web site.

Through the Ubuntu Institute, Dlamini hopes to convince more young people to take charge of their role in making a difference in the world.

Dlamini recommends exposing young people to the world

around them from a young age in order to make them more involved.

"We must empower youth and help them realize just what kind of power they have to change their surroundings," he says.

In order to get involved, "Find your passion in life. Learn what it is that you are passionate about and use that area," Dlamini says.

"If you're a musician, hold concerts that benefit AIDS orphans; if you're an artist, auction pieces of art to charity; if you're into business, share your knowledge with leaders of non-profits that lack the kind of experience you do," he adds.

"Everyone cannot be speakers, or dig wells, or travel around the world to feed the poor. However, you can effect change in your area with your greatest resources, your networks and talents," Dlamini says.

Finally, Dlamini offers this advice to seniors: "Starting out to make money is the greatest mistake in life. Do what you feel you have a flair for doing, and if you are good enough at it, the money will come."

To learn more about the Ubuntu Institute go to www.ubuntuinstitute.com.

A close retreat from campus

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for a burger to go with their beer, 400 Highland's is made with American Kobe beef, the perfect accompaniment to a Bruins game or a cold beverage.

But Davis Square also has plenty to offer before the sun goes down.

"There are definitely good places for students to utilize," Tufts senior Gabriel Lubart said, "There's a lot of places that students might not even know about."

One such gem is Dave's Fresh Pasta, a local shop that gives Somerville residents a good reason not to cook dinner and Tufts students an alternative to dining hall food. "I know when you're in college you tend to eat a lot of crappy food," manager Christina Theophanis said. "We try to make a lot of good fresh food. Kudos for healthy eating."

Dave's opened in Davis about seven years ago as a specialty pasta shop offering homemade pasta, ravioli and sauces. And last spring Dave's took over the storefront next door, expanding to include freshly prepared hot food and lunches.

With a brand new liquor license, now Dave's even offers a variety of beers and wines to go with your Italian sandwich or butternut squash ravioli. "We deal mostly with smaller distributors," Christina explained, "wine from small vineyards and mostly micro-brewed beers."

And apparently Dave's has the right idea. As Tufts senior Adam Lasker eagerly explained, "I go to Davis for food and beer."

With businesses old and new going strong, Davis offers Jumbos plenty of both.

Students put stipends to good use

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"These people have made great sacrifices to come here," he said. "More than anything else, I'm looking forward to really talking to these people and learning about the issue firsthand."

"This internship is definitely in the direction of career exploration, but I also see it as a way to contribute," he added.

Two thousand miles away, in Washington D.C., freshman Lisa Haubenstock will be contributing in a rather different way. At her internship with Critical Exposure, a nonprofit startup company run by two Tufts alumni, Haubenstock's goal will be to "promote education equality through photo and documentary."

"Critical Exposure runs special classes for middle-schoolers that teach them leadership skills, writing skills, how to use a camera and different techniques of photography," she said. "Then, the students use those skills to create firsthand accounts of their schools."

According to Haubenstock, the internship will play a dual role for her.

"I sort of have the idea that one day I might start my own nonprofit, so I hope to have a better understanding of how nonprofits work," she said. "But I also want to feel by the end of the summer that I've made a difference."

According to Papalia, a main purpose of the grants was to alleviate the financial pressure that comes with working at an unpaid internship in the summer.

"Many students who utilize their

summers to help defray the costs of college are not able to participate in meaningful internship experiences because most summer internships do not offer salaries," she said. "As a result, many students cannot afford to gain first-hand experience in the career field of their choice."

Junior Isha Plynton, who will be working in the office of Senator Ed Kennedy to help research and legislate education reform, said the grants were essential for her. On top of the fact that the internship is unpaid, she also needs to cover almost \$900 per month for housing in Washington D.C.

"I probably wouldn't have been able to do this internship without the money," she said.

Plynton also said that the nature of the grant program will make her internship more meaningful and helpful, as she has to conduct weekly interview sessions with members of the office about their careers and about legislation in general.

"It's not just about making coffee for people and things like that. I actually get the chance to involve myself with the legislation process."

In addition, Plynton said it would help her in her career search later on in life. The program also sets up each grant recipient with two alumni mentors in the field.

"The interviews are an important part of the program, because they encourage us to learn about the career we're interested in and encourage us to network."

Levy agreed. "I see myself working with a nonprofit or NGO here in the states or somewhere else when I graduate," he said. "But this is a good first step."

'I can make a greater impact in under-resourced schools'

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lack of resources and all sorts of negative conditions are not going to allow them to do that. My goal is to make a difference in their lives," Baumwoll added.

Nickerson agreed: "My biggest goal is to help my students succeed academically and learn to have confidence in their own abilities," she said.

Teaching allows for change in a unique way, and Ronfard looks forward to taking it on the challenge.

"As a teacher, you can have an impact everywhere, but I believe that I can make a greater impact in under-resourced schools," he said.

"I hope to make a positive impact in the community I will join," he added.

All three believe that their Tufts educations have prepared them

for Teach for America. Nickerson feels prepared to use her knowledge from experience in the classroom. "I think the fact that I've done a lot of experiential learning at Tufts makes me better prepared to apply academic knowledge to the real world," she said.

"Tufts has absolutely prepared me," Baumwoll said. "I think the emphasis that Tufts places on active citizenship and leadership has been extremely helpful in preparing me to stand in front of a classroom and help impart knowledge."

"Future seniors or anyone else should try to make sure that they're not getting caught up in the idea of having to get a job and be on a particular track," Baumwoll added. "Teach for America offers the opportunity to have an experience for the rest of your life before starting your actual career."

Partying with Roberta Oster Sachs?! Tufts students recall myriad highlights of their time on the Hill

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personas. And then we got them out of the room so we could hide in there and scare them."

On the other hand, sophomores Amod Rajbhandari and Rodrigo Armstrong share a rather unique memory: partying with one of their professors.

"Every year, Roberta Oster Sachs, who teaches 'Producing Films for Social Change,' promises her students that she'll party with them, but she never does," Rajbhandari said.

"Until this year," Armstrong added. "She finally did."

Rajbhandari and Armstrong described how different yet fun it was to dance and laugh alongside one of Tufts' most well-liked professors, who is leaving the University this year.

Though it may be fun to get down with your professor,

sometimes nothing beats a good old-fashioned floor-wide celebration.

Freshmen Kate McCaffrey and Lindsay Forsys, who lived on the fourth floor of Lewis Hall this past year, have fond memories of a floor-wide party where the only required item of clothing was underwear.

At a school where stripping down in the cold is a time-honored tradition, the underwear party was not too surprising.

"It was really fun ... everyone was going crazy and we were having a great time," the girls said. "Until TUPD came and broke it up."

Sophomore Meredith Pickett's fondest Tufts memory comes from a scantily-clad night as well — the Nighttime Quad Reception, also known as Naked Quad Run, or NQR.

"When I was in West for NQR this past year, my friend Erica fell into me on the steps

because the stairs were still wet from the snow. I fell down the stairs and I mean ... we went down hard," Pickett said.

"We got up and tried to walk it off like we were fine," she added. "But as soon as all the people who saw us left, we hobbled back up to our friend Liz's room."

Though the memory may conjure up images of painful bruises, Pickett begs to differ. "I told everyone that Erica pushed me down the stairs," she said. "It was actually pretty awesome."

Junior Becky Hayes remembers a moment unique to students who spend time exploring another country and studying abroad.

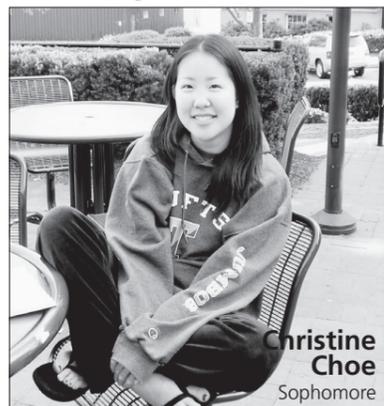
Hayes, who spent the fall of her junior year in Central America, remembers evenings in Leon, Nicaragua, when street kids would dress up in intricate costumes depicting a huge elegant woman and a smaller man with only a large head.

"Every night, at dusk, in the main park by the cathedral, all these kids would come out dressed up and perform a dance with drumming to earn money," Hayes explained. "It symbolized Nicaragua's fight for independence against Spain."

Hayes, who watched the dancing while backpacking from Costa Rica to Nicaragua and Guatemala, described the tradition as a four-hour evening ritual, with the children wandering around the city and stopping at different bars and cafes as well.

"It was amazing," she said.

What's your favorite college memory?



Christine Choe
Sophomore

“Taking tater tots into ‘Intro To Yiddish Culture’ every day.”

RESTAURANT PICKS

Good eats don't have to end on graduation day

BY MICHAEL GARSHICK
Senior Staff Writer

As your time at Tufts comes to a close, heart-wrenching goodbyes undermine Commencement Day festivities. With your parents merrily taking pictures in the background, one question looms in your head: No, not, "Will they change the exercise room back into my bedroom?" but rather, "Where am I going to take my family for food?" Well, don't fret; unlike finding a job with health insurance, vision and dental, this decision is easy!

Finding good eats around Tufts is as simple as square-hopping your way to victory: Teele Square, Davis Square, Ball Square... the list goes on. And if you want to expand your horizons (minus Boston), check out Porter, Harvard and the long overlooked but nearly infallible Inman Square.

Whichever square you choose, please abide by one simple principle: Be classy. Someone — parents, the government, loan officers, a trust fund (hopefully) — has spent a staggering \$160,000 on that cap, gown and piece of paper, so why not spend a little more? At the absolute most, it will only add one more month to your 20-year payment.

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Tufts student musicians take to the road this summer

COURTESY JAHN SOOD

Furman might be good with that guitar, but if he can make a Haskell dorm room look that good, he should consider a career in interior decorating.

BY GREGORY CONNOR
Daily Editorial Board

For most of us, the last day of school once opened a world of possibility. The seemingly everlasting summer was for the taking to accomplish all the brilliant plans one's grade school mind could think of. Unfortunately,

as the number of three-month-long summer breaks that we can enjoy dwindles, the euphoria of finishing finals fades fast with the quick onset of the realities of summer jobs, internships and the looming shadow of the "real world."

As we are begging for someone to hire us, the Tufts music scene is keeping the spirit

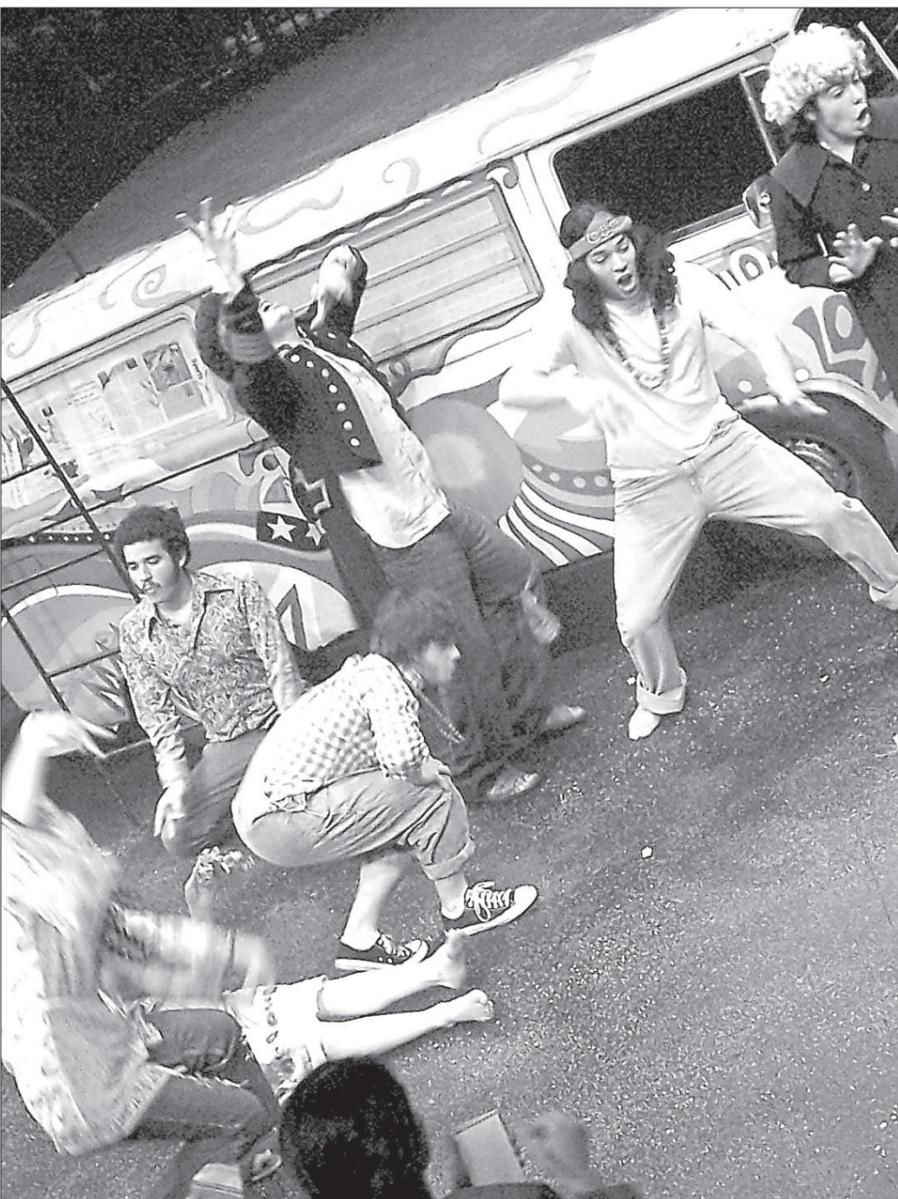
of summer alive. These musicians use their months off doing what we always knew the summer was really for: pursuing whatever it was we dreamed of while we were stuck in a classroom for the past eight months.

The Harpoons, one of Tufts' most

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TUFTS THEATER: YEAR IN REVIEW

From vampires to vaudeville, variety graced Tufts' stages



SARAH HALPERT/TUFTS DAILY

One of the "Hair" cast's bonding activities was to organize a bake sale featuring magic brownies.

BY KATE DRIZOS
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Be they Niels Bohr, Ben Affleck, Demetrius and Helena, or vampire school girls, a wide cast of characters has entertained Tufts theater audiences this year.

Puppets and parody opened the 2005-2006 season as O-Shows "The Music of Avenue Q" and "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged" welcomed the Class of 2009 to campus. With impressive puppetry skills, the cast of "Avenue Q" used the Broadway hit's musical numbers to tell the endearing story of a recent college grad named Princeton and his neighbors. "The Complete Works," directed by junior Caitlin Johnson, managed to irreverently yet lovingly touch on each of the Bard's 37 plays, with a few moments of cross-dressing and a reverse retelling of "Hamlet" thrown in for good measure.

Bare Bodkin's fall installation of its semi-annual 24 Hour Theater Festival got Tufts thespians' juices flowing as three teams created skits that began with the line "One...two...three... four." Festival winner Team Bombay, comprising seniors Luke Brown and Gabriela Jirasek (who is also a staff writer for The Daily), junior Brendan Shea, and sophomore Dave Naden, took home the gold with their tale of 19th-century vampire girls.

Bodkin's fall season continued as the group, whose distinguishing feature is a focus on student-written pieces, took their mission statement one step further in a story that was also about students: "Untitled by Jack," written by Tufts PhD student Scott Malia.

Faculty production "A School for Scandal," directed by the Department of Drama and Dance's Sheriden

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GALLERY PICK

Tufts Art Gallery exhibit makes you feel right at home

BY SARAH COWAN
Senior Staff Writer

Inviting visitors into their lives, welcoming them into their bedrooms, family slide shows, towns, alter egos,

MFA Thesis Exhibition

At the Tisch Gallery of Tufts University through May 21

life stories, and even into their bodies, the last of four MFA Thesis Exhibitions presented at the Tufts University Art Gallery combines six artists and soon-to-be joint degree program grads who share a common theme in their art.

In a show that could easily be divided into six separate mini-exhibits, this group of theses makes a coherent whole. The artists all grapple with the meaning of identity and its implications in their art. Exploring this theme through a variety of media, every piece relates to the artists' own personal histories and reaches beyond the confines of privacy into larger, conceptual meanings.

Some of the pieces are infused with personal history and deal explicitly with the transience of memory and time and the way that art attempts to capture this. Upon entering the Gallery, visitors are greeted with the familiar clicking sound of a slide projector in senior Danielle M. Avram's "Improved Earth." The series of photographs projected on the wall are not so recognizable, however, as they display the lives of a family of strangers.

On the opposite wall another image is projected: a film of the Saskatchewan prairies in Canada where the artist grew

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JILL HARRISON | TRAVELING LUSH

*Last call (yup, went there)*

Is it honestly May 2006? This is a year and day that the Lush never really believed would actually come. But here it is: graduation (the Dirty G, as my roommates and I have taken to calling it).

The Lush has had a very nostalgic May, my friends. It really began when I was watching the Tuftonia's Day fireworks dead sober — shocking, I know — with some of my best friends. Somewhere between climbing up onto the amorphous bronze statue in front of Carmichael and seeing that one firework that hit Houston, I realized that, for someone who applied early decision to another college, the Lush really ended up falling in love with this place.

So here they are, the last words you'll read from this Lush. Sometime between wrangling your family members, posing for pictures, shaking off your last hangover of college and listening to Larry and Lance, I hope you find a few minutes to reminisce with me. Speaking of Lance — dude, what happened with Sheryl?

I really started brainstorming this column just before getting asked to leave Carmichael brunch the morning of this year's Spring Fling. The Lush gave a rousing and probably too-loud speech/toast, and the swipty lady was not so amused.

Anyway, here's a more fleshed-out version of that farewell. Hopefully you will not find it as "disrespectful" as she did.

It's last call, seniors — time for nostalgia. I've traveled from Miller to Professor's Row to Powderhouse Pub and beyond; in fact, I think I have drunk in almost every building on this campus. Including Goddard — sorry, Father O'Leary.

I want to thank all of you for the last four years — even the people I don't particularly like. The Lush has changed a whole lot in her years on this Hill, and she wouldn't change a day of it — even the crap.

If you're like me — and I'm sure most of you are — in the past four years, you've gone out and gotten drunk and belligerent, cried, puked, passed out and blacked out — probably more times than you can count... or remember. But there have been even more times that were drama-free, vomit-free and just plain awesome.

I've had hook-ups, break-ups and make-ups. I fell in love, got my heart broken, and then actually fell in love. Then actually got my heart broken. Then figured out it would all be okay — alcohol helped with that.

I have had good professors, great advisors, taken great classes, pushed myself and been pushed by others. I have gotten drunk when I should have been studying. For that matter, I have studied when I should have been getting drunk. There are nights I forget that I wish I could remember. There are nights I remember that I would prefer to forget.

I have made some absolutely amazing friends: friends who I have painted the cannon with, had drunken photo shoots on Jumbo with, run NQR with, made the tour of frat basements and off-campus house parties with, and had countless memories that I couldn't even describe to you. But you don't need the Lush to tell you that. You already know; you each have a million of your own.

You don't need to hear about all the good times in the common room of second floor, Miller Hall, east side '02-'03. Although they were damn good times; I remember one epic snowball fight in

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SUMMER BOSTON ARTS PICKS



Finished the sudoku already? Why not try a rousing game of "Whence art Sir Waldo"?

BY STEPHANIE VALLEJO
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School may be out, but learning isn't. Take a crash course in Boston culture this summer with the city's many artsy, affordable and educational events that will more than fill your spare time. Even on the longest day of the year, Boston's summer cultural events provide great material for your "How I Spent My Summer" blog post. Numerous annual festivals and weekly events promise a thorough summer schooling in the customs of Beantown and beyond.

It's not Tribeca, but the fourth annual Boston International Film Festival (BIFF) adds a little foreign flavor to the city from June 7 through June 15. Boston rolls out the red carpet for documentaries, feature-length and student films to be screened in the AMC Loews Boston Common and the Massachusetts College of Art. It's not a free event, but tickets may be bought per film or for all screenings. More importantly, the opportunity to avoid blockbusters like "Snakes on a Plane" might just be worth it.

Economical movie buffs can also avoid the boredom and expense of the typical summer movie selection with WBZ Free Friday Flicks, starting June 23 in the Hatch Memorial Shell on the Charles River Esplanade, which feature popular, family-friendly films both old and new. Be sure to BYOB — bring your own blanket, that is — to lounge on the lawn and enjoy the show.

July heats up if the stage is your scene. Boston Theatre Works presents its eighth annual BTW Unbound: A Festival of New

Plays 2006, which features the plays-in-progress of new talent. At the Boston Center for the Arts, this festival provides a chance to marvel at the artistic process and, after selected performances, speak with the playwrights who make it possible. If your entry-level job paycheck has you living large (or not), the suggested donation of \$15 for the festival pass is still more than reasonable.

Since all the world's a stage, summer's the best time to take the play out of the playhouse with the annual Free Shakespeare on the Common performances.

Since all the world's a stage, summer's the best time to take the play out of the playhouse with the annual Free Shakespeare on the Common performances. The Wang Center for the Performing Arts presents the "The Taming of the Shrew," directed by Wang Vice President for Artistic Programming Steven Maler and performed by the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company. In a three-week stint from July 22 to Aug. 13, the event celebrates its eleventh year bringing the Bard to the Boston public at the Parade Grounds on the Common.

There's nothing common about the mfasummerfridays, however. Take a midsummer night's opportunity to

socialize and show off the knowledge you picked up in art history class at the Calderwood Courtyard. Beginning on July 7, summerfridays also promises live music each week, with Grupo Fantasia opening the season. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m., and entry is free with museum admission.

If the MFA's high culture gives you a taste for the high life, blow your tip money at the ArtMart, a weekly summer arts and crafts marketplace at the Community Arcade in City Hall Plaza. From June 27 to Aug. 29, every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., you can find the work of local artists for sale. And if you're a more adventurous crafter, hop on the MBTA Lowell Line and check out the Lowell Folk Festival, July 28 through July 30. The crafts, food and musical performances span the globe; ethnic cuisine and goods will be featured alongside those of traditional New England.

Since "Lost" is in reruns, summer Wednesdays might become boring, but there's hope; get over the hump with the WCRB Classical Concert Series, also featured in the Hatch Shell. Beginning July 5 and running until Aug. 23, the series is an ideal way to enjoy the Hatch's original reason for existence: orchestral music. With so many other arts events to check out, relax on Wednesday and let Amadeus do the rocking.

This summer, show Boston who's really boss by mastering the scene. Whether you're a film buff, theater aficionado or folk festival fiend, there's something waiting for you. Be the overachieving Tufts student and take on Boston this summer, and get proud to get "aht smaht"!

SUMMER MUSIC PICKS

The Daily makes the A-side of its summer mixtape

Our resident music man sounds off on summer tunes that alternately soothe and sizzle

BY MIKEY GORALNIK
Daily Editorial Board

When I was studying for finals, the only thing that kept me from setting the library on fire and chuckling while it burned was the looming heat and relative liberation of summer '06. And why not? Summer's a time when we can all throw down with people we missed, get tan and not think about being evaluated for a few months.

Still, though selective memory tends to edit this part out; summer can be really lame and boring. Getting coffee as an intern, earning minimum wage in the service or retail industries, or just sitting on your ass can and does suck sometimes, and this is a reality of most students' summers.

A summer mixtape, if people still listened to tapes and made mixes on them, should have music appropriate for both scenarios: fresh, new bangers to celebrate months

and months of sunshine-y festivities, and recent offerings from the world of pop to help mitigate your sweaty malaise. Here are some of The Daily's suggestions.

Gnarls Barkley, "Crazy"

A banger in every way, "Crazy" is a sure-fire summer hit and the May front-runner for the season's premier anthem. Fresh from his collaboration with underground hip-hop heavy-weight MF Doom, producer Danger Mouse teams with flamboyant, Hot'lanta neo-soul crooner Cee-Lo for this LP, whose biggest shortcoming is that each subsequent track is significantly worse than "Crazy." The verses get by on Cee-Lo's magnificent voice and faux spitting about mental decay, but this song is made in the chorus where Danger Mouse spices up the mechanical drums and sharp bass line with a lush, sprawling string sample and spooky, chant-

ing vocals. Cee-Lo perfects the crescendo as he belts, "I think you're crazy / Just like me!"

The Streets, "Can't Con an Honest John"

The tense, stylish garage-grime songs of Mike Skinner (a.k.a. The Streets) are great for several reasons, including the following: When you can manage to understand his Cockney flow, he can be an insightful and street-smart storyteller, but even when you can't, you're still left with the hilarious irony of listening to a scrawny, white British rapper. This gem about an intricate scam involving a stolen dog, a greedy barman and a friend ("Let's call him Farquhar") is from his recently released third LP, "The Hardest Way to Make an Easy Living," and it showcases Skinner at both his intelligible and unintelligible finest. The scam is brilliant, but you don't need to know what's going on to



DOWNTOWN RECORDS
Gnarls Barkley's got milk.

think it's funny.

Wilco, "Walkin'"

On their spring tour, the Great American Band played several new songs set to appear on their as-yet-untitled sixth studio album, and while they're all good, "Walkin'" is outstanding. Bandleader/guitarist Jeff Tweedy has said that the new material is fun to write because the 2004

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MOVIE PREVIEW

Rotoscoping? 'Substance D'? New Keanu film is, like, whoa

BY DAVID BURG
Contributing Writer



WARNER BROS. ENTERTAINMENT

A team of experts finally sit down to explain "The Matrix" to Keanu.

If you count yourself among the uninitiated who haven't seen Richard Linklater's 2001 film "Waking Life," you may have a Keanu moment when you first see the trailer for Linklater's new movie, "A Scanner Darkly," coming out July 7; the film's unique style could inspire even the most jaded moviegoer to exclaim a stupefied "Whoa."

But the fact that Keanu Reeves is one of the new movie's stars is perhaps only a coincidence.

For those who haven't seen "Waking Life," the visual style of "Scanner" may be unfamiliar; coupled with the film's inventive, futuristic content, it's one that's sure to impress. Based on a novel of the same name by prolific science-fiction author Philip K. Dick, "A Scanner Darkly" will provide a welcome change of pace during the summer blockbuster season.

Linklater makes the viewer responsible for sorting through the plot on his or her own, but we

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SUMMER MOVIE PICKS

Drown your post-graduation blues in a Jumbo-sized tub of popcorn...

BY GABRIELA JIRASEK
Senior Staff Writer

As the Class of 2006 looks to step into the real world, one summer pastime will still provide escapist fantasies for the freshman at heart: the movie blockbuster. There may be a minefield of crummy action flicks and sappy romantic comedies to avoid, but you now have a college degree to help you navigate the flotsam and jetsam of Hollywood. To help you refine your movie-viewing experiences, the Daily has assembled a comprehensive preview of this summer's blockbuster wannabes sorted by academic discipline. So put your diploma to work and escape your unemployment woes at the local cineplex.

Biology = "X-Men: The Last Stand" (May 26)

Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) and the gang face extinction as scientists discover a "cure" to the mutant gene that can turn any patient into a normal human being. All the regulars from the last two X-Men movies return for a battle to end all battles. If the addition of Angel (Ben Foster) and Juggernaut (Vinnie Jones) fails to impress, then we can take solace in laughing at Kelsey Grammer as the blue but "brainy" Beast.

Peace and Justice Studies = "The Break-Up" (June 2)

Since the demise of "Bradifer," poor Jennifer Aniston has been thrown to the paparazzi wolves without a big, strong man to shield her. Enter Vince Vaughn. The rumored romance between the two stars of "The Break-Up" may pump up more hype than the actual plot, a rom-com about exes who refuse to move out of a jointly-owned apartment. It may not be as hot 'n' heavy as last summer's "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," but at least Jen is back in the saddle as a skinny, whiny 30-something.

Child Development = "The Omen" (June 6)

When an American diplomat secretly adopts a newborn to protect his wife from the pain of losing her child during labor, he doesn't realize he's signed up to raise the spawn of Satan. A remake of the 1976 classic, "The Omen"'s opening date (which makes the number "666") could be a cute sales pitch, or just a bad sign that it's another pointless horror film retreat.

Mechanical Engineering = "Cars" (June 8)

Pixar takes to the super speedway with its latest computer animated extravaganza. With the vocal talents of Owen Wilson, Paul Newman, Bonnie Hunt, and Cheech Marin, "Cars" is sure to finish far ahead of the competition, leaving "Herbie" to eat its dust.



PIXAR ANIMATION STUDIOS

Spanish = "Nacho Libre" (June 16)

It's high time Lucha Libre crossed the border into U.S. culture. These Mexican wrestlers are inspiring social heroes the likes of which we haven't seen since the heyday of the WWF's inane violence. Jack Black stars as a priest-in-progress who enters the world of Lucha Libre to save the small orphanage where he serves as cook. From the director and writers of 2004's "Napoleon Dynamite" and 2003's "School of Rock," "Nacho Libre" could pack enough punch to knock out the average summer blockbuster.

Communications and Media Studies = "Click" (June 23)

Why make a movie about Adam Sandler and a magic television remote that can fast-forward/rewind his life? While TiVo-ing your existence sounds like the basis of a bad after-school special, this version showcases the amazing thespian talents of "Van Helsing"'s Kate Beckinsale and David Hasselhoff. It also has Christopher Walken, but sadly, no cowbell.

Physics = "Superman Returns" (June 30)

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's another superhero movie! No-namer Brandon Routh takes on the "Man of Steel" role and a mission to foil the evil plans of Lex Luther (Kevin Spacey) after beating out hundreds of Hollywood hopefuls for the role. It's been 23 years since Superman last sailed across the silver screen, and the special effects wizards are rumored to have taken flying far beyond simple green screen technology.

History = "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (July 7)

Johnny Depp returns as Captain Jack



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COURTESY GEOFF BROWN



COURTESY JAHN SOOD

Left: Geoff Brown realizes that if professional mandolin playing doesn't pan out, he can always fall back on working as a traveling minstrel. Right: Come, Mr. Sood, song pon de replay; Harpoon guitarist spins a few tracks for WMFO.

Tufts musicians, DJs will perform 'round the world for the next 80 days

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recently-formed bands, may also be one of the best examples of using summer as a time to take on these goals. According to guitarist Jahn Sood, The Harpoons (all sophomores) came together when singer-songwriter Ezra Furman "decided he wanted to rock and roll."

Sood had been playing with fellow bassist Job Mukkada and drummer Adam Abrutyn in another band, which Furman admits he "hijacked." After playing together this semester, The Harpoons have recorded their debut record and are planning a tour currently scheduled to start on June 1 in Portland, Maine.

The Harpoons pride themselves on making "pure rock and roll for its own sake," as Furman says. Working off the strength of Furman's wealth of material and the band's previous experience together, The Harpoons boast that they sound like nothing you've ever heard before. Furman's vocals and lyrics are confident, mature and quirky, the closest comparison being to a "Highway 61 Revisited"-era Dylan. The already tight band has been experimenting with and expanding their sound in the studio, arguing over the volume of piano tracks and the relative merit of hand-claps.

After playing Portland, the band plans on working its way down through Boston towards New York, possibly playing in Canada, and then heading to the Midwest and Furman's hometown of Chicago. Embarking on what will be the first major tour for anyone in the band, they are confident they can keep their own style and a sense of where they're from.

This does not mean the tour will come without challenges. Furman remarks on how writing music on the road often falls into

a familiar pattern: "People have their first album, then they have their second album about missing home and how it sucks being on the road."

The complications don't end there. Rock mythology is filled with future stars willing to sacrifice shelter in favor of the music. The list ranges from Bob Dylan roaming from coffee house to coffee house with "no direction home" to Jonathan Richman moving from Boston to New York to sleep on Lou Reed's couch, and it is a list that The Harpoons hope to join.

"We don't know where we are going to sleep on the tour," Sood said. If this wandering life, or, more importantly, the determination that drives musicians to it, is a precursor to greatness, then The Harpoons could be in luck. They may be broke at the end of the summer, but as Sood says, "We are doing it for the music and the incredible experience."

While The Harpoons will be bringing their music across the country, sophomore Amod Rajbhandari will be working on bringing music to people in a very different way. Rajbhandari, a classical guitarist, will be in Nepal for the summer working as a DJ at one of the country's largest radio stations, Hits FM 91.2, based out of Kathmandu.

Rajbhandari, who has worked at the station for the past two summers, hosts several programs, which he says focus on "rock and roll, classic rock, blues, R&B, flamenco, world music, Bossa Nova, jazz — everything, basically." On top of going on air as a DJ, he also scripts commercials, as well as providing their voice-overs and adding music.

Nepal may be facing a period of political turmoil, but it is also at a crossroads in terms of its musical identity. The region surrounding Nepal is dominated by the powerful and

professional Indian culture, provoking Hits FM to work under a government directive to play at least 60 percent Nepalese music and the rest in any language they choose.

With the rise of popular radio stations like Hits FM, Rajbhandari has noticed an increasing fusion of Western and Eastern cultures, typified by musicians who are elevated to the level of celebrity for the first time.

Coming back to play at Tufts, Rajbhandari brings with him as much music as possible from Nepal, and he is especially interested by the music that arises from this fusion of Western and Nepalese music. Most of the Western world's knowledge of Nepalese music stops at the swarm of rock stars who flocked there in the late sixties and seventies, but the music scene today is much more diverse.

"The culture of rock and roll has stayed, but now people are playing Nepalese rock and roll," Rajbhandari said.

We often hear administrators brag about Tufts' global stature, but sometimes it seems hard to see this as anything more than having lots of IR majors. Rajbhandari's work at Hits FM is the perfect example of a Tufts student not just studying international culture but actually working to push it forward.

The summer provides student musicians with these types of opportunities to work with music, as Furman explained.

"Every once in a while you just want to drop out of school and be a rock star," Furman said.

With their dedication lying elsewhere, student musicians can become skeptical of the benefits of spending their time in a classroom. Mandolin player and senior Geoff Brown articulates the frustration that many musicians feel, especially those studying music in a classroom.

"If I were to tell someone how to get a music education ... I would tell them to go out there and start playing, meet people, and get a really good teacher," Brown said.

Over the summer Brown will have plenty of time to work closely with some of the greatest mandolin teachers available. He plans on attending workshops with some of his favorite artists, including Béla Fleck, Edgar Meyer, Jerry Douglas and Mike Marshall, as well as world-renowned mandolin player and close friend of Jerry Garcia, David Grisman. Brown says that one of his main reasons for attending is "to meet other musicians, have some fun, and play music."

Now that Brown has finished with the structured learning of Tufts, he feels less limited in learning music the way he wants to. He will be recording a collection of his classical music written at Tufts, which will feature Professor John McDonald on piano. He will also be recording a self-titled album starting in the end of May featuring the music he has recently been performing for mandolin, guitar and bass.

Brown says that he likes playing music people enjoy because "I don't want to just lock myself in a room somewhere and play music; I want to share it with people."

Whether it is an enthusiastic, but broke, band in the Northeast or a DJ in the foothills of the Himalayas, Tufts musicians are finding a way to share music. Over the course of the semester we've come to understand how impressive Tufts musicians are, from John Lennon Songwriting Contest finalist Bridget Kearney to genre-bending Spring Fling opener Melodesiac, and while we spend our final summers working, either in a job or on our tan, these musicians are hard at work bringing their music beyond the Medford-Somerville campus.

Plenty of post-graduation dinner options in Davis and Inman

RESTAURANTS

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Upon graduation (and after reading this article, of course) only two meals will be left in your Tufts history: lupper (lunch/supper) and dinner. We'll start with lupper. The need for this meal stems from the cheap box lunches between the primary and secondary graduation ceremonies. At \$7.50 a pop (the cost of ordering extra tickets) and featuring a frozen sandwich and cheap chocolate medallion (at least, that's what last year's included), these "meals" require something extra to hold you over.

Now is not the time for Anna's. Instead, try True Grounds in Ball Square. Close to Tufts, this relatively unacknowledged café offers free wireless and a great, comforting environment. Skip the oh-so-chic atmosphere of Starbucks and relax with a

cup of coffee and locally baked goods or a grilled panini. A truly friendly staff plus fantastically nice owners make you feel right at home.

After lupper, your entourage will probably want to rest before dinner, and you'll want to take some celebratory shots with friends (a caveat being that you're still drunk from Senior Week). If you're still looking for a place to go, a lack of reservations may be the self-limiting step. While Sunday night is not the new Saturday, Boston College, Simmons, Suffolk, Babson, Bentley and Brandeis (to name a few) all graduate this weekend, and Boston is going to be saturated with visitors. So stay close to home and explore those restaurants previously off-limits due to budget restraints.

One such restaurant is Gargoyles on the Square in Davis.

Featuring large windows and a peaceful ambiance, Gargoyles offers a fusion of culinary styles in a less pretentious setting than similar Boston offerings. Plates like goat cheese spanakopita (\$17) and hoisin and honey glazed duck confit (\$23) show Gargoyles' true versatility. As an added bonus, it even has live jazz on Sunday nights.

Hopping out of Davis Square and into Inman, you are greeted with a plethora of restaurants. Point yourself in the direction of East Coast Grill. An unflattering outside masks pure gastronomic delight. East Coast has some of the freshest seafood around, and you are in New England! They boast a locally stocked raw bar and creative fish selections like coriander-crusted swordfish, plus a large selection of barbecue chicken and ribs. East Coast Grill is best suited for those loud boi-

terous families that can't handle the hauteur of elegance (dishes range from \$10 to \$26) but still want quality.

If you're looking for reasonable but nice, try another hidden gem in Inman Square: Serving fresh Portuguese food, Casa Portugal has plates in the \$15 to \$20 range and provides large servings. The meat dishes here, especially those involving linguica, are particularly delightful. The best part, however, is Casa Portugal's wine special. At a recent visit, it offered a \$10-bottle of wine so good that the new Massachusetts re-corking policy won't be needed.

Above are some of the best that Boston doesn't have to offer, but if you must go into the city, try Sonsie. Located on Newbury Street, Sonsie offers a relaxed yet stylish atmosphere with an outdoor dining option and plates

priced at \$15 to \$30. Sonsie's ever-changing menu offers dishes designed to please moms, dads, dieters and kids. Meat and poultry take up a quarter of the menu, while baked seafood, gourmet pizzas and pasta make up the rest. On a warm Boston spring night (one can always hope), Newbury Street and Sonsie are popular destinations for people-watching and taking in the sights of Boston.

If none of these suggestions tickle your fancy, the Arts and Entertainment section of the Boston.com Web site has hundreds of restaurants categorized by rating, price, location and/or cuisine. So relax and eat up!

Just remember, wherever your stomach leads you, choosing the right restaurant and ambiance is a perk of graduation, but going out and eating with family and good friends trumps all.



COURTESY DIVYA MURTHY

Murthy's thesis, "Subdivision," is a documentary that explores the "notion of the real" in relation to American culture.

Exhibit explores identity, plays with dolls and nearly suffocates on fake hair

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up. In trying to capture the image of a never-ending landscape, Avram has confined her perspective to the unmoving screen of the film. Only the sound of muffled wind emanating from two speakers surpasses these limitations, reverberating through the room and beyond it.

Even as you leave the work, the mechanical click of the slide show and howling wind follow you with a rhythm that reaffirms the piece's construction and production. As a voyeur in this family slide show, the viewer discovers the trichotomy of the prairie that catches Avram's interest, the nature of simultaneous fullness and estrangement in an open landscape, and the voyeuristic view of a stranger's unexplained memories.

Avram's piece sets up the show perfectly, and as we play with these images, making them our

own and ultimately feeling separated from them, we see senior Tricia Neumyer's work, fittingly entitled, "Play With Me." Her art is overtly made in the image of herself, and she welcomes the viewer to physically manipulate her identity, creating paper dolls with different outfits and pop-up picture books of relationships, making somewhat uncomfortable implications as to the control the viewer has over the artist and the invasive consequences of art's creation for Neumyer.

In fact, Neumyer writes in her statement, "It is my assertion that truth lies in the viewer — you are invited to seek it out, find your own place within it, and try to figure out where mine is."

Conversely, senior Jennifer J. Woodward's piece, "Haven," explicitly represents the artist's "place," as she has built a surrealist installation depicting her own childhood bedroom. Woodward

herself is there in a kind of performance art, wrapping herself in long, fake hair, nearly suffocating herself in it, transforming the television screen on which she is broadcasted into the private mirror of a girl's childhood. She incorporates secret symbolism in every piece of furniture, reinventing the privacy of all bedrooms in which only its inhabitants can know their values.

“It is my assertion that truth lies in the viewer.”

Tricia Neumyer
MFA Thesis Exhibition Artist

Senior Divya Murthy similarly brings the viewer to her home, but her piece adds a political level of identity, commenting on

what it means to be an American and the "notion of the real" in documentary. Murthy uses a large format camera and digitally combines the images, resulting in an acutely detailed final image that is virtually infallible and makes viewers wish Murthy could have depicted Avram's prairies.

Echoing through the show is the music from "Tony Trouble's Hipwact Sock Hop," senior artist Tony Carneiro's installation presenting the apartment of his invented pop icon Tony Trouble, Carneiro's alter ego of sorts. Upon entering the rooms, a sign that reads, "Please leave your troubles with your shoes at the door thank you" introduces the scene within: a glittery, carefree and dizzying environment of imagery from the 1950s and 1960s. The identity Carneiro creates here is false, as Tony Trouble's biography is entirely fictional. And Carneiro's explora-

tion of our reaction to it relates closely to the disconnect present in his fellow artists' work.

Lastly, senior Christopher Sanderson's statement for his thesis project, "With One Eye Closed," reads like a short memoir describing a traumatic childhood experience. Yet not all of his smooth, perfected, acrylic, comic-book-style paintings seem to refer to this specific memory, or if they do, it is not made clear. Regardless, these paintings pop off of the wall with their bright colors and raised surfaces, despite the unmistakable flatness of his uniform, calculated painting style.

These artists have connected themselves to their art; the subjects are their own personal life histories and thereby implore the viewer to explore the need, or the capacity, for relating to strangers through art, through representations of stories and chronicles of identity.



COURTESY DANIELLE AVRAM

Avram's slideshow audio presentation explores Saskatchewan prairies from the perspective of an outsider and a native.



SARAH HALPERT/TUFTS DAILY

Neumyer's exhibit invites viewers to manipulate the artist's identity themselves, even allowing them to pick out her clothes for her.



SARAH HALPERT/TUFTS DAILY

Catch "Haven" at the right time, and you might just see artist Jennifer Woodward perched on the bed in this living installation.

'I know we don't really know each other, but I made... you a mixtape'

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addition of guitar virtuoso Nels Cline has shoved the band in a direction that allows Tweedy to showcase his own chops. The rollicking, bluesy riffs of "Walkin'" are the fruits of Tweedy's newfound freedom, and coupled with Cline's brazen fretwork and Mikael Jorgensen's subtle keyboards, they evoke the indulgence and smiles of summer like nothing else in the band's catalog.

Tim Goldsworthy & James Murphy, "Mars, Arizona" (The DFA Remix)

The 2005 release of LCD Soundsystem's two-disc, self-titled debut proved what a handful of self-congratulating hipsters had known for a few years already: Bandleader James Murphy knows bangers. Top to bottom, this collection of sardonic, name-dropping, explosive electronica is one of the best arrangements of individual songs in recent memory and a testament to Murphy's penchant for catchy compositions. On this month's "The DFA Remixes: Chapter One," Murphy may have shed his band to reunite with remixing partner Tim Goldsworthy, but he kept the flair for flashy, catchy dance music. On this, the standout track, the duo starts out with little more than chugging bass and eerie keyboards, eventually spiraling what was originally a Blues Explosion song into a towering mesh of ratty guitars, echoing vocals and bending synth effects. At over 10 minutes, it won't be on any kind of airwaves, but I dare you to find something more fun to listen to.

Neko Case, "Star Witness"

Having been released on March's "Fox Confessor Brings the Flood," "Star Witness" may seem like a questionable choice for a summer mixtape, but no one in '06 has so accurately captured the nagging summer doldrums as this red-headed chanteuse. Her enigmatic tale about a car crash, a shooting, neglect and who knows what else isn't cripplingly miserable, it's just a bummer. Her alt-country backing doesn't course with the intensely depressing passion of, for example, Nick Drake, but it evokes the lonesome roads and broken hearts that Patsy Kline used to sing about. "Star Witness" is sad — like being bored and hot or someone's bitch at a law office — but it's not hopeless.

Liars, "Let's Not Wrestle Mt. Heart Attack"

Again, a song from an album released in February is an admittedly sketchy choice for a summer mixtape, particularly when the song is as darkly sinister as this one. However, when feeling mildly gloomy, this is a compelling song to bum, because instead of being overwhelmed by your feelings of malaise, your entire mental faculties are devoted to figuring out what the hell you're listening to. Just as the whirling layers of guitar, tribal drumming and ominously ethereal vocals start making sense, Angus Andrew's maniacal falsetto scream explodes the song, and the listener is again left to ponder not the frustrations of an unfulfilling summer, but what kind of alien forces could possibly have made this cerebral song.



MUTE RECORDS

Liars, liars, pants on fire... or, just overly starched.

Rotoscoping gives 'A Scanner Darkly' dreamlike, quasi-realistic feel

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are informed that the movie takes place in Orange County seven years in the future. At this time, 20 percent of the country's population is addicted to a new designer drug known as Substance D, or Death. Keanu Reeves plays a government narcotics agent, anonymous even to his co-workers, who goes by the code name Fred. When he is not undercover, "Fred" is really Bob Arctor, a D addict.

Bob shares a suburban house with his drugged-out friends Barris and Luckman, played respectively by Robert Downey, Jr. and Woody Harrelson. Winona Ryder plays Donna, a frequent visitor to the house and Bob's pseudo-girlfriend, who cannot stand to be touched.

The plot advances when Bob is recruited at work to be a Scanner and spy on his friends in an effort to uncover a drug dealer among them. In the process, the film raises interesting questions about the nature of addiction, the government's role in the national drug problem, and the degrees of authority entrusted to a government by its society.

Because "A Scanner Darkly" is dialogue-driven, the performance of the ensemble cast is of particular importance. Fortunately, the four principal actors do an admirable job of carrying the movie. Reeves is steady in a role he has played before: the weary soul struggling to understand the world around him. Ryder, however, is given a little more to do in portraying the shifting emotions that stem from her character's drug dependency.

Downey and Harrelson truly shine, stealing every scene in which they appear. Playing manic stoners would not seem to be too much of a stretch for either actor, but they attack their roles with gusto, rambling on in drug-fueled conversations that highlight their paranoid delusions. They infuse the film with much of its humor, which works surprisingly well against the more serious tone of Bob's descent into addiction and his slipping grip on reality.

Linklater's trademark visual style really pays off, both in its own right



WARNER BROS. ENTERTAINMENT

Linklater should have rotoscoped Keanu a Gillette Fusion.

and its ability to complement the actors' performances. The look of the film comes courtesy of rotoscoping, a technique where animators trace over live-action movements frame by frame. The result offers a unique marriage of realistic and stylistic sensibilities, allowing for a subtlety of human expression not seen in standard animation.

Likewise, images are created that simply would not be possible in a strictly live-action film. The scramble suits worn by the Scanners to maintain their anonymity, for example, are a testament to rotoscoping. The suit is divided into different sections of the body, each of which flash with the features of a randomly generated person in a stream of ever-shifting appearances. This effect would be difficult to pull off with standard CGI and would undoubtedly be a distraction onscreen. Here, it fits naturally with the rest of the movie.

But the rotoscoping technique employed in "A Scanner Darkly" is also beneficial in another important way: It provides a visual representation of the turbulent, drug-addicted lives of the characters. The images ebb and flow with exaggerated movement while perspectives and planes of depth are constantly changing. At times disorienting, the result simulates the characters' hallucination-filled lives. The entire movie seems to exist in a dreamlike state where we can never be entirely sure if what we are seeing is real or a product of the characters' tenuous grasp on reality.

In a question-and-answer session after the screening this reviewer attended, Erwin Stoff, one of the film's producers, talked about the decision to use rotoscoping in both practical and artistic terms. He stated that a faithful adaptation of Dick's novel was the pri-

mary goal for both he and Linklater in making the film. Unfortunately, filmmakers often strip the central ideas of Dick's works and turn them into action extravaganzas, as in 2003's bomb, "Paycheck."

Likewise, as "A Scanner Darkly" is based on Dick's personal experiences with drugs, the story is bleak, posing a challenge for the movie makers. A live-action adaptation of the material would have been more expensive than the subject matter allowed.

However, at a fraction of the live-action budget, Stoff explained, the rotoscoped "A Scanner Darkly," was much more appealing to Warner Bros.' independent film division, which gave the project the green light two weeks after Linklater and Stoff proposed the use of the technique that would allow for a more accurate translation of Dick's ideas to the screen.

But rotoscoping had its draw-

backs. Shooting on digital film took seven weeks, but post-production lasted for two years because of the difficulty of the rotoscoping process, and the movie's release date was pushed back several times.

In the end, however, the crew's efforts were worth it. The look of "A Scanner Darkly" catches your attention, but the depth of the film's ideas is what holds it.

Some might worry that this movie is another example of Hollywood's growing reliance on digital technology. But when the technology serves to tell the story effectively, as is the case with this film, there is more reason to rejoice than to complain.

Don't let reservations about digital filmmaking or animation discourage you from seeking out "A Scanner Darkly" when it arrives in theaters over the summer.

A good-looking movie with brains to boot — what a concept.

English majors, you're in trouble: Your degree won't even get you to the movies



PARAMOUNT PICTURES

This is what happens when doves land on Jack Black.

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Sparrow, the scourge of the seven seas. This time, he and first mates Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley seek out treasure and trouble for their maiden voyage on the sequel express. Look for lots of scallywags, pirate gold, bad teeth and rum. Or maybe that sounds too much like your spring break in Puerto Rico?

Computer Science = "Pulse" (July 14)

Kristen Bell of "Veronica Mars" fame discovers a computer virus that invades home electronics to terrorize the living with evil spirits from hell. What? Can't I just call the Geek Squad and get that fixed?

Urban Studies = "Miami Vice" (July 28)

Did we really need another movie with Colin Farrell? No. Did we want to see another TV show turned into a movie? Definitely not. Do we think that director Michael Mann (of 2004's "Collateral," 1995's "Heat," and 1992's "The Last of the Mohicans") may be able to salvage a film that should have died on the drawing board? Perhaps.

German and/or International Relations = "Beerfest" (August 25)

Broken Lizard's Jay Chandrasekhar brings us the epic story of men drinking beer and winning pride and glory for their fellow countrymen. What brings together nations more than a good brew? Think "Dodgeball" (2004) with, well, beer.

Music and/or Drama and Dance = "Idlewild" (August 25)

It's about time Hollywood dished out another musical. Don't be put off by the singing and dancing; "Idlewild" stars André "André 3000" Benjamin, Big Boi, and Terrence Howard in a Prohibition-era drama about piano music, rival gangsters and showgirls. Sounds stylish.



MARA GITTELMAN/TUFTS DAILY

Several actors' costumes were stolen during "Fifth of July" rehearsals, and senior cast member Aristotle Kousakis (center, pointing) knows who did it.



SARAH HALPERT/TUFTS DAILY

The "Heads or Tails?" cast's reenactment of Washington crossing the Delaware incurred almost as many casualties as the actual Revolutionary War.

Tufts theater looked into politics, puppets over the course of the '05-'06 season

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Thomas, presented a theatrically spectacular interpretation of Richard Brinsley Sheridan's comedy of manners, complete with a large sign reading "SCANDAL" adorning the Balch Arena Theater stage.

The Pen, Paint, and Pretzels (3Ps) fall major, Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning "A Delicate Balance," explored the tenuous emotional state of a family and their close friends without ever leaving their living room.

"Wild Party," directed by senior Laura Espy, entertained audiences as Torn Ticket II's fall major. The show's costumes and choreography adeptly welcomed the 1920s to the Arena in a musical about two combative lovers who throw a party to revive their stormy relationship. As the musical's title suggests, the fête gets out of hand as the couple and their guests explore a world of sex, drugs and piano accompaniment.

The fall semester also brought an array of minor productions to the Arena. Senior Greg Fujita directed the 3Ps' minor "Copenhagen," Michael Frayn's dialogue-driven tale that fictionally recreates a real-life conversation between nuclear scientists Niels Bohr and Werner Heisenberg.

A pairing of a much different variety bounded around the Arena in "Matt and Ben" as senior Jess Fisch and sophomore Katherine Round played the hapless screenwriting duo in their pre-"Good Will Hunting" days. Torn Ticket II once again peeked into the past — this time

the group's own — in "The Chronicles," a musical revue that included songs plucked from Torn Ticket productions from the past 35 years.

A post-Vietnam tale with a strong ensemble cast, "Fifth of July" went up as the year's second faculty show soon after spring semester began, directed by Tufts faculty member Don Weingust.

Director Johnson brought the Bard back to Balch for an encore in 3Ps' spring major, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Still not content with leaving the poor playwright alone, Johnson spiced up the production by cross-casting two of the show's leads, thus presenting Helena, played by junior Dave Adler, as a gay male and Lysander, played by senior Laura Semine, as a lesbian. Drama then unfolded as usual, with forest fairy Puck, played by sophomore Laur Fisher, rearranging and then reuniting the play's couples.

In a true highlight in Tufts' past four years of theater, director and faculty member Claire Conceison brought the English language debut of the Chinese play "Heads or Tails?" to Tufts as the final faculty production of the season. The avant-garde show impressed audiences with its experimental dialogue, its unique aesthetic style and its clever and flawlessly delivered choreography.

Conceison welcomed the show's Beijing-based playwright Meng Jinghui, famous and well-regarded in China for his work, to Tufts and held multiple discussions related to the show, its author and its literal and figurative translation to the Tufts stage.

Torn Ticket and 3Ps teamed up to present Stephen Sondheim's romance-driven "Passion," and Torn Ticket rounded out their year with four sellout performances of free-love-driven "Hair." The show, directed by Fisch, brought the audience close with an energetic pit orchestra, a large, raucous cast, and the advent of "groupie seats" — pillows and blankets positioned in the Arena's first row in lieu of the usual chairs.

Senior Aristotle Kousakis rounded out 3Ps' year with his direction of AR Gurney's "The Dining Room," a series of scenes exploring WASP culture that all take place around a dining room table.

Performances this year weren't limited only to these productions — or even limited to the confines of a stage. In March, Theater Blitz '06 marked the Tufts theater community's celebration of World Theater Day with guerilla performances of songs and scenes around campus.

Highlights included the "Romeo and Juliet" balcony scene, performed on Dewick's balcony for a surprised lunch crowd, and a rendition of the title song of "Hair" for an unsuspecting audience of tour-goers outside Bendetson Hall.

Specialty performance groups including Cheap Sox (improv comedy), Major: Undecided (sketch comedy), HYPE! (mime), Traveling Treasure Trunk (children's theater) and Tufts Opera Ensemble welcomed excited audiences and new members this year. Cheap Sox started their 2005 season on a particularly exciting note with a twentieth-anniversary celebration during Homecoming

Weekend that welcomed Sox past and present to Tufts to socialize and intergenerationally perform together.

Actresses in "The Vagina Monologues" graced the stage of Cohen Auditorium in February with a powerful and lively annual performance directed by seniors Shannon Crudup and Betsy Goldman.

Also in the spring semester, the Black Theater Company hosted a one-man performance by Charles Holt of "Black Boy," a dramatic adaptation of Richard Wright's autobiography.

Creating excitement at the year's end, Tufts grad student Abigail Al-Doory brought a national spotlight to campus with "Tonya and Nancy," which doubled as her master's thesis and as a news-maker for her and for Tufts. The production, which included assistant direction from Fisch and the vocal talent and technical support of many Tufts students, was rehearsed in Aidekman and performed at the Zero Arrow Theatre in Cambridge.

Unlike the skating career of Tonya Harding, the future looks bright for Tufts' theater community and its fans.

"The community's getting bigger, and it's expanding and becoming more of a presence on campus," said Adler, an actor and Cheap Sox troupe member. "There are more and more new faces in the Arena."

But as theater groups say goodbye to their current familiar faces, they will welcome new Jumbos during next year's orientation with "Zombie Prom" and Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile."

Lush reflects on four years, tries to focus on the positives of 'adulthood'

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particular. Or about sophomore year when I was a Peer Academic Leader and my partner and I played a drinking game with our Nalgenes during the "Many Stories, One Community" assembly. Or about drinking on the back porch at 288 or afternoon Beirut and BBQs in the backyard at 15.

You don't need to hear about the night of Four in a Bed, guacamole, the Lush being someone's favorite pirate, learning the dance to Jordan Knight's "Give It To You," one ridiculous afternoon spent raising hell at Target, gargoyles, stealing Christmas from Carmichael (don't ask), sparklers, rocking D.A.R.E. t-shirts at the middle school party, Labor Day Disaster 2005, Bridge Ten, Ecto Cooler, Señor Frog's, a certain brush with the law behind Mugar Hall, my lost necklace

sophomore year, a million late-night heart-to-hearts, late nights at Espresso's, pub nights, dance parties, Jell-O shots, power hours, yelling Beirut any night (or afternoon...or morning, for that matter) that we could get our hands on a sleeve of Solos and a couple ping pong balls, or about how I no longer drink Jägermeister, Cossack vodka, Kappy's brand gin or any flavored vodka or rum.

As I have found out, people are sick of hearing about my two life-changing summers spent digging in the Italian dirt with fellow Jumbos. That's okay; you wouldn't understand anyway. But, on that note, Scopa, "ci vuole billo," boozeball, flaming sambuca shots, Commie Bar, "You're not fooling anyone," beach abs, drinking in the Campo, BTE and Naked Archaeology Day. Please also note that there are no chimichangas in San Chimichanga.

And somewhere, through all that, I found time to go to class, to spend way too much time in the Curtis Hall basement and not nearly enough in Tisch, to drink too much coffee, to write my papers, study for my exams and make my parents proud. If I didn't, I don't think they would enjoy this column quite as much as they do.

My parents have shown a remarkable capacity for amusement and bemusement this past year, by the way. Now that I'm an "adult," I'm realizing I have a pretty amazing family.

Luckily, we have plenty to remember these four years by. If you are like the Lush, you believe that all the stuff we've accumulated along the way is more important than the diploma you'll be getting later today. Somehow I have accumulated a handful of drunk scars, a few extra pounds (thanks a

lot, Keystone Light), dozens of friends (hundreds if you go by Facebook), thousands of pictures, millions of memories and more T-shirts than I know what to do with.

And so what if it all seems like a drunken haze? So what if our BAC was rarely lower than our stellar GPAs? So nothing. People shake their heads at the stereotype of the "college student." But I am proud to have been that college student. We all worked hard (some harder than others), and we deserved to cut loose.

Because guess what? Starting today, we are grown-ups...all of us (again, some more than others). And a hangover doesn't count as a good enough excuse anymore; it's a good thing we got so much practice at fighting them in the last four years.

So where does that leave the Lush now, at last call? Surprisingly, I do have a job — a

damned decent one, at that. I am moving to town to live with my cousin.

In case you are all worried that I am getting too serious or too sober, said cousin was present the first time the Lush ever drank alcohol. And by present, I mean to say she held me down and poured rum down my throat. So I'm still in the game.

So let's not think of this last call as the end. The Lush chooses to think of it as a gateway to after-work drinks, weekends without homework to impede our imbibing, and actually having money to spend on those drinks. Yes, folks, this means we don't have to drink the Beast or Kappy's brand anything anymore. This is a good thing.

With that, I bid you all arrivederci with one final OOOOH Six!, a Pax et Lux, a good luck and a hearty Cheers. See you guys at Homecoming 2006.

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Career Services should engage, not just prepare

Most Tufts seniors experience some degree of anxiety during their job searches, and many turn to Career Services for guidance and advice. Career Services provides some great resources to students: Resume workshops can be incredibly instructive; e-recruiting and the Tufts Alumni Network can be invaluable to those looking to "network"; and the career fairs are especially helpful in opening doors for students in engineering and economics.

But the University's Career Services program could be significantly improved by the elimination of some of its more gratuitously unhelpful elements.

First, Career Services should not be so quick to rely on the wisdom of personality tests. Many students who first venture into Career Services are encouraged to take the Strong Personality Test, which typically takes 45 minutes to complete and several weeks to process.

The test evaluates one's strengths and interests, and then offers a list of suitable and unsuitable jobs.

Sometimes, however, the "suitable" jobs are comically implausible suggestions: One student, interested in education, was encouraged to try bus driving; another, interested in working independently, was encouraged to be a forest ranger.

More problematic is the idea that a test is a good way to detect a student's interests in the first place.

Most students coming to Career Services have at least some idea of what they would like to do; they want practical advice about how to do it.

And the thought that students who don't know what they want to do will find out from a standardized test is as insulting as it is creepy.

Second, Career Services should be realistic about the limits of the Tufts Alumni Network. The Network offers the contact information of thousands of alumni in a variety of fields, and it can be a great resource for students looking to learn more about almost any profession.

But many, many Tufts alums are unresponsive to inquiries from current Tufts students; many more would like to be helpful, but are in no position to offer a job to anybody. Like the job search itself, use of the Tufts Alumni Network can be frustrating — and there is no guarantee that anybody will answer your letters. All too often, however, Career Services' advice revolves primarily around use of the Network.

Finally, Career Services should shift its attention from events that prepare stu-

dents for the job search and towards programs that engage students in the job search. "Networking nights" with few prospective employers in attendance, luncheons to discuss students' concerns about the job search and information sessions can play an important role in helping students learn about potential professions and devise their own search strategies.

But at the end of the day, they do not really offer anything that students couldn't get from the Internet — and towards the end of senior year, when many students are frazzled and frustrated, they may seem like a waste of time.

There is no doubt that Career Services can be very helpful for students in the early stages of picking a career path, or for those who just need their resumes proofread. There is also no doubt that it is not Career Services' responsibility to find us all jobs.

But a shift in attention toward the more practical, concrete elements of job searching — for example, bringing in more actual prospective employers, especially those who are looking to employ doomed liberal arts students — would do a lot to relieve the frustration and anxiety of future Tufts seniors. We can figure out if we're meant to be forest rangers on our own time.

Somewhere over the Tufts rainbow

Tufts basks in diversity. We pride ourselves on our international perspective. We welcome students from such disparate places as Cambridge and Colombia, Wyoming and West Palm, New York and New South Wales. We're lucky that way.

That said, Tufts has a clique problem. We tend to keep to our own — no member of the graduating Class of 2006 will deny that — and we do so to our own detriment.

The source of our segregation is, of course, ourselves. We demand culture houses and student associations for every possible ethnic, religious or cultural permutation.

We're most comfortable when we are surrounded by people who look and think like us, people whose life experiences most closely mirror our own. And there's nothing wrong with looking for comfort amid the shock and chaos of college. Sanctuaries are necessary.

Where our cliquishness does run afoul is in its restrictiveness. Ask anyone who studied abroad, and they'll almost always tell you that the most important knowledge they took away from their experience was not what they learned in the classroom or their newfound language proficiency. A subtle understanding of a different culture, be it as similar as Australia's or as unfamiliar as Ghana's, is the greatest lesson that we Jumbos learn abroad, and at Tufts.

By removing ourselves from our brethren, from that comfort zone where everyone looks the same, we can find new places and friends among whom we can be ourselves — and more importantly, expand ourselves.

That's what's great about Tufts: You don't have to leave the Hill to encounter people vastly different from yourself. We're a rainbow of ethnicities, cultures, religions and any other manner of categorizing people that one could care to mention.

For those of us graduating today, we're lucky enough to have an advantage over college students graduating from many other universities in 2006. Whether we wanted it or not, some of that Tufts diversity rubbed off on each of us, and as we prepare to enter the world and to commence our lives as adults, we are fortunate that so many of our classmates were so different from us.

Our separation, though, prevents us from taking advantage of our cultural wealth.

Do you know what country Tufts' largest contingent of international students is from? Not France, not Mexico, not even Hong Kong, where the next-most reside. The answer is Turkey — and yet there are scads of students who have never (knowingly) met a student from Turkey, a country with a fascinatingly diverse culture, literally at the crossroads between the

East and the West.

The problem, and the reason so few of us know each other, is that Tufts' social scene is inherently conducive to cliques. We have the dying Greek system, the culture houses, all the various clubs devoted to cultural or ethnic binaries and a large portion of juniors and seniors living in houses off campus, which is itself reinforcing cliquishness. We're set up to fail when it comes to cultural incorporation.

What can Tufts do to draw together all those different strands of the student population? Is it possible for us to be diverse but not separated? The administration, unfortunately, is probably powerless to remedy the situation.

They could help a little — a less random, more intentional freshman roommate assignment system could bring together students who otherwise might never have met. At the extreme, Tufts could abolish the culture houses, but that move would cross the line between promoting and enforcing diversity.

No, the solution, as is usually the case, lies with the source of the problem — us. It's our own attitude toward diversity that needs to change. We accept diversity, but we don't embrace it. In addition to acknowledging that all the colors of the rainbow are beautiful, we must prevent ourselves from falling into the comfortable but confining tendency to look only at one.

The folly of youth

Yes, it's that time of year again. The sun is shining (or at least, it should be), final exams seem a distant memory and graduation is here for Tufts seniors. It is an exciting time to be a senior, what with the never-ending festivities and the handshakes and pats on the back, as well as that youthful sense of immortality.

Seniors are right to revel in this feeling of invincibility: With the real world looming large on the horizon, this may be the last chance many have to embrace youth and seize the day, as the saying goes.

But the real world will arrive soon, and far too few seniors will be ready to assume one of its largest responsibilities: health insurance.

Unlike many of the world's developed nations, the United States does not provide universal health insurance to its citizens. Although a recent Massachusetts measure is seeking to bridge that gap by creating incentives for employers to provide health care and for employees to seek it, much of the rest of the nation is dismally behind the times.

So if you are a graduating senior and your health insurance is going to run out by August, as is the case for most students without future employment, what do you do?

Well, the one thing that you absolutely do *not* do is risk going without health

insurance. Sure, you seem healthy, you are young and you have no history of serious ailments.

But that does not mean that you could not trip and break your wrist, or worse, in the next 10 minutes. Most illnesses and injuries cannot be forecast with any reasonable degree of certainty; they are freak occurrences. Do not risk being caught without insurance when one of these seemingly unlikely accidents befalls you.

As Michelle Bowdler of Tufts Health Services told the Daily, even a simple injury such as a broken leg could cost an uninsured patient between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to treat. Most people do not have that sort of money just lying around, and paying for that expense could land a person in severe debt.

Since going without health insurance should not even cross a graduate's mind, what options are available? Well, for the lucky seniors who have secured full-time employment for next year, their employer will likely take care of health care.

This "benefit" is more of a necessity; it should be an integral part of any salary negotiation. For instance, if you are not particularly pleased with your starting salary, perhaps you can throw your benefits package into the mix and get compensated in that way.

What if you have not yet found your

calling? According to Bowdler, two options remain. The first, of course, is to get a part-time job with benefits.

While many graduating seniors may not wish to live with the stigma associated with the food and beverage service, it is preferable to not having health insurance. And after all, it is still better than leeching off your parents and not having your own income.

The other alternative is to enroll in graduate courses. This option is a natural fit for those seeking a masters or doctoral degree, but even part-time students can receive dramatically reduced health insurance rates from many universities.

As with everything else in life, it pays to do one's homework when it comes to settling on a health insurance policy. With that in mind, Bowdler highly recommends that students meet with an insurance agent to know what sort of plan they should seek. This is a wise recommendation, as following it will also help students determine whether the plans their potential employers are offering seem legitimate.

Seniors who have not given any thought to their health insurance plans should begin doing so as soon as possible. Youth does not make people invincible; it only makes them *feel* invincible. And one \$15,000 broken arm can change that feeling all too fast.



Immigration

from the other side

CORBIS

BY DAN GRANT

There has been a lot of heated debate recently about the positive and negative effects immigration has on our country, and I feel that there have been very valid arguments made on nearly all sides of the issue.

The one perspective that I feel is lacking in the debate is that which includes the originating country for the vast majority of these immigrants, the reasons these immigrants are entering the United States and what exactly they want from their time in the United States. While I can't generalize about all immigrants, or even all Mexicans, I can relate many firsthand stories from my

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experiences living in Mexico.

I have lived in many communities throughout Mexico that have been greatly affected, for better or worse, by immigration — the vast majority of which involves openly undocumented immigrants. Every day, people talk very openly about entering the United States illegally for work, and have no shame about doing so. To many people, this is literally the only option for a decent life.

I have lived in a rural mountain community in Southern Mexico where nearly all the families have a male member in the United States, or one who is planning to go to the United States for work. Adolescents are making this long and dangerous journey because their parents can no longer do the arduous work in the fields that dot the mountainside, and there is simply no other work available for them in their village. Many of these people have tried moving to Mexican cities, but the jobs just aren't

there either, forcing them to venture to the north.

I have lived in a poor neighborhood in Mexico City where I could count on one hand the number of people on a full city block who aren't living day-to-day, hoping that they will sell enough juice or cleaning supplies to allow them to buy beans and tortillas to feed their family. Many families are living on far less than 10 pesos (roughly \$10) a day and are trying to feed and clothe their children. The family I lived with consisted of 24 people in one house, each person doing various jobs, pooling money and time to get through the day.

One single mother who, along with her two daughters, lived in one room in the house is planning on going to the United States in May because she said she has to do something so her daughters can have the things they need to grow up: their own space, clothes and

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KEITH BARRY | BLIGHT ON THE HILL



Why I'm never donating money to Tufts

I've been spending much of the past week thinking about Lance Armstrong. I'll explain about Lance in a few paragraphs, and for those of you who were wondering, no — he didn't leave Sheryl Crow to be with me.

I've spent the week alone and thinking about Lance partially because tickets to senior week events got sold out well before half of the campus understood that the phrase "deli number" meant that students got their tickets in the order that they checked their e-mailed link to the Web site which gave out numbers.

I'm willing to bet that the geniuses at the Office of Student Activities who came up with that idea were from New York, where muscling to the front of the line is the order of the day.

Here in New England, we're much more egalitarian. For instance, Tufts has the housing lottery system in which no matter who you are, you get screwed.

This was the other reason I spent much of the past week alone and contemplating our graduation speaker: Living off-campus doesn't lend itself to meeting friends within the college community. Off-campus means there is no college community.

Now, were I petty and the son of a fund manager and lawyer from Westchester, these would be valid reasons for my not donating to Tufts. However, I'm not petty, and I'm the son of a public school vice principal and an administrator at a local college, which means I'm not donating to Tufts because I will be paying off my student loans for the rest of my life.

There's another reason I won't be donating to Tufts, though, and that's where Lance comes in. Lance Armstrong has been a source of courage and hope to millions the world over. Lance discourages me a little bit, but only because I know that his accomplishments are so superhuman that I can't even begin to try to replicate them. Tell me to ride a bicycle through Europe and diagnose me with a terminal disease, and I'd fall apart like Lance's first marriage, or his second engagement.

Along with the praise for starting a foundation to bring about cancer awareness and increase research funding, as of late Lance has been getting a lot of flak for his personal life. I'm of the belief that the personal lives of inspirational individuals should be left alone.

Heroes are often held up to higher standards than the rest of us, who spend too large a portion of our lives dissecting theirs. Who are we to take away from his achievements due to his peccadilloes? I'm sure a lot of us will have failed personal relationships, and I doubt a lot of us will do as much for

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An upsurge in queer visibility at Tufts

BY RACHEL KRAFT AND SAM STIEGLER

Tufts is becoming an increasingly queer-friendly environment. During the last four years, our community has gone through many changes. As out, queer seniors who have been greatly involved in the LGBT community, other social justice initiatives and additional facets of campus life, we have witnessed a transformation in the Tufts queer community as well as in how it is perceived by the campus at large.

Currently, under the heading of the LGBT Center, identity-based discussion groups and politically-minded activist coalitions are fundamental components of our community. LGBT people and their

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Senior Sam Stiegler and freshman Sofia Nelson break their silence with a scream on the campus center's lower patio on Apr. 26. The Day of Silence aims to raise awareness about the harassment and discrimination that LGBT people often face.

allies are progressively more introspective, allowing us to make efforts toward a heightened awareness of queer issues.

First and foremost, there has been a diversification in the outlets available for our community, largely in response to the growing number of out individuals on the Hill. It is difficult to discern whether the devel-

opment has occurred alongside national trends or is unique to Tufts; however, the entire student body is now more aware of a queer presence.

Longstanding groups such as the Queer Straight Alliance (formerly Tufts Transgender Lesbian Gay Bisexual Collective), Queer Men and Women's Discussion Groups,

Rainbow House, the queer-friendly living space, and Team Q, the LGBT and ally University-wide speakers' bureau, continue to provide a voice for LGBT students.

Since our freshman year, however, the creation of new groups speaks to the expanding needs of a more diverse community. The Bisexual Students Group, Queer Students of Color and Allies, Queer Peers mentoring group, as well as the University's Bias Intervention Team, have made the queer community at Tufts considerably more visible.

In addition, queer-minded programming and events designed by dedicated individuals have contributed to making the greater Tufts student body more accepting. The Day of Silence, a national day of protest in which students take a vow of silence to represent queer people who are not able to express themselves as freely as they would like, received support from both queer and ally students and staff.

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Senior and outgoing TCU President *Jeff Katzin* reflects on his tenure at the top of the Hill...

...while incoming TCU President *Mitch Robinson*, a junior, looks forward to his

A year full of 'tangible achievements'

BY JEFF KATZIN

Fellow Jumbos, I wanted to take the opportunity to give you a brief and hopefully mildly entertaining year in review of things the Senate has accomplished since September.



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Katzin, pictured campaigning last spring, spent all four of his years at Tufts on the TCU Senate.

After being on Senate for all four years at Tufts, I would like to emphasize the enormous amount of respect that our student government receives from administrators, allowing us to bring significant and positive changes to campus.

A year ago I ran for Tufts Community Union (TCU) President on the platform of "Making JUMBO Changes" (ah, the fun of acronyms). While I laid out many different ideas that to some might have seemed overambitious, I insisted that this would be a year in which the Senate would have tangible accomplishments to present to the student body by the year's end.

Granted, not every idea panned out, but here is a rundown of what the Senate (not just myself) has accomplished throughout the year:

Jobs: We created an Internship Stipend Fund that provided 25 \$3,500 stipends for students with internships in the public sector. We are currently working on ways to improve alumni relations by hooking up recent alums with the student organizations of which they were a part. Finally, we collaborated with the Junior Class Council and Kaplan to offer free diagnostic tests to students interested in graduate, medical, and business school.

Unite Campus Communities: We established the Community Connections Campaign to bridge the gap between students and neighbors. This included creating a campus calendar, planning a welcome-back BBQ for students and neighbors next fall and lobbying in Somerville to respond to the tragedy earlier this semester by increasing pedestrian safety.

We also presented this plan to the Medford City Council and local Somerville politicians.

Additionally, we organized some great programs: Fall Ball, Halloween on the Hill, Culture Festival, Scavenger Hunt, Nighttime Quad Reception and the First Annual Intercultural Semiformal. We are currently working with the Committee on Fraternities and Sororities to implement a plan of action in response to the Jelke Report evaluating the Greek System.

Finally, we separated Homecoming Weekend and Parent's Weekend for future years so that students will not have to choose between spending time with friends and family.

Money: We increased the Student Life Fund, which was actually created last year, to the largest amount to date to serve as a central pool of co-sponsorship from the administration to support student programming. We also budgeted over \$1 million to over 130 student organizations for the fiscal year 2007.

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Better Campus Housing: We implemented a Reciprocity Housing Lottery System to help predictability and fairness in choosing on-campus housing; sophomore and senior year lottery numbers are now reciprocals of each other, so if you get the bottom number sophomore year, you will have the top number your senior year.

Additionally, we instituted a rollout of lottery numbers so students will get all three numbers during their freshman year.

Open-Up Technology: Online Add-Drop will be ready by next fall — no more running around to track down professors or forging your advisor's signature. Wireless Internet has also officially been extended to the Academic and Residential Quads and the President's Lawn, and is now fully functional.

While I laid out many different ideas that to some might have seemed overambitious, I insisted that this would be a year in which the Senate would have tangible accomplishments to present to the student body by the year's end.

We are currently planning the full implementation of a Joey GPS system — test trials have been positive, so stay tuned. Finally, we built a database for off-campus housing reviews on tuftsreviews.com in addition to adding semester-end course review data to the Web site for more concrete information.

Other highlights: Buses galore — Turkey, Spring Break and Boston Bus Shuttles. We welcomed Jamie Dimon, CEO of JP Morgan Chase, for the 2005 Light on the Hill Award and honored Professor Gary McKissick with the 2005 Professor of the Year Award.

We also lengthened hours of the Library and Tower Café during finals period and lengthened Dining Hall hours until 9 p.m. — got the munchies?

In the future, the Senate should continue making headway on previous projects focused on improving community relations and Greek life, as well as starting new ones. Additionally, significant changes need to be made to the advising system to better acclimate new students to Tufts.

However, starting some new, exciting projects that we don't talk about year after year will be important to get the student body buzzing.

After several productive years, I hope that next year's Senate will seek out

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It's 'the life in your years' that counts

BY MITCH ROBINSON

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years," Abraham Lincoln once said. In my mind, no other quote better articulates being a college student at Tufts.

It is so easy to just let college pass us by, especially when we are bombarded with multiple papers, demanding tests and professors of many different and diverse teaching styles who all mean well. What has made my time here at Tufts, however, is the substance in those years both in and beyond the classroom. I was not a part of Tufts until I started to add life to my time here at Tufts. For me, life has been added to my experience because I have grown within my passions and learned through others.

I began to understand and embrace Tufts through the relationships I have developed. I'll never forget that first day when I walked up the Hill and saw a group of students who all were just as unclear about who would actually talk to them as I was.

Nevertheless, soon enough I got to really grow close to some people who have shaped my college experience. Those waffle brunches at Carmichael, snow fights in the bitter cold and moments that can only be witnessed in one's freshman year all brought me closer to people so different, and also at times somewhat similar to me. Learning from my friends has taught me some of life's greatest lessons; lessons that no class could teach.

I have learned trust, kindness, loyalty and so many other traits through my friends. It is not right to start to even think about my college experience without saying thank you to them.

Friends have shaped a large part of my college experience, but it is also the events both inside and outside the classroom that have given the qualities I have learned substance and depth. The best decision I made here at Tufts was to join the recently renamed Tisch College, then the University College of Citizenship and Public Service.

I have always wanted to go into public service, but before college I had no idea what that actually meant. As part of the Tisch College, I have met with community leaders in both Medford and Somerville, worked to form a community analysis book on living wage and poverty in Somerville and helped Boston Public High School leaders articulate and formulate policy.

Also, I have witnessed a group of other amazing individuals who are my dear friends formulate programs that encour-

age international understanding and dialogue, encourage childhood understanding and health and push for a better environment. Being in awe of my peers, along with seeing the state of our high school children and realizing that great poverty takes place only a few blocks away from our "campus on a Hill," really has added a much-needed purpose to life in my college years and also future years post-college.

Tisch College is a great aspect of the life I have here at Tufts. Its vision of active citizenship and leadership has helped me work with a group of my friends, and on a campaign with Democratic gubernatorial candidate Deval Patrick. For the sake of brevity, I will just focus on the Emerging Black Leaders Symposium.

My freshman year, a group of rising seniors pulled me aside along with a few other black students and asked for our support on an effort called the Emerging Black Leaders Symposium.

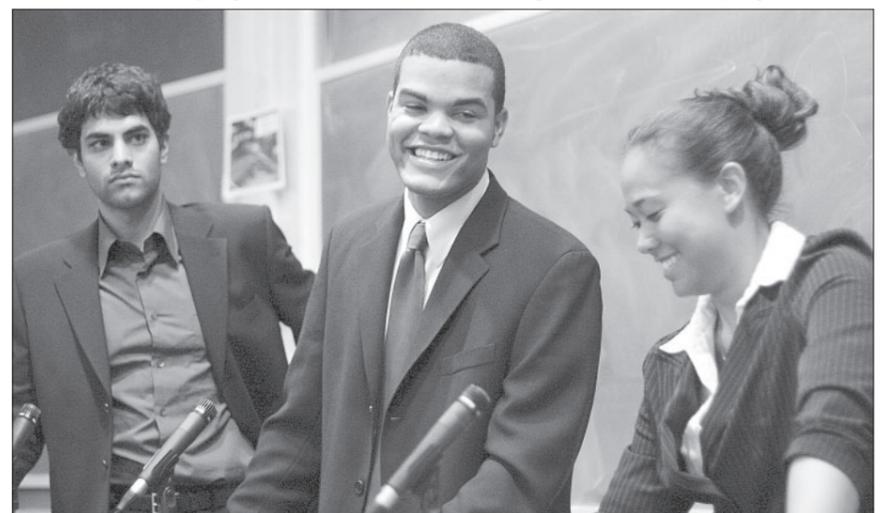
At the time, their vision was something I could not see, but after learning from and following their lead, I realized that this vision of empowering the black community through the voices and actions of others really held some power.

My sophomore year at Tufts we were able to make history and put together the first Emerging Black Leaders Symposium, and my junior year we were able to add to that success and put on the second one. This experience taught me that leading is much more about listening than speaking. Our symposium took place because of the thoughts of others that guided me through my leadership role. Without them, there would be no symposium, and I would never have been able to extend and contribute to the vision that was a gift to me in many aspects.

But the experience that brought my college experience together is the Senate. For very long, I never ran for Senate because I thought my energies in improving the school could be better spent in other arenas. This proved to be one of my greatest misreads at Tufts. When I joined Senate, I witnessed a body of students who all meant very well and really love Tufts for one reason or another. You can never really understand the great things the Senate does until you engage yourself in

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Robinson (center, between TCU presidential candidates Harish Perkari and Denise Lyn-Shue on April 19), applauds the recently-renamed Tisch College's vision of active citizenship and leadership.

Of past accomplishments and future greatness

BY DAVE BAUMWOLL

I feel confident asserting the following: The Class of 2006 will be a model to which future classes aspire.

This year I had the privilege of serving as senior class president, and, as such, watched the Class of 2006 craft our legacy at Tufts. Suffice it to say, with Commencement upon us, it is surreal to think that we will be leaving the people with whom we have lived and grown over the past four years. As we look back on the 2005-2006 year, however, it becomes increasingly apparent that the Class of 2006 did more than achieve — we truly celebrated our final year at Tufts.

As the year began, it was clear that everyone was both anxious and excited for senior year. As such, the Senior Class Council hoped to harness this energy. At the President's Welcome Back Reception in September, many of us looked around and realized just how many '06-ers had been off seeing the world the previous year.

At times, there were moments of awkwardness as people were unsure about whether or not to attempt conversations that began

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with a desperate search for someone's name, followed by a general question like, "So, how was...where were you, again?"

Despite this mild discomfort, which was increasingly lessened by the glasses of wine provided by University President Lawrence Bacow, it became clear that we had the opportunity to squeeze this year for everything it was worth. However, in order to do so, the Senior Class Council needed to set the bar higher.

First, we wanted more seniors involved in the process of planning the year. In order to do so, we created the Senior Leadership Council so as to garner input at our weekly meetings. The contributions of the 35 members of the Senior Leadership Council were tremendous. Week after week, they provided ideas and enthusiasm that propelled us. The success of this year would not have been possible without them.

Next, we wanted to get all seniors excited about our final year at Tufts. So, breaking with tradition, we decided to plan more senior events throughout the year. Right off the bat, we held our first pub night at the Hong Kong after only two weeks back on campus. The tickets sold out in a day.

We then went to the Big Easy for our Halloween Pub Night, where more than half of the class (650+) dressed up to make this one of the most memorable nights of the

year. Next was the Liquor Store, where seniors were challenged to hang on to a mechanical bull for dear life. Some fared better than others.

In January, Winter Bash in the Gantcher Center provided seniors with the first on-campus Pub event of the year, as everyone came decked-out in their semi-formal attire. Sometime between Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras, the Senior Class rented out Tequila Rain in what was our largest pub night of the year (750 seniors).

For a change of pace, the Class of 2006 stormed the atomic bowling alley where the blacklights enabled the emergence of high-lighters as a means of sporting '06 pride. For those of you I drew on, please accept my sincerest apologies.

Last, The Rack capped off our year of senior events, where our traditional "OHH SIXX!" chant let all of downtown Boston know who we were.

Senior Class Council also sought to provide the class with other, more meaningful endeavors. As we prepared for our post-graduation lives with trepidation, Becky Holden and Cara Vik worked with career services and the Alumni Association to ease the transition by starting Senior Career Day. During this day, we learned about such things as proper business etiquette, networking skills and benefits. It was apparent that many



Students enjoy the atmosphere at January's Winter Bash, which, for the first time, doubled as seniors' first on-campus pub event of the year.

seniors had no idea how much they did not know.

Also, for the first time in Tufts history, the Senior Class Council spearheaded the dedication of a Senior Class Gift to be presented before graduation. Dedicated in honor of Alex Mendell and Boryana Damyanova, two of our classmates who passed away prior

to Commencement, this gift will enable our class to give back to Tufts while also preserving the memories of two beloved classmates.

The Senior Shade, consisting of a stone bench under an apple tree, will stand as a symbol of our class

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Straight to the source of the Source's funding

BY ANNE STEVENSON

The Primary Source receives \$20,000 per year from the Tufts Community Union to operate. That \$20,000 comes from your Student Activities Fee.

One of the main pillars of a democratic society is a free press and the ability to engage in openly critical discourse of the government, which I fully support. But the Primary Source is not about thoughtful political exchanges. It is wrought with racism, bigotry, and anti-gay and anti-woman statements.

It engages in personal attacks on students and administrators that are vicious and meant to intimidate readers into being silent while their civil rights are being violated.

The Senate should not use student money to fund hate. A publication that is supported by less than .1 percent of Tufts students should have its budget trimmed down so that this money can go towards causes that represent the needs and wants of the other 99.9 percent of students.

Student funds should not be used to propagate the oppression of minority students on campus by funding a publication that publishes openly hateful and bigoted articles. The Source has the right to be published and disseminated on campus, but it is not entitled to use Student Activities Fees to do so.

Twenty thousand dollars per year to publish hate. A few quotes from its pages:

"Tufts should not engage itself in the interest of advancing feminism." ("Tufts

Anne Stevenson ("The Elephant's Foot") is a senior majoring in political science. She is an active member of the Tufts Democrats.

University-Democrats-MA," by Nicholas Boyd. February 2006.)

"Of course, it is hard to think of low life expectancy without thinking of homosexuals." ("Summers Says Sayonara," March 2006.)

"Americans should continue their transition into the 21st century with pride about their advancements and without Black History Month." ("Desegregating History," by Allison Hoover, February 2006.)

"Most of the Arab world is run by oppressive dictators that keep its public illiterate, preventing their people from being able to read and interpret ancient documents for themselves." ("Cartoon-Gate," by Jordana Starr, March 2006)

From my perspective, this is about equity in funding and accountability of the media. The Tufts Daily is published without the use of student funds, and is read by and supported by the majority of students.

I have yet to read an edition of the Source that has represented the views of the majority of students, or even Republicans, on this campus. So why does this publication get so much of our TCU money?

To put this in perspective for you, the Multi-Racial Organization of Students is a group which gives support, a voice and a community to students with more than one cultural or racial background. Their budget is only \$880 per year, and 44 percent of the campus is non-white.

The Tufts Democrats have a budget of \$3,000, and 95 percent of the campus is composed of Democrats. ALAS, which represents eight percent of the student body, has a budget of \$6,800. The Pre-Legal Society has a budget of \$675. The Tufts Feminist Alliance has a budget of \$6,800, and more than half the students here are

women.

Part of the reason that the Source gets such a huge budget from the TCU is that it intimidates any voices that might rise in opposition. We are so used to opening it up and seeing our classmates and leaders being ripped to shreds with personal attacks that we fear we might find our own name or picture on those pages one day if we say something about it.

Our TCU funds this practice. We also are given the impression by the Source that since there are so few Republicans at Tufts, we need to compensate for that by tolerating their hateful publications and rallies.

We don't have to tolerate it, and we shouldn't have to be bullied into using our money to support racism, sexism and homophobia.

In 2005, Dean of Students Bruce Reitman and Matt Pohl were referred to as "buffoons" who "should be ashamed" of themselves for an effort by Pohl to stand up against the Red Cross's anti-gay policies on campus. "Matt Pohl's undergraduate career at Tufts has been marked by ridiculous self-obsessed activism."

Democrats, according to the Source, "have a problem with anyone possessing a strong set of morals (similar to the ones on which this country was founded) and a belief in God." ResLife and its director, Yolanda King, have been the victims of numerous verbal assaults for refusing to provide lists of former RAs and not granting interviews with them. According to the Source, "King acted merely out of spite for the Source, it is likely she is purposely stalling the Source's investigation into ResLife and its practices."

One has to wonder if the same scrutiny would have been applied if she was not a black woman, and what expertise the

Source used in its own article, which was based entirely on the speculative comments of a student who wished to remain anonymous.

The Tufts bookstore came under fire last month for selling a publication about gay men and relationships. According to the Source, what the management "failed to understand, however, is that the Tufts Bookstore should be held to higher intellectual standards than the average Barnes and Noble."

One cannot help but speculate what standard of journalism and publication the Source holds itself to when it is proposing censorship of media outlets and discriminatory policies in our bookstore.

One thing I absolutely agree with the Source about is that TCU money should be spent in a way that is beneficial to the entire student body. I think that the first thing we should do is make the Source stop being dependent on handouts from the student body, and apply to it the same anti-discriminatory codes of conduct used for the rest of the student body. There are groups on this campus that actually help students get ahead in life that could use an extra \$20,000 in their budget.

Given that the entire purpose of this publication is to bash women, minorities and the political and religious beliefs of the majority of individuals on the campus, I do not think it should receive such a large portion of my activities fee to propagate hate and oppression. These are not conservative values, and it is disrespectful and ignorant to suggest otherwise.

Do not let fear make you an unwilling participant in the propagation of the Source's hatred by standing by and allowing it to go on. Tell your senators to revoke the Primary Source's funding.

Barry: 'With Tufts' shortcomings exist many opportunities for greatness'

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humanity as Lance.

As with anything important in life, with Lance we must learn to take the good with the bad.

This is how I've gradually come to accept Tufts. Wading through four years of lousy student life, dormitory rodent infestations, a University-wide inferiority complex, a few bad professors, a dining services pyramid scheme, a labyrinthine

student services setup, Audis with New York license plates, girls in furry boots and giant sunglasses and over-achieving neo-hippies, I've been discouraged by many of Tufts' superficialities.

Again, were I petty and rich, these would be my reasons for my financial withholding.

Thanks to people like Lance, however, I've learned that with Tufts' shortcomings exist many opportunities for greatness. These opportunities are

the tremendously inspiring and caring professors with an undergraduate education focus, an administration hell-bent on making Tufts a school that I couldn't get into in 2010 with my 2002 SAT scores, the University-wide philosophy of supporting public service, the unbelievable learning and social opportunities available within Tufts' host communities and neighboring towns and the earnest desire of students from all sartorial and financial

walks of life to improve the human condition.

I've been lucky to find a program at Tufts which will, hopefully, allow me to graduate with a master's in public health at this time next year.

I'll use all the good I've learned at Tufts to get out there and improve the lives of as many people as possible for very little personal financial gain.

Even though I'll be a "double Jumbo," thanks to Tufts'

focus on promoting public service and inspiring community awareness in its students, I probably won't have the means to give back to the school that fueled my passion to make the lives I encounter just a little bit better.

So I respectfully ask the Alumni Association and Telefund to not pester me for donations. I fully expect to be broke, and I can't think of a better legacy to leave my alma mater.



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Former President George H.W. Bush delivers the annual Fares Lecture in February 2003. Riot police lined the streets to the Gantcher Center to fend back protesters. One month later, the former president's son, current President George W. Bush, would order the first bombs dropped in the second Iraq war.

BY PATRICE TADDONIO
Daily Editorial Board

When we arrived at Tufts as freshmen, we found out that University President Lawrence Bacow was a fan of running. Some of us even broke out the spandex to join him and his wife Adele for their early-morning cross-campus jogs.

But we soon discovered that Bacow was not a fan of all sorts of running — in particular, the naked, inebriated running that traditionally takes place on a mass scale at Tufts on the last night of fall-semester classes.

In a campus-wide e-mail he sent the morning after 2002's Naked Quad Run (during which several students sustained alcohol-related injuries), Bacow made it clear that he preferred the Boston Marathon to the NQR.

"The combination of consumption of alcohol with a mad dash through an icy, hilly campus at night cannot continue," Bacow wrote, taking the tone of a disappointed and disapproving father. Deeply ashamed, the Tufts student body hung its collective head — which, incidentally, had a tremendous collective hangover — and the NQR was no more. (Just kidding.)

But we're not kidding when we say that several Greek houses were (temporarily) no more. Indeed, when we arrived at Tufts as freshman, those of us seeking Greek bacchanalia were met with... well, a lack of it, as three houses were briefly shut down in the wake of hazing incidents. Deeply ashamed,

the Greeks hung their collective head, and hazing was no more. (Again, just kidding.)

Bacow gained a new right-hand man this year in recently-appointed University Provost Jamshed Bharucha, who came to Tufts after 19 years at Dartmouth. Bacow and Bharucha, who was chosen the previous April to take outgoing Provost Sol Gittleman's place, hit it off immediately: "We're having fun," Bacow told the Daily in September, adding, "Not a day goes by when we don't talk with one another...usually it's two or three times a day. Chemistry is important."

Though Tufts gained a new provost, it lost several deans, including the dean of admissions, the dean of the School of Medicine, the dean of the School of Engineering, the dean of the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, the dean of the Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences, the dean of the colleges and the dean of academic services and student affairs. (Phew.)

Tufts undergraduates also lost their Tufts Community Union (TCU) president, Melissa Carson, who stepped down part-way through her term. Carson's resignation (her seat stayed vacant for the rest of the year) was only the latest in the Senate's troubles: As the Daily wrote in May, "declining outside interest in the Senate further complicated its already difficult struggle to improve its relationship with the student body."

But according to graduating Senator Ted Schwartzberg, the Senate had nothing to

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fear. In an admirable attempt to spin the situation positively, he told the Daily in May that "the fact that few students vote and even fewer attend our open meetings must mean they think we're doing something right." Wow, is it too late for this guy to replace Scott McClellan?

When Chike Aguh was elected TCU president for the following year, he told the Daily that "the student apathy that exists right now is partly something that we have inherited from student governments of the past," adding that "the present Senate and its counterparts are responsible for trying to undo some of that damage and make every effort to create the faith that students need to have in their representative bodies."

The President's Lawn was lacking in bodies when Spring Fling rolled around: The outdoor concert extravaganza was cancelled due to the characteristically nasty Boston weather. But luckily, students would have the chance to see Busta Rhymes play Spring Fling in 2005! Oh, wait...

In January, Tufts mourned the loss of Wendy Carman, who died in a fire that consumed her off-campus loft. At a packed service held in Carman's memory, the junior was described as a generous, kind and caring individual.

It was soon discovered that the landlord who had rented Carman her living space was in violation of 12 building and safety codes, and as the Daily reported in March, "Carman's landlord agreed to an out-of-court settlement of \$53,000 to the City of Medford."

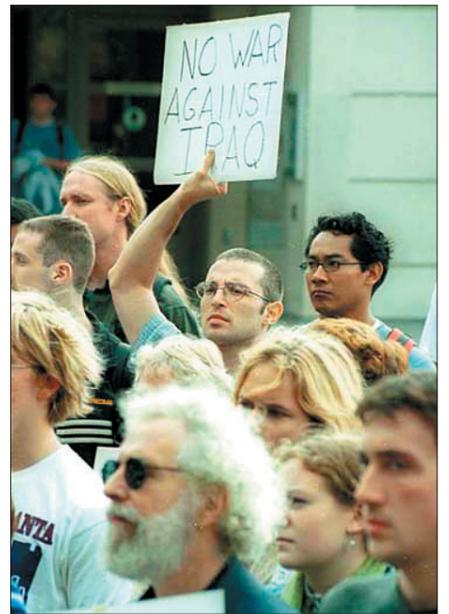
Liberal firecrackers Howard Zinn, Noam Chomsky and Kurt Vonnegut spoke on campus throughout the school year. But as the country geared up for war with Iraq, Tufts also produced some liberal firecrackers of its own: the members of the Tufts Coalition to Oppose the War in Iraq (TCOWI), whose plans to hold a moratorium the day war was declared were foiled when that day fell on spring break.

The Right was active on campus as well, proposing an unsuccessful amendment that would have granted conservatives representation on Senate as a cultural minority. As the Daily reported in November, the failed referendum on the subject asked stu-

dents "whether they approved Amendment 3, which would have created a conservative culture representative on the Senate controlled by the [Primary] Source, a rightward-leaning campus publication."

The Daily also reported that then-Source Editor-in-Chief Megan Liotta "said that the group's biggest mistake was probably putting the Source's name on the proposal because the representative was then labeled a Primary Source representative, not a conservative representative as she said it would have been in practice."

Tufts' conservative community was more amenable than its liberal one to that year's Fares Lecturer, George H.W. Bush. Both the inside and the outside of the Gantcher Center were peopled with protesters and hecklers, one of whom, Liz Monnin, allegedly stood up and gave the former U.S. president the finger during his speech (and as a result, had her Alumni Association senior award revoked). Ah, sophisticated political discourse.



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Students, and even some professors, take to the Tisch Library patio in October 2002 to protest the impending Iraq war.

2003-2004

When we hit the Hill as sophomores, we had a whole year under our belts — and as such, we laughed disparagingly at the "freshman herds" we had been such an eager part of mere months ago. How quickly we forget.

If only that last phrase held true when applied to the bitterly cold winter of our sophomore year, the mere memory of which sends a chill through our bones. Record-low temperatures and record-high snowfall levels gave us a case of serious jealousy for those students who lived in Carmichael and Hodgdon halls and therefore, didn't have to venture outside to get their hands on some grub (even if said grub sometimes induced queasiness

— chicken dippers, anyone?).

Another stomach-churning turn of events? The University's institution of a pay-for-printing policy, which meant that printing out long research papers in Eaton computer lab would now kill our wallets as well as trees.

In brighter news, thanks to an agreement with the neighboring community, Tufts was finally able to hold social programming in the Gantcher Center, and students decked themselves out in their trashiest attire for the first annual Fall Ball.

The University released the results of its Task Force on the Undergraduate Experience, an initiative that was hatched during the 2001-2002 school year. Among its recommenda-

tions were that the University "emphasize communication skills over all four years" through a four-year writing requirement, and that the University move towards need-blind admissions. (To students' great joy, the first proposal has not been implemented. To prospective students' consternation, neither has the second.)

Tufts gained a dean of undergraduate education in Political Science Professor Jim Glaser, who incidentally, had quite a showing in the "Hottest professor, male" category of the Daily's 2006 Best of Tufts survey.

Tufts also gained its first-ever director of fraternity and sorority affairs in Todd Sullivan, who told the Daily in September that "there's a lot of potential to both limit the number of negative things that may have happened in the past but also to increase the positive events such as community service, giving back to the larger Tufts community, proving the worth of the frats and sororities, and focusing more on their founding principles and values."

The letters "NQR" took on new meaning this year: "Nighttime Quad Reception," the sanitized, administration-sanctioned name given to the sanitized, administration-sanctioned pre-Run festivities. Instead of the traditional debauchery in West Hall, there was hot chocolate-drinking and donut-eating on the quad. Plus, instead of creepy Medford and

Somerville residents observing the naked running that followed, police and student volunteers also observed the naked running! Kidding aside, fewer injuries occurred, and there were no e-mail admonishments from Bacow the next morning, so the "Nighttime Quad Reception" team must have done something right.

So did the Tufts football team, which, for the second year in a row, won its Homecoming game. The Red Sox weren't quite as triumphant: They just barely missed out on making it to the World Series. Those members of Red Sox Nation who were also members of Jumbo Nation were heartbroken. They were also mad: A prisoner transport vehicle and six TUPD cruisers were brought in to break up the riots that resulted from the Sox' loss.

An uproar of a different nature followed the "Sex on the Hill" fair, which was sponsored by Tufts Voices for Choice (VOX) and, according to a press release from the outraged Tufts Republicans, encouraged students' and faculty's "taste-testing lubricants, taking part in the 'Condom Olympics,' and marking on life-sized, fully-nude drawings where they most like to be rubbed, touched, kissed or licked." The ensuing back-and-forth garnered media coverage on the local and national levels. Apparently, sex sells! Who knew?

The Tufts campus was home to tragic losses as well as heated controversies. Sophomore and

TCU Senator Alex Mendell, who was heavily involved in the campus community, killed himself in September.

In January, another Tufts student, senior Peter Vabulas, passed away. Returning home after a class, Vabulas collapsed outside Miller Hall as a result of a cardiovascular condition. Both Mendell and Vabulas were mourned at on-campus memorial services.

Tufts also mourned the loss of Trustee John Dowling, whose name Tufts' student services building bears.

There was no Fares Lecture this year, but renowned director Spike Lee spoke on campus in March. His lecture focused on the current state of race relations and depictions of African Americans in the media, telling his audience that "African Americans are still ghettoized today; stereotypes are either hip-hop shoot-em up, romantic comedies, or broad, broad, broad comedy." Not one to shy away from controversy, Lee wore a Yankees hat and jersey during his lecture.

Tufts students also got an inside look behind the scenes of Ben & Jerry's, whose titular co-founder Ben Cohen spoke on campus in October. "We measure easy things like money — very finite, very exact," Cohen said. "It's hard to measure the most important things in life — like loving, caring, kindness. Let's change how we measure success and redefine the bottom line."



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President Bacow and his wife Adele laugh with then-seniors Tyler Duckworth and Stacy Ulrich as they trade their Homecoming King and Queen crowns. The atmosphere at homecoming was decidedly more upbeat than in past years, as the football team defeated Bowdoin 26-7.

2004-2005

The year started off with a political bang, as election frenzy gripped the Tufts campus. It was the first chance for many of us to vote in a presidential election, but quite a few of us were turned off by the non-stop mudslinging. Political Science Professor Jeffrey Berry told the Daily at the end of October, however, that “campaign attacks are part of American politics ... it goes way back, and I’m not sure it’s been any more gruesome than it usually is.”

New York Times Magazine national political correspondent and Tufts alumnus Matt Bai (LA '90) visited Tufts that same month, shortly after writing a controversial profile on Kerry that focused on the Massachusetts senator’s worldview and foreign policy outlook. In the piece, Kerry told Bai that “we have to get back to the place we were, where terrorists are not the focus of our lives, but they’re a nuisance.”

Almost immediately, the Bush campaign seized upon the quote as an indication that Kerry did not take terrorism



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Former first lady and U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton addresses a packed Gantcher Center in November 2004 in the year’s Fares Lecture.

seriously. President George W. Bush said the quote showed that Kerry “just doesn’t get it”; Vice President Dick Cheney said the quote reflected “an unacceptable mindset” that “says a lot about a lack of character.”

The Bush campaign’s criticisms of Kerry apparently held water with voters, as Bush was reelected in November. In the wake of Kerry’s loss, dejected campus liberals regrouped and reorganized: “The strong domestic policy of the party was overshadowed by the fear factor and the war on terror of this election,” sophomore and Tufts Democrats Vice President Kayt Norris told the Daily in March. “So we want to focus on the Democrats’ stances on these policies now, which really should have been the focus of the election and should be the policy makers’ focus.”

A week after Bush’s victory, Hillary Clinton came to Tufts to deliver the Fares Lecture. Nearly 5,000 members of the Tufts community turned out to hear Clinton speak, but not everyone was pleased by her presence. Decrying Clinton’s support of the Iraq War — which at that point had resulted in the deaths of more than 1,000 U.S. soldiers — protesters, led by the Tufts Socialist Alternative, distributed leaflets outside of the Gantcher Center. But in a coup for civility, no one gave this year’s Fares Lecturer the finger.

Celebration reigned when the Red Sox broke the curse and won the World Series. For weeks, it seemed that three out of four Tufts students were dressing themselves daily — and proudly — in either official Sox gear or oh-so-clever “What Would Damon Do?” T-shirts. (The following year, though, Tufts students who had bought shirts of the latter variety and outfitted their dorm rooms with life-size cardboard cutouts of Johnny Damon in his bearded, long-haired glory felt very silly — and very sad — when Damon did the unthinkable: shaved his beard and cut his hair. Oh, and signed with a little team called the Yankees.)

It was another long, frigid winter for Tufts students, who trudged through snow and ice on an almost daily basis (and who, as always, ran through it, naked, on the last night of fall classes). But the chill was alleviated by the hot air many guests — including Mr.



DAILY FILE PHOTO

Approximately 40 students gather at Ballou Hall in late April 2005 to protest the absence of an Asian American Studies program at Tufts. The Asian American Curriculum Transformation (AACT) has been lobbying for the inclusion of an Asian American Studies Program at Tufts since 2001. In 2005, Asian Americans made up the largest non-white demographic (13 percent) at Tufts.

“SuperSize Me” himself, Morgan Spurlock — brought to the Tufts campus. Spurlock, looking noticeably trimmer than he did at the end of his month-long odyssey into the belly of the McDonald’s beast, laughed off McDonald’s recent attempts at making its menu healthier: “We’re getting a fantastic lettuce curtain in front of a big fat stage,” Spurlock said. “They’re doing what they do best: misleading us with propaganda.”

At an incendiary October panel on homosexuality’s sociological implications, one panelist, conservative activist Brian Camenker, said that there is “no such thing as gay people” and that “these various things [homosexual] people do are symptoms of their own past, some often very tragic.” Camenker’s comments touched off a firestorm of controversy on campus.

Later that year, the Leonard Carmichael Society — which holds on-campus blood drives — petitioned the Red Cross, asking that the organization reconsider its policy on homosexual donors. As the Daily reported in April, “the Red Cross donor survey currently prohibits men who have had sex with other men since 1977 from donating blood because it considers them at an increased risk for transmitting disease to recipients.”

In April, the Daily’s News department randomly surveyed 346 students on various campus and national issues. Forty-four percent of students said they felt that campus social life was “good.” Thirty-six percent said campus social life was either “terrible” or “not so good.” Of the mere 24 students who described

social life on campus as “very good,” not a single one was an upperclassman. Perhaps those less-than-enthusiastic responses were due in part to the fact that the administration put the kibosh on two fraternities’ ability to serve alcohol at social events, and that Delta Tau Delta was shut down and then placed on probation in the wake of a pledging incident.

The findings of another survey, Health Services’ first-ever Alcohol and Drug Survey, were released this year. 1,921 undergraduates participated in the survey. The Daily reported in February that the survey found, among other things, that “more whites and males identify themselves as moderate and heavy drinkers, while more minorities and females consider themselves light drinkers or abstainers.”

Other “fun” facts? The Daily reported that “Eighty-three percent identified hangovers, 70.7 percent said they had vomited in private, and 51.8 percent said they did something they later regretted. Another 31.9 percent said they had vomited in a public setting and four percent said they had been transported to the hospital.” Lovely.

Also lovely were the beer cans that angry, inebriated students flung at Concert Board volunteers when wet weather prevented Spring Fling headliner Busta Rhymes from taking the stage. When the rainfall turned into a downpour before Rhymes’ set, Tufts’ master electrician and Scorpio Sound company, citing safety concerns, pulled the plug — but not before Tufts students had enjoyed several memorable hours of muddy musical fun.

2005-2006

Hurricane Katrina had a prominent spot on the nation’s radar — as well as the University community’s collective consciousness — as the schoolyear began. Tufts opened its doors to displaced Tulane University students, 40 of whom attended Tufts for the fall semester before returning to Tulane for the spring.

But even then, Katrina’s devastating effects were still being felt. In January, approximately 100 Tufts students traveled to the Mississippi Gulf Coast on a Volunteer Vacation, spending a week helping to repair, rebuild and provide relief to the recovering community. A smaller group of students traveled to the area over spring break in March, providing another dose of still-needed help.

On-campus relief efforts were abundant: Through its Jumbo-Laya charity event, the Tisch Library raised over \$1,000 for the Southern University of New Orleans’ (SUNO) mostly-decimated library, and Theta Chi and the Leonard Carmichael Society sold Mardi Gras beads to benefit Katrina victims.

Tragedy hit close to home on Nov. 22, when Tufts senior Boryana “Bory” Damyanova died

after being struck by two cars at the intersection of Broadway and Wallace Street. Damyanova, an international student from Bulgaria, came to Tufts through the sponsorship of trustee and alumnus Bruce Male (LA ’63). Her memory was honored at an emotional memorial service in January.

Tufts also lost its “first lady” from 1976-1992, former Tufts University President Jean Mayer’s wife Elizabeth Van Huysen Mayer, in whose honor the Mayer Campus Center is named. The community also mourned the losses of Nadia Medina, founder of the Academic Resource Center (ARC) and the Writing, Thinking, and Speaking Center; Associate Computer Science Professor Jim Schmolze; and Physics Professor David Weaver.

Tufts alumni and eBay founders Pam (LA ’89) and Pierre Omidyar (LA ’88) donated \$100 million to the University in November. The donation, which kicked off the Omidyar-Tufts Microfinance Fund, was the largest single donation in Tufts’ history. Another cash infusion came Tufts’ way in May, when Jonathan Tisch (LA ’76) donated \$40 million to the University College of Citizenship and Public Service, which has now been renamed the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service.

Throughout the year, construction on Sophia Gordon Hall and the University’s new music building — which had begun the previous school year — proceeded as scheduled. In February, 100 lucky rising seniors won spots in Sophia Gordon’s 25 four-person suites; this year’s unlucky class of graduating seniors grumbled bitterly every time they walked past the appealingly designed brick building. (“We missed the boat by one stinking year!”)

There was more grumbling following the rash of crimes that plagued the Tufts community this semester, including at least 13 car break-ins, a mugging in the Curtis Hall parking lot and a Brown and Brew break-in in which one safe was stolen and another was broken into.

In November, with a year’s distance from his failed bid for the presidency, John Kerry paid



ISABELLE MILLS-TANNENBAUM/TUFTS DAILY

The Tufts community gathers outside Goddard Chapel in January to celebrate Boryana Damyanova’s life.



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Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate Deval Patrick addresses the College Democrats of Massachusetts at their annual convention.

a visit to Tufts’ Crane Room, addressing area Democrats on the importance of grassroots politics. That same month, political humorist Al Franken spoke at Tufts, hawking his new book and disappointing liberals and conservatives alike with his surprising listlessness. Several hours after Franken’s underwhelming appearance, “Hotel Rwanda” proprietor Paul Rusesabagina took to Cohen’s stage, delivering an impassioned and highly personal indictment of the international community’s inaction on Rwandan genocide. Rusesabagina was voted the year’s best guest lecturer in the Daily’s 2006 Best of Tufts survey.

Another engaging individual, Samiyah Diaz (LA ’99), was brought to campus by the Tufts Republicans. Diaz, who is running for a Mass. State Senate seat, is black, Hispanic, a single mother, the daughter of immigrants, a Muslim and a Republican. (They do exist!) On May 8, officials announced that Diaz’s opponent, Democratic incumbent Diane Wilkerson, did not attain the number of signatures required to appear on the ballot. The Left displayed more effective organizational skills in April, when the College Democrats of Massachusetts gathered at Tufts for their annual convention. That same

weekend, five Tufts Republicans made their way to the Massachusetts Alliance of College Republicans’ annual convention at Boston’s Marriott Long Wharf Hotel.

There may have been conventions galore, but seniors’ final year at Tufts was one without a Fares Lecture. In a late-April e-mail to the Daily, Bacow wrote that “earlier in the year, we tried to get a sitting head of state to commit. It took a while to get a definitive response from their scheduling office. A visit to Tufts was conditional upon a state visit to the [United States], and that did not work out for a variety of reasons that were not explained to us. We had another speaker lined up who canceled on us. Given the prominence of the Fares speakers, it is not always easy to get firm commitments from them.”

But seniors can leave Tufts knowing that Bacow plans on maintaining a firm commitment to the University. After the Globe wrote in March that Bacow was on the short list of prospects to replace Harvard’s outgoing president Lawrence Summers, Bacow shot down that report, telling the Daily, “I took this job expecting it to be my last. I still do.”

Hold him to that, kids.

The other face of immigration

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food.

She has a steady job in Mexico, but her salary of roughly \$500 a month cannot even cover living expenses. As she explained to me while starting to cry, she's only planning to live in the United States long enough to earn enough money to move out of her crowded, run-down house and start a new life in Mexico for her and her daughters.

She doesn't want to leave her daughters, and is only doing so because she already works long hours and feels it's a risk she has to take. If she could go legally, she would, but it's just too hard and too long of a wait to get the proper papers.

Her family even asked me if I would marry her, "only for business," so she could go legally and avoid the dangerous and expensive border crossing and not be scared about living in the United States.

I was happy to see in a recent Mexican presidential debate that the candidates were recognizing that a major problem surrounding the immigration issue is the lack of opportunities within their own country. Hopefully, whoever wins the upcoming election will work to change that situation.

Since the passage of NAFTA, many protections for Mexican workers have been removed, while the United States violates the trade agreement by providing protections and subsidies for its own

workers and products. Many people in Mexico don't think it's fair there is a free market for goods but not for labor.

They ask why American companies can freely take advantage of an impoverished Mexican workforce and set up a factory where the only benefit to Mexico is a couple-thousand entry-level jobs paying roughly \$6 a day, but Mexican workers can't take advantage of the better job market in the United States that these companies are successfully avoiding.

This is obviously a very complicated issue, and I have not attempted to present any solutions or even give any thoughts on the proposed legislation. I just wanted to share some stories that are not often heard.

From the south-of-the-border perspective, a temporary work visa program would solve many of the problems surrounding immigration, since the vast majority of people only want to go to the United States for a short period of time and then return to their homes.

I imagine most people would gladly pay taxes to the U.S. government, since they would still be able to make more money for their families than if they stayed in Mexico, and they could feel secure about being in the United States.

Hopefully, as this debate continues, people will look at all sides of the issue and realize the effects of the proposed policies, both on the United States and on the immigrants.

Kraft, Stiegler: Tufts is becoming more tolerant of LGBT community

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The Safe Colleges Conference, New England's largest collegiate LGBT conference, boasted a bevy of workshops on the many issues facing queer people, from white privilege in the LGBT community to issues affecting same-sex parents. Both of these annual events are part of GayPril, a month-long series of social, educational and political programming.

Institutional changes resulting from long-lasting student advocacy efforts have brought about change to the University's non-discrimination policy, which now includes a clause protecting gender identity and expression.

More courses addressing queer people and the issues they face, including the addition of "Introduction to Queer Studies," are consistently offered by many departments.

It is important to remember that the queer community we speak of is hard to quantitatively define. For every out person at Tufts, there are many others who are coming out, struggling with their sexuality or will never come out during their time at Tufts.

Our community encompasses all those people, regardless of whether or not they would identify as part of it. There are many queer people — both

out and closeted — who will graduate from Tufts never having set foot in the LGBT Center or any other queer-related group meeting. Does that make them less queer? Absolutely not.

The LGBT groups on campus are not just here for people to use as resources, rather they also stand as necessary symbols for those who are unable to use them.

While Tufts has made considerable progress, we cannot become complacent but must continue to make further strides. Though measurable changes have been made, our university is still not an entirely safe place for every queer person. The Tufts queer community must continue to work with allies who view discrimination toward queer people as issues that affect everyone.

We must maintain the efforts aimed at raising queer visibility at Tufts. Whether it be wearing a Tufts rainbow pin, attending Queer-Straight Alliance meetings, or helping to make University policy more queer-friendly, the activism on all levels must be sustained.

We are excited to see what Tufts can do in the next four years and beyond. If the past four years are indicative of what is yet to come, then we cannot wait for what is in store for the Tufts queer and ally community.

Katzin details TCU Senate's accomplishments and goals

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the student body as much as possible to receive feedback on projects, hear what students would like improved and show how the Senate is representing all Jumbos.

On a personal note, being involved in Senate — and, specifically, serving as TCU president — has been the most amazing part of my college career. Granted, I learned a lot about leadership, communication

skills, negotiating and what it means to give back to the community. But above all, this was so special because of the people I got to meet and work with over the past four years.

So Tufts, thank you for instilling your confidence in me to serve as TCU president and improve this school as best I could — and, more importantly, thank you for making my college experience so unforgettable. Best of luck to the Class of 2006 in all your future endeavors!

Robinson: Involvement on campus greatly enriches students' undergraduate experiences

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the process — it truly is amazing.

After being on Senate, I wanted to contribute more to our school and student body and decided to run for president of the Tufts Community Union (TCU).

Running for TCU president is a tiring experience and a small microcosm of real politics, but I cannot remember having more fun. Two things made the experience great for me. First,

the involvement so many of my friends had — words cannot articulate how grateful I am. Secondly, being able to meet with and listen to the complaints, suggestions and ideas that so many of my fellow students have here at Tufts.

Meeting other members of the Tufts community made me that much more proud to be a student and individual on a much greater campus.

For me, this campus has added life to my years and will continue

to do so in my last year. To the teachers and friends who have made my experience, I would like to say thank you. Also, to those that are leaving I would like to say congratulations.

Many of you (you know who you are) have given me so much wisdom, and one of you (she knows who she is) has taught me so much. For those who still will reside on this Hill, let's look less at the length of the time we have, and more into the life we have added to that time.

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for years to come.

Whether wearing senior cowboy hats or senior shirts, attending pub nights or networking sessions, or simply chanting our class year, the Class of 2006 will long be remembered for our spirit, pride and thorough enjoyment of our final year at Tufts.

In addition, the Class of 2006 is easily one of the most accomplished, civic-minded and ambitious classes ever to walk the Hill. We have Fulbright Scholars, USA Today Academic All-Americans, Truman Scholars and Coro Fellows.

We've studied AIDS in Africa, rebuilt houses on the Gulf Coast and planned international policy conferences.

Next year, we will be going to law and medical school, joining the Peace Corps, banking, Teaching for America and engaging in cutting-edge research. Regardless of our individual chosen fields, the Class of 2006 has demonstrated the dedication, motivation and leadership skills necessary to leave our mark. I look forward to hearing about the repeated, breathtaking accomplishments that the future holds.

To the members of the Senior Class Council — Becky, Cara, Steph Anastopoulos and Jose Vazquez — thank you for your organization, friendship and patience. Your hard work was the core of this year.

To the Class of 2006: I look forward to being your fellow alumnus and hope we can continue enjoying our Tufts experience as we venture out into the world.

More importantly, it has been an honor and a pleasure serving as your class president. Good luck.

When it comes to unintentional overeating, size really matters



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Do you know that you may be eating more than you think? Impossible, right? Well, maybe not. Dr. Brian Wansink, a professor from the University of Illinois, has been studying consumer behavior for years and has made a career out of investigating the many reasons why we unknowingly overeat. What he has found is that size really does matter — package size, that is — as do visibility, convenience and many other factors that affect our appetites.

Imagine that you and a friend are invited to a party. Once you arrive, you're both offered snack mix — but there's a catch. You must serve yourselves from two different-sized bowls. You choose the large bowl and your friend, who is equally as hungry as you, gets the smaller one. Think you'll both end up with the same amount of snack mix? Chances are, you won't.

In Wansink's study of this exact scenario, students who served themselves from a large bowl consumed 56 percent (142 calories) more than those who served themselves from small bowls, all else equal.

So what does this mean? Well, it illustrates the point that visual illusions play a role in determining how much we eat. And not only does the size of our bowls or plates influence intake, but so does the shape of our glasses. On average, people

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pour 34 percent more into short, wide glasses than tall, narrow ones without even noticing a difference. Even bartenders, who are trained to pour accurately, over-pour into short, wide glasses compared to tall, narrow glasses. Makes you think twice about those glasses in the dining hall now, doesn't it?

Okay, so perhaps it seems obvious to you that larger package and serving sizes will cause you to eat more of the foods you like, but what about the foods you don't like — say, stale popcorn? Do you think you'd eat more stale popcorn from a large container versus a small? No, because it's stale — yuck!

Well, that's not what happened with moviegoers who unknowingly consumed 61 percent more stale popcorn when it was offered in a large container rather than a small one. This may seem crazy, but no matter what the taste, we lose track of how much we eat as we eat, so eating foods from a larger container will only cause us to eat more.

Now, most of you are probably thinking that all you need to do is pay attention to when you're full: let your stomach be your guide. Unfortunately, this strategy doesn't always work so well either. In another research study, Wansink created the "never-ending" soup bowl to study how much visual cues influence intake. In the experiment, some participants' soup bowls were slowly and imperceptibly refilled (using an apparatus hidden under the table) as the contents were consumed. Those who ate from the bottomless bowls unknowingly ate 73 percent more, but did not perceive themselves as more satiated than their counterparts who ate from the normal bowls. Apparently, we believe our eyes more than our

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Convenient meals and snacks don't always have to be unhealthy

BY MAYA KUMAR
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It's 5 p.m. You have just gotten out of class or work, and your stomach is starting to rumble. Do you know where your dinner is?

Chances are, it's more likely to come from a box than from your oven. In today's fast-paced world, shopping and cooking from scratch is a rarity. With the way consumer preferences are heading these days, it won't be long until all of our food is prepped by machines — a la the Jetson's universal food synthesiser: the Food-a-Rac-a-Cycle.

Does this sound a little too futuristic for your tastes? Well, we are not that far off with our food purchases today. The food industry is constantly anticipating America's desire for convenience foods and is creating pre-packaged, ready-to-heat and ready-to-eat foods to address consumers' time crunch and satisfy their hunger.

To help make our lives easier, restaurants, food manufacturers and supermarkets have stepped up to provide us with quick, easy and tasty meals for our on-the-go lifestyles. Check

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out the deli counter at your local supermarket and you'll find an assortment of pre-prepared items.

Or, if you're craving your favorite restaurant cuisine, pull up to curb-side pickup and you'll never even have to get out of your car! Can't find the motivation to get off the couch? Get the ultra-quick food fix by popping a TV dinner or pizza into the microwave.

And if you've noticed that your convenience foods are

looking a bit more appetizing these days, you're not imagining it. In the past few decades, technological advances in food science have helped the food industry to produce better-tasting packaged foods. They have improved food preservation and preparation methods and, as a result, have preserved the original taste and quality of many frozen, re-heated and canned products.

Improving taste is the key to cashing in. Manufacturers are

savvy: They know that when choosing what to eat, consumers tend to make taste, convenience, and price their top priorities. (Notice that the words "healthy" and "nutritious" don't even crack the top three.) But with all the focus on health and wellness these days, wouldn't food companies be wise to create a greater number of better-for-you options for on-the-go foods?

Not necessarily. While consumers may say that they are

interested in eating healthier meals, they are not always willing to make the switch permanent. Consumers are looking for variety, and they often vacillate between wanting healthy meals one day and indulgent foods the next.

The bottom line is that there is simply not enough consistent demand for these healthier products to make production cost-effective. While many

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NUTRITION SPOTLIGHT

Question: To D or not to D?

BY KATHERINE KWON
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With final exams finished and end-of-semester papers handed in, you can finally relax and enjoy that much-anticipated light at the end of the tunnel — sunlight, that is.

Although we've been told for decades to protect our skin and eyes from too much sun exposure, as harmful UV rays can lead to skin cancer, wrinkles and cataracts, our skin actually needs *some* sun exposure. Our bodies utilize UV rays to synthesize vitamin D — an essential nutrient that plays a vital role in our overall health, particularly in bone health.

Recently, researchers found that many more people are vitamin D-deficient than previously thought, and this discovery has spawned much debate about too little versus too much sun, and how best to get enough vitamin D.

Vitamin D is a fat-soluble vitamin (meaning it is transported and absorbed by your body via fat) that helps build and maintain strong bones by promoting calcium absorption and bone mineralization. The best food sources of vitamin D are fish, eggs, cod liver oil and fortified milk. Two cups (16 fluid ounces) of fortified milk will provide you with the minimum recommended amount of vitamin D per day. It's important to note that not all dairy products (for example, yogurt and cheese) are fortified with vitamin D, so read labels carefully.

However, unlike many other vitamins, dietary intake is not the only source of vitamin D. As previously mentioned, our bodies can actually produce vitamin D — given that we get sufficient sun exposure. UV rays from the sun activate a compound in the skin, transforming it into "previtamin D." Previtamin D is then absorbed into the bloodstream, where it travels to the liver and kidneys to be converted to an active form of vitamin D that the body can use.

Factors that affect our ability to get adequate UV ray exposure include season, geographic latitude, time of day, cloud cover, smog, skin pigmentation and sunscreen. For example, in the greater Boston area, we don't get enough sunlight exposure from November through February for our bodies to make sufficient vitamin D.

So, now that long, hot summer days

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Tips on getting D without getting burned

So, what should you do this summer to maximize vitamin D production while still protecting your skin? Here are some basic recommendations:

- Ten to 15 minutes of sun exposure twice a week to the face, arms, hands or back without sunscreen is enough for you to absorb sufficient vitamin D.
- After that, you should use a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15. Look for broad spectrum UVA and UVB protection.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses when you plan to be out in the sun all day.
- Eat and drink foods high in vitamin D.

are quickly approaching, do we pull out the sunscreen, hats and sunglasses to protect our skin from the sun, or do we stretch out on the beach to maximize our sun exposure — and thus, our vitamin D production?

According to the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), everybody, regardless of skin type, should use a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15 year-round, especially on days you plan to be in the sun for more than 20 minutes. Protecting your skin from the sun is crucial, the AAD says, because sun exposure is the

most preventable risk factor for skin cancer.

But vitamin D is now gaining increased attention for its potential role in actually preventing certain cancers. Dr. Cedric Garland, professor of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of California - San Diego School Of Medicine, presented data at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) meeting just last month suggesting that women with higher vitamin D levels have a

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Graduating and no job... but I'm going to celebrate

Graduation. A time to celebrate your achievements, hang out with friends and family and revel in the fact that, yes, you're finally done!

Implicitly, graduation speaks not only of all your past accomplishments, but of the future. Goals, plans... jobs. Everybody keeps asking you, "So, what are you going to do now?" "What are your plans?" "Do you have a job?"

I've been surrounded by these questions for months now. My mom and dad, grandparents, friends, classmates and even professors have all been wondering what I will do after I graduate. (Yes, I admit, I'm also guilty of peppering my classmates with these questions!) And, invariably, the answers are "I don't know." "I'm not sure." "I'm looking for a job, but haven't found what I want yet."

Perhaps you've already made your plans; you know what you want to do after you graduate. You've found a job. You're going to travel, volunteer, join the Peace Corps. You're going to graduate school in the fall.

But many of you — like me, perhaps — may not yet know what your future will bring. And you know what? That's okay, too.

Instead of worrying about what I will do next month, I think I will enjoy these last few weeks with the friends I've met before we disperse to different cities. I'll look forward to my family's visit for graduation. I'll enjoy this city — walking through the Common or Public Garden on a sunny day, shopping on Newbury and having a margarita at Border Café in Harvard Square — not knowing whether I'll be staying here or not.

And yes, I'll continue looking toward my future, making plans. I'll continue to search for the 'right' job — and if I can't find it, I hope to realize that perhaps I won't find the 'right' job right away.

Sometimes you just have to find a job that will be a starting point, that will give you experience and maybe even lead you onto the path toward your dream job.

Things have a way of working out, I think. I'm confident I will find what's right for me. And, if you haven't yet, I'm sure you will too. In the meantime, enjoy graduating; being done with college is a huge accomplishment!

Celebrate yourself, your friends, your family. Look forward to a bright future, even if you're not sure what that future holds. At least that's what I'll be doing... and reassuring my parents of that too!

Congratulations, graduates!

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GET YOUR MOTOR RUNNING

Answering questions on aerobics, fitness and weight training

BY MARY KENNEDY
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Q. I always get confused about when I am supposed to breathe while strength training. Can you help?

A. The correct way to breathe when strength training is to exhale during the "lifting" or "positive" phase of the exercise and to inhale during the "lowering" or "negative" phase. Using a bicep curl as an example, you should breathe out when lifting the weight towards your shoulders and breathe in when lowering the weight towards the floor.

Q. What is the difference between yoga and Pilates?

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A. Yoga and Pilates both provide a great workout aimed at building strength and flexibility; the difference between the two is mainly philosophical.

Yoga is a holistic, spiritual discipline with roots in Eastern forms of meditation. Its focus is on both physical and spiritual development. Yoga classes emphasize flexibility over strength and often include a meditative component. They are a great choice for people looking to increase flexibility and reduce stress by working both their mind and their body.

Pilates is a newer discipline that was developed in the 1920s as a rehabilitation program for injured World War I soldiers. Pilates, like yoga, builds strength and flexibility; however, Pilates emphasizes strengthening (especially the core muscles, abs and back) over flexibility. Also, it lacks the spiritual component found in yoga. Pilates is a great choice for people looking for a unique form of muscle conditioning.

Q. I want to start an aerobic exercise program. What type of exercise will get me in the best shape?

A. The type of aerobic exercise that will get you into the best shape is the one that you enjoy the most and will keep you coming back for more. It is hard to find the time and the energy to begin an exercise program, and it will only become more difficult if you force yourself to do a type of exercise you hate. Just because your roommate is a runner does not mean you have to be. Try out different activities, machines and classes until you find something that you personally enjoy and that makes you feel good. Just be sure that your joints and muscles like it as much as you do!

Q. If I am going to do cardio and weights, is it better to do cardio or weights first?

A. The decision of which to do first — cardio or weights — is a matter of personal preference. Whichever works best for you is correct.

When trying to make this decision, take a few things into consideration. First, is there one portion of your workout that you enjoy more than another? It is a good idea to do the part of your workout that you enjoy the *least* first. That way you will be less likely to skip it.

For example, if you look forward to walking on the treadmill, do the weight portion of your workout first. That way it will be impossible to find an excuse (e.g., "I ran out of time") not to strength train.

Next, consider the fact that your muscles will be more fatigued for the part of your routine you do second. If you want to be "fresh" for strength training, you should do that first so you don't find yourself worn out from your cardio workout and vice versa.

Keep in mind that your muscles need to be warmed up before strength training. If you decide to do weights first, complete a five-minute cardio warm-up prior to starting your weight routine.

ASK JANEL OVRUT, RD

Boosting metabolism? Butter vs. margarine? The answers are here

Q: I can't seem to find time to exercise while I'm going to school full-time, working a job and studying. Are there any activities I can do to add some physical activity into my day without having to go to a gym?

A: Walking is one of the best, and safest forms of exercise you can do, and you most likely already do it every day! It is recommended that we take 10,000 steps each day for physical activity. This is the equivalent of about five miles. It may seem like a lot, but steps can add up when you decide to take the stairs instead of an elevator, or to walk to Porter Square instead of riding the T.

The easiest way to track the number of steps you take is to wear a pedometer all day. Pedometers can be found at electronic or sporting goods stores. Achieving 10,000 steps a day may take some effort, so set a weekly goal and keep taking extra steps so you can ultimately reach five miles per day! You won't even realize you're exercising while continuing with your regular routine.

Q: Are there any foods that are good for boosting metabolism?

A: Unfortunately, there are no magic foods that will boost the metabolism — if only it were so simple.

What exactly is metabolism, and is there any way to change it? Metabolism refers to the way our bodies use energy for vital functions like breathing and digestion, as well as for physical activity. A person's resting metabolic rate (RMR) is the rate at which he or she burns calories throughout the day — and everyone's is a little bit different depending on genetics, gender, age and activity level.

The good news is that exercise, especially strength training, can boost the metabolism. Exercise helps to decrease body fat and increase the amount of lean tissue in the body, which is good because muscle, or lean tissue, is more "metabolically active" than fat.

Strength training with dumbbells, the use of resistance bands or even yoga and Pilates classes at least twice a week can help to

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HOW TO...

...avoid sickness while traveling

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Pina colada, hot sand, cool ocean and... diarrhea? Vacations are definitely a time to splurge and relax, but all too often ignorance paves a one-way road to the emergency room. With a few precautions, illness from unsanitary water or ill-prepared food can be avoided.

In countries where hygiene and sanitation are poorly maintained or absent, it is best to stay away from foods that may be contaminated. Raw foods are most at risk, particularly salads, uncooked fruits and veggies and

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build lean muscle mass.

Eating plays a role in metabolism, too, though not via specific foods. Severely restricting calories when trying to lose weight can actually slow down your metabolism. If the body isn't getting enough calories frequently enough during the day to fuel your activities, it will try to conserve energy by slowing down your metabolism. Eating regular meals and snacks throughout the day provides your body with the fuel it needs — and can help to keep your metabolism revved up.

Q: Which is a better spread, butter or margarine?

A: There is no definitive answer to this debate. When deciding between butter and margarine, it is important to know the health facts about each and to make a decision based on what is best for you.

One hundred percent of the calories in both butter and margarine come from fat. Butter is made from animal fat and contains more saturated ("bad") fat than unsaturated ("good") fat. Saturated fats are associated with increased cholesterol in the body and may contribute to heart disease.

Margarine, made from vegetable oils, contains higher amounts of the "good" fats, monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats. The presence of these "good" fats may make margarine appear more advantageous, but the production of margarine — which involves adding hydrogen atoms to the vegetable oil — changes the structure of some of the polyunsaturated fatty acids into trans fatty acids, or trans fats. Trans fats may act the same way in the body as saturated fat by contributing to high blood pressure and heart disease.

Many spread manufacturers have recently made several changes to their products to make them more heart-healthy. Now some margarines contain reduced amounts of trans fats; similarly, butter is being produced with reduced saturated fat, cholesterol and calories.

Regardless of which spread you choose, it is important to remember that both butter and margarine contribute fat to our diet. We all need some fat in our diet, but it is important to consume it sparingly as it ultimately contributes additional and often unwanted calories.

unpasteurized milk products.

As is true here in the States, make sure fish, meats and shellfish are cooked thoroughly when traveling. And remember, even well-cooked food can quickly become a bacterial playground if left out at room temperature for more than four hours. To prevent this, be sure that the cooked food is straight from the frying pan or has been thoroughly re-heated. If something does not look, taste or feel right, avoid it.

Drinking water is particularly hazardous when traveling. While most water in the United States is safe to drink thanks to chlorination, this is not always the case in other parts of the world. In places where water is scarce, cross contamination of bathing and drinking water is likely — setting the

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Good-for-you, inexpensive fast food is no longer an oxymoron at b.good

BY ALLISON STEVENS
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Yes, b.good may be fast food. You order. Your food arrives fast. But the end result tastes unlike typical fast-food fare. Yes, there are lots of burgers on the menu. But these are "lean, hand-packed burgers" that are ground fresh daily using 100 percent choice steaks. This extra special care translates into a really tasty hamburger.

Want something other than beef? Go for their BBQ turkey burger or one of their house-made veggie burgers. My favorite is the Venetian, a thick, white-bean patty spread with a basil pesto and topped with sundried tomatoes, garlicky sautéed spinach and a sprinkling of parmesan cheese served on a toasted whole wheat bun. Who needs ketchup when you've got all that?

If you're not in the mood for a burger, b.good also offers a variety of hot or cold sandwiches and salads, like the chipotle chicken salad. And don't forget sides like the crisp veggies that are topped with a sesame-soy dressing and come in at a mere 68 calories.

Or opt for the more traditional fries, which in b.good's case are not actually *fried* (they're baked), but still have that slight-

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ly crisp, salty flavor that makes them close enough to the real thing to keep you popping them till they're gone.

If you still have room for dessert you could go with the "b.good" theme and select a piece of fruit from the basket at the cash register. Or order up one of their shakes. B.good offers everything from traditional chocolate to fruity mango. All are blended with non-fat frozen yogurt and skim milk (just don't forget to budget in the calories — 467 for a 16 oz. chocolate shake or 213 for the 16 oz. mango).

The food described above can be found at either of b.good's locations. The restaurant's Boston location is at 131 Dartmouth Street. Right outside the Back Bay stop near the Prudential center, it's open every day from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., and its phone number is 617-424-5252.

b.good's Cambridge location is near Harvard Square at 24 Dunster Street. It's open daily from 11 a.m. - 11 p.m., and its phone number is 617-354-6500.

Both the Boston and Cambridge locations offer a relaxed atmosphere coupled with free wireless Internet access and good tunes, making for a perfect place to enjoy tasty food while getting some work done.

Works by local artists adorn the walls and are waiting to be plucked up by b.good customers wanting to take a piece of the experience home. Luckily, the food is cheaper than the art; a burger, fries and drink will cost you less than \$10.

So stop by b.good today and sample some good-for-you (and good-for-your-wallet), tasty fast food.

b.good on the Web

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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Plums: They're plum delicious

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**Plum-a-licious Sorbet**

3/4 lb of plums, rinsed, pitted, sliced, and unpeeled
1 cup orange-juice
3 Tbsp sugar
1 Tbsp orange zest

Combine plums, orange juice, sugar and orange peel in a blender. Puree until smooth. Pour the mixture into a freezer safe dish, and put in your freezer for about four hours. About half an hour before you are ready to eat it, puree it one more time in your blender. Keep frozen until ready to serve. Makes eight servings.

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It's May, and you know what that means. Sure, it's the beginning of summer break, but it's also the beginning of plum season! OK, maybe not as exciting, but it's a reason to celebrate nonetheless.

The plum, whose season extends from May through October, is a juicy, sweet-tasting fruit that comes in a panorama of colors. The skins of plums can be red, purple, blue-black, red, green, yellow or amber, while their flesh comes in hues such as yellow, green and pink, and orange. Although usually round, plums can also be oval- or heart-shaped.

Plums are nutrient-dense fruits that contain high level of phenols, which function as antioxidants. Due to their high vitamin C content, plums also may help to increase the body's iron absorption. The plum is also a good source of beta-carotene, riboflavin, dietary fiber and potassium.

Plums are delicious eaten as is and best at room temperature. If refrigerated, allow the fruit to approach room temperature before consuming to help it attain the maximum juiciness and sweetness.

To remove the pit before eating or cooking, cut the plum in half lengthwise, gently twist the halves in opposite directions and then carefully take out the pit.

Plums can be used in a variety of recipes, and are usually baked or poached.

Here are a few quick serving ideas:

— Make pizza with a twist by broiling sliced plums, goat cheese, walnuts and sage on top of a whole wheat pita bread or pizza crust.

— For a delightful dessert, poach plums in red wine and serve with lemon zest.

— Bake pitted plum halves in a 200°F oven until they are wrinkled. Mix them into a bread recipe for a sweet and hearty treat.

— Add plum slices to cold cereal.

Visual cues impact food intake

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stomachs.

You also may not realize that convenience and visibility can lead you to eat more, too. According to Wansink's research, the less convenient it is for you to get to a particular food, the less of it you'll eat. In a study of office workers, Wansink placed chocolate candy on the participants' desks where it was visible and convenient. In the second scenario, the container of chocolate candy was placed in the desk — convenient, but not visible. And finally, the container of chocolate was placed away from the desk on a high shelf, which was visible, but not convenient.

On average, participants with candy on their desk ate almost three times more than when the candy was in their desk, and five-and-a-half times more than when the candy was on the shelf.

Wansink's work and previous research have also found that our mood, age and even gender play a significant role in determining how much we eat. According to Wansink, women are more likely to want snack-

related comfort foods than men, who tend to crave meal-related comfort foods.

Although they have no definitive answer as to why, researchers hypothesize that men are more accustomed to having foods cooked for them and thus prefer hot or prepared foods, while women, who may have played a more active role in cooking, desire convenient and less preparation-intensive foods.

So what can we learn from all this? Well, if you eat in the dining hall, try using the large bowls for things like salad, rather than cereal or ice cream. If you live on your own, take a look in your cabinets and see what size your glasses, plates and bowls are, and try to use the large ones for fruits and vegetables. Also, keep healthier foods on your table or counter so you can see them and easily reach for them when you're craving a snack. And place those chocolate candies far, far away — because out of sight is out of mind.

Information for this article was adapted from Dr. Brian Wansink's research, which can be found by visiting www.foodpsychology.com.

More research on sun exposure needed

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significantly reduced risk of breast cancer. Other researchers have linked low vitamin D levels with other types of cancers and even multiple sclerosis.

Sunscreens with an SPF of eight or higher block the UV rays that allow the skin to synthesize vitamin D. Thus, protecting your skin while still

getting enough sun exposure to make adequate amounts of vitamin D continues to be a topic of debate. Some experts believe that the recommended intake of vitamin D should be increased, some suggest fortifying more foods with vitamin D, and others recommend taking vitamin D supplements. At this point, though, it is agreed that more extensive vitamin D research is necessary before

making any of these changes. You'll likely get enough sun exposure this summer doing your everyday activities, so there's no need to bake in the sun all day just to make enough vitamin D. Too much sun can definitely be harmful. As we like to say in the nutrition field, "everything in moderation" — and the case of sun exposure and vitamin D is no exception.

Foods can be fast, cheap, healthy *and* tasty

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people blame the food industry for promoting inexpensive, tasty and often unhealthy food, personal responsibility also needs to be taken into consideration: Manufacturers continue to make the products because consumers continue to demand them.

But don't throw your hands up altogether. While the pre-packaged convenience food culture may be more focused on taste than nutrition, you can create your own healthy

and quick meals with minimal effort. Here are some ideas:

Make your own personal pizza using a whole wheat pita as the crust. Layer on tomato sauce, frozen pre-cut peppers or broccoli and shredded mozzarella. Pop it in the oven for a healthy and satisfying alternative to delivery or DiGiorno's.

If you don't want to fuss with the prep work that accompanies cooking chicken or fish, look for pre-seasoned chicken breasts or fish filets that are oven-ready (simply thaw or defrost prior to cooking if fro-

zen). For easy snacks, look no further than the produce department for pre-cut veggies and fruits, or the dairy case for individual cups of low-fat yogurt or cottage cheese.

Convenience food does not have to mean unhealthy food or tasteless food. Buy a few staples, make use of some of the pre-cut, pre-shredded, pre-seasoned products in the marketplace, and make a healthy, easy and tasty meal that would put the Food-a-Rac-a-Cycle to shame.

When traveling, take necessary precautions before eating and drinking

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stage for the most common path of infection, fecal to mouth.

Fecally contaminated food or water is the leading cause of traveler's diarrhea, an illness that affects roughly 10 million international travelers each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Onset is likely within the first week of travel and is more common in developing countries, but particularly Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and

Asia. Bacterial enteropathogens are the most likely source of traveler's diarrhea, although viral and parasitic pathogens are also to blame. Symptoms include watery diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Sufferers are at risk for dehydration, so be particularly aware of fluid intake. *Safe* fluid intake, that is — if you cannot be assured by a reliable source that the water from a tap is safe and drinkable, you must boil it.

Water needs to be brought to a good boil for at least one minute (higher alti-

tudes require a longer boiling time). Before drinking, cool water to room temperature — just be sure not to add unsanitized ice cubes to speed cooling.

Perhaps a more realistic option is to drink bottled beverages, although there is a slight catch. While the liquid inside the bottles is most likely pathogen-free, you can't be sure that the outside of the bottle or can is clean. Be sure to dry the container and clean the area that your mouth may come into contact with. Remember to use safe water while brushing your teeth as

well.

So you don't leave totally discouraged, there is some good news... liquor, beer and wine are all considered safe choices! But as with all beverages, be sure your drinks are delivered without the ice.

International travel can be fun and safe, but when it comes to food and water, don't let your guard down. And remember to consider the food on the plane ride home: Airlines often load the galley with food from the area of departure, so bring a pre-packaged snack to be safe.



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Bailey's one-run gems not enough in playoff games as lineup gets paralyzed

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With Rowan maintaining a fragile 6-5 lead, both Oswald and Bailey pitched magnificently; neither

NESCAC Tournament at Williamstown; May 7

Tufts	5
Williams	6

NESCAC Tournament at Williamstown, Mass., May 6

Trinity	8
Tufts	13
Tufts	0
Williams	1

NESCAC Tournament at Williamstown, Mass., May 5

Amherst	3
Tufts	4

allowed a runner past second base for the remainder of the game. The score remained unchanged, and the Profs advanced to the finals as the Jumbos headed home.

"It would have been easy to die, quit a little and walk away 6-0 and

say 'we didn't have our best that game, and we could have done better,'" Milligan said. "While I still think we could have done better, to have such a young team show up to play even after giving up six 'bad' runs, shows character and pride."

The Jumbos reached the consolation final with a 3-0 win over Wilkes earlier that afternoon in the double-elimination tournament, battling back in the loser's bracket after their first loss to Rowan. A strong mound showing from senior co-captain Sarah Conroy held the Colonels scoreless as a few key hits moved the Jumbo runners around.

With Wilkes junior pitcher Lauren Agresti riding a shutout in the bottom of the fifth, freshman outfielder Maya Ripecky crushed a pitch over the left field fence for a 1-0 Tufts lead. A two-RBI single from Bailey in the third added two more, which was more than enough for Conroy, who turned in a three-hit shutout for the win.

Tufts suffered its first loss of the tournament two days earlier, falling to Rowan 1-0 on Thursday. Oswald

again faced off with Bailey, who turned in eight strikeouts, several that diffused dangerous situations, to keep the Jumbos in the game. But the Tufts bats offered no support, and Bailey took her second 1-0 loss of the postseason.

"It's a little frustrating as a pitcher when you hold a team to one or two runs and still lose," said Bailey, who was named to the NCAA All-Tournament team along with Kuhles. "I think that's what we really need to work on for next year; you need to have that run support, because you can't win if you can't score."

Of all Jumbos pitchers, Bailey was hurt most by Tufts' inconsistent run support in the 2006 season. While the Jumbos scored 5.75 runs per game in the regular season, they scored only 3.8 when Bailey was on the mound in the regular season, and gave Bailey only 2.05 runs per game in her three postseason appearances. In defense of the Tufts bats, Bailey usually took the mound against the opposing team's ace, including several of the best pitch-

ers in the country.

The lone Rowan run in Thursday's game came on a Bartolf RBI single that knocked around a Bailey walk. The inning could have been far worse for the Jumbos, as Bailey found herself with no outs and the bases loaded. Recovering from a shaky inning, she delivered her first two strikeouts of the day to get out of the inning down only one.

The Jumbos threatened at their next at-bat, loading up the bases up with two outs and Bailey at the plate with a chance to carry over her momentum from the field. But the sophomore failed to help her own cause, grounding out to the pitcher to end the inning.

Tufts had one last chance in the sixth when Bailey led off with a double that came up just inches short of being a game-tying home run. But the promising situation deteriorated quickly, when sophomore third baseman Kristin Wallace caught freshman pinch runner Roni Herbst off the bag at second to double up a line drive from sophomore Mara Dodson and end the inning.

"We saw really good pitching, but I don't think it was pitching that we couldn't handle," Lopez said. "We were just having trouble putting hits together. We had runners on base and couldn't bring them in."

Tufts got timely hitting in the opening contest of Nationals, rallying back against senior Julia Brenta, who went five innings while giving up three runs and striking out three. Gelmetti came in for two innings of scoreless relief to get the save.

The Jumbos' tournament bid came on the heels of their runner-up finish in the NESCAC Tournament. They fell twice to Williams in the tournament, 1-0 in the first game and 6-5 in the title game. The 6-5 game put the Jumbos on the wrong end of a comeback, as they carried a 5-1 lead going into the third. The Ephs plated five two-out runs to win their third straight NESCAC title.

Morwick hopes to return to Nationals

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Nationals berth the previous season by only seven points. With six returning members from 2004, Tufts was looking to get over the hump.

"Last year, there was a real chance but we had to have some luck. This year we knew we were going [to Nationals]," coach Kristen Morwick said. "Everyone just kind of looked at it as natural progression. Instead of hoping to go there, it was an expectation that we would go."

Senior tri-captain Becca Ades led a balanced group of juniors Raquel Morgan and Sarah Crispin, sophomores Catherine Beck and Katy O'Brien, and freshmen Evelyn Sharkey and Katie Rizzolo that took fifth at NESCACs.

Two weeks later, Tufts put four runners in the top 30 to take fifth place at Regionals to earn a Nationals berth. Beck (14th), Ades (27th), O'Brien (28th), and Sharkey (29th) each earned All-Region recognition.

"If any person in our top five that day didn't do what they did, we wouldn't have been there," Ades said. "I think that just shows how much of a team effort it was."

The experience at Div. III Nationals, however, was something the Jumbos would like to forget as quickly as possible. The team placed 22nd out of 24 teams, finishing well behind the other New England competition, which all placed in the top 12.

Ades attributed the performance to the team's all-out showing at Regionals, as well as the hilly, muddy course.

"A lot of it was that we were really gun-

ning for Regionals to make it for Nationals," Ades said. "You kind of have to do that if you're not the top team in the region. You have two big races back-to-back."

Morwick had another explanation, citing a rough day for Sharkey, who staggered the final 1,000 meters before crawling across the finish line.

"How can you predict one of your runners passing out?" Morwick said. "It's just bad luck. You just have to move on from it."

Regardless of their showing, the Jumbos' team qualification was a program milestone, and the wealth of young runners holds promise for good things to come.

"Everybody's only getting stronger," Ades said, noting that Beck, Sharkey, and Rizzolo have all had strong track seasons. "The only person they're losing next year is me, and I think they'll be fine."

The season was a big achievement for Ades, who lost much of her training to an IT band injury over the summer. She went on to earn All-NESCAC and All-Region honors in her senior season.

"[Ades] achieved things that she had had as four-year college goals," Morwick said. "You can't be unhappy with that. She obviously was battling with big things, and she's just continued to build on that stuff in track."

Morwick now hopes to get the team back to Nationals and progress toward performing well on the big stage.

"That will be the next step," Morwick said. "The next time we go [to Nationals], it'll be a lot better."

O'Leary awarded Bennett Scholarship

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playing both; it just didn't work out. It never crossed my mind to quit baseball. Even though there were a lot of challenges, and it was frustrating at times, I was confident that my ability would eventually show itself as long as I kept working hard."

Indeed, O'Leary's offensive capabilities began to shine through as he posted a .337 batting average and .604 slugging percentage during the 101 at-bats of his junior season. Roaming the corner outfield positions and batting leadoff, O'Leary became a staple in Tufts' 2005 lineup.

"He's one of the best hitters I've ever played with or against," senior tri-captain Greg Chertok said. "He's unbelievable; he's battled through injuries. This year and at the end of last year, he's really showed what he's able to do. He's one of the best hitters in the country."

With football behind him, O'Leary spent the off-season working on transitioning to centerfield and becoming a more complete hitter in the middle of the order.

But even without football, the nightmare recurred; the senior dislocated his thumb during the team's spring trip to Virginia, forcing him out of the lineup for the first five games of the season. By

this time, however, O'Leary knew how to cope with injuries, and after his time on the shelf, he emerged as the best hitter on the team for the last 32 games of 2006. Additionally, with the help of outfield coach Bob Clarke, O'Leary played flawless defense in centerfield, posting a 1.000 fielding percentage.

"It has been a long, hard career, but it really paid off in the end," O'Leary said. "I'm glad I stuck with it; it helped me grow personally and improved all aspects of my life at Tufts. I played with a great group of seniors, and throughout the four years, developed great friendships."

"We became solid baseball players as a whole, and although maybe we weren't expected to, we turned out to be one of the best senior classes we've ever had in Tufts baseball," he continued.

A history major, O'Leary accumulated a 3.4 GPA and was awarded the Bennett Memorial Scholarship, given to one female and one male athlete every year for exhibiting exceptional sportsmanship.

Along with senior Zak Smotherman and Greg Chertok, O'Leary will participate in a New England All-Star game held at Fenway Park on May 28 that honors the best Div. I, II and III ballplayers in the New England area.

Sprinters unable to overcome weather

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Nationals in the event, took eighth with a time of 2:17.23, about two seconds slower than her fastest and slower than she'd like to be running this late in the season.

"The weather just made it impossible to get going," Morwick said. "[O'Brien] hung back, and then out-kicked a few in her heat in the last stretch, but she said she couldn't feel her legs."

All of the Jumbo sprinters have seen better performances than those at All-New England's. Junior Maggie Clary and freshman Kathleen Rutecki both had one of their slower times in the 400 hurdles, with Clary taking 19th (1:08.35) and Rutecki finishing 22nd (1:09.53). Rutecki ran a 1:06.74 at Div. III's the week before for fourth place.

The 4x100 meter relay team of sophomores Erica Steinitz and Joyce Uang and freshman Aubrey Wasser and Halsey Stebbins ran 51.02 for 10th, 0.3 seconds slower than at Div. III's. Steinitz also had a slower time in the 100 meters, running 13.28 for 24th place.

The weather forced the field events indoors. Freshman Paula Dormon, who set a personal best at Div. III's with a third-

place 41'08.50" throw, took 20th at All-New England's, throwing 37'08.50". Finals were down the freshman and hurt her throws at All-New England's. At press time, she was six inches away from the provisional qualifying mark for Nationals in the event with ECACs as her final chance to make it onto the list.

"[Dormon] was just too tired to perform," Morwick said. "ECACs will be better."

Sophomore Sarah Martin finished 18th in the hammer with a throw of 138'11" down from the 145'10" mark that earned her sixth place at Div. III's. Uang took 16th in the high jump (5'01") and sophomore Jenna Weir took 17th in the long jump (15'10.50").

At Div. III's the weekend before, the team had 60.33 points for fourth place, courtesy of strong performances across the board. Besides O'Brien, Martin, Rutecki, Dormon, and the 4x400 meter relay scoring points, the team got contributions from its two heptathletes.

Senior tri-captain Megan Sears took fourth in the heptathlon with 3,769 points and Clary took sixth with 3,663 points. Fitzpatrick ran the 400 meters, taking second to score eight points (58.85), and Weir added points in the triple jump by taking fourth (34'10.50").

Defense was solid up the middle

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of tough weekends, it's a huge victory," Decembrele said. "It gave us a lot of confidence going into the playoffs."

Tufts' pitching stabilized the team during that series and throughout the season. While opposing pitchers recorded a 6.63 ERA against the Tufts offense, the Jumbo pitching staff finished third in the league with a 3.84 ERA, behind Bowdoin (3.02) and Amherst (3.14).

No two games were bigger than a five-hit shutout from junior tri-captain Ben Simon and a near no-hitter from senior Zak Smotherman in the NESCAC Tournament as the Jumbos' clawed their way back from the first-round drubbing by Middlebury all the way to the title game.

Despite surrendering 41 unearned runs its 38 games, the team led the NESCAC with a .964 fielding percentage. Chertok and second baseman Brian Casey anchored the middle infield, while junior tri-captain

Bryan McDavitt (first) and freshman Kevin Casey (third) held down the corners.

"We had really strong infield defense this year," said Chertok, the starting shortstop. "Brian and I had played for a few years up-the-middle together, so we were very comfortable with each other. The corner infielders did good too."

With all its success, the team will only lose five seniors, but all five played a crucial role in each win. Smotherman (6-2, 2.71 ERA, 51 strikeouts), reliever Erik Johanson (1-1, 2.19, 19), lead-off man Chertok (.367, 35 runs scored), outfielder Jim O'Leary (.467 batting average, 28 RBI) and catcher Ben Chang (six runners caught stealing) all graduate today.

"Anytime you lose the five guys we're losing, who had such a large impact on the team, you have a lot of making up to do," Decembrele said. "We need to compensate for that next year; but we will have seven or eight guys who started for two or three years on the roster. We're very optimistic for next year."

Eng hopes to build Tufts for future

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Jumbos' mental game throughout the season.

"We worked very hard this year on our conditioning, but more than that, Doug taught us to be mentally tougher," Rubenstein said.

Bringing a new coaching style to Voute Courts, Eng carried the same important

leadership qualities that he so quietly demonstrated as an assistant. Although the Jumbos did not have a winning record, Eng continues to recruit talented players in an effort to vault the Tufts program into a nationally contending position.

"Doug is the best coach," Roberts said. "He has so much energy, enthusiasm, and knowledge. If it was only based on his efforts, we would be national champions."

Williams gets scholarship

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consistently our fastest 400 runner, and he's obviously brilliant. He's a standup guy, really an All-American kid."

"Having led by example as a four-time captain and devoted athlete, I feel like I've shared with my teammates a love of the sport," Williams said. "I've learned more about the value of commitment to a cause than I could hope to teach in a lifetime."

Williams has found equal success in the classroom. He graduates summa cum laude today as a biopsychology major fluent in French, holding better than a 3.8 GPA and earning four A+ marks over his four years. He cites Professors Todd Quinto and Harry Bernheim as among the most influential forces in his undergraduate career.

"[They made] tireless efforts to further my academic and personal development through unyielding support of my intellectual curiosity," Williams said.

"Trevor is a special guy in a lot of ways," Quinto said. "He was one of the best students in my honors calculus class, and was always modest and helpful to other students. I've been impressed with his academic performance and the ways in which he integrates his social goals — his interest in helping kids and public health — and his professional goals of medical school. He's going to do well for the University by doing good for the world."

"He's a brilliant young man who excels in the classroom no matter what the topic," said Bernheim, who taught Williams in introductory biology and physiology. "He's incredibly modest in his excellent accomplishments, which you don't often see in an individual. Most people who have done a lot are aware that they have done so and are somewhat impressed with themselves, but that's not at all the case with Trevor."

While the balance between full-

time athlete and dedicated student is a difficult one to strike, Williams feels that the two have complemented each other.

"By challenging yourself both athletically and academically, the student-athlete benefits from the thrill of success in competition, while simultaneously gaining insight into the constructive nature of defeat," Williams said. "The awareness that evolves is uniquely profound."

A career in medicine geared toward public health will continue the community outreach that Williams began at Tufts, where he worked with children as a volunteer at Tufts Literary Corps and at Children's Hospital Boston. He co-founded and acted as a coordinator for the Tufts chapter of the Timmy Foundation, a group that funds relief trips to poverty-stricken areas of the world, and organized a spring break trip to the Dominican Republic this year.

He plans to remain involved with the Timmy Foundation after graduation, as the group is in the early stages of establishing a clinical facility aimed at providing care to Haitian refugees in the Dominican Republic.

Though his future path is not entirely set in stone, Williams considers himself charged with the responsibility of putting the grant money to good use.

"Such awards are only valuable in so much as they enable us to extend the generosity with which we have been graced to those who are less fortunate," Williams said.

The drive, ambition and concern for others that are a hallmark of Williams' past endeavors bode well for his future pursuits.

"I hope that in 10 years, I am changed by the myriad successes and failures that I have had as a physician," Williams said. "I am continually fascinated by the challenges and beauties of life, and [that I] have the opportunity to share these miracles with others."

Chavanon was valuable rookie

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another crash and I couldn't avoid that one. I still finished 19th, but I know I could have gotten top 10 if I hadn't crashed."

On Friday, Jaras, Dunn and Thompson competed in the team time trial, a collaborative event that demands team cohesion and has little room for error as team members ride in a straight line, rotating out of the top spot that faces the brunt of the wind. The 14-mile loop was the longest the team had faced all year, as conference time trials are usually between seven and nine miles, and intense wind challenged the Tufts riders.

"It was a really long race, a 14-mile time trial against the wind," Jaras said. "You have to really know your teammates and how they ride and make the transitions as smooth as possible."

The trio had hoped to finish second in the race, behind season-long foe MIT, the event's favorite to win. At the Easterns, the ECCC's final event of the year, Tufts finished just 16 seconds behind the MIT squad.

But strong competition from unfamiliar opponents led to a finishing time of 45:16, seventh out of 12 teams and three minutes behind the Engineers.

"In the women's races, [other teams] were constantly attacking, sprinting out and trying to drop the rest of the pack," Jaras said. "I'd never been in such a competitive race. Not even Nationals last year was this competitive."

However, as Wexler was unable to make the trip, the team had only three riders instead of the usual four, and only one other three-rider team finished ahead of the Tufts squad.

"Only one team that finished above us started with three riders, and with the length and fact that it was extremely windy, having a fourth member would have really helped," Thompson said. "But we felt like we raced our best race all season at Nationals."

Tufts Cycling did not field a men's team time trial, as only two men were eligible to race.

Chavanon finished 28th in the criterium, but earned 20 of his 26 points from a 41st-place finish in the road race. Chavanon finished the 84.6-mile course in 3:48:16, 7:56 back from the winner.

"In a race that long, I tried not to put [in] too much effort in the beginning and just sit in with group to get the draft and block the wind," Chavanon said. "In first lap, I missed one of the feeds — people handing out water and Gatorade — and I got a little dehydrated, which caught up with me in the second lap and I started to cramp a little bit, so I finished a little lower than I would have liked."

Chavanon, the team's lone freshman, made the mid-season move to A Division and put forth his best showings of the year at Nationals. Along with Dunn, Chavanon will be a captain of next year's squad.

"[Vince] is going to be a monster next year," Jaras said. "This was his first season, and not many freshmen are able to do as well as he did."

The Collegiate Road Nationals concludes a successful season for Tufts cyclists. Tufts finished in seventh place in the 21-team ECCC Div. II. With Eager and Jaras graduating, the team will rely on A-riders Thompson, Dunn, and young Chavanon to keep Tufts rolling in 2007.

Team played 'best ultimate in four years'

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their season alive. Feeling its season slipping away at halftime, the team talked about having fun and relaxing and came out in the second half with a renewed enthusiasm and a zone defense designed to confuse Dartmouth.

Both combined to bring the E-Men back into the game. Tufts knotted the contest at 13 before pulling off another 15-14 comeback victory.

Just five minutes after their hard-fought victory over Dartmouth, the E-Men had to get back on the field to face UMass. Despite the quick turnaround, the E-Men inched a step closer to a Nationals bid, taking an 11-9 lead.

"UMass is very talented team as far as athletic skill goes, but they're kind of head cases, so it was tough to beat them when they were on their game and playing together," Phannenstill said. "Once we'd get a break or score while on defense, they would get flustered and we'd make runs; we were very pumped up the whole game."

This time, however, Tufts was the victim of a comeback push as UMass scored six of the last seven points to earn a 15-12 win and sink Tufts' season.

"I think we were all a little physically tired, a little mentally tired and a little emotionally tired," Spies said. "We made a few errors that cost us in the end."

Despite the outcome, the E-Men were proud of the way they finished, playing what some considered their best games of the season.

"It was definitely emotional for all of us, especially the seniors, since it was their last game," Phannenstill said. "But our captain said that it was probably the best ultimate we'd played in the four years he'd been at school."

"I will never forget the two games against BU and Dartmouth," Spies said. "We showed so much heart in those two games to battle back and earn those two victories. Those were some of the best games I've ever played in. I'll never forget this team for the kind of heart that they showed at Regionals."

Fitzgerald still may return as graduate student

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30 seconds to give the Jumbos a three-point lead. Cortland senior Frank Ranieri missed a three-pointer at the end, and the Jumbos advanced to Amherst.

The Jumbos earned their trip to the NCAA Tournament with their strong play in the NESCAC Tournament. After opening up with a 101-89 home victory over Williams, the only team to have beaten the Jumbos at home during the regular season, the third-seeded Jumbos advanced to the second round to meet Trinity, a team that they had upset 84-80 in overtime just two weeks before.

The Jumbos appeared to have some breathing room with a 21-point second half lead. Just as fast as the Jumbos had taken the lead, Trinity raced back into the game, staging a 38-11 run and taking a six-point lead with four and a half minutes left.

With the Bantams leading with two minutes left, the game came to a standstill as neither team could score. Finally, with three seconds left, Shepherd charged to the basket and hit a lay-up to send the game to overtime, where the Jumbos outscored the Bantams 18-5.

"That was probably the best sporting moment I've ever been a part of," Shepherd said. "Just being up 20 and then going down in the second half and then pulling it out in the end. Having all those people chanting your name, that's the kind of stuff you dream about growing up."

Shepherd was the Jumbos' go-to guy at the end of games, securing an early season upset of Springfield with last second free throws and sending a Dec. 3 Brandeis game to overtime with a lay-up with 1.3 seconds left.

While Shepherd was the Jumbos' finisher, Martin was the team's offensive rock for most of the year, averaging 17.1 points a game in his senior season to lead a team that scored almost 83 points per game.

Martin and fellow frontcourt starter and senior tri-captain Brian Fitzgerald will graduate this spring.

Fitzgerald was recently accepted into the Tufts graduate biomedical engineering program. Because Fitzgerald did not play as a freshman, he still has a year of eligibility remaining. If the financial aid package is sufficient, Fitzgerald could be back for another year at Tufts and another

year on the basketball team.

Like Fitzgerald, Martin may not be ready to give up basketball. He is currently putting together tapes to send to teams in Germany, Ireland and Italy in hopes of playing professionally in Europe.

"At the end of the season, I almost didn't want to do it because it was just such a good way to go out," Martin said. "But it's something I've always wanted to do and I just want to see what happens."

Although the Jumbos will have to move forward without their leading scorer, there will be plenty of offense returning, although the emphasis of the attack will likely shift to the perimeter as the returning squad is heavy on guards. Sophomores Ryan O'Keefe, Jake Weitzen and Jeremy Black packed some long-range firepower this year. Having tasted the NCAA Tournament, this team wants more.

"I know we're losing [Martin] and probably Fitzgerald, but we've got so many guys coming back," Shepherd said. "We have a really strong recruiting class. We still haven't won anything yet. Even though a lot of teams have been shooting for us, we feel we still have something to prove."

Randall, Martin, Storck and Kirkland to take tiller next year for sailing team

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ed in the New England Dinghy Championship regatta at Brown University on May 6-7. Siegal and Martin raced in the A division to finish third behind Dartmouth and Boston College. Kirkland and Greenlee finished eighth in the B division, resulting in a combined sixth-place finish for the Jumbos.

"Dave [Siegal] sailed really well and kept us in it," Kirkland said. "I struggled with bad starts and issues holding my lane, but hopefully I can fix that for Nationals. Dave really put the hammer down."

While Tufts missed the top-four finish that would have

earned it an automatic spot at Nationals, the team received an at-large bid instead based on its performance in the season.

The Jumbos will join Brown, Boston College, Harvard and Dartmouth in representing New England at the National Championships.

"[Getting an at-large bid is] like a wild card," Cruise said. "We were trying to get it. The team that beat us, but didn't qualify [Yale, which finished fifth], didn't have a very good season so we were pretty confident that we were going to get it."

Kirkland will return as next year's captain along with Randall, Martin and Storck. The

sailing team recently changed its captaincy from separate women's and coed captains to four team captains.

The team graduates several skippers, but will return the majority of its crew, whose experience will help the up-and-coming skippers to improve.

"I'm really happy with how this season has gone," Randall said. "Last year we didn't qualify for any Nationals, and this year we got in all three."

Kirkland shares Randall's enthusiasm.

"Next year we'll miss the graduating seniors dearly, but we look to reload and hold on to our place as a top-tier New England school," Kirkland said.

Nationals await upset-minded EWo in Ohio

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EWo's chances.

"The difference between the East and West Coast teams is that the West Coast teams have played outdoors since January, whereas East Coast teams start their outdoor season mid-March," Diaz said. "West Coast teams have already peaked ... East Coast teams haven't yet, which makes

them very dangerous."

And luck may be on the EWo's side. Their initial pool includes fourth-seeded Wisconsin, fifth-seeded UC-Davis and ninth-seeded Michigan, all of which they have already played this season, coming out on top twice.

"For being seeded last at Nationals, this is kind of an exciting pool to be in," Eisen-Markowitz said.

The EWo will feed off that excitement heading into the tournament and are ready, even if the going gets tough.

"We've been in a lot of really close games where the team has come back from behind to take the win," Kersten said. "The team has a lot of heart — almost every game where it's been a tie nearing the end, they've ended up winning."

New boathouse on Malden points to promising future for men's crew

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fourth in their respective heats. All together, the three boats earned 34 points to place 10th for the Men's Point Trophy. The women's second-place 84 points put Tufts in fourth place for the Team Point Trophy.

A recurring theme this season for the men has been their lackluster finishes and their inability to pull out big pushes at the end of races.

"I think the most frustrating thing was that there were a number of races where we were right in the race and where we were leading the race in the first 1500 meters and we just couldn't find a way to win," Harburg said. "We would get too tired and were unable to sprint. We were never badly beaten. It was as if we didn't know how to win; we didn't know how to end it."

Harburg is one of five graduating seniors on a team rife with youth, a possible explanation for the team's failure to really gel on the water. There was no novice program this season, so many of the rowers who would have been in novice or lower-level boats were required to step up and contribute at the varsity level.

"I think experience has a lot to do with it," Harburg said. "The only two people in the boat that were returning were myself and [junior tri-captain] Jeff Vanderkruik."

The entire season was an internal and external struggle, as the team tried to fix what was wrong and continue what was working, a process that was hampered by some key injuries.

Senior Mark Roberts hurt his back in the fall, and the injury pushed back his winter training schedule. He was able to come

back into form for the spring, but he noted some other key injuries that hampered the team.

"Myself and [junior] Nick Walker have back problems and have to be very considerate of that," Roberts said. "Our stroke, [freshman Mike] Conroy has a shoulder problem which he can usually work around, but it can bother him from time to time."

"In one of the other boats, two rowers had their lungs collapse at different times of the year and they had to be hospitalized for a considerable amount of time," Roberts continued. "[Freshman] Matt Nix's collapsed during the fall, so he was able to do the winter training, but [freshman] James Nadel was right after spring break so after all that winter training, he couldn't even race."

The problems were easy to pinpoint early in the season, but the

situation became more elusive as the season progressed.

"As the season went on, it was obvious that our technique was lacking but our power was there," Roberts said. "We were still keeping it tight with the other crews because of our power. Then going into the final races of the season, we were trying to improve on just the little things from week to week. New England was the only race that showed the fruits of our labors."

Despite this spring's disappointment, Roberts graduates along with Harburg, senior tri-captain John Papp, and Jeff Burke with positive memories of their experience.

"It's going to be incredibly difficult to leave the team," Roberts said. "These are guys who I spent most of my time with in my four years here. It's been such a huge part of my life for eight years. The

friendships that I made on the team are life-long, and it's going to be difficult to leave the school and all the guys."

Harburg believes that the crew has a bright future ahead of it because of its youth and the newly built boathouse.

"I think it's a program on the rise, despite what happened this year," he said. "We have an incredible facility; it's probably one of the top 10 collegiate boathouses in America."

"I think the great element of Tufts is that it's one of those teams that doesn't get a lot of publicity, but we row against the top competition and we do really well against them," Harburg continued. "We can do a better job of recruiting experienced rowers. I think a lot of rowers are not experienced and we have to train them. I think we just need a couple of more pieces."

New coaches assisted in transition by veteran athletic staff

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One of McDavitt's players, sophomore forward Ileana Katz, cited energy and flexibility as advantages of having a young coach.

"I've only had older coaches, and what I think is most interesting with Tina is that she's very flexible," Katz said. "If something's not working, she'll change it immediately. Or if you do something differently and it works for you, she goes with it, whereas older coaches are much more set in doing what's worked in the past and sticking with it."

Katz also cited the benefits of having a coach that has a more recent — or in McDavitt's case, current — hands-on experience between the sidelines, in addition to alongside them. McDavitt was a stand-out player at Boston University, captaining the undefeated 1999 America East champion squad, and as a member of the U.S. National Indoor team, she continues to bring her skill and up-to-date knowledge of the game to Bello Field.

"She keeps learning new stuff, and as she learns something, she'll teach us," Katz said. "We're learning from her as she's learning, so she's got a really good perspective. It's neat."

McDavitt became the youngest coach in program history when she was hired in 2005, after having been turned down for the head coaching position at Div. I Lehigh the year before because of her young age.

But according to Athletic Director Bill Gehling, age is less important than whether or not a coach will fit into the Tufts athletic model.

"When I look for coaches, I look for several things: passion for the sport and for coaching, a philosophical match with Div. III athletics at Tufts, and an understanding of the importance of team-building," Gehling said. "I also look for people who care about the student-athlete experience, not just winning. We have had a lot of good fortune hiring young coaches with this approach."

Bayard, 31, the first-year head coach of the women's tennis team, echoed the idea that it is not youth that matters, but developing and implementing a solid coaching strategy.

"I had a vision of how I wanted to run the team, and I did it," Bayard said. "My first priority this year was to create an atmosphere that truly felt like a team, where the members show up eager to play everyday."

Despite her youth, Bayard has significant coaching experience. She started her coaching career at Yale, then moved to a head coaching spot first at Wellesley and later at Dartmouth, before finally arriving at Tufts this season, where she helped lead the women's tennis team to its sixth straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

Despite their youthful appearance — it's often easy to mistake these coaches for their players — the young coaches of Tufts command just as much respect from their

teams as veterans, and their accomplishments on the field show the successful relationship they have built in their short time here.

"I believe that mutual respect between coaches and athletes, good communication, and a level of accountability are characteristics that help build strong relationships between an athlete and coach, no matter the coach's age," Hoyt said.

Gehling stresses the importance of communication and support for all coaches at Tufts, but especially those new to Tufts.

"We encourage all of our coaches to look to each other for ideas and help whenever possible," Gehling said. "We are fortunate to have a strong and talented group of coaches who are very generous with their time. New coaches are encouraged to take advantage of that and are often assigned a specific staff member to help them manage the initial adjustment period."

The wealth of knowledge among Tufts' athletic veterans, along with the shared experiences of their fellow newcomers, has been a valuable resource for these young coaches.

"The staff in the athletic department has been very welcoming and helpful," McDavitt said. "I like that I can go to anyone for advice, and there are coaches that have been there for years and really know Tufts inside and out. There are also a lot of younger coaches that have been in a similar situation that I have been and have dealt with similar issues."

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say it's about as arbitrary as it is pointless.

Beirut is a drinking game, but die is a drinking sport.

How much longer until TU Lax officially becomes the "Red Sox" foil to Middlebury's "Yankees" (pre-2004 of course)?... Constantly fielding a quality team. The "This is the year we get over the hump" mantra flowing in the stands. Always so painfully close before the inevitable disappointment... Three of the past four years TU's season has ended at the hands of the Panthers. You have to really feel for the seniors... The last time Tufts beat Middlebury? The archives don't go back that far... 86 years?... What could have made the difference for the Jumbos against Middlebury this year? How about a veteran goalie, like, say, Luke Chicco?... Too bad he lost a year of eligibility by playing a measly few minutes in a non-conference game down in Florida his freshman year. Or maybe it's just too bad that somebody remembered.

Thanks to the prep school year becoming the rule instead of the exception in some college sports, does age really matter anymore?... When a 47-year-old man named Julio can still hit a 95 mph fastball and a 13-year-old girl named Michelle can make it to the final pairing of an LPGA tournament it seems that nowadays more than ever... "Age ain't nothing but a number." - R. Kelly... So it shouldn't come as a surprise that your average graduating Tufts hockey player is just a handful of years from receiving his first social security check. Just a sign of the times.

Best birthday card I ever got: "Birthdays are like boogers. The more you have, the harder it is to breathe."

A sports-related change that needs to happen: Hire Dale Sveum (aka the Human Windmill) to lead the NQR and have him stationed somewhere outside of Carmichael. The former Sox third base coach won't have anything better to do during the winter. And he won't have any problem happily waving around even the most jaw-droppingly awful human specimens Tufts has to offer. It's the job he was born to do... He's completely insane... And the worst Tufts has to offer is quite possibly the worst in the Boston area. Which would put them high in the running worldwide... Sveum "resigned" to go to the Brewers like Richard Nixon "resigned" to start his memoirs early... That will bump the number of pseudo-famous people attending the NQR up to two: Sveum and everyone's favorite camera-toting, omelet-making, Guapo-frequenting, illegal fruit-smuggling, 215-stalking Renaissance man, Yassar... But he still sells a damn good sweatshirt.

Here's to the World Cup. It might be the only major sporting event where America isn't the odds on favorite. Yet everyone still hates us... And because of that the current Gatorade commercial is fantastic.

The Senior Fund sounds a little too much like the Human Fund for me to take it seriously and actually donate money.

Club I wish I founded: Tufts "Jumbo skeet"-shooting. Why? To see the look on one of those frof-playing kid's faces when the Frisbee he just tossed explodes like a seagull after running into a 98 mph fastball from Randy Johnson. For all the times I've stumbled out of Eaton at 2 a.m. to find a few kids with nothing better to do than throw a Frisbee at a tree.

Thanks. You've been a lovely audience.

Panthers break Jumbos' hearts in record-third OT

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with the three-time national champion Panthers through 71 minutes of back-and-forth play.

The dramatic game got off to a slow start, remaining scoreless for the first 10 minutes until Tufts senior Mark Warner found the back of the net off an assist from McNally. The Panthers came back with back-to-back goals from Bastis and sophomore Jim Cabrera. O'Brien countered for Tufts with his first goal of the day, an unassisted score with 2:32 left. The two teams traded scores one more time and entered the second period in a 3-3 tie.

"We were ready to go from the time we got off the bus," coach Mike Daly said. "I was impressed with our assistant coaches' preparation as well as the players. It was a great atmosphere and one of the best games I have ever been a part of."

The scoring stayed dead-even in the second period, with Middlebury and Tufts again logging three goals each. The Jumbos' goals came from O'Brien, Warner, and McNally, who netted the final goal of the period for a 6-6 draw entering the halftime break.

Going into the second half, the Jumbos wanted to maintain the same game plan.

"There wasn't really much we could change," Granger said. "We had a good first half and wanted to keep that up."

The third period was all Middlebury, as the Panthers scored four goals to the

Jumbos' one. Less than two minutes into the period, Meyer slid the ball past Tufts freshman goalkeeper Matt Harrigan, who logged eight saves in the match. Tufts junior Doug Smith equalized at the 10-minute mark, but the Panthers put in three unanswered goals to push the lead to 10-7 by the end of the third.

The Jumbos got off 11 shots in the third period, but Middlebury junior goalkeeper Alex Palmisano recorded four of his 11 saves in the frame.

Palmisano is second in the league in goals against average (6.51) and third in save percentage (.622), and he thwarted several attempts by the Jumbos to work their way back.

Doucette made the first strike to narrow the deficit, propelling the ball past Palmisano at the 14:39 mark in an unassisted run off a face-off. But Middlebury's Cabrera reopened the three-goal gap off an assist from Meyer at the 11:20 mark, leaving the Jumbos the difficult task of trying to come back from a three-goal deficit against one of the NESCAC's best defenses.

The Jumbos were held scoreless for nearly six minutes until junior Chris Connelly sparked the comeback with an unassisted goal to draw within two. O'Brien, assisted by sophomore Joe Cavallo, whittled the Middlebury lead to one with 4:40 remaining, and O'Brien's buzzer-beater spelled overtime.

"It did get pretty chaotic when Mikey's goal went in, but that was just a major release of emotion and excitement," Daly

said. "Everyone associated with the program had invested a big part of themselves and to have it rewarded with that effort was a great feeling."

During the 11 minutes of overtime, both teams had near-misses on the offensive side and close calls on the defensive end. Tufts had two man-up chances but was foiled by the Panther defense. Numerous shots ricocheted off both teams' goalpost, including junior Brett Holm's powerful shot in the second overtime period. Middlebury, however, had the final word with Meyer's lone overtime shot.

"We had opportunities to win, as did [Middlebury]," Daly said. "It was a great game and I am proud to be the coach of these guys. They represent Tufts in a first-class manner and they work so hard. I felt they deserved to win the game."

The statistics speak to the close nature of the game: the Jumbos had 43 shots to the Panthers' 41; Tufts collected 46 groundballs, only two fewer than Middlebury's 48; and courtesy of senior co-captain Rory Doucette and junior Matt Lanuto, Tufts won 15 of the 28 face-offs.

But even a triple-overtime game against a perennial national championship presence wasn't enough for the Jumbos.

"A loss is a loss. You can't really be happy with a loss," Granger said. "We went out and put together a good effort, but a loss is a loss. You can't really justify that."

Thompson: 'program is getting a lot of attention as a top team in New England'

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with the Tufts; in 2004, Williams beat the Jumbos three times en route to a NESCAC Championship. But Williams graduated some key seniors in 2005, and the Jumbos reversed their fortunes, beating the Ephs all three times in 2006.

After a 9-1 conference run in the regular season, the Jumbos headed to the NESCAC Tournament as the second seed. A coin flip broke a series of ties among lower seeds to set up a match between Tufts and Amherst, and the Jumbos mowed through the rival Lord Jeffs, 3-0.

Despite the loss to Colby in the finals, the Jumbos were awarded an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament as a second seed behind the top-seeded Mules. In the tournament, the Jumbos swept matches against Emmanuel and Colby-Sawyer, taking both matches 3-0 to advance to the Regional Semifinals.

"Being in the NCAA Tournament was

great," Gerry said. "It was a proud moment for all of us because we knew we deserved to be there and we proved it."

Thompson embarked on a quest this season to raise the program's national profile by matching her team up with some of the nation's best.

Less than a month after winning the Williams Invitational, the Jumbos brought several top-25 teams to the second annual Tufts Invitational. While Thompson looked at the tournament as an opportunity to see some of the better teams in the country, the Jumbos almost won the tournament, losing in five games to then-No. 23 Eastern University in the tournament championship.

Before succumbing to Eastern, however, the team knocked off then-No. 22 Cortland State and MIT, then the top-ranked team in New England.

The competition only got stiffer when the Jumbos traveled to Atlanta for the Emory National Invitational. The teams lost to

Millikin University and Emory University, the No. 3 team in the country.

"I will remember this season for the challenges we took on," Thompson said. "Traveling to Emory was extremely important for seeing what could lie ahead of us in terms of opposing talent. Winning matches over out-of-region powers such as SUNY Cortland and Heidelberg at Emory was great exposure. Even the tough matches that we lost, we learned something. It was a season that educated every one of our players."

While Thompson recognizes that next year's team could have a different dynamic than this year's version, she hopes that the momentum of two consecutive successful seasons will carry over into the future.

"Our program is really getting a lot of attention for being a top team in New England, and that does attract more student-athletes," Thompson said. "It is exciting. Our numbers have increased significantly and the talent that is coming across our desk gets better and better every year."

And when those recruits get on the court, Thompson will get the chance to infuse some new talent into a core of returning starters that stood out on the 2005 team. Freshmen libero Natalie Goldstein and outside hitter Caitlin Dealy played big roles for the Jumbos in their first season, and freshman setter Kaitlin O'Reilly earned an honorable mention spot on the American Volleyball Coaches' Association Div. III All-American team. Junior Kelli Harrison battled injuries this season, but she will bring her team-leading 257 kills and incredible hitting power back to the court next year.

According to Thompson, the success of next year's team will be determined by its chemistry, a strength of this year's team. Inevitably, however, after a season like this one, expectations are high.

"It raises the bar," Gerry said. "Now there's a new goal to reach, a new standard to break. It will be more difficult. Every year that you get better and better, it gets harder and harder to reach that spot."

Red Sox 101 was highlight of last four years

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Braves won the National League East division four times, only to lose in the LDS after each division win. Those playoff appearances were just four more tally marks for a franchise that hasn't exclusively watched October baseball in over a decade.

Lance Armstrong won four Tour de France cycling races while we were at Tufts. An extraordinary feat, but just four of seven record-setting consecutive victories. Not bad for a guy who not only overcame death, but has agreed to speak at today's commencement ceremonies.

With each of these enduring sports accomplishments come equally impressive new twists to the games we know and love. I swore at the onset that this column would focus on sports outside the unofficial boundary of Red Sox Nation, but I'm breaking the rules this time around, and for good reason. How lucky were we as sports fans to have just spent the last four years in Boston?

Normally when a hometown team wins back-to-back Super Bowls, it's enough to leave fans satisfied for at least a few years. But the New England Patriots' victories in the 2003 and 2004 seasons paled in comparison to everyone's favorite bunch of idiots > the 2004 World Champion Boston Red Sox.

Watching the Sox beat the arch-rival New York Yankees in an unprecedented seven-game comeback not only evaporated all memories of 2003's ALCS and Aaron F. Boone, it ranks as the most elated I have ever seen many of my friends, not to mention an

entire city.

In a town where most people are so caught up in their own dour lives (or maybe they're just annoyed with the weather), the night the Red Sox beat the Yankees featured, among other revelries, street dancing, horn honking, high-fiving, chanting and hugging. Lots and lots of hugging, all between strangers. The celebrations in Denver after the Avalanche won the Stanley Cup and the Broncos won consecutive Super Bowls were tame little soirees in comparison to the street party that enveloped downtown Boston that October night. And the Sox hadn't even won the World Series... yet.

Even though the four-game Fall Classic sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals was anticlimactic in a way (probably the result of an extended hangover after the victory over the Yankees), it still gave me goose bumps to see that illusive red banner unfurled on Yawkey Way. And the perma-smiles on Sox fans' faces managed to brighten even the misery of the subsequent Boston winter.

I still contend that my commitment to watching the Red Sox that fall should have counted as a sixth course. My friends and I packed our couches to watch each and every pitch of the historic run. The pessimism never wavered, but when the Sox actually pulled it together and beat the Yankees, we ran outside and burned one of my buddy's Yankees hats in the middle of, you guessed it, Boston Ave. After the fire fighters left — shaking their heads, but not unamused — we barreled into the city to enjoy the party. Oh what a night.

That was just one of the many sports memories I will take with me from my years at Tufts. The freshman year Cinco de Mayo hall party when the Avalanche played the Minnesota Wild; scalping tickets outside Fenway Park (always cheaper for a bunch of girls); celebrating on the quad after the Pats won the Super Bowl in 2004 to the classic Boston chant, "Yankees suck!"; raiding the open bar at Denver's Pepsi Center during our spring break ski trip. The list goes on and on.

Though sports provided just one small portion of my college experience, few things have the capacity to replace the bonds I've formed with my fellow sports fans over these four years. Whether it was explaining baseball to my clueless girlfriends or debating the superiority of Jake Plummer this season with the sports-savvy Daily kids, these memories are going to last.

Sports have a way of connecting the ages, linking past to present, young to old, rookie to veteran. They evolve over the years only to constantly remind us of the good old days. Someday, these very days will be both good and old, and sports will still be there to remind us of the times we had and the friendships we shared.

As I head back into thin air tomorrow to begin the next chapter of my life in Colorado, I'd like to humbly impart a bit of wisdom upon my fellow departing Jumbos. The great Yogi Berra once said, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." Regardless of your flatware preferences, the fork is upon us and we have but one thing to do. Thanks for reading.

Pagel's first-place is shocker

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jump with jumps of 6'06" and 6'04", respectively. Additionally, junior Fred Jones took sixth in the long jump (22'9.75") and third in the triple jump (48'2.5") while sophomore Dan Marcy brought home a fifth-place result in the triple, jumping 46'11".

As of press time, Jones' triple jump has him sixth on the Nationals performance list, while his current-best long jump is an uncharacteristic 23rd on the list. Jones is a six-time All-American with four in the triple jump and two in the long jump.

Nationals will be held on May 25-27 at Benedictine University (Ill.).

"Some people think that all jumping is the same, but the rhythm and technical aspects of them are very different," Barron said. "It's very difficult to succeed at the level that Fred succeeds in both jumps. It takes a really intelligent and skilled athlete to juggle between the intricacies that it takes to compete in both."

Senior tri-captain Jason Galvin carried the torch for Tufts in the throwing events. He notched four big points for the Jumbos in the hammer throw with a toss of 171'10".

While rain and wind might have slowed down the times of some participants, it definitely did not affect the performance of freshman Skip Pagel. The freshman, competing in the ever-difficult decathlon, surprised everybody by becoming the only first place finisher on the Jumbos squad. While earning 10 points for his team, Pagel proved his performance was no fluke, finishing almost 300 points ahead of

his nearest competitor, Dartmouth freshman Nicholas Weir.

Senior Matt Lacey summed up his and his teammates delight in Pagel's masterful decathlon.

"I definitely think the highlight of the meet was [Pagel] winning the decathlon," Lacey said. "He barely qualified for the event and then came out with a huge [personal record], which is just incredible."

Lacey and sophomore Chris Kantos both competed at the IC4A Championships in Princeton on Friday looking to qualify for Nationals. Both came short, however, as Kantos took 12th in 31:50.64 and Lacey finished 27th in 15:15.27.

While Kantos is provisionally qualified for Nationals in both the 5,000 and the 10,000, Lacey missed qualification in the two events. The senior is the school record holder in both events.

"He's done things that 99% of the runners on the planet can't even dream of doing," Barron said. "His career at Tufts can only be measured by the success that he had and the leadership that he brought to the guys."

The track team loses an extremely talented corps of athletes to graduation, including Lacey, Williams, Galvin, Mahoney, Matt Fortin, Kyle Doran, and Brandon Udelhofen, although Galvin, as of press time, occupied 12th on the Nationals performance list in the hammer throw, meaning he will likely get to compete at Benedictine.

"They are a very talented class, and obviously you can't replace any of those individuals," Barron said. "You can hope that a couple of guys will be able to step up and grab points in their stead."

Jumbos reflect on 10-5 season, look ahead to building momentum in program

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Pierce and Buffalo State, and stopped on their way home in Virginia, where they toppled Bridgewater State. After four games, Tufts was outscoring its opponents 56-17 and looking like one of the best teams in the nation.

The Jumbos opened April with a 17-14 win over Bates in their home and conference opener. Then, they traveled to Bowdoin on Apr. 4, hoping to keep their undefeated season alive and pick up a road league win. In a battle of undefeated conference foes, the Jumbos prevailed, winning 9-8 on the strength of Miller's hat trick.

The rest of the season, however, was a rocky ride for the Jumbos, who went 3-4 in their seven remaining NESCAC games. Immediately after the win at Bowdoin, Tufts took on Colby and Middlebury, a pair of challenging conference opponents. A late-game comeback against Colby fell short, as Tufts lost 13-12, and the Jumbos never stood a chance against Middlebury, as the Panthers scored the first five goals to deliver a 19-6 blowout.

"We always say that every NESCAC game is a 50/50 game, but this year that was especially

true," Miller said. "There were tons of upsets, and almost every team had to fight for their league ranking."

The Jumbos played their final non-conference game on Apr. 13 and rediscovered their winning ways with a 16-6 humiliation of Babson. The win was a breakout game for two freshmen — attack Maya Shoham, who scored three times to notch her first career hat trick, and goalkeeper Gillian Kline, who saved five of nine shots on goal, inching above 50 percent for the first time in the season.

"Our first-year players were some of the strongest players on the field," Miller said. "As always, they had to adjust to tough NESCAC play, and they did an incredible job adapting quickly and being huge forces on the field."

The team rattled off three more conference wins over Conn. College, Wesleyan and Trinity. The offense, which was led throughout the season by leading scorer Miller and junior Lauren Murphy and sophomore Alyssa Corbett in midfield, was at its best in the Conn. College game, rattling off 17 goals, led by five each from Miller and sophomore attack Sarah Williams.

Hopes were high going into the season's

final week, as the Jumbos stood at 10-2 on the season and 5-2 in NESCAC play. But that week brought a heartbreaking collapse for the young squad, which endured three straight road losses, culminating in a season-ending loss at Bowdoin in the first round of the NESCAC Tournament.

"Going into the last week, we controlled our destiny," coach Carol Rappoli said. "Winning one of the two would have given us home field on Sunday in the tournament, and most likely an NCAA bid. We just concentrated on the basics and went over the game plan for each team."

In all three games, however, the Jumbos fell behind early and couldn't catch up. The Lord Jeffs took an early 4-1 lead in the Wednesday game, Tufts fell behind Williams, 7-2, and in the first round, Tufts fell behind Bowdoin 5-2. In the end, this year's squad lacked the tools to pull off the come-from-behind wins. Still, the players remained upbeat about the positive aspects of their season.

"I think that we, as a team, did really well," said Williams, whose 19 goals made her the team's third-leading scorer. "One of our goals as a team was to win the one-goal games, and

we did that. There were a couple of games that we could have played better. [Against] Colby and Amherst, we had the talent to beat those teams, but we just couldn't pull it out."

At the helm, Rappoli says her team was much better than the final record indicated, and she sees the program heading in the right direction.

"The way the team ended up is not a reflection of the team's whole body of work for the year," Rappoli said. "We won 10 games for the first time since 2000, and we went 5-4 — in the toughest conference in the country."

The team's improvement did not go unrecognized on the national scale. Tufts entered the NCAA national rankings at No. 20 on Mar. 20 before eventually climbing as high as 15th. After the rough final week, the Jumbos still managed to hold steady at No. 16 overall, and that left the team optimistic that Tufts' national presence is here to stay.

"I think the team will continue to build on what we did this year," Miller said. "The younger players will learn to take leadership roles on the team, and the new captains, Lauren Murphy and Jackie Thomas, should be excellent."

Veteran defense developed 'sense of trust and anticipation' and it showed

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course of the season. Tufts finished fourth in the league in goals against average (7.83) and third in saves per game (11.76).

"Other than a few exceptions, I was happy with their consistency," assistant coach and defensive coordinator Jesse Miller said. "I thought overall they set the tone for the team, and they did a great job with that."

Cohesion within team units is key, especially on defense, when matching up with attack and communication on the field can mean the difference between a goal scored and a goal saved.

"Our ability to play together as a unit was definitely the most important thing," Dornseif said. "Just to be able to have seven people come together like that definitely helps, especially on defense."

In terms of game strategy, the team stayed away from traditional zone coverage, sticking to a man-to-man defensive scheme that, according to coaches, allowed the Jumbos to utilize their athleticism over other offenses in key defensive situations.

"[The man-to-man defense] allowed us to dictate the tempo of the game once we settled into it," Dornseif said. "We ran the zone a few times in different situations, but we mainly stuck to man-to-man most of the season."

Carrying out that solid defensive strategy in the Jumbos backfield was a solid core of veteran defenders. Senior Ave Cook and juniors Wiley Dornseif and Alex Bezdek formed a formidable backfield that held strong against some of the strongest offenses

in the country. Two first-years complimented the veteran defense by manning the long-stick midfielder role for the Jumbos: freshman long-stick midfielder Jordan Yarboro and sophomore Ohio Wesleyan transfer Tucker Merrigan platooned at the position.

The defense protected a key component of the Jumbos' defense and a bright spot in the 2006 season - freshman goalie Matt Harrigan. Harrigan posted a .595 save percentage, third in NESCAC, and filled a goal left vacant by the graduation of starting goalie Andy Starr and backup Luke Chicco.

In key matchups, especially later in the season, the defense proved to be almost impenetrable at times, and it often ignited the offense in close-game situations.

"It's huge to have a good defense and a group of players that have played together [over the last two seasons]," senior co-captain Billy Granger said. "There were a lot of second-half games where they didn't give up any goals, and that just enabled us to have a lot more confidence and take some pressure off of the offense. It's awesome to have that kind of defense in close games."

The defense also possessed important intangibles, such as cohesiveness and familiarity with each other's style of play, which separates the good defenses from the great defenses.

"It's very important to have some past familiarity with [a teammate's] defensive tendencies, especially on defense" Miller said. "We had a group of players who developed a sense of trust and anticipation, and I think that made us play better as a cohesive defensive unit."



JAMES HARRIS/TUFTS DAILY

Freshman Matt Harrigan in a 12-9 victory versus Williams on Apr. 18. Harrigan and the team's defense often bailed the team out in close late-game situations, and the team was fourth in the NESCAC in goals allowed per game (7.83).

Dornseif agreed with Miller, and said that the unit's cohesion gave the individual talent on the squad a chance to shine.

"[Team cohesion] definitely helps, but it was also the player's athletic abilities," Dornseif said. "We had a really athletic

group of players this season, and it was just one of those things that everyone was able to settle into a role and contribute something. Toward the end of the season I think everyone was familiar with the style of play and their roles."

Jumbos graduate only Bram

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However, we definitely proved ourselves this year and no team would or will take us lightly."

The spring brought the return of juniors Klynn Deary, Jennifer Luten and Stephanie Ruley from abroad, whose presence strengthened the lineup considerably. Despite this re-infusion of talent, Tufts dropped five of its first six matches, putting the team in a hole early in what had looked to be a successful season. Four of their losses came to highly ranked teams, as they fell to No. 1 Washington & Lee and No. 7 Gustavus-Adolphus at the Fab Five Tournament at Washington & Lee, and No. 3 Amherst on the road a week later to start their spring NESCAC schedule.

"The low point of the season would probably [be] those matches we played during Spring Break in Virginia [at the Fab Five], but in reality those were some of the best teams in the country and it was tough having them be our first matches of the season," Bram said. "We have improved a great deal from those matches and I wish we could have had the opportunity to have played them again."

An inconsistent doubles lineup cost the team early on in the spring season, contributing to the five early losses. Bayard tested out several different combinations throughout those matches, sometimes rendering doubles more of a liability than an asset.

"We found the need to change around the [doubles] combinations based on performance," Bayard said. "I think it would have been a mistake to continue with the same teams, given how we were performing in the beginning of the spring season."

The Jumbos picked up steam heading into the postseason, winning three consecutive key matches to ensure berths in both the NESCAC Tournament and the NCAA Northeast Regional Tournament.

One of the most important victories this season came against the No. 17 Wellesley Blue where the Jumbos trounced Wellesley on its home court, capping a three-game win streak heading into the post-season and securing a bid to the NAAs.

"I think beating Wellesley 8-1 was a big win for us because they are a tough team and everyone fought hard and pulled out some tough matches," Bram said.

The team followed those wins by beating up on Conn. College and Bates in the season home stretch, winning 9-0 and 8-1, respectively.

Bram and Luten were named to the First Team All-Conference for doubles after going 5-1 in match play together. Luten earned First Team honors for her role as the Jumbos' workhorse, going 6-5 in the top spot. Bram also captured Second Team honors for singles, finishing with a 15-7 personal record, and took home the NESCAC Sportswoman of the Year Award as well.

"Becky stood out the most this year," Bayard said. "She always worked hard and always placed the team first. She was a standout leader. She also stood out as far as her results in both singles and doubles."

Looking toward next season, Bram is the only graduating season, guaranteeing the Jumbos a healthy amount of experience in returning players.

"Becky will be a huge loss," Bayard said. "However, we are lucky to have everyone else returning next year. I think we will benefit from the returning experience and the leadership of the four seniors next year."

Bram pointed to the matches against Bowdoin, certainly a dark spot in the Jumbos' season, as evidence of their depth, an encouraging sign for next season.

"It is interesting to see that in each [of the three] matches [against Bowdoin this season], our wins and losses did not come from the same position," Bram said. "That in itself shows that everyone is so close and that any player can win on any given day."

"I know that the team will continue to succeed," Bram continued. "It has been a great season with Kate as our coach and she has really helped make each and everyone on the team a better player. Everyone will continue improving and I am excited to see how everyone is playing a year from now. Experience will hopefully help us pull out some of those closer matches."

Lopez firmly established in Tufts record books

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all of whom were freshmen and sophomores.

"I came into this season a little unsure of how I would do and definitely feeling some pressure, just as one of the only returning infielders that had played consistently last season," Lopez said. "But I have a great team that's very supportive and confident in me, which makes it easy to be confident in myself and not feel like it's all on me. There was a little anxiety at first, but it wore off as I got comfortable with this year's team."

This marks the sixth consecutive year that a Jumbo has taken the award. While Tufts' dynastic hold on the league title has come to an end — Williams defeated Tufts this year for its third consecutive NESCAC championship after a three-year Tufts hold — Lopez extended the Jumbos' hold on the top individual honor, following in the footsteps of departed seniors Courtney Bongiolatti and Katie Smith (LA '05).

Lopez, however, knows that

nothing is a given in varsity sports, and sees the recognition as a challenge to take her game to the next level in 2007.

"When I heard that I had gotten it, I was really shocked because I still feel like I have a lot of growing to do, like I need to work on a lot of things," Lopez said. "I'm just going to take this for what it is and take next season as a chance to keep working on things."

Outside of a few quiet games, Lopez's bat seemed to churn out big hits on command. In the team's Apr. 6 win over Bridgewater State, the sophomore blasted a trio of home runs off Bears senior Kaitlyn Gambino, including a walk-off three-run shot in the bottom of the seventh that won the game for the Jumbos and sealed the two-game sweep.

And while her offensive stats made her a heavy favorite for the award, Lopez may have gotten an extra push from her defense. The sophomore cleaned up her glove work in the field this season, improving her fielding percentage from .949 last season to a sparkling .972 this year, best

among the team's infielders and second (by .07) among NESCAC second basemen.

She turned 16 double plays on a Jumbo team that had 21 twin-killings, tied for sixth-best in the nation when averaged over the number of games the Jumbos played.

None of that means that Milligan won't continue to push Lopez. The coach has had three NESCAC Players of the Year in her three years as head coach of the Jumbos, and expects Lopez to continue to get better.

"D-Lo still has things to work on, and if we stop and say 'did we reach our potential?' the answer to that is always 'No,'" Milligan said. "Potential seems like a final word to me; we ask our players every day, every week, every season to get better, and we'll have a list for D-Lo, too."

Lopez couldn't be readier for the challenge.

"I still think I have a lot of things I have to work on," she said. "I'm just not the type of player to ever really be satisfied with my performance."

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sively minded, high-scoring style as then-Bruins GM Harry Sinden (who remains with the Bruins today) called the Oilers' tactics a "farce." On the other hand, this current hockey season was the first with rule changes designed to increase scoring and bring the game closer to how it was in the 80s.

At the 1986 NBA All-Star game, miniature high-flyer Spud Webb rode crowd support to steal the Dunk Contest. In the 2006 version, another diminutive dunker, Nate Robinson, mimicked Webb (and jumped over him) to take the title.

Extensive sports coverage and media publicity trace their roots to the 1980s. For the 1986 Super Bowl, NBC used an unthinkable six hours to cover and hype the game. Now, the Super Bowl is an all-day event. The NBC executives in 1986 also officially admitted that the Super Bowl is about

entertainment and not just football. Now, just as many people watch the telecast for the halftime show and the commercials as for the game itself.

The world of sports then, like now, was not without its share of scandals and controversial issues. In 1986, three men were tried and convicted of distributing steroids, and all received lenient punishment. Compare this to today, in which the writers of the accusatory book on Barry Bonds could get sentences equal to those who actually participated in the BALCO steroid scandal. In addition, Jose Canseco ushered in the Steroid Era when he entered the Majors as a highly touted prospect.

Other drugs were also prevalent, as the NBA careers of Knick Michael Ray Richardson and Bull Quintin Dailey were ruined by cocaine use, while the career of Boston draft pick Len Bias, who died of an overdose, never began. Today, Ricky Williams' legacy as a running back has been marred by

failed drug tests.

Also in the 1980s, there were issues regarding the lack of black head coaches in the NFL, with Tony Dungy being considered as a strong candidate to fill this hole. While Dungy is one of the league's most successful coaches today, there remains talk about minority representation on the sidelines, as rules are in place requiring teams to interview applicants of other races.

So, as today's graduates wait to get their diplomas and wonder how they got to where they are, we, too, can look back to the 1980s to see how the sports world has evolved. In doing so, it is clear that while some things change, evolve and grow, history also has a tendency to repeat itself, for better or for worse.

Just imagine what it will be like in twenty more years. We may just see Notre Dame down on its luck once again and hockey fans lamenting the good ol' days of the scoreless tie.

No-hitter broken by bunt single

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dicted. After recovering from an embarrassing 14-1 opening game loss to Middlebury to defeat Williams and Bowdoin, Tufts found itself needing two wins on Sunday afternoon to steal the conference championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The foe was familiar: Middlebury, winners of its first five matchups with Tufts of 2006. The Panthers, undefeated in the tournament, needed only one win to oust Tufts and win the NESCAC.

The upset proved too tall an order for Tufts, as the Jumbos dropped their sixth and final contest with Middlebury, 8-1. Tufts senior righty Carlos Lopez kept his team in the game early, getting out of jams to allow only two runs in two-and-two-thirds innings of work before he was pulled for sophomore reliever Jason Protano, working in his second contest of the day.

Middlebury proved too much for Protano, plating six runs in his three innings of work. A two-run home run by Panther sophomore third baseman John Lanahan opened the floodgates in the fourth inning, and Middlebury piled on four more runs in the sixth. Tufts senior southpaw Erik Johanson held Middlebury scoreless through the final two-plus innings, but the damage had already been done.

Tufts got its only offense of the game in the third inning, where freshman right fielder Brian McDonough doubled in senior centerfielder Jim O'Leary. Otherwise, Panther sophomore pitcher Jack Britton was brilliant, allowing only six hits and striking out 11 on no days' rest for the complete game win.

"[Middlebury] hit the ball well," said senior pitcher Zak Smotherman, who started for Tufts against Middlebury in the first game of the tournament. "They seem to hit our strength pretty well, they really sat back and hit the outside fastball pretty well, and we weren't able to consistently pitch inside against them. [Britton] was impressive. I think had we gotten to the bullpen we could have had some success."

On any other day, Tufts' first game on Saturday would have been the big story: Smotherman held a no-hitter for eight innings in an elimination game against Bowdoin. The Polar Bears resorted to what many would consider a "bush league" maneuver when centerfielder Jared Lemieux bunted for a single to break up the no-hitter. The bunt sparked two runs off of Smotherman, but Protano put out the fire and got the final two outs, giving Tufts a 6-2 win.

For Smotherman, it was just a matter of good pitching and good defense all coming together.

"I didn't really feel different," Smotherman said. "I was just throwing the ball well, and the defense was just playing well behind me."

Simon was among those who were unhappy with how the no-hitter ended.

"I was definitely disappointed [that Lemieux bunted for a hit]," Simon said. "A kid that has had as good a year as Lemieux did, I would think that he would have more pride in trying to get a hit."

"[But] it doesn't surprise me that he did

that," Simon continued. "It's a rivalry. The kids on the other bench have their pride too. They did not want to be no-hit. People think differently in baseball. Some people would say that's a bush league move; other people would say that's a great play."

"I would prefer to give up a hard single [rather than a bunt]," Smotherman said. "At that point it wasn't a big deal. It was more important that we moved on in the tournament."

The Jumbo offense was spread out evenly, as six different players scored one run each, led by two each from O'Leary, junior left-fielder Kyle Backstrom, and senior tri-captain Greg Chertok. Six different players had one RBI each in the win.

Smotherman said the combination of the postseason atmosphere and playing with a late lead — the Jumbos put up three more runs in the seventh to lead 6-0 — helped take his mind off throwing a no-hitter.

"Once we got those extra runs, it felt good that we were going to move on," Smotherman said. "I just sort of went out there and threw."

Tufts kept its tournament hopes alive in Saturday's second game with an 8-0 defeat of Williams in an elimination game for both teams. Pitching was again the story for Tufts, as Simon spun a complete-game shutout, allowing only six hits and striking out two. The Jumbos jumped out to an early lead, scoring once in the first two innings and adding two insurance runs in the fourth, another three in the seventh, and one more in the eighth.

Junior tri-captain Bryan McDavitt had a breakout game offensively, going 5-for-5 with two RBI and four runs scored. Junior centerfielder Chris Decembre and freshman right fielder Brian McDonough each added two hits and two RBI of their own.

Friday afternoon's opener against Middlebury was suspended in the third inning with the Panthers ahead, 3-0. Due to the weather at Bowdoin that was a part of the mammoth rainstorm that swept New England last week, the game was pushed back to Saturday morning and moved to Colby.

The Jumbos could not break the Panthers' momentum when the game resumed, and Middlebury had exploded for a whopping 14 runs on 21 hits when the dust had settled. Sophomore Adam Telian and junior Derek Rice each worked three innings, with Telian surrendering seven runs in the fifth and Rice allowing four more in the seventh for the final margin. Tufts scored its lone run in the top of the fifth when junior second baseman Brian Casey, who reached base on a single, scored on a wild pitch.

Tufts ends its season with a 24-14 overall record and a 9-3 mark in the NESCAC East. Six of the Jumbos' 14 losses of 2005 came at the hands of Middlebury. Despite falling short of the NCAA Tournament, team members walked away from the season on a positive note.

"I think too many people put too much emphasis on the NCAA Tournament as a goal for the year," Simon said. "I think we had a very good season; I was very proud to be on the baseball team this past weekend. We came back from losing the first game to knock two teams out."

Jumbos proud of their team effort

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May 13-14, where they failed to place first, but turned in several high placings for a team second-place finish, tied with Ithaca. Williams, which won three events (second varsity, third varsity, and novice) and finished second in first varsity to win the conference, and the automatic bid to Nationals.

The second varsity boat fared the best, finishing only 2.96 seconds behind first-place Smith in their heat. The Jumbos' finish qualified them for the 2V Grand Finals, where they placed third, finishing behind only Williams and Trinity but ahead of Smith, which has bested the 2V consistently throughout the season.

In their first race of the day, the Tufts varsity eight came in at 6:47:712 behind only Smith. Moving on to the semifinals, the Jumbos came in second again to runner-up Williams, but outraced Trinity, a perennial New England powerhouse that the team has never beaten in the seniors' four years.

The Bantams had the final word, however, as the Tufts boat ran into some murkier waters in the Grand Final, finishing fifth behind first-place Ithaca, Williams, Smith, and Trinity, and ahead of only Colby.

The third varsity boat was unable to continue its undefeated season, coming in second to Williams in the Grand Finals.

The first novice eight finished sixth in their event after a second-place finish in their heat.

"I'm very proud of the squads' hard work and dedication to process, and we can see that it's paying off," Caldwell said. "I'm also proud of the rowers and coxswains in the varsity four [boat] and second novice eight. Their daily presence helps make everyone work harder, and their pride and dedication should not be overlooked."

The success that the Jumbos found this season didn't come without hard work, as the team's dedication over the winter break was rewarded with a spring run to NCAAs.

"Any season is complicated, full of challenges and stresses on and off the water," senior Martha Dietz said. "We had a fun, educational fall season and moved into a long winter of workouts. Our trip to Florida was certainly the reward for that — it was our best trip ever. And since then, boats have won and lost, but we have continually been

growing, as athletes and as a team."

Dietz is one of seven graduating seniors on the team, which will also lose co-captains Jackie Stone and Daniela Fairchild this spring. While next season's team will miss the Class of 2006, as well as several rising juniors who will be going abroad, Dietz is confident in the team's ability to move on.

"Every team goes through the process of losing important members and all will recover," she said. "The tone of the team varies so much [from] year to year because of this change, but I have a feeling that with the precedent that has been set these past two years that it will continue to be an amazing group."

Stone will remain in the area after graduation to work in Cambridge, and plans to visit the Malden River next year. Her experience as a Tufts rower was a rich one and she is proud of the direction the program has taken over her four years here.

"I'm just so proud of this program," said Stone. "It's come a long way since my first year here. In my sophomore year we placed 10th and 12th in New England and I never thought it would be like this, where we have a chance to win the NCAA Championships. I'm really excited for the future."

Dietz pinpointed a moment on the medal stand in the NERC as the turning point of the season.

"The 1V had just been given our medals and were slowly pulling away from the awards dock," Dietz said. "I looked over on to the shore and the entire team was standing so close to the water [that] they were practically wet, cheering and yelling for us. Thinking about it still gives me chills. Our coach has been emphasizing team so much this year, and sometimes that is a challenge in a sport like crew where people are split up into boats. But that moment for me really defined what we have been working for — everyone proud of the entire effort."

That team effort it will be even more important when the team heads to NCAAs on the 26th.

"I hope they remember our team as a whole," Stone said. "We didn't have any defining people that made the program; we had 30 defining people who came together. It was a great team across the board that really came together. I'm really happy that I got to be captain during this period."

Storck, Gibbons-Neff looking ahead

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will need to work hard for Nationals. We will do well though, and we're definitely excited for the opportunity."

While Storck and Gibbons-Neff are gearing up for Nationals, they still have next year in their sights.

"We will be racing some single-handed boats next year, which will help me with my steering," said Gibbons-Neff. "I hope we get to sail the women's again. We'll be upperclassmen and we will hopefully sail some coed, as well."

Storck, as a newly elected captain, also looks forward to the coming season.

"A captain is someone that people on the team look toward to ask questions to," Storck continued. "I've always felt like a leader, more so this year than last. Some of the older girls come to me with questions anyway, captain or not."

And as current sophomores, the pair will have the chance to continue the tradition of Tufts sailing dominance for two more years, bringing their close relationship and skills to New England waters in future seasons.

"They clearly get along really well," senior Zander Kirkland said. "They're always trying to get better. They're something special."

Samuelson led Jumbos to NCAA Semifinals, led NESCAC in goals and points

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After breezing through Johnson & Wales in the quarterfinals, Tufts ran into the Bobcats once again for a spot in the Sweet 16.

Tufts didn't let this opportunity slip away, as a near-perfect goal by junior Kim Harrington proved to be the lone score in a 1-0 victory for the Jumbos. The win advanced Tufts to the Sweet 16, where they faced regional foe Wheaton College, a mainstay in the NCAA tournament each year and a perennial favorite.

Whatever Whiting said in her halftime speech clearly worked, because after going down 2-0 heading into intermission, Tufts put together its best half of soccer of the season, scoring five goals against the Lyons to run away with a 5-2 victory.

"Down 2-0 at halftime, we thought we could come back, but I don't think any one of us would have guessed we would have scored five goals," Callaghan said. "If it wasn't our best game, it was definitely our best half."

The Jumbos still had some magic left in

their toolboxes on Sunday, though, as the squad came out to face host and former National Champion Oneonta State with a final four bid at stake. If the Wheaton game was Tufts' best of the season, the Oneonta State game was certainly the team's most exciting. After playing to a 1-1 tie at the end of regulation and two overtimes, a trip to the final four would have to be decided by a shootout.

"Words can't even describe how unbelievable it was," Whiting said. "In a matter of an instant, [junior goalkeeper] Annie Ross makes a save and we're moving on. It was so awesome; honestly it gives me goosebumps."

The soccer gods were on the Jumbos' side in the shootout, as Tufts advanced with a 4-3 victory on spectacular goalkeeping from junior net minder Annie Ross.

The magical season for the Jumbos ended in the semifinals of the NCAA tournament, when Tufts ran into an extremely talented College of New Jersey squad, and the Jumbos lost 3-0.

On such a team-oriented squad, sev-

eral individual players put forth unbelievable seasons. Atop that list was senior-tri captain Ariel Samuelson, who led the NESCAC in goals (12) and points (27). She was named NESCAC Player of the Year, was a member of the All-Region First Team, and was named a First Team All-American.

"Everything we do revolves around doing things as a team, and she'll be the first to tell you that she wouldn't have been able to do anything she did without her teammates," Whiting said. "She thrived on being our go-to person. She's so competitive and she thrives under pressure. She's only our second first-team All-American, which tells you how much of an impact she had in the NESCAC and nationally. She's a phenomenal player and a phenomenal person. And she adds a great goofy element to our team."

Senior Lydia Claudio and sophomores Martha Furtek and Joelle Emery joined Samuelson on the All-NESCAC and All-Region squads, while Callaghan, despite being plagued by a knee injury for a good part of the season, led the conference in

assists per game.

On defense, junior Jen Fratto and sophomores Emery, Annie Benedict and Jess Wagner, along with Ross, were the leaders of the team all season and kept the squad in the game numerous times this season.

"They work really well together, and to have all four of them coming back for a year together only bodes well for us," Whiting said. "Who's to say that they won't move around to other positions, but if we were to keep them together they would be unbelievable next year."

While emotions are running high for Tufts' five seniors, Callaghan, Samuelson, Claudio, and classmates Lindsay Garmirian and Cate Meeker, leaving the program has been made easier because they know they leave the team in capable hands.

"Being successful creates the desire to maintain that success," Callaghan said. "My class felt that after winning NESCAC's our freshman year, and I'm glad that we could be a part of giving that experience to the underclassmen this year. I have no doubt that they'll be great again next season."

GAs form important coach-player link

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a four-year veteran of the men's lacrosse team and this season's co-captain, will take the reigns from Miller as he pursues a master's degree in education. Having played under graduate assistant coaches since his freshman year, including Miller and previous GA Dan Koller, Doucette is well-acquainted with the position, and he grew interested in the possibility of becoming a GA in his junior year. In the search for post-graduation opportunities, the prospect of being a graduate assistant topped Doucette's list.

"It was something I looked at before I looked at other things," Doucette said. "I realized that if I could do this, it's a no-lose situation. I focused on it, and it worked out well, so I didn't have to look too much elsewhere."

Men's lacrosse coach Mike Daly, a Tufts graduate and a former graduate assistant himself, sees the position of GA as crucial for Tufts athletic teams.

"The help that they provide is immeasurable," Daly said. "They help with everything from recruiting to coaching to office work and office organization. It's a pretty vital part of the program."

The responsibilities of a GA extend far beyond the regular season and include many behind-the-scenes tasks that are key to a team's success. They are involved in the recruiting process, traveling to high school games and watching recruiting tapes through the summer, and are responsible for organizing and tracking all equipment.

"We do a lot of stuff that you

don't see," Miller said. "There's a lot more stuff behind the scenes than just coaching."

The difficult process of recruiting occupies the majority of a graduate assistant's time during the summer and the offseason. Doucette will jump right into the recruiting process, taking a scouting trip at the end of the month before working at Daly's lacrosse camp in August to gain coaching experience.

Though graduate assistants need not be Tufts graduates, having an alum in the GA position offers the program continuity, and provides the added benefit of insider expertise.

"When a recruit comes to campus, those guys can speak to day-to-day activities of the school," Daly said. "They are great ambassadors for the University in that regard. They are invested in [our program], and they have the pride and loyalty to work towards making the program better."

In addition to providing logistical support for the team and head coaches, graduate assistants also bring their familiarity with the team and the program. According to McDavitt, graduate assistants are a valuable link between coaches and players, having more immediate experience as a student-athlete.

"It's been great because she's had me as a coach and now she works with me," McDavitt said. "She's able to give me an inside look with what's going on with team, what they need and don't need, or when to push them and when to lay off because it's mid-terms or whatever. She's closer in age with them and more in tune

to what's going on because she's just been there."

That age issue can be one potential challenge for graduate assistants as they make the transition from player to coach, from teammate to authority figure. Since the GAs are closer in age to the players and are newcomers on the coaching staff, establishing their role as a coach is often hard.

"[Players] go right into the mode of addressing [GAs] as coach," Daly said. "[GAs] are treated with the respect and authority that they have earned and they deserve. A big part of [the transition] is me setting that tone."

Miller highlighted an important off-field change that a new graduate assistant must make.

"You can't be partying with the players anymore," he said. "That comes to an end."

"You have to draw a new line," Panzer said. "It's tough to make the transition, but the girls respected me."

Doucette has discussed his pending move from team member to an authority figure with his teammates, but feels his prior role as team captain will make the transition easier.

"I have responsibilities on the field and in the offseason to be on top of everyone," Doucette said. "And I have a good relationship with all the guys on the team, so I think they'll respect what I say."

"There's nothing that worries me too much," he continued. "I think it's going to be a lot of fun. I've loved working with the team the last four years, and I know I'm going to like it on the other side of the field."

Proud to be in Browntown

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Sox-Yankees matchup. And boy did I want the Old Town Team to come away with the upset.

The game was an exciting one, with both teams trading off goals throughout. After the trouncing that Tufts took from Middlebury earlier in the season, we were cautiously optimistic going in. But the Jumbos were playing like their lives depended on it, and they weren't only standing eye-to-eye with Middlebury; they were outplaying them.

Amazingly, this almost felt like a home game for Tufts. Half the Coliseum-like stadium at Middlebury was littered with quiet and preppy Middlebury students, a sea of patchwork shorts and popped Polo shirts. But the other half of the stands was filled with Tufts students and parents, most wearing "Brown Town" t-shirts and screaming up a storm. Literally.

By the fourth quarter, dark clouds moved in over the purple mountains and a cold rain capped off the perfect atmosphere as the Men from Medford made an incredible run to tie the score at 11-11 with two seconds left in regulation.

Two Dingleburys, who we later found out didn't even go to Middlebury, heckled the Tufts cheering section incessantly for three-quarters of the game, but as the tide turned, we sent their mocking "Brown Town" chant right back at them as they slinked over to the Middlebury section.

One of the guys insulted Medford while the other made cracks about the guys on the field.

And that's when we really wanted the team to win. I had been at the Red Sox game the night before, but the fervor of the Tufts fans in the stands that day outdid even Fenway.

In overtime we led chants of "T-U-F-T-S" and "Go Jumbos!" Middlebury remained silent, no doubt checking out the latest Burberry catalogue. The rain came down harder, and after both teams exchanged shots that just barely bounced off the goal posts, we headed into a third overtime.

As my buddy pointed out, Tufts had held Middlebury scoreless for nearly 15 minutes after Middlebury had scored to make it 11-8, and we were sure they were going to pull this one out. When number 20 ripped the game winning shot to send Middlebury to its sixth consecutive NESCAC finals, and the idiots returned to chide us once again, we realized miracles can't happen every day.

But as the Brown and Blues made their way to the sidelines, no Jumbo fan moved, and after a moment of sorrow for a season ended, we applauded their efforts at a valiant struggle.

That day, Middlebury just barely beat a Tufts squad that had outplayed them for over an hour and 10 minutes of spectacular lacrosse. In the end, as clichéd as it sounds, the game was anyone's, and the fates just fell with Middlebury.

To all the players on the field and on the sidelines that day, you made it easy to be a Jumbo fan. I, for one, can't wait until next year when Middlebury has to make the drive to Medford in next year's championships to finally be uncrowned.

Losses to Colby, Bates ends season

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a 7-0 blanking in 2005, the Jumbos stunned Bowdoin with a 5-2 win on Apr. 7, earning their first NESCAC win of the year. This win spurred on another, as the Jumbos also breezed by Wheaton two days later on Voute Courts.

"We rolled through much of the season," Eng said. "We had our highs after big wins over ranked teams. [Against Bowdoin and Middlebury] we were tougher, we believed in ourselves, and we were in better shape."

Sophomore Will Fleder, who finished 7-7 in single matches, was happy with the team's performances despite its less-than-stellar record.

"The season was overall very good," Fleder said. "We had some big wins; I think at one point in the season, everyone stepped up and contributed."

As the season continued, the Jumbos gathered two more wins in their remaining six matches. The two wins were easy 5-2 and 6-1 defeats of non-conference opponents, but the four losses were heartbreakers. The Jumbos lost close ones to Colby and Bates, ultimately coming up short in their quest to

qualify for the NESCAC Tournament.

"Losing to Colby was definitely the hardest defeat of my college career; everything rested on that match," Alexander said. "We were a much better team and we all knew we could win, but we just didn't do what we needed to do."

After coming off a two-game winning streak against Babson and Brandeis, the Jumbos looked as if they might upset the Bates Bobcats to clinch a spot in the NECAC and NCAA regional tournaments. The Bobcats, however, swept the doubles and took three of the singles matches to win the dual match and end the Jumbos' quest of a national top-20 finish.

The tri-captains of Alexander and classmates Jon Rubenstein and Paul Roberts are left only to ponder the positive points of their careers.

"Beating four top-25 teams was pretty good and having a top-20 ranking at one point was impressive," Roberts said. "Our team chemistry was great and everyone really got along well. As for the other captains, we all battled each other in practice and [were] fierce competitors but at the same time the best of friends."

Galvin's hammer a bright spot for Tufts

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of many high points of the season. Barron was elated with his team's performance.

"Arak did great and actually broke the school record for high jump," Barron said. "He really had a great season. I also think junior Fred Jones stepped up the intensity in the field events."

Senior tri-captain Matt Lacey was equally as proud of his teammates.

"Mahoney's race was incredible," Lacey said. "No one expected [it] and to see what Jeremy did also was crazy. I also think [senior tri-captain] Jason Galvin had a really great season, too."

Galvin was another bright spot to the Jumbos already stellar season. In his last year as a Jumbo, the thrower performed consistently well and proved to be a deserving holder of the captain's title. Galvin's strongest performance came two weeks ago in the NESCAC Championships where he provisionally qualified for Nationals in the men's hammer throw with his first-place finish.

"I definitely have felt really good this year," Galvin said. "I've been moving up

the Div. III rankings and I'm provisionally ranked in a few of my events."

While the Jumbos' season was filled with several dazzling performances, the team must now bid farewell to its seniors, including team leaders Lacey, Trevor Williams, and Galvin, who were the captains of this year's squad.

"You cannot replace a Matt Lacey, a Williams, or a Galvin," Barron said. "However, we have no shortage of leaders on our team, and this goes from the top all the way throughout the team."

While the Jumbos wait to see who will emerge as the new leaders of this team, their job isn't completely done this year as certain individuals still have some scores to settle.

As of press time, both Galvin and Jones are primed to qualify for Nationals this season in the hammer throw and the triple jump, respectively, and there's potential for either Arak, or sophomores Chris Kantos and Dan Marcy to join them.

The team will have to wait until next weekend to see if they can build on a strong season with some All-American honors.

Jumbos could not come back against Bowdoin's first-set victories

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suffered a similar fate at the hands of Bowdoin senior Kristina Sisk and freshman Rachel Waldman, losing 8-2.

"It was tough losing those matches knowing how hard we have been working on our doubles and how well we have all been playing doubles in matches and practices," Bram said.

"Becky [Bram] and Jen [Luten] played brilliant doubles once again," Bayard remarked. "I think our No. 2 and No. 3 teams played a bit tentative, and Bowdoin was able to take advantage of this."

The 2-1 lead for Bowdoin proved crucial to the Polar Bears as both teams split 3-3

in singles competition. At No. 1, Luten handily took out Sarah D'Elia 6-3, 6-1. At No. 2, Bram picked up the 6-4, 6-3 win over Raymond. Hughes decimated Raley 6-1, 6-1 to grab another match for Bowdoin at No. 3.

The Jumbos' best opportunity to pick up the winning fifth match came at No. 4 singles, where Deary squared off against Christine D'Elia in the contest's only three-set match. Deary won the pair's matchup 6-2, 6-0 eight days earlier, but was unable to repeat. D'Elia quickly took the first set, but Deary rebounded with a tie-breaker win in the second. D'Elia proved too much, however, winning the match 6-0, 6-7 (5), 6-2.

"I was abroad with her in Rome, and [Jen Luten and I] had played with her, so we knew each other's games," Deary said. "It was easy to figure out her game the first time around, but the second time, she just played the best tennis I'd ever seen her play. She played smart, she played tough, and there wasn't really anything I could do. I choked."

Competition at No. 5 singles saw Tufts junior Silvia Schmid fall to Waldman 7-5, 6-0. Cenko routed Sisk 6-1, 6-1 at No. 6.

"I think we had various spots throughout the lineup [to win another match], but Bowdoin played a bit tougher under pressure," Bayard said.

Unlike the previous two

matches against Bowdoin, this contest saw only one match go beyond two sets, and the players who lost did so by a significant margin.

"Clearly a strong start was important in this match," Bayard said. "Every person who won the first set in singles won the match."

With team play for Tufts over this season, individual competitions in singles and doubles commence this weekend at the University of California, Santa Cruz. After a 6-5 season at the No. 1 spot, Luten earned a spot as an alternate, one of four, in the singles draw of 32 players. Luten has played in the tournament the past two years, and won her first two matches last

season to advance to the quarterfinal round.

No doubles team from Tufts was selected. Bram and Luten, playing at No. 1 for most of the season, compiled a 5-1 record, but did not play the minimum six matches during the regular season, since their final match occurred during NCAA Regionals.

"Jen definitely has a good shot at making it into the tournament," Bram said. "She also played in the tournament last year in doubles and she and Kylyn played great [then]. It was disappointing that Jen and I didn't make it into the tournament [for doubles] this year, because we did not play the minimum matches."

Nine seniors graduate, youth to be key

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triple-overtime NESCAC semifinal thriller that ended the 2006 season.

"Our most difficult loss was the last Middlebury game," assistant coach Jesse Miller said. "It was probably the most exciting game I've ever been a part of."

Despite the disappointing end to 2006, the team and its coaches point to hard work and cohesiveness as primary accomplishments.

"We hope to create an environment of trust and courage that allows everyone to challenge and communicate openly," Daly said. "I continue to learn each year how much more important work ethic is over talent."

Daly's values permeated to his players, who came together to keep Tufts in the top 20 and add to the reputation the program has acquired.

"We were generally very tight as a team," O'Brien said. "We'd have little team meetings after practice so we were able to get everyone on the same page. We emphasized basic communication throughout the year, on and off the field."

The team's nine seniors — co-captains Rory Doucette and Billy Granger, and O'Brien, Dane Carillo, Ave Cook, Casey D'Annolfo, Tim Flanagan, Tim Rotolo, and Evan Saulsbury — capped a successful career at Tufts, generating a 46-19 record over their four years and earning four straight NESCAC Tournament appearances.

"I thought the leadership of the team was solid," Miller said. "Not one guy really stood out, but instead it was a collective act."

This unselfishness was visible in the team's statistics, as many players helped to shape the Jumbos' offense. O'Brien (20 goals, 11 assists) and junior attack Mark Warner (11 goals, 20 assists) led the team with 31 points, freshman attack Clem McNally contributed 21 goals, and Granger finished with 23 points on 11 goals and 12 assists.

"We all had good opportunities throughout the season," O'Brien said. "We rotated a lot throughout the season, so different players were able to step up in different games."

One player that took full advantage of his opportunities on the field was McNally, who captured NESCAC Player of the Week in late April. In the overtime win at Bates, McNally tallied five goals, including the game-winner, and exploded yet again a week later against the Bobcats for six goals in their NESCAC play-off matchup.

"Clem is, and will be, a great player at Tufts," Daly said. "He spent a great deal of time watching extra film, staying after practice for extra shooting, and worked every day the same, whether he was starting or not. I have a lot of respect for guys who work, who put in extra time, and Clem impressed me all season with his work ethic and determination to succeed."

Another freshman that made a splash was starting goalie Matt Harrigan. After graduating its two goalies last season, the Jumbos were badly in need of a net presence, and Harrigan came out strong from the beginning, winning Div. III Player of the Week in late March and finishing among the league's best goalies. He was second in saves per game (11.76) and third with a .595 save percentage.

With the recently named senior tri-captains — midfielder Brett Holm, attack Mark Warner and defenseman Wiley Dornseif — taking the torch from Doucette and Granger, the Jumbos will return to the field in 2007 with something to prove.

"I believe that the biggest improvement was made by the overall grit and heart of our team," Miller said. "There were some tough times in the middle of the season against Middlebury and Colby, and the team really responded with great wins over WNEC, Bates, Conn, and Bates again. They never gave up and just really established themselves as a team as the year progressed."

Are Clippers becoming fashionable?

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Dwight Howard averages around 15 rebounds a game, but he will have had a long offseason to play with fellow young talents Jameer Nelson and Darko Milicic. That's right, I wrote "Darko" and "talent" in the same sentence — I really think that being out of Detroit will be good for him. Expectations are lower in Orlando, and the guy did have over two seasons of practicing against Ben Wallace. That's got to be worth something.

What will happen to Miami? Wade is continuing to improve, seemingly by the day. Shaq is getting older and bigger by the minute. And Pat Riley has got to be feeling a lot of pressure to get his crazy lineup of veterans with attitude to bring home the hardware. Next year might be the last that all these guys are together; if they continue to hang around the bottom of the top, we might see the team totally reconstructed. Who would Riley pick to surround Wade as the young star rises to one of the best in the league?

What about LeBron? He had an MVP-caliber season, got some playoff experience under his belt, and bit his nails to shreds. But the question remains: does he truly have no ceiling, or did he just peak early? I'm still inclined towards the latter. But if he makes another leap in his abilities and crunch-time prowess next season, I might have to reevaluate that projection.

When will one of Detroit's starters get hurt? Its starting five has had a beyond-improbable three-year stretch of health. It seems like eventually dumb luck will have to kick in and someone's knee will blow out or Rip Hamilton will break his nose again.

What will Isiah Thomas's next terrible move be? This guy is the master of indefensible trades and irrational signings. I'm sure that no other GM in the league would have even considered trading for Steve Francis when he already had Stephon Marbury, Jalen Rose, and Jamal Crawford in his lineup, especially when his payroll was already sky-high. How bad can his moves get? Will he actually pay big bucks that he doesn't have under the salary cap for Kenyon Martin, the constantly injured attitude problem who was only good when he played with Jason Kidd? Sadly for New Yorkers, it's entirely possible.

Will Memphis ever win a playoff game? The Mavericks proved too much for them to handle in this year's first round, and as a result, the Grizzly organization set a league record for losing 12 consecutive playoff games before winning a single one. Keep the faith, Memphis fans.

Will it be fashionable to like the Clippers again? This season was their coming-out party in which they finally stole the Los Angeles limelight from the Lakers. So how will the city respond? Will the Clippers finally get their due? Will stars besides Frankie Muniz start showing up for their games? Will kids start wearing Elton Brand's jersey half as much as they don the purple-and-gold number eight?

How will Amare Stoudamire fit back in with the Suns? His brief stint in uniform this year was a disaster that sent Phoenix skidding into the playoffs. But he's young, he's big, and last season, he seemed to be on the fast track to being the next truly great big man in the league. Will Steve Nash's back hold out long enough for these guys' primes to overlap?

Gehling more concerned with 'entire experience' than with Cup standings

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ual-qualifying sports — especially cross country, swimming, and track — as schools with traditionally good programs can qualify more individuals, or even send their entire squad if they qualify as a team, and earn huge numbers of points. Tufts' success in all of these sports in 2005-06, especially the unprecedented showing by the men's swimming team, contributed heavily towards its high standing.

The Cup also does not recognize achievements of crew, squash, fencing, and sailing, all of which are traditionally nationally-ranked programs at Tufts. The Tufts sailing program had its strongest season in recent years, with the coed team spending most of the season ranked No. 2 in the nation and the women consistently in the top 10.

"Sailing, a non-NCAA sport, doesn't count at all — a real disadvantage to Tufts," said Director of Athletics Bill Gehling in an e-mail to the Daily.

Due to the Directors' Cup's flaws, Gehling, while happy with the school's accomplishments, does not consider a high finish to be

a primary goal.

"The Directors' Cup success this year is certainly something we are proud of, especially because our success has come about because of many programs doing well," Gehling said. "However, there are real shortcomings with the system, so I am reluctant to put too much emphasis on it."

Gehling pointed to the competitiveness of the NESCAC as another factor that might hurt Tufts in the standings. Although both Jumbo lacrosse teams were nationally ranked, neither earned Directors' Cup points because they failed to make it to Nationals.

With between three and six NESCAC lacrosse teams ranked in the top 10 nationally, the conference tournament serves as a kind of gatekeeper, keeping many deserving teams out of the national tournament.

The men's lacrosse team, for instance, fell to Middlebury, an NCAA title game participant in six of the past seven years, in triple overtime in the NESCAC semifinals. Despite Tufts' strong showing in the tournament and top-20 national ranking, the at-large bid in the conference was awarded to Wesleyan, which was even better than

Tufts. The Cardinals were 10th in the country and the league's runner up. They had beaten Tufts in a nail-biter this spring as well.

"Both of our lacrosse teams had excellent seasons yet will not earn any points," Gehling said. "The men's team took Middlebury — always a National Championship contender — to triple overtime [in the NESCAC Tournament] but didn't get a bid. They get zero points, the same as the last place team in the conference and less than a team who wins the [automatic qualification for Nationals] in a weaker conference."

While these factors diminish the accuracy of the Directors' Cup in reflecting many of Tufts' strengths, they make Tufts' success in the Directors' Cup even more impressive. The Jumbos' previous best result in the Cup was a 24th-place finish in 2000-01, which they followed with 58th in 2001-2002, 28th in 2002-03, 31st in 2003-04, and 54th last year.

And while several spring sports teams that spent time during the regular season in the top-25 nationally — baseball, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse — failed to earn bids to the national tournament, Tufts is all

but guaranteed a higher finish this year.

Following a runner-up finish at the NESCAC Tournament, the softball team earned an at-large bid to NCAA Regionals, where it advanced to the semifinals of the eight-team pool. The women's tennis team earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Regional Tournament as well, and despite a first-round loss to conference rival Bowdoin, the appearance will contribute points to Tufts' cause.

Still, Gehling and the rest of the athletic staff refuse to use numbers to quantify the school's level of achievement on the playing field, instead emphasizing the complete student-athlete experience that characterizes the Div. III and NESCAC philosophy.

"In the end, we are most concerned with the quality of the entire experience that our student-athletes are having," Gehling said. "When our coaches and athletes do things the right way and have success as well, that's icing on the cake."

The final Directors' Cup standings for 2005-06 are scheduled to be released by the NACDA on June 22 on its website, www.nacda.com.

Young guns are locked and loaded for an even better season next spring

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kids — yes, home runs are exciting, but you can still get job done without them. It's good for hitters to realize that they don't need to swing for the fences. Once we started doing that, it all came together."

The Jumbos rolled through a relatively weak NESCAC East, despite a fluke loss to Colby in the regular season's final weekend, and clinched the top division spot for the second straight year.

An early-season sweep over two-time defending champion Williams made a NESCAC pennant, something only the seniors had ever achieved, look possible. But the Jumbos came up short again, as the Ephs claimed their third NESCAC title, although the 1-0, 6-5 losses were a very different story from the one-hitter and no-hitter that ended the 2005 season.

After Tufts won the first three NESCAC titles from 2000 to 2003, coach Kris Herman made the move to Williamstown, and has brought the last three home for the Ephs and fueled one of the league's best rivalries.

"It's always hard to lose to Williams, even harder than missing the NESCAC title," senior co-captain Jess Barrett said. "We've always been big rivals with Williams, and ever since the coaching change it's been even more passionate."

Defensively, the Jumbos were solid at key positions and grew stronger at others as the season progressed, finishing with a NESCAC-best .957 fielding percentage.

"Every time we made mistakes we came back and picked each other up" Barrett said. "Right up through the last game, we worked hard to come back from mistakes or rough innings."

Junior Annie Ross and freshmen Maya Ripceky were perfect in the outfield. At second, Lopez sported a .972 fielding percentage, anchoring a middle infield that recorded a league-high (and sixth-best in the nation) 40 double plays. Sophomore catcher Megan Cusick came up with one huge pickoff after another to get the Jumbos out of tough field positions, and her 12 pickoffs and nine runners caught stealing were best in the league.

"I can't tell you how frustrating it is as a

pitcher to walk a leadoff batter, and then how motivating it is when your field gets them out," Conroy said. "To have Q throw them out at second, or someone turn a double play is so relieving. Our defense has come full circle, and we took way more pride in that after California."

While the youth of the Tufts roster was its defining characteristic — 13 of the team's 20 players were freshmen and sophomores — equally important was the senior leadership that steadied the Jumbo ship and eased underclassmen into their new roles.

"Reaching what you would call potential is not just a pure equation of getting talented players in position," Milligan said. "It's more than just putting talented players out there; it's about creating a team concept. And we had leaders that gave up the spotlight so the team could achieve."

Co-captains Conroy and Barrett were put in the tough position of corralling an inexperienced and somewhat unpredictable freshman class, and doing so from what were not the easiest positions. As a pitcher, Conroy was not always an on-field presence, and

Barrett played in 18 of the team's 42 games in right field.

"It took a lot of hard work from everyone on the team to achieve the success that we did," Barrett said. "The younger players had to understand that they would play an integral role on the team and that a lot was expected of them, and the older players had to accept their role on the team and provide support for the younger players when they needed it. It's always hard keeping 20 people focused, but it helps when they all want the same thing."

"Our captains did an excellent job of controlling a young team and really making us see the bigger picture," Lopez said. "It was difficult for them to take on eight freshmen and five sophomores that make up the majority of the lineup, and they really carried our team."

"This season gave us a taste of what we can have and what we can get," Lopez continued. "The seniors had already been [to NAAs], and now the rest of us have been there once. We know what it's like — we want to be there, we want to beat Williams. Now it's tangible."

WOMEN'S SOCCER RECAP

Women's soccer made history in 2005

BY AMAN GUPTA
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At the start of the 2005 fall season, nobody really had any clear idea of what was in store for the women's soccer team over the next three months. In the end, all doubts were put to rest, as the Jumbos compiled one of the best regular-season records to date and made a run to the NCAA National Semifinals as part of a season that firmly established Tufts soccer as a premier program in the nation.

The squad was returning plenty of talent, but after losing seven seniors, including co-captains Sarah Gelb and Becky Greenstein, all-time saves leader Meg McCourt, and leading scorer Jen Baldwin, among others, nobody knew how the team would respond.

"We knew we had lost a lot of players from the year before, but you're always excited for a new season," senior tri-captain Sarah Callaghan said. "Getting to go to Bermuda for preseason really starts off the feeling that it's a new year and a new team."

An opening day 2-0 loss to the Colby Mules didn't appease those reservations, but what went on over the next 20 games ended up writing the story for one of the most historic seasons in the team's history. The Jumbos rattled off a school-record ten straight wins including victories over nationally-ranked Wheaton, Middlebury, and Amherst in a 10-day span.

A 1-0 final-game victory over Connecticut College put the Jumbos at 6-2-1 in the conference and gave them the right to host the conference tournament for the first time since 2002. After receiving a first round bye in the tournament, Tufts exacted a little revenge on the Mules with



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Sophomore Martha Furtek is pictured in Tufts' 3-2 victory over Wheaton on Sep. 14. Furtek earned a First-Team All-American nod as the Jumbos completed a dream season in 2005, marching through the NCAA Tournament to the Final Four.

a 2-1 victory to advance to the NESCAC final.

"It's always so great to play at home, especially here because we are so fortunate to have people that want to watch us play," coach Martha Whiting said. "It's one thing to play at home in front of a few parents and friends, but to play in front of sometimes 1,000 people is a huge thrill. It's a huge advantage for us."

Despite falling to the Bates Bobcats 2-1 in a double-overtime thriller in the NESCAC Championship, the Jumbos, who had been a mainstay in the national rankings all season, still earned an at-large bid into the NCAA tournament, and the opportunity to host the NCAA Regional Championships the following weekend.

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VOLLEYBALL

Evans, Gerry leave program in great shape for future

BY NATE GRUBMAN
Senior Staff Writer

Four years ago, Courtney Evans and April Gerry entered the Tufts volleyball program as coach Cora Thompson's first recruits. When they graduate this spring, they will leave as co-captains of the best volleyball team in Tufts history.

"They both mean a lot to this program," Thompson said. "They have been fantastic players who led with not only their play but their hearts. Being the first class I coached, it is great to think about how they have helped me build our own program. They have made their marks on this program and they will be missed, but certainly not forgotten."

In their fourth season, the duo led a young roster that included six freshmen to 29 wins, the most in school history. The Jumbos peaked at No. 2 in the New England polls and won their first two NCAA Tournament games to earn a trip to the Regional Final, their deepest-ever tournament run.

The Jumbos' 29-7 season ended at the hands of a senior-laden Colby team that had also won the pair's regular-season and NESCAC Championship matchups.

Before going down at the hands of the Mules, however, the Jumbos notched a number of accomplishments that highlight a ground-breaking season.

The regular season got off to a good start when the Jumbos won the Williams Invitational by beating the host Ephs, a powerhouse team that has had a history

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jumbos still hungry after stellar 2005-06

BY NATE GRUBMAN
Senior Staff Writer

A jaw-dropping shot by Amherst sophomore Andrew Olson put the brakes on the men's basketball team's season, but not before the Jumbos put together the greatest run in school history.

With a pair of NCAA Tournament wins to reach the Sweet 16, further than any previous team had ventured, the 2005-2006 Jumbos won a school-record 23 games. Coming off a 16-10 mark in 2004-2005 that was an astonishing jump from an abysmal 8-17 mark the year before, this trend has the Jumbos only getting better.

"It means a lot to me and the guys just knowing that, especially after my freshman year being 8-17, two years after that, winning 23 games and setting the school record, to know that you can succeed after you try so hard," junior tri-captain Dave Shepherd said.

The Jumbos were only a second away from extending that record-setting ride, up by three points in their Sweet 16 matchup at Amherst, when Olson dribbled to the top of the arc, leaped to his right and lofted an off-balance shot that found its way through the net, sending the game to overtime. In the extra period, the stunned Jumbos watched as their season ended with a 90-85 loss.

Despite the outcome, the Jumbos were thrilled to be part of a classic game in a packed gym that featured 11 ties and 12 lead changes.

"It doesn't get any better than that," senior tri-captain Dan Martin said. "Bringing the game to overtime with the great Tufts fans on one side and the Amherst fans on the other side was an incredible experience. It was something I'll never forget."

The game was a culmination of a breathless final month of the season, in which the Jumbos played in three NESCAC Tournament games, three NCAA Tournament games and four overtime thrillers.



MIKE CONROY/TUFTS DAILY

Senior Dan Martin dunks in a 91-76 Tufts win over Bates on Feb. 4. Martin was the Jumbos' inside post presence this season, scoring 17.1 points and grabbing 6.9 rebounds per game.

Just a week before, the Jumbos had traveled to Cortland State in New York to compete in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. After an 83-60 drubbing of Endicott in the opening round, Tufts moved on to play host Cortland State the next day.

Playing in front of a hostile

crowd, the Jumbos appeared safe with a 62-54 with 1:18 left. The Red Dragons fought all the way back to trim the lead to just one point with 12 seconds left, before Shepherd sank his second pair of clutch free throws in the final

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CROSS COUNTRY

Men, women conclude fall season with trip to Nationals

BY ALEX BLOOM
Daily Editorial Board

For the first time since 1999, both cross country teams qualified for and competed at Nationals. Tufts was the only team from New England to accomplish the coed feat in 2005, with both teams taking very different paths to Ohio Wesleyan.

The men's cross country team had eyed 2005 as a potential breakout season. It had four returning members of the 2004 team that took sixth at Nationals, including junior Josh Kennedy, an All-American that year, and senior co-captain Matt Lacey, who set the 5,000 and 10,000 meter school records in outdoor track the following spring.

The other two members of that team, sophomore Chris Kantos and senior co-captain Matt Fortin, joined with Lacey and Kennedy and seniors Neil Orfield and Kyle Doran and junior Justin Chung to give Tufts a strong nucleus of upperclassmen. Orfield and Doran both had experience running at the national level as members of the 2003 team that took 11th at Nationals.

But the team was hit with a bombshell in August when coach Connie Putnam, who had taken six of his last seven teams to Nationals, abruptly retired after 21 seasons. Ethan Barron, who had coached as Putnam's assistant for the previous few seasons, took over as interim coach and Rod Hemingway (LA '98), a two-time All-American in cross country at Tufts, agreed to assist.

"Ethan did absolutely the best job he possibly could," Lacey said. "He put in so much time and effort to make sure that everything ran smoothly. I don't see how it could have gone better with anyone else."

"We knew what we had to do and we knew we were going to do it," Orfield said. "There was

never any doubt about making Nationals, regardless of whether Connie was there, because we all had put in the work during the summer."

The team went into NESCACs looking for a three-peat. Williams caught the Jumbos off-guard, taking first and third and putting four runners in the top fifteen to score 62 points. While Tufts still held on, scoring 58 points for their third straight title, the team was definitely surprised by the Ephs.

The Jumbos responded to the near-loss at NESCACs by dominating the competition at Regionals, placing five runners in the top 20. The team scored 62 points, with second-place Wesleyan a distant 56 points behind at 118. Six of the seven Jumbos earned All-Region distinction.

"NESCACs really woke us up a little bit, and at Regionals we came through and one through seven were all right towards the front," Orfield said.

"I don't think anyone would have fathomed us being that dominant [at Regionals]," Kantos said.

While the team went on to take fifth at Nationals, the highest team finish by a Tufts cross country team, many of the members were disappointed with the performance. While Kennedy earned All-American status, Lacey was expected to do so but did not, and the team had wanted to take fourth or higher for a podium finish.

"It's still slightly disappointing that we couldn't finish higher, but fifth in the country is never going to change," Lacey said. "It took everything from everyone to get to that point, and I'm definitely really proud of it."

It was a different story for the women. The Jumbos had not gone to Nationals as a team since 1999 and had missed out on a

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EWO

Nationals trip concludes seniors' careers

BY PATRICE TADDONIO
Daily Editorial Board

In the case of the Tufts' women's ultimate team, what happened in Vegas didn't stay in Vegas.

No, what happened at February's Sin City-set Trouble in Vegas tournament set the stage for the rest of the EWo's season, which will culminate at the Ultimate Players Association (UPA) National Championships in Columbus, Ohio on May 26-28.

"I think going to that tournament really gave us an idea what we needed to work on to accomplish our biggest challenge yet: getting to Nationals," said fifth-year senior Berenice Diaz, the team's veteran handler. "The teams we faced there have been the toughest teams we have played all season."

Indeed, the EWo squared off against the country's top squads in Vegas, rallying from a slow first day to finish sixth of a field of 32.

"We were in an initial pool with three other '06 Nationals-qualifying teams, and we made it out alive with our pride intact," senior co-captain Elana Eisen-Markowitz said. "That's really impressive, especially considering that before this year, this team of EWo hadn't really been on the national radar at all."

"It was great to go to, because we saw a lot of the teams we'll see at Nationals," said senior co-captain Kira Paisley.

And thanks to their victories in Vegas, as well as their cohesiveness and camaraderie, the EWo, now 15th in the national rankings, will be on solid footing when they face those teams in Columbus.

"Most teams with a record as good as ours will have one or two superstars, and the rest are supporting players," coach Alicia Kersten said. "But it's not that way on our team. Everyone is really good."

Kersten's co-coach, Sangwha Hong, agreed.

"Everyone contributes in so many different ways," Hong said. "Everyone puts in 100 percent, all the time, and this year, there's been more of that than there has been in other years."

Kersten and Sangwha have been coaching the EWo for the past four years, and their tenure has coincided with the four-year career of today's graduating seniors.

"They've really helped to bring us to a new level, and they really know the ultimate scene," Paisley said. "And it's fun that we started out as freshmen the same time they started coaching us, and we've made it to Nationals after four years together."

"We've been growing, and every year, we've gotten better," said Kersten, noting the team's surging momentum from the beginning of the season. "This year, we were ready to dominate."

And dominate they have, finishing either first or second at

this season's Ultimix, UMassacre and Yale Cup tournaments. They took the top spot at Sectionals on Apr. 22-23, and at Regionals earlier this month, they finished second to Dartmouth, earning a Nationals berth for the first time since 2001.

"We've been trying for four years now and have come really close, but not quite," said senior cutter and handler Becky Firesheets. "We were at game point [against Dartmouth], and [senior midfielder] Julia [Hallman] had just caught the disc, and I turned and ran deep to catch the score that won the game. At first, it was totally surreal, then we all started jumping on each other and hugging and crying."

The EWo hope for more victory celebrations, but are realistic about their chances to take the top spot, as they enter the tournament ranked 16th out of 16. Joining them will be several teams that the EWo have played closely this season, including Emory and Delaware, which both beat Tufts by a single point.

"Our first goal is to play up to our full ability and maximize our potential, so that regardless of how we finish, we can walk away feeling that we did our best - that's more important than placement," Hong said. "Our second goal is a team goal of making it to the top eight, the quarterfinals."

Multiple factors influence the

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EWO pushing limits of club athletics

For the first time since 2001, Tufts' women's ultimate team is headed to Nationals.

This accomplishment is the result of practice and dedication that began for this group four years ago, when the seniors and the team's coaches, Alicia Kersten and Sangwha Hong, arrived at Tufts.

The human cost is matched by a financial one; due largely to the EWo's club team status, the funding the team receives from the Athletics Department will not nearly cover the cost of travelling to Columbus, Ohio in late June for Nationals.

"The sport is getting so competitive that to compete at the higher, upper level and to play against the top teams, you need to sacrifice both financially and of your time," Hong said.

"There's a big difference between teams that do well and teams that don't," she continued. "First of all, the teams that do well have coaches, and secondly, they're getting financial support from their school. I would say our funding is about 60-40, with the lesser amount being from the school."

Senior co-captain Elana Eisen-Markowitz cited the team's club label for the limited financial support it receives.

"While Carol Rappoli and the Tufts Club Sports program has tried to be helpful, and they have been really great this year, there's kind of no way we can do everything we need to do in order to be Nationals-level with the small

budget and little guidance we get from the school," Eisen-Markowitz said. "This year, our A-team shelled out close to \$700 from their own pockets to play Frisbee, which, for many of us, meant working all year and serious amounts of fundraising."

"That really sucks," she continued. "But it's also hard to argue with Tufts to give us more money, because we are a club sport."

In addition to limiting funding, the EWo's non-varsity status has garnered them relatively little campus attention.

"Except for the men's team and my close friends, nobody I know at Tufts really knows or cares about women's ultimate," junior handler Caroline Chow said.

Eisen-Markowitz cited the lack of awareness and misconceptions surrounding the sport.

"Most kids, including myself, just don't hear of Ultimate until they get to Tufts," senior captain Elana Eisen-Markowitz. "And then, what they know is that it's a marginalized club sport, and they think it's a bunch of barefooted hippies, which couldn't really be further from the truth."

"I came here as a soccer player," she continued. "I even played Tufts JV soccer for three years. But that's the story from most of us — we're athletes from other sports that got drawn to Frisbee because it's fast-paced, exciting and massively athletic at its top levels - you're running basically the whole game."

—by Patrice Taddonio

CYCLING

Tufts finishes 13th at National Championships

BY PHIL HASLETT AND LIZ HOFFMAN
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In only its second-ever team appearance at Nationals, held at Kansas University on May 13-14, Tufts finished 13th in a 35-team field of Div. II and III schools. While individuals have gone to Nationals in past years, this year's team appearance demonstrates the strides that the program has made in recent years.

"That we managed to qualify as a team is overwhelming," senior co-captain Olivia Jaras said. "I'm really proud to leave the team in such good shape. Last year I went [to Nationals] as an individual, and this year we managed to send an entire team — I never thought I'd see that."

Jaras and juniors Katie Dunn and Caitlin Thompson, competing in the A Division for most of the season, earned enough points to qualify individually for Nationals. But their points, along with contributions from sophomore Judy Wexler and freshman Vince Chavanon throughout the season, were enough to earn the entire team bid to Nationals, allowing senior co-captain Chris Eager and Chavanon to join the women at Kansas. [Wexler is a news editor at the Daily.]

In addition to finishing 13th nationally, the team placed second of all teams from its conference, the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference (ECCC), behind only MIT, which finished 5th nationally. The ECCC is the largest collegiate conference in the nation and includes some of the nation's top programs such as Dartmouth, Penn State and Princeton.

"From the New England area, the only team that beat us was MIT, and they have this lab with a wind tunnel where they train," Jaras said. "No other East Coast team beat us. The East Coast Conference is the biggest conference in the country, and that makes it that much harder to qualify for Nationals. That's really a huge accomplishment."

Tufts got contributions from Jaras, Thompson and Chavanon in both individual events — the road race and the criterium — and from the seventh-place finish of Jaras, Thompson and Dunn in the team time trial.

Thompson's 21st-place finish in the road race added 61 points, Chavanon contributed 20 from his 41st-place finish in the road race, and Jaras split her 48 points evenly between the road race, where she finished 35th, and the criterium, where she finished 19th.

"Those placings might not sound that



Junior Caitlin Thompson, shown here in a race on Apr. 9, contributed 61 points to Tufts' 13th place finish at Collegiate Nationals.

great, but you're racing against people that do this professionally," Jaras said. "Cycling's not a varsity sport, so there's no regulation against people getting paid to do this. Kids like Sarah Uhl [a former world champion and this year's runner-up in the Div. I individual title] or Anna Milkowski from Yale [seventh-place finisher in Div. II and a three-year professional rider] - they're cyclists who happen to be part-time students as well. The competition is insane. I used to swim and run cross country and the competition there was hard, but it's nothing like this."

Jaras' 19th-place finish in the criterium on Sunday was the highest individual placing of any Tufts rider, and would likely have been a top-10 finish if not for a heart-breaking pileup on the final lap.

"That was honestly the best race of my life," Jaras said. "I was in the lead pack for the whole race, keeping with girls that get paid to do this. I managed to escape one huge crash on the last lap and got caught up with the top riders. But right at the last corner, there was

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E-MEN

Team finishes just shy of Nationals berth at Regionals

BY NATE GRUBMAN
Senior Staff Writer

The men's ultimate frisbee team lost two of its last three contests at New England Regionals on May 6-7 to finish in fourth place, two spots shy of Nationals.

While the women's season continues at Nationals, the men will head to the off-season. Despite the loss, the tournament featured two dramatic comeback victories for the E-Men.

"We did think that we had a lot better chance at Nationals than we did last year," sophomore RJ Phannenstill said. "Last year, we had a couple good players, but the team didn't work very well together. This year, I'd say we had the most talented team in the Northeast. We have a good program that works to get a lot of good players, not just one or two superstars."

The E-men finished third at Metro Boston Sectionals on Apr. 22-23, setting up their entrance to Regionals as the seventh seed. After holding serve against 10th-seeded Wesleyan, Tufts fell behind against Boston University, the Sectional champions and Regionals second seed.

The Terriers pounced all over the E-Men early on, snagging a 5-1 lead. Staring down what would have been a debilitating loss, Tufts bounced back and grabbed a 12-11 lead before hanging on for a 15-14 win over the frontrunners.

"It was a little frustrating at the beginning because they took a quick 5-1 lead on us," senior captain Rob Spies said. "So we were in the hole from the beginning and we really had to work hard to dig ourselves out. We could have lain down and given up the game there, but every one showed how bad they wanted it."

In the next round, Tufts matched up with Boston Sectional runner-up Harvard. The two teams traded points most of the way, but Harvard got a key break at the end to earn a 13-11 win, putting the E-Men in the unenviable spot of needing three straight wins to qualify for Nationals.

The E-Men quickly fell behind 8-3 to Dartmouth in a must-win game to keep

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The Best of Tufts Athletics

After covering a year of Tufts athletics through the objective lens of sports journalism, we now take a moment to yield to our inner cheerleaders as we bring you the Tufts Daily's annual awards. Some picks were easy, while some margins were slimmer than the ultra-thin lunch meat served at Carmichael. But all are deserving, and all have brought their talent, dedication and leadership to their teams. And so, with one final wave of the pom-poms, here they are — the best of the Brown and Blue.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Ariel Samuelson (Women's Soccer)

The accolades that headed the way of senior tri-captain Ariel Samuelson after the women's soccer team's magical drive to the Final Four this season — First Team All-American, the program's first-ever NESCAC Player of the Year, tied for first in the conference in goals and points — are impressive enough.

But watching Samuelson on the field, you couldn't help but think that she was just playing on another level. Putting together the second-best offensive season in program history, the senior forward had 14 goals and four assists for 32 points, tied for best in the league. Her four game-winning goals, also tied for the league's best, lifted the Jumbos several times, including her goal that pushed the Jumbos over Wheaton in an improbable second-half comeback that propelled the Jumbos into the Elite Eight.

Bryan McDavitt (Football, Baseball)

He hits, he fields, he tackles, and he even punts and kicks. Tufts' own Jack-of-all-trades, McDavitt's athleticism and versatility has translated across the board in his three years on the Hill.

"He's a great athlete," baseball junior tri-captain Ben Simon said. "He just goes out there in the fall and the spring and competes his ass off."

McDavitt earns the Daily's nod for his dual role as a defensive back, punter and kicker on the football team and first baseman slugger on the baseball team. In the fall, the junior was second on football team with 56 tackles and led the team with two interceptions. He averaged 35.8 yards per punt as well as handling field goal, kick-off and extra point duties for the Jumbos. In the spring, McDavitt played first base for the Jumbos, spending most of the

season in the 3-4-5 spots and batting .420, fifth in the league and second on the team to senior Jim O'Leary. His 58 hits, best on the team, and .512 on-base percentage were both fourth in the league, and his 38 RBI and 84 total bases also led the Jumbos. At first base, McDavitt sported a sparkling 1.000 fielding percentage, not committing an error in 345 chances in the field and fielded a NESCAC-best 35 double plays.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Martha Whiting (Women's Soccer)

The NESCAC has said it, the New England Women's Intercollegiate Soccer Association has said it, and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America has said it. The Daily agrees.

Whiting, this year's NESCAC Coach of the Year, took a squad that lost seven seniors and led it to a 15-4-2 record and a postseason run to the Final Four. An overtime 1-0 loss in the NESCAC title game did little to diminish a season full of regional dominance, as an unbelievable run in the NCAA Tournament cast a new national spotlight on the Tufts program. A standout goalie during her years at Tufts (she owns the team record for saves with 385), Whiting has compiled a 81-33-9 record in her seven seasons as head coach.

After taking the Jumbos to the national championship game in 2000 in just her second season, Whiting was named National Div. III Coach of the Year. Whiting's recruiting skills have put the team in good shape for future years as well; the current sophomore class this year sported four starters, including Martha Furtek and Joelle Emery, All-American Second and Third Teamers, respectively.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Samantha Kuhles (Softball)

Kuhles is one of many diaper dandies that landed on the Hill during the 2005-2006 year, but she has made a name for herself above the rest. The rookie has more than lived up to the "utility player" label next to her name on the Jumbo roster. She has brought her speed to the base path as a pinch runner and to the outfield, her bat to the lineup as a versatile hitter in six different spots throughout the lineup, and her solid infielding skills to third base, a trouble spot for the Jumbos early in

the season.

After making the most of scattered playing time in the beginning of the season, Kuhles earned a spot on the field in the team's final 21 games of the season. Her batting average climbed steadily throughout the season, peaking at over .400 and finishing at .381, good for second on the team. She packs a unique combination of power, consistency, and speed on the basepaths (her eight stolen bases were second on the team), and was rewarded with First-Team All-NESCAC and Third-Team All-New England nods. She was also named to the NCAA All-Tournament team for her four hits and three runs in the Jumbos' run in Regionals.

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Men's Swimming

Under the radar of many Tufts students, the men's swimming team put it all together this year, sending seven swimmers to the NCAA Championships in Minneapolis, Minn., and coming home with a highest-ever 10th-place finish. Seniors Brett Baker and Jon Godsey, juniors Greg Bettencourt, Mike Kinsella, Jason Kapit and Justin Fanning and freshman Andrew Shields brought new fame to the Tufts swimming program at Nationals.

The Jumbos' 800-meter freestyle relay team of Baker, Godsey, Bettencourt and Fanning led the individual accolades, all earning All-American First Team recognition for their fourth-place finish. The 400-meter medley relay team of Godsey, Bettencourt, Baker and Kinsella earned All-American Honorable Mention honors for their showing at Nationals, as did the 200-meter freestyle relay crew of Baker, Kinsella, junior Jason Kapit, and Shields.

Second-year head coach Adam Hoyt earned NESCAC Coach of the Year honors while leading the Jumbos to a 9-1 record in dual meets and a second-place showing at NESCACs. The team broke nine Hamilton Pool records en route to the best season in recent years, as Hoyt continues to raise the profile of Tufts swimming on the National scale.

UNSUNG HERO AWARD

Megan Cusick (softball)

In her second season behind the plate, Cusick has turned herself into possibly the best catcher in New England, packing a deadly arm



Coach Martha Whiting

and a second sense for catching runners that venture a foot too far off the bag. Cusick has come up with one huge pickoff after another to bail out the Jumbo defense. Her 12 pickoffs were a league best, more than double those of the runner-up, as were the nine runners she caught stealing.

She has been solid at the plate, improving her .302 batting average in 2005 to .325 this season. She had 16 RBI and 38 hits, including a game-winning RBI single in Tufts' 2-1 win over Babson on Apr. 11 and a two-out, two-run homer that nearly evened up the Jumbos' NCAA Regional consolation final game against Rowan on May 13.

On a team to which postseason accolades come almost as fast as the pitches flying at her face, Cusick has quietly racked up a few of her own, earning two First-Team All-NESCAC honors and a First-Team All-New England nod in her freshman season. However, her improved stats escaped the notice of the selection committee this year, as she was given Third Team recognition.

"I see Q call for the pickoff, and I just know that runner is out," sophomore pitcher Erica Bailey said.

Top 10 | Moments in Tufts sports, 2005-2006

Here it is, hidden in our behemoth commencement issue - for your convenience, the short version. We've scoured our archives and our memories to come up with the 10 highlights of the 2005-2006 athletic year. Some are serious, some are funny, and some are serious but we made them funny anyway. So take a look, and relive the best of the year in Tufts athletics.

10) The opening of Tufts' new world-class boathouse on the Malden River lifted the spirits of both the men's and women's crews and is sure to invigorate both programs in the coming years. And with plenty of storage room, it could give ResLife some wiggle room when they find themselves in a housing bind again.

9) Tufts became the only NESCAC college to have a mascot logo designed by NFL Properties. The logo was unveiled this fall on uniforms, helmets, and those coverings for the weight machines in the gym. Was Dumbo not intimidating enough?

8) Seventh-seeded Wesleyan's incredible run to win the NESCAC men's soccer championships over No. 4 seed Amherst. Hey, Tufts wasn't going to make it anyway.

7) Remember when Tufts football started the season 2-0? And then remember how they went 0-6 on the rest of the season? Yeah, that wasn't cool.

6) In an Oct. 1 volleyball match, junior Kelli Harrison spiked a ball off an MIT opponent's forehead, which then bounced back over the net in a "did-that-really-just-happen?" moment. Tufts lost the point but won the match 30-25 over the regional powerhouse Engineers.

5) On Apr. 6, sophomore Danielle Lopez became the proud owner of Bridgewater State's softball team with a 6-for-8 performance that included three long balls off senior Kaitlyn Gambino. It was the second time in her two-year career that the slugger homered thrice against the Bears, having done so last year when she smacked one off Gambino and two off some other hapless hurler.

4) Amherst basketball player Andrew "Bleepin'" Olson's off-balance dagger from beyond the arc that forced an overtime period against Tufts in the NCAA sweet 16. The Lord Jeffs ended Tufts basketball's historic 23-win season in the overtime period.



3) The Director's Cup: After several amazing fall finishes rocketed Tufts to fourth place after the first third of the sports year, clutch Nationals showings from men's basketball, men's swimming, and both track and field teams kept the University in top-10 contention after the winter season at No. 5.

2) Senior lacrosse player Mike O'Brien's miracle shot to lead Tufts into the first of three overtimes against Middlebury in Semifinal play. With only two seconds left, O'Brien's goal tied the game 11-11, but Tufts lost a heartbreaker, 12-11 in triple-OT.

1) The women's soccer team's second-half miracle comeback against Wheaton in the sectional round of the NCAA Tournament. Down 2-0 at halftime, the Jumbos erupted for five unanswered goals in the second half, led by two from senior tri-captain and All-American selection Ariel Samuelson, to down the Lyons and move into the Quarterfinal round.

—by Liz Hoffman, Andrew Silver, and Andrew Bauld

DAILY DIGITS: A YEAR IN NUMBERS

1,174

Career points scored by women's basketball senior tri-captain Jess Powers, who is third on the all-time Tufts scoring list. She became the eighth Tufts player to hit the thousand-point mark in a Dec. 10 win over Wellesley.

1996

Last time the volleyball team went to the NCAA tournament. This year, Coach Cora Thompson, a member of that 1996 team, led the Jumbos to a 29-7 clip, a No. 2 regional ranking, and a run to the Regional Semifinals of the NCAA tournament this year.

118

Career goals scored by women's lacrosse senior tri-captain Dena Miller. Miller became the 10th player in program history to hit the centennial mark with her first of two goals in an Apr. 11 loss to powerhouse Middlebury.

4,5

Rankings held by Tufts in the Director's Cup standings, after the fall and winter seasons, respectively. The Cup is presented annually to the best athletics program in the country, as determined by postseason appearances in select sports.

9

Hamilton Pool records broken by the 2005-2006 men's swimming team. Under second-year head coach Adam Hoyt, the Jumbos swam their way to a highest-ever second-place finish at NESCACs and 10th-place finish at Nationals.

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Time run by sophomore Catherine Beck to break Nancy Benson's 1988 school record in the 5,000 meters (16:54.4). Beck's time gave her fourth place in the Olympic Development 5,000 at the Penn Relays and placed her at No. 2 on the National list.

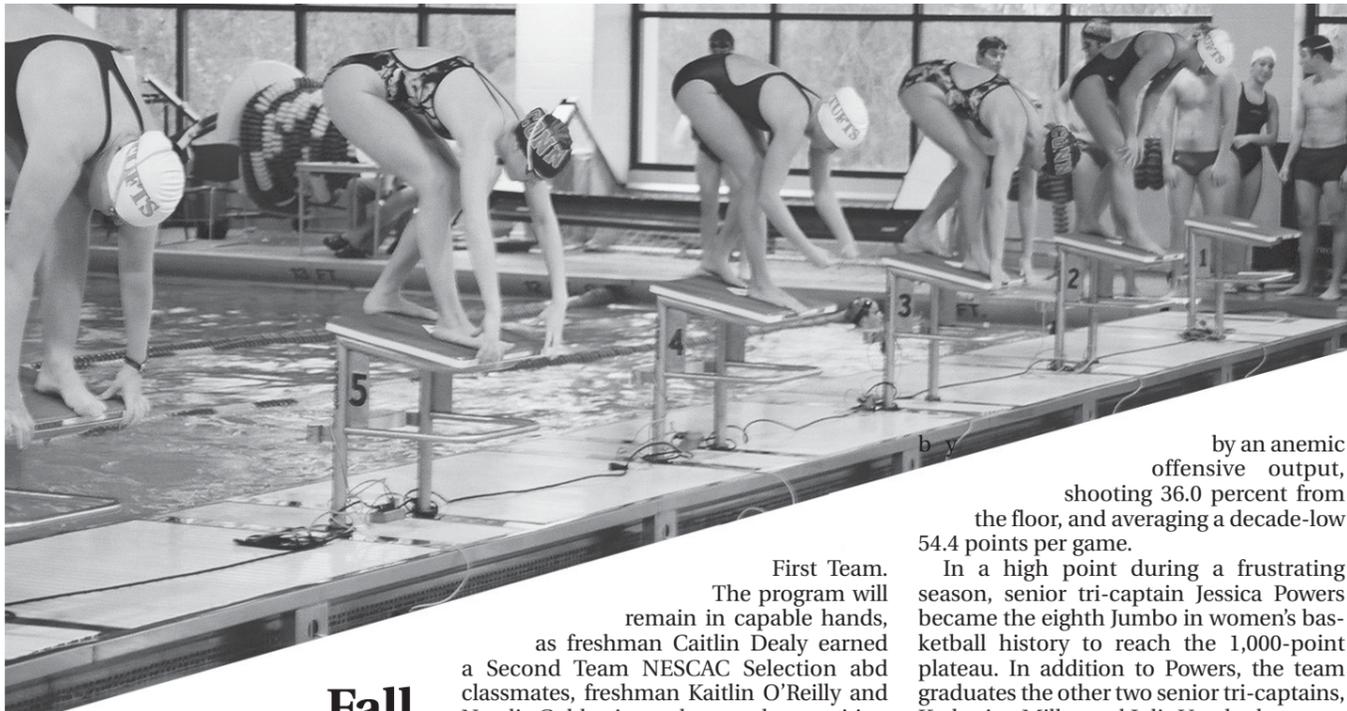
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Margin of victory by the men's cross country team at NCAA New England Championship as it took its third straight Regional title en route to a fifth-place finish at Nationals. Five runners finished in the top 20, and six Jumbos earned All-Region honors.

2

Number of times the men's basketball team was thwarted by Amherst in overtime, both in the final two weeks of the season. The first came in the NESCAC title game, and the other in the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament.

Fall and Winter Recaps



Fall

Field Hockey: While they fell short of last season's 10-6 mark and first-round NESCAC tournament win, the Jumbos continue to make progress under second-year coach Tina McDavitt. The team was never able to put together more than two wins in a row and hovered around .500 all season, finally ending at 8-7 (5-4 NESCAC) with a 1-0 loss in the first round of the conference tournament.

The team graduates two senior midfielders, co-captains Lea Napolitano and Jeanne Grabowski, but returns leading scorer sophomore Ileana Katz, and several freshmen who turned in breakout seasons.

Football: After jumping out to an impressive 2-0 start to the season, the Jumbos fell flat, losing their final six games to stumble into eighth place in the league.

The team showed glimmers of hope, with close games against Middlebury and national powerhouse Trinity, but its inability to put consistent points on the board made 2005 an unsalvageable season. The Jumbos finished among the lowest in the league in almost all offensive statistical categories, while the defense finished just above average.

Among 12 graduating seniors are quarterback Casey D'Annolfo and running back Scott Lombardi, whose 76.9 yards per game dwarfed the team's next-best rusher.

Men's Soccer: For the third straight year, the men's soccer team's season ended with a one-goal loss at Middlebury. The season ended with a disappointing 5-8-2 clip (4-5 NESCAC), marked by five one-goal losses. In three of those, Tufts coughed up second-half leads.

Junior striker Mattia Chason found his offensive game in 2005, tallying nine goals and adding two assists for 20 points, joining senior tri-captain Mike Guigli (four goals) and sophomore Greg O'Connell (three goals) on the All-NESCAC Second Team.

Women's Soccer: A perfect homestand and a school-record 10-game winning streak culminated in a magical run through the NCAA Tournament, in which the Jumbos drove all the way to the Final Four.

The team finished 15-4-2 (6-2-1 NESCAC) and while the season was devoid of a conference or national title, the Jumbos exceeded all expectations, staging one of the greatest Tufts athletic seasons in the past decade.

Senior tri-captain Ariel Samuelson led the league in goals and was named NESCAC Player of the Year and a First Team All-American. Sophomore midfielder Martha Furtek joined Samuelson on the All-NESCAC First Team, while senior midfielder Lydia Claudio and sophomore defender Joelle Emery garnered Second Team selections. Tufts coach Martha Whiting earned NESCAC Coach of the Year honors.

Volleyball: Despite thrice running up against a Colby team that couldn't lose, Tufts' 29-7 season included a NESCAC title game and an at-large berth in the NCAA Tournament, its first since 1996.

Senior co-captains Courtney Evans and April Gerry saved their best seasons for last, earning selections to the All-NESCAC

First Team. The program will remain in capable hands, as freshman Caitlin Dealy earned a Second Team NESCAC Selection and classmates, freshman Kaitlin O'Reilly and Natalie Goldstein, each earned recognition to the All-New England Regional Team.

Men's Cross Country: The Jumbos made a trip to Nationals as a team for the seventh time in the past eight seasons, turning in their highest-ever fifth-place finish. With interim coach Ethan Barron taking over for 21-year veteran Connie Putnam, senior captains Matt Lacey and Matt Fortin led the Jumbos to the NESCAC and New England Regional title for the third straight season.

The team dominated at NESCACs, winning by 56 points over second-place Wesleyan. The team went on to Nationals to take fifth as Kennedy earned his second straight All-American honor.

Women's Cross Country: The Jumbos sent a full team to Nationals for the first time since 1999. The Jumbos matched a fifth place finish at NESCACs, where Ades and Beck earned All-NESCAC honors, with a fifth-place finish at the Div. III New England Regional Championship, where four runners earned All-Region.

Unfortunately, the team could not turn in the same caliber performance at Nationals, placing 22nd out of 24 teams. But with just Ades graduating, the Jumbos are gearing up to redeem themselves in the fall.

Golf: In a season highlight by a first-place finish in Colby's Sid Farr Invitational in September, the Jumbos rode the wave of that triumph all the way to a fifth-place finish at the NESCAC Championships in October, 24 strokes behind five-time league champion Williams. Junior tri-captain Justin Meier was among Tufts' top two scorers in all but one of the team's tournaments. Senior tri-captain Seb Gonzalez, junior tri-captain Matt Linde, and sophomore David Hunt were all among the Jumbos' most consistent performers throughout the 2005 campaign as well.

Winter

Men's Basketball: The Jumbos' drive to the Sweet 16 capped a two-year turnaround from an abysmal 8-17 mark in 2003-2004. While a buzzer-beater by Amherst's Andrew Olsen ended Tufts' postseason run in the NCAA Tournament, it did little to diminish what coach Bob Sheldon and the Jumbos had accomplished.

The team's 23-7 clip set a school record for wins, and the Jumbos were an overtime NBA-distance three away from a NESCAC banner.

Senior tri-captain Dan Martin earned a selection to the All-NESCAC First Team and various All-Region teams, and junior captain Dave Shepherd made a name for as a go-to guy, coming through with buzzer-beating heroics more than once. Coach Bob Sheldon was named D3Hoops.com's Northeast Region Coach of the Year.

Women's Basketball: With its 52-41 loss to Bowdoin in the first round of the NESCAC Tournament, the team finished the season at 10-13 overall and 3-6 in conference play, marking its first sub-.500 record during the four-year reign of coach Carla Berube.

Stumbling through an inconsistent season, the Jumbos barely claimed a seventh seed in the conference and were crippled

by an anemic offensive output, shooting 36.0 percent from the floor, and averaging a decade-low 54.4 points per game.

In a high point during a frustrating season, senior tri-captain Jessica Powers became the eighth Jumbo in women's basketball history to reach the 1,000-point plateau. In addition to Powers, the team graduates the other two senior tri-captains, Katherine Miller and Julia Verplank.

Women's Squash: The women's squash team finished its season with a 10-12 record and a national ranking of No. 21, a drop of five spots from last year's No. 16 finish. The season was full of winning and losing streaks that kept the team hovering around .500 for much of the season.

Assistant coach Orla O'Doherty took over coaching duties mid-season when head coach Kate Bayard suddenly resigned. Postseason play was disappointing, as the Jumbos fell in the first round of the NESCAC Invitational and went 1-2 in the Howe Cup, the season's culminating tourney.

However, 10 of the team's members were freshmen and sophomores, including No. 1 player sophomore Rebecca Rice, and the Jumbos will field an experienced team next year.

Men's Squash: By the slightest of margins, the Jumbos secured a No. 16 national ranking to earn a berth in the Hoehn Division at the College Squash Association team championships.

The team advanced no further, however, losing consecutive matches to Cornell, Bates, and Navy to end its season at 11-12.

Sophomore No. 1 player Jake Gross led the team in wins, finishing with a 15-8 record, followed by senior Dan Karlin, finishing with 12 wins in the middle of the lineup.

Fencing: It was a record season for the women's fencing team this winter. Led by coach Jason Sachs, the team fought to a third-place finish in a field of seventeen at the NIWFA Championships. Freshman Christine Lee capped off the season by taking part in the NCAA Nationals in Texas, where she placed 22nd in a field of 24.

Women's Swimming: Tufts finished fourth in the NESCAC Championships, an impressive achievement given the strength at the top of the conference.

The squad swam well at NESCACs, with almost everyone swimming personal bests by a large margin.

Junior Chloe Young-Hyman earned All-Conference honors for her third-place finish in the 50-yard breaststroke, an event in which she owns the Tufts record. She also qualified for Nationals, where she swam admirably, finishing 17th in her marquee event, the 100 yard breaststroke, and finishing top-40 in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle.

Women's Indoor Track and Field:

Sophomore Catherine Beck won NCAA New England Regional Athlete of the Year as the Jumbos took down four school records and sent eight runners to Nationals. Beck set two school records, junior Sarah Crispin set a

record in the 1,000 meters and sophomore Sarah Martin set one in the weight throw. Although the team had no All-Americans, it sent two relays — the 4x400 and the Distance Medley Relay — and two individuals to Nationals. At Div. III New England's senior Rachel Bloom, Crispin, and Beck all won individual events, as Tufts took second to Williams for the fourth year in a row.

Men's Indoor Track and Field: The men's track team took Williams' Div. III New England dominance head-on, scoring 131 points to finish a close second to the Ephs in February. The team dominated in the field events on the backs of junior Fred Jones and sophomores Dan Marcy, Jeremy Arak, and Nate Scott. The team's traditional distance nucleus still had success behind seniors Matt Lacey, Matt Fortin, Pat Mahoney, and sophomore Josh Kennedy. Kennedy, Mahoney, Jones, and Arak all took individual titles at Div. III's.

Tufts sent five athletes to a disappointing Nationals, with Jones bringing home the only All-American honor for his fourth-place finish in the long jump. Lacey, Fortin, Arak and Marcy all competed as well.

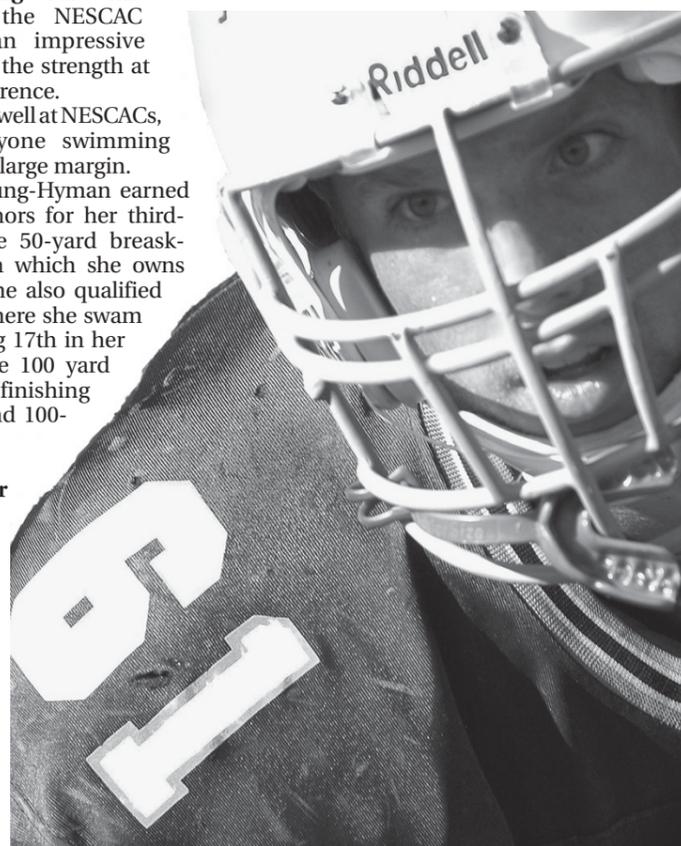
Men's Swimming: The Jumbos earned their highest finish at Nationals in 25 years, finishing 10th with 119.5 points at Carleton College and earning five All-American honors and four honorable mentions.

Senior quad-captain Jon Godsey set school records in the 200-yard backstroke, the 100-yard backstroke and the 200-yard IM, and the team set a school record in the 800-yard freestyle relay. Junior Greg Bettencourt also set a school record in the 500-yard freestyle. Godsey and Bettencourt were joined by senior quad-captains Brett Baker and Jason Kapit, juniors Justin Fanning and Mike Kinsella and freshman Andrew Shields at NAAs.

Second-year coach Adam Hoyt won NESCAC Coach of the Year as the Jumbos cruised to a 9-1 dual meet record and a second place finish at NESCACs, their highest ever.

Ice Hockey: Coming off a slow start to the season, the Jumbos put together an impressive winning streak in late December and January to put the team in contention for a playoff berth. In the second half of the season, however, the Jumbos were plagued by injuries to their key starters and finished with an overall record of 9-12-3 (6-11-2 NESCAC).

The Jumbos found themselves in the hunt for a playoff position up until the team's final two games, both of which were must-wins in order to secure the final playoff seed. With the loss of the leading scorer senior Matt McCarthy, the Jumbos could not find the offense to pull off a victory in either of the two contests, falling to Babson 4-2 and tying UMASS-Dartmouth at two.



SAILING

Women get automatic berth, coeds nab at-large bid

BY YI LI
Senior Staff Writer

The Tufts sailing program is right back where it belongs, and where it has spent a large part of the past 30 years — at the top.

After a 2005 season in which the sailing team failed to get a boat to Nationals, the Jumbo sailors bounced back this year, sending delegates to Nationals in all divisions and in both the coed and women's division.

Nationals will take place from May 24-26 at Charleston, SC.

The Jumbos made the leap under the new leadership of interim coach Amanda Callahan, who took over for Ken Legley, who was out on medical leave this year.

"[Callahan] has done a great job with us so far," women's junior co-captain Emily Randall said. "She has really made a big difference."

The women's team qualified for Nationals on Apr. 22-23 by placing fifth in the New England Championship Reed Trophy at Boston College. The top five teams from that race qualified for Nationals. Sophomores Kaity Storck and Lindsey Gibbons-Neff finished fifth in the A division while juniors Gretchen Curtis, Randall, and Jen Giroux and sophomore Meredith Ginley split time to finish sixth in the B division.

"We're really psyched to have qualified for Nationals," Ginley said. "We're going to put in a lot of work and hopefully we'll do even better at Nationals."

The women's team continued its practice schedule through Senior Week in preparation for Nationals, and the Jumbos will leave tomorrow for Charleston.

The coed team will also head down South after a few extra days of practice. The squad qualified for Nationals by placing second behind host Yale at the New England Team Racing Championship Fowle Trophy on Apr. 29-30. The top three teams from that race — Yale, Tufts and Harvard — will represent New England at Charleston a few days after the women's regattas. Seniors Dave Siegal, Jeff Cruise and Zander Kirkland skippered while junior Anna Martin and sophomores Katie Greenlee and Chryssa Rask worked crew.

"It was a great accomplishment," Cruise said. "We trained all spring season. It was great to qualify for Nationals."



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Juniors Gretchen Curtis and Jen Giroux, shown here during an Apr. 1 practice, were part of a Tufts sailing program that returned to national dominance in 2005-2006.

Tufts sailors tied for first at the regatta, only to lose to Yale in the tiebreaker.

"It was really close racing," Kirkland said. "We know what we have to improve on to be successful at Nationals."

Kirkland explained that he needed to work on getting off the line quickly.

"Once we start, we're good at making plays and going fast," he said. "We are looking to be a contender. We want to win Nationals."

Kirkland and Cruise also participat-

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BEN SWASEY | FROM WAY DOWN TOWN



Back to the Future

As today is both a celebration of past accomplishments and a time of nostalgia for a large group of people born in the 1980s, it is only fitting to look back at this era to see how much, or how little, the sports world has changed during the lives of our graduates.

For me, this topic came up because the final paper in my class, "Sports in American History," asked students to research the sporting world around the time of our births. While my own birth came roughly two years later than those of today's graduates, broad themes and trends from the decade can still be identified.

The 80s were not just an era of hair bands or MTV or federal tax cuts or anything else you could see on VH1's "I Love the 80s," but rather a significant time period in the history of sports, and an intriguing one when compared to the present.

Notre Dame had been out of the football polls since 1980 and was looking for a coach to bring them back into prominence. In 1986, it hired Lou Holtz, who would accomplish just that in 1988. Beginning last year, the Irish seem to have once again found a coach in Charlie Weis who will maintain the program's traditional winning percentage of .700 or better.

Another team with a history of winning, the New York Yankees, had fans that were upset with their owner, George Steinbrenner, not for his continuous asinine outbursts, but for fielding a team that (gasp!) went to the World Series only once in the decade.

In hockey, Wayne Gretzky's Edmonton Oilers were actually criticized for their offen-

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SAILING

Sophs Storck, Gibbons-Neff lead women's team all year, headed to Charleston

Pair heads to Nationals to continue stellar 2006

BY YI LI
Senior Staff Writer

In the world of sports, several relationships are key to the success of any team: pitcher-catcher, quarterback-receiver, tennis doubles partners.

And when you're hanging off the side of a 14-foot boat in 25 knots of wind, that kind of relationship becomes even more important.

The skipper-crew pair of sophomores Kaity Storck and Lindsey Gibbons-Neff have worked together all season, putting together one of the most successful runs on the top-ranked Tufts sailing team.

The two were named to the All-New England team for their performance this year as the women's team's A division skipper and crew and will represent Tufts at Women's Nationals in Charleston this week. Storck was also recently voted captain of next year's Jumbos team.

"I've never seen two people get along so well on and off the water," said Jeff Cruise, a current senior on the team. "They're best friends, and you can really tell. That's really important for a sailing duo. They've worked hard all year and we're psyched to see them go to Nationals."

Storck and Gibbons-Neff have both been sailing since they were eight years old. Lindsey grew up

in Radnor, Penn., and spent her summers sailing in Annapolis, Maryland. Kaity grew up in Long Island and sailed there, joining a traveling sailing team when she was 10.

"[Kaity and I] started off sailing in Optimists, which are one person boats," Gibbons-Neff said. "We could have sailed against each other when we were little and not known it."

Both moved on to double-handed 420s as they continued sailing. Storck won the US Sailing Junior Women's Double-Handed Nationals and the Club 420 North American Championships during her high school career. They arrived at Tufts as freshmen together, and during their first year, they split time between the women's and coed events, sailing the B division boat in the women's New England Championships.

The pair excels on the water due to their individual skills and off-water chemistry; the two are roommates at the Alpha Tau Omega house.

"She's one of my closest friends," Gibbons-Neff said. "We're both into improving, and we love sailing."

"[Lindsey] always keeps a level head, even when I get frustrated," Storck said. "She keeps me calm and brings me out of it."

That chemistry has combined with a dedication to self-improvement and the program to create



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Sophomores Lindsey Gibbons-Neff and Kaity Storck in practice on April 1, 2006. The two were named to the All-New England team following an outstanding season together.

the winning combination on the water that has almost single-handedly accounted for several of the team's high finishes this season.

"Lyndsey is the most fit person

on the team," Storck said. "She's always in the gym. She felt that she needed to be more in shape when she got here last year and she has been doing so ever since."

"I don't think other crews will

do as well as we do," Gibbons-Neff said. "We made some preventable mistakes in the more important regattas earlier in the year and we

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YOUNG COACHES

New crop of Gen X coaches make immediate impact on Hill's teams

BY ANDREW BAULD
Daily Editorial Board

This year saw the sun set on many successful coaching careers — men's cross country and track and field coach Connie Putnam retired after 21 seasons; men's swimming and diving coach Don Megerle retired after 33 seasons; and Jim Watson, the veteran coach of the men's tennis team, hung up his whistle after 24 years.

But the next generation of coaches has taken over their respective helms, starting a new chapter in Tufts athletics.

If their first seasons are any indication, it looks to be a successful one. Ethan Barron (men's track and cross country), Tina McDavitt (field hockey), Adam Hoyt (men's swimming and diving), and Kate Bayard (women's tennis) are all within their first two years as head coaches and are wasting no time in making their mark on the Hill.

In only his first season as head coach of the men's track and cross country teams, Barron, 26, picked up NESCAC Coach of the Year awards in both, sharing the cross country nod with Wesleyan's John Crooke.

The Tufts running programs have historically been among the University's strongest, and Barron is keeping pace. He guided the cross country team to a No. 1 New England ranking and a fifth-place finish at Div. III Nationals, and the track team took second at both the NESCAC and New England Div. III Championships this season.

In only two seasons in the water, Hoyt, 27, has taken the men's swimming program to new heights, compiling a 16-2 dual-meet record and leading the Jumbos to a best-ever second-place finish at NESCACs this season. Capping one of the most successful seasons in the program's history, the team sent an



Field hockey coach Tina McDavitt addresses her team as graduate assistant Dana Panzer looks on (see "Some Tufts grads to make move..." right). McDavitt is one of several young coaches to succeed at Tufts.

unprecedented seven swimmers to Div. III Nationals this year and returned with a 10th place finish.

Hoyt acknowledges the strong coaching system in place at Tufts as part of his early success.

"There are many veteran coaches who lend me helpful advice and guidance when it comes to coaching," Hoyt said. "Their support makes it much easier to coach your team with confidence and enthusiasm."

McDavitt, 27, has turned a floundering program into a league

contender in just two seasons. In 2005, she guided the team to a 10-6 record, the program's best finish in five years, and a first-round win in the NESCAC tournament.

"My experience at Tufts has been great," McDavitt said. "The athletes I have worked with on the field hockey and crew teams have been very self-motivated and fun to coach. Everyone wants to work hard and do well and as a coach, that's all you can ask."

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GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

Some Tufts grads to make move from field to sidelines

BY KELLEY VENDELAND
Daily Editorial Board

A free masters degree, the chance to stay connected to your alma mater, and a job that lets you wear sweatpants.

Though it seems like a dream job for many seniors graduating today, this is the opportunity offered by the Tufts graduate assistant program, which exchanges tuition in a post-graduate program for a two-year stint as an assistant coach of a varsity team.

"I just think it's a terrific thing we have here," said field hockey coach Tina McDavitt, who is assisted by 2005 graduate Dana Panzer. "She still loves the sport and loves the team and is still a big part of it. It's great for her to be able to get a masters degree and stay involved with Tufts."

Panzer was one of five graduate assistants this year who are also Tufts alumni, joined by Jesse Miller (E '04) in men's lacrosse, Bob Kenny (LA '05) in baseball, Ben Bloom (LA '05) in football, and Julie Fox (LA '04) in softball.

Panzer, who is currently enrolled in the Urban Environmental Policy and Planning program, sees assistant coaching as a chance to both stay involved with the team and the sport, and to set up a possible career in coaching.

"I just had so much fun playing field hockey at Tufts," Panzer said. "It was a great opportunity for me to get to coach with Tina and continue my education, and if I wanted to pursue coaching, I could do that, too."

This year, senior Rory Doucette,

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MEN'S CREW

Despite potential, time runs out for improvement in 2006

BY SARINA MATHAI
Senior Staff Writer

All season long, the members of the men's crew knew they were better than what the results said. They believed that they had yet to tap their potential, and the "next race" mentality was a constant theme throughout the spring season.

Unfortunately for the Jumbos, time has run out.

The 2006 season ended on May 14 when the second varsity boat competed in the ECAC National Invitational Rowing Championships. The first varsity boat and novice boat did not qualify for the regatta.

"In the past there would be teams that we would always beat, like Tulane, but we lost to them this season," senior tri-captain Ben Harburg said. "This is probably

the most disappointing season in my four years at Tufts. It was a disappointing season in the sense we were never really able to get together. Personnel-wise, we had a boat with two novices in it, and we had injuries. That being said, it was still great and I loved going out with the guys every morning."

The final chance for the team to prove itself came on May 7 at the New England Rowing Championships. Tufts entered three boats, but only the second varsity boat performed well enough to earn an invitation to the ECAC National Invitational Rowing Championships, finishing in first place with a time of 6:34.200 in the Petite Finals.

The first varsity boat and the third varsity boats both finished

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DAILY FILE PHOTO

Casey D'Annolfo answers the Daily's questions, one last time

As this issue covers an entire year in Tufts sports, we set out to find the man who knows the ins and outs of Tufts athletics better than anyone else.

Three-sport athletes are a dying breed in the world of collegiate athletics, as children are specializing at younger ages and the off-season is becoming a relative term. But today, Tufts will graduate the only Jumbo to

complete the triple crown in recent years, as senior Casey D'Annolfo will collect a dual degree in Child Development and English. During his career at Tufts, D'Annolfo played four seasons for the football team, three for the lacrosse team, and turned in one season on the basketball team (for whom he averaged 2.8 minutes, 0.4 points, and 0.4 rebounds per game). Talk about versatility.

In his senior year, D'Annolfo started at quarterback for the Jumbos in the fall and he played quality time as a midfielder for the nationally-ranked lacrosse team this spring.

The Daily caught up with the best thing coming out of Hartford since the Whalers as he was flexing his wit (and muscles) for some freshmen in the reading room studying for finals.

1) As a three-sport athlete in football, basketball and lacrosse, what's your most memorable Tufts sports moment and why?

It's a bit of a downer, but the weekend of the NESCAC Championships this year when we lost to Middlebury in three OTs. I'll remember that game for the rest of my life. Seeing one of my best friends, Mike O'Brien, score with two seconds left to send it into OT and the sideline and fans erupting and then the emotion during and after the game is still indescribable. And that's also the game that ended my collegiate athletic career. It was surreal.

2) If you could nominate a play you made or a play of one of your teammates over your career for a spot on SportsCenter's Top Ten, what would it be?

This one is easy, but perhaps a little unusual. Sophomore year, we're scrimmaging Harvard in lacrosse and it's pouring and there's about 15 seconds left in the first half, and this absolute stud defenseman we had — Joe Mead '05 — rips the ball away from a Harvard All-American attackman and scoops it up. Being the heads up player that he was, and realizing that there are only a few seconds left in the half, he sees me open at the opposite end of the field, so he's behind the goal and calls out my name — "Casssssssey!" — and launches the thing down the field. The ball travels 100 yards in the air and bounces once on the field. I catch it on the right side of the goal and shoot it behind my back and score off the post as the horn goes off. The goal count-

ed and we ended up winning by one. I'm convinced it's the greatest play in the history of sports. EVER.

3) If you had to pick one position to play, QB, midfielder, or forward on the basketball court, which one would it be and why?

Considering I only scored four points in my collegiate basketball career, I'm going to have to go ahead and nix that one. But honestly, is there a better pick-up line than, "Yeah, I play quarterback"? Even now that I have to say, "Yeah I used to play QB." People can say, 'at least he used to be cool' — that's gotta count for something.

4) What are you going to miss the most about being a three-sport athlete once you graduate and move on to the "real" world?

Since I'm going into teaching, it's going to be a little bit of a change going out on the weekends. When I went out on Saturdays when I was playing all three, people would be like, "Hey, great game today; here's a delicious adult beverage!" Next year when I go out, people are going to be like, "Hey, great lesson plan today! Here's a Grape Soda!" Actually, I hope that doesn't happen.

5) If you were stranded on a deserted island and you could only choose one coach and one of your teammates (from any team) to survive, who would they be and why?

If I could only choose one coach, I would choose Lauren Knight — the G.A. of the women's volleyball team. She hasn't given me the time of day the last two

years — maybe if we were stranded together, she would say something to me. Or at least ask me to grab her a coconut or something.

If I could have a teammate join me, I'd have senior LAXer Dane Carillo join me because he's so friggin' loud that rescue crews could hear us from hundreds of miles away. We'd be there 12 hours, tops.

6) Which character from Entourage would you compare yourself to and why? Of all your teammates (or coaches), who would play Ari Gold?

A couple weeks ago, I'd say that I was Vince — I was pretty laid back, girls would occasionally talk to me, and I was kind of a big deal. Now with my collegiate career in the rear-view mirror, I'm more like Johnny Drama and my Tufts career is like four seasons of "Viking Quest." If someone had to play Ari, it would be assistant men's lax coach Jesse Miller. They pretty much have the same vernacular, sexual promiscuity and hair line.

7) Finally, looking back, what's the best piece of advice (on and off the field) you can give to any potential three-sport athletes out there?

You have your entire life to work. Take the four years of college and have the time of your life. Take every opportunity that's in front of you (even if you think you'll regret it, because when you're sitting at graduation, you won't). When it comes to sports, if you're going to play three sports, get to know the training staff, and remember that Head Trainer Mark Doughtie likes his coffee like he likes his men: tall, hot and black.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Team braves elements, takes seventh at New Englands

BY WILL KARAS
Senior Staff Writer

Despite horrid weather and the fatigue of a long and grueling season, the men's track and field team was still able to finish an impressive seventh place in the New England Open Championships, which took place at MIT on May 13.

The finish was an accomplishment for Div. III Tufts, as the playing field consisted of 36 total teams, many of which were Div. I and Div. II schools. With 40 points, the Jumbos were able to finish second out of the Div. III schools, only losing to perennial powerhouse Williams, who finished fourth with 69 points.

Citypowerhouses Boston College (eighth, 29.5 points) and Boston University (11th, 23) were among the Div. I schools that fell victim to the Jumbos, along with in-state behemoth UMass-Amherst (10th, 27).

Coach Ethan Barron said that the poor showings from the Div. I programs could be due to the draw of other competitive meets on the same weekend. He noted, though, that this year was one of the first in

which Div. III athletes had won so many events.

"Let me not take any points away from our guys. They went into a great meet and they won and that's really what they had to do," Barron said. "They lined up against really good competition and they won. That's what we do."

While the Jumbos did not have point-earning performances across the board, they were able to fight for the high finish with the help of their jumping and throwing athletes and their relays. The 4x400 meter relay team, consisting of senior tri-captain Trevor Williams, senior Patrick Mahoney, junior Dustin Virgilio and freshman James Bradley, finished sixth in the pack of 17 with a time of 3:22.1.

"That was the most impressive race that group of guys has run all season," Barron said. "It was the best not only because it was a season best but also because they did so in such slop."

In the field, sophomore Jeremy Arak and freshman Ted McMahan finished second and fifth in the high

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Junior David McLeary finishes the 110 hurdles in 17.08, good for eighth place at the Snowflake Classic on Apr. 1.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD SEASON RECAP

Highlights, accolades aplenty in numerous events

BY WILL KARAS
Senior Staff Writer

With the sun beginning to set on another season for the track season, the Jumbos once again proved why they are one of the most dominant forces in New England.

Throughout the season, the team performed consistently, as evidenced by its top finishes. The team's determined performance earned high praise from coach Ethan Barron.

"It was definitely a great season," Barron said. "I honestly believe that this year could be one of the best years in Tufts track and field history. I think it only happened once or twice in track and field history that the cross country indoor and outdoor team ranked in the top three [in New England]. That's a great feat."

The Jumbos' successful 2006 campaign was capped off on May 13 with the annual New England Div. III Championships, held in Springfield, Mass. Tufts put in another strong performance, finishing second in the pack of 26 with a score of 64.50, well behind first place Williams who dominated with 153 points. Senior tri-captain Matt Lacey highlighted the performance as one of the best of the season.

"It was a great day for anyone and everyone did absolutely awesome," Lacey said. "We got second and nobody expected it. I definitely think it was a great end to the team season."



Freshman Colin Fitzgerald gets a handoff from sophomore Nate Scott in the 4x100 relay in the Snowflake Classic on Apr. 1.

The performance last weekend capped off what was for many an extremely memorable season.

"We accomplished everything we wanted to," Lacey said. "Everyone performed great throughout the year, and hopefully we'll have a handful of national qualifiers."

The Jumbos' season was character-

ized by strong performances across the board. Senior Patrick Mahoney's stunning 800-meter run as he beat out four Williams runners to take first place and sophomore Jeremy Arak's first place finish in the men's high jump at the New England Div. III Championships were two

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ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Williams among 58 NCAA post-grad award winners

Tufts runner to put \$7,500 award toward studies at Johns Hopkins Medical School

BY KELLEY VENDELAND
Daily Editorial Board

Look no further than Facebook.com for evidence of the high esteem in which senior Trevor Williams' peers hold him.

The Facebook group entitled the "Trevor R. Williams Fan Club," sports the tag line: "This group is dedicated to the ideals set forth by a man named Trevor Williams. Through his outstanding character we all hope to develop stronger morals, greater social influence, and better working habits."

The group is currently 91 members strong, and it may be able to add a new heavyweight to the ranks: the NCAA.

Williams, a two-time indoor track and field tri-captain, has been selected as one of 58 nationwide recipients of an NCAA post-graduate scholarship. The 29 male and 29 female recipients, all of whom participated in the winter sports season, receive a \$7,500 award to be put towards graduate studies.

Williams was thrilled when first notified of his award on May 10.

"[My first reaction was] excitement," Williams said in a recent e-mail to the Daily

"Excitement at future possibilities that it might enable, and at the generosity that [the award] reflects on behalf of the NCAA through the support of athletes in their academic pursuits."

To be eligible for the award, student-athletes must hold an overall grade point average of 3.2 and be a successful member of a varsity athletic squad. Recipients are nominated by a faculty athletic representative; they must have outstanding conduct both on and off the field, and they must intend to continue academic work beyond an undergraduate degree.

Williams said that the award is not only a reflection of his own abilities but a testament to the merits of the Tufts athletics program.

"It is a reflection of the diligence of the many athletes and administrators who work so hard for little tangible reward," Williams said.

Williams will matriculate at John Hopkins Medical School following Tufts graduation. Although he does not yet know which medical specialty he will pursue, he has focused his interests on health disparities in poor

and politically repressed regions of the world, and the scholarship has brought him one step closer to that goal.

"While medical school is a tremendous financial commitment, the funds provided through the NCAA scholarship will help to defray the cost of attending," Williams said. "The assistance will advance my capacity to provide access to quality health care for individuals in medically underserved areas around the world."

Williams already commands a remarkable list of both athletic and academic accomplishments. He earned All-American honors and a school record with the Distance Medley Relay in 2005, and he provisionally qualified for Nationals with the 4x400 meter relay team in 2006. Having trained primarily as a 400-meter runner, he has competed in every eligible meet during his four-year career as a Jumbo.

"Trevor's a great guy," said Tim Bassell, who has been on the track team with Williams for four years. "He's very well-rounded — he brings so much to the team as a captain and

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LEAH ROFFMAN | BASELINE BANTER



Pomp, Circumstance, and Pressing Questions

Commencement. This is a time when all of us look forward to the future and try to find answers to questions like: will I get a job? Did I make the most of my time here? Was stealing all those cereal bowls from Dewick really worth it?

These are the questions that will shape our lives in the coming years.

The NBA has its own version of pomp and circumstance, but that won't commence until the Finals in June. And while their rings are a whole lot nicer than ours, they, too, will be left with pressing questions about the future:

What will happen to Kobe? I feel like we've seen it all from this guy — a performance worth eighty-one points, a season-long ball-hogging exhibition, and a brief personality transformation in the playoffs in which he shared the ball and almost knocked the Suns out of the first round. So it'll be really interesting to see which Mamba shows up next year. If he returns as the almost pass-first shooting guard we saw in the first round, will that propel the Lakers or hold them back?

What will happen to Kevin Garnett? There has been talk lately of a possible Marbury-Garnett reunion in Minnesota, which could potentially rescue KG from his playoff-less spell of the last two years. I really hope the Wolves do something, because this guy is too good to wallow away on a ninth- or 10th-place team.

This past season, Garnett was written off by practically everyone as a talented guy without enough competitive drive whose window of opportunity had closed. But somehow he still managed to lead the league in rebounding, lead his team in scoring, and win the league's prestigious Citizenship Award. He's too good to be stuck playing with so many bad players.

What will happen to the Magic? Orlando might be back on the rise. Not only could next year be the year that

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Beck, Ades highlight eleventh-place finish

Beck reclaims school record in 1,500; Ades sets Tufts all-time steeplechase mark

BY ALEX BLOOM
Daily Editorial Board

All-New Englands are tough enough for the Jumbos, as they battle the best competition in New England from Div. I, II, and III.

On Saturday, May 13, the team also had to battle Mother Nature, as almost four inches of rain fell on Boston.

But sophomore Catherine Beck and senior tri-captain Becca Ades seemed impervious to the monsoon overhead, as both runners set new school records as the Jumbos took 11th, scoring 20 points at the meet held at MIT.

In a back-and-forth battle with classmate Katy O'Brien over the 1,500 meter school record, Beck had the final word this weekend. Her first-place time of 4:30.45 one-upped O'Brien's May 6 time of 4:35.22, which had broken Beck's own 4:35.4 mark set at NESCACs just a week before. The time automatically qualified Beck for Nationals, matching her automatic qualification in the 5,000 meters. Despite losing the record, O'Brien's Div. III's time will still likely be fast enough to get her to Nationals.

Beck found herself in a field with Keene State senior Breanne Lucey, the indoor national champion in the 800, and two runners from Providence College, which is known for its strong distance running program. The lead pack went through the first two laps in 2:20, a very fast pace, before the tempo slowed.

"The pace slowed a bit, so [Beck] moved into second behind [Providence junior Meghan] Owen and then basically hung on until the final 50 meters when Owen tried to pull away, and Beck put on a burst and blew by her," coach Kristen Morwick said.

"I started off conservatively and just tried to pick it up and step it up," Beck said. "Going out slowly and at the back of the pack definitely helped me out later."

Beck scored 10 points for the team by becoming the New England champion in the 1,500. It is her fifth school record and fourth as an individual. She set two school records during the indoor season and, in along with the 5,000 and the 4x800 relay, has set three during the outdoor season.

Beck only awaits a chance to continue her stellar season at Nationals, which takes place at Benedictine University on May 25-27. She went to Nationals during indoors this past winter in the 5,000, taking 13th.

"It's going to be a really good experience," Beck said. "Hopefully I can go out there and put it together because I haven't been able to so far. I feel like it's time."

Ades didn't let Beck have all the fun on the day, as the senior broke her own record



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Senior tri-captain Becca Ades set a new school record in the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

for the second time this season. Ades took fourth in the 3,000 meter steeplechase, running 10:47.8 and automatically qualifying for Nationals.

Ades set the school record for the event as a sophomore with a time of 10:53.9, and then broke that record two weeks ago at NESCACs, running 10:52.5. Her time at All New-Englands undercut that mark by five seconds and the NCAA automatic qualifying mark by 0.2 seconds.

After coming close to qualifying in the 5,000 at Penn Relays a few weeks ago, Ades could have made a push to qualify, but she chose to focus on the steeplechase instead.

"She's running great right now and is ready to have a breakout race at Nationals," Morwick said. "This is her race, and she knows it, and we're not getting greedy and going for anything else."

The storms that hit New England last weekend hurt sprinters at All-New Englands, making the quest for NCAA qualifying times much more difficult.

"The weather certainly hurt the sprint events more," Morwick said. "So anything 800 meters and down was a tough race to perform well in."

The 4x400 meter relay team of O'Brien, senior tri-captain Rachel Bloom, sophomore Kaleigh Fitzpatrick and freshman Jackie Ferry, which hit 3:54.80 at Div. III's, had looked to use All-New Englands to improve their ranking on the Nationals performance list.

But the weather did not cooperate, as the team took fifth in 3:57.3, short of the time it will likely need to get to Nationals. As of press time, one final chance remained for the team to improve its position; the ECAC Championships took place May 20 and results can be found on ase.tufts.edu/athletics. Ranked 16th on the Nationals list as of press time, the squad may sneak into Nationals anyway, although a better showing at ECACs would certainly help.

"I'm very impressed with [the 4x400 team] thus far," Beck said of her teammates. "Hopefully they can get some good weather. I think they're really ready to bust it out."

O'Brien also felt the effects of the weather during her race in the 800 meters. O'Brien, who is currently provisionally qualified for

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KRISTY CUNNINGHAM | OUT OF THIN AIR

Some things never
change

Now, I know most commencement columns will focus on the nostalgia generated by graduation's stark reality. This one is no exception.

But after trying to sniffle my way through a whole laundry list of abysmally sappy send-offs, this final installment of Out of Thin Air will do its best not to leave you, graduating reader, reaching for the tissues.

Besides, there aren't any left — I used them all.

When the Class of 2006 stormed onto the Tufts scene four years ago this September, we were the best, brightest and most accomplished group of 18-year-old brats this University had ever admitted. At least that's what they told us at matriculation. We leave Tufts today as the least accomplished admitted class on campus — '07, '08, and even '09 outdid us. Where do they come up with these people? But the paradoxical academic downgrade that comes with earning an undergraduate degree doesn't mean our lives changed any less during our days on the Hill.

While we were happily buoyed in the charmed collegiate bubble between childhood restrictions and the adult real world, the US went to war in Iraq, President Bush was re-elected, genocide took its toll in Darfur and a tsunami ravaged Southeast Asia. The world did not stand still as we marinated in academia.

Sports, though not nearly as important as these world affairs, also saw momentous events between 2002 and 2006. Some were amazing feats of continuity, and others shattered old standards. All of them, however, characterized our college years and inspired some of my favorite Tufts memories.

In keeping with past trends, the Atlanta

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Quartet of tri-captain Bloom and underclassmen was cornerstone of 2006 squad

BY ALEX BLOOM
Daily Editorial Board

In track and field, every event is important for a team to win a meet. The winning hammer throw earns just as many points as the winner of the 10,000 meters or the 110 high hurdles.

Depending on the program, however, some events take on a culture of their own. For coach Kristen Morwick and the Jumbos, the 4x400 relay has become the team's marquee event, and after a season leading the women's team, it is once again provisionally qualified for Nationals at Benedictine University (Ill.) on May 25-27.

The Jumbos have sent a 4x400 relay team to either Indoor or Outdoor Nationals, or both, for five out of the past six seasons.

This year's team of senior tri-captain Rachel Bloom, sophomores Kaleigh Fitzpatrick and Katy O'Brien, and freshman Jackie Ferry may be the most balanced relay team that Morwick has fielded.

With the addition of O'Brien in the outdoor season and each runner capable of going well under 1:00 in their separate legs, this year's team looks primed at a new school record. They are chasing the current 3:52.17 mark, and their second-place 3:54.80 at Div. III's has them within striking distance.

"We're pretty evenly spaced," Bloom said. "It's more even than it was [in 2004] so it takes all of us to kind of do it. We can probably catch the record if the weather's good and we have on-days."

Bloom, a four-year member of the relay, has run at Nationals each season, and was part of the foursome that set the current record in 2004, along with Jessica Trombly (LA '04), Sika Henry (LA '05), and Emily Bersin (LA '04).

"There's a lot of prestige on our team with the 4x400," Morwick said. "You want to be on that 4x400, because you know it's going to Nationals."

Morwick has sent teams to Nationals in five of her six seasons coaching track at Tufts. The former heptathlete from Dartmouth enjoys the flexibility of coaching runners to run the event.

"The 400 is an interesting event because you can approach it from a pure speed perspective, or you can drop a middle distance runner down and go at it from endurance," Morwick said. "We've been lucky to be successful on both ends. Everyone comes in with their individual strengths and talents and we've been able to put it together."

Bloom started at Tufts in 2003 having only run the 100 and 200 meters in high school. Morwick decided to move her up to the longer distance, but Bloom didn't want to run the whole lap at first.

"It was pretty scary at first — I had never run that far before," Bloom said. "With a 100 or a 200, you go all out because you're not going to [get tired out]."

Now Bloom, who has three All-American distinctions in the 4x400 relay, is the team's most reliable runner.

"She came from a real sprinter's background, just through hard work and com-

petitiveness, to really be the backbone of that relay," Morwick said.

"Rachel's a chaser," she continued. "I've seen her down for the count and blow by people with 50 meters left. She's just a great competitor and brings a lot to this team."

As the only senior on the squad, Bloom looks out for her teammates and works to keep them focused and prepared.

"I feel like every year one veteran who's been on it that kind of knows how it goes, knows the competition, can get people pumped up and keep everybody sane," Bloom said.

Having been through many battles on the relay, Bloom was able to keep the team level-headed during the indoor season when they had their backs to the wall trying to qualify on the last weekend before Nationals at the Trinity Last Chance Invitational at Yale.

Bloom reminded them of her freshman year, when the team had to qualify for Nationals on the last weekend at ECACs, telling them how it worked and remaining positive. The team ran a 3:56.17, winning the event and qualifying in the 10th and final Nationals spot.

Morwick noted that the tradition of leadership in the 4x400 has been passed down through different runners, starting with Sarah Deeb (LA '01) mentoring Trombly, Trombly mentoring Bloom, and now Bloom mentoring Fitzpatrick.

"Every year a different person steps into that role," Morwick said.

Bloom knows the cycle will continue once she graduates, with Fitzpatrick taking her spot

and new runners joining the team.

"They're all like 'It's going to be so weird without you. The relay is going to be so different,'" Bloom said. "I thought it was going to be weird when Trombly left, but everybody shifts."

The constant success of the team has made Morwick's job of training runners much easier.

"It's so nice to have this success to hold out to these kids because they know that it's possible. It's great having that tradition," Morwick said. "Young kids know it's a big deal. And kids who are here say 'I was on it last year; I want to be on it again next year.'"

The limited space to be on this prestigious team has created a lot of competition on the team, especially this season with runners like junior Maggie Clary, sophomore Joyce Uang, and freshman Aubrey Wasser able to step in at any moment.

"Everybody wants to be on the relay," Bloom said. "There have been many team conflicts about who gets to be on it or who deserves to be on it. It's a privilege to be on it."

"Everyone goes out there to every race to prove that they should be on it," she continued. "It's helpful because it makes everybody try harder."

And the Jumbos will now take their chase for a new school record to the highest possible stage.

"We have two more tries plus, God willing, Nationals, so you just don't know," Morwick said. "I think if that team gets a good day and a good heat, they could go under 3:50. Who knows, we'll see."

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Bowdoin eliminates Tufts in first round of NCAA tourney

Jumbos end season at 9-9, suffer another early exit

BY THOMAS EAGER
Senior Staff Writer

The women's tennis team now has a legitimate beef with Bowdoin.

After a tough 6-3 loss to the Polar Bears

WOMEN'S TENNIS

NCAA Regionals
at Amherst, May 6

Tufts	4
Bowdoin	5

Luten (T) def. S. D'Elia (B) 6-3, 6-1
Bram (T) def. Raymond (B) 6-4, 6-3
Hughes (B) def. Ruley (T) 6-1, 6-1
C. D'Elia (B) def. Deary (T)
6-0, 6-7 (5), 6-2
Waldman (B) def. Schmid (T) 7-5, 6-0
Cenko (T) def. Sisk (B) 6-1, 6-1

Luten/Bram def. S. D'Elia/Hughes 8-2
Raymond/C. D'Elia def. Ruley/Deary 8-1
Sisk/Waldman def. Cenko/Homma 8-2

a little more than a week earlier in the first round of the NESCAC Tournament, the Jumbos had the chance at redemption, this time in the first round of the NCAA Northeast Regional Tournament.

The two teams were tied at No. 27 in the national rankings when they met at Amherst, where the Jumbos fell one

match short of enacting vengeance, losing in a 5-4 heartbreaker to the Polar Bears. The loss, which ended the team's season with a 9-9 overall record, was the Jumbos' second early exit from postseason tournaments and its third loss to Bowdoin on the season.

"It's always tough to lose such a close match," coach Kate Bayard said. "However, it's losing matches like these that will make us capable of winning close matches in the future. The team put it out there and played with guts, but someone had to win."

At No. 1 doubles, senior captain Becky Bram and junior Jen Luten picked up a solid 8-2 victory for the Jumbos over Bowdoin junior Kelsey Hughes and freshman Sarah D'Elia.

However, Tufts' remaining doubles teams failed to follow suit. Competing at No. 2, Polar Bear junior Christine D'Elia and sophomore Kristen Raymond overwhelmed Tufts juniors Kylyn Deary and Stephanie Ruley 8-1. (Deary is also a staff writer for the Daily.) The No. 3 doubles team of sophomore Andrea Cenko and freshman Mari Homma

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JAMES HARRIS/TUFTS DAILY

Freshman Jessica Knez competes against Bowdoin on Oct. 1. The women's tennis team went 9-9 during the spring season, which ended with an early exit in the first round of the NCAA Regional Tournament on May 6, a 5-4 loss to Bowdoin.

MEN'S TENNIS SEASON RECAP



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Senior tri-captain Paul Roberts, shown here in a home loss to Williams on Apr. 1, stepped into the vacant No. 1 spot for the Jumbos.

Season ends in disappointment as Tufts misses NESCAC tournament for first time

BY KYLYN DEARY
Senior Staff Writer

The men's tennis team couldn't catch a break.

For every great win the Jumbos pulled off, there was a disappointing loss that crippled any chance at accumulating momentum during the 2006 spring season. Tufts battled some of the top teams in the country and finished with a 6-9 record, missing out on the NESCAC tournament for the first time since its inception in 2000.

The team started strong over spring break as it defeated MIT

and 25th-ranked Chapman. The Jumbos had not beaten MIT since 2002, and the win infused the Jumbos' season outlook with early optimism.

"We had a great spring trip," coach Doug Eng said. "We worked on mental toughness, better explosiveness, smarter play, and we generally got better in most departments."

These two wins were followed by difficult weeks as the Jumbos lost to their next five opponents, winning only four individual matches over the two weeks. Junior Sean McCooney was the lone Jumbo to

notch a point in two matches, as Middlebury, Williams and Trinity blanked the Jumbos in consecutive matches over a span of five days.

"We had so much promise and potential after the first two matches," senior tri-captain Ben Alexander said. "It's so unfortunate that we let up a bit."

The Jumbos faced a tough Bowdoin team in the middle of their season. In the past six years, the Jumbos had taken only one match from the Polar Bears, a tight 4-3 win in 2004. Rebounding from

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WOMEN'S TENNIS SEASON RECAP

Multiple losses to Bowdoin make for short-lived playoffs

BY THOMAS EAGER
Senior Staff Writer

If the women's tennis team were to write a list of goals for next season, beating NESCAC-rival Bowdoin would have to be close to the top.

The No. 27 Jumbos finished 9-9 on the season, which concluded with a pair of first-round postseason losses to the Bowdoin Polar Bears. The Jumbos first fell 6-3 in the NESCAC Tournament and then lost 5-4 in the NCAA Northeast Regional Tournament.

In addition to those losses, Tufts fell 6-3 to Bowdoin in the fall portion of the season, giving the Polar Bears a sweep of the Jumbos in 2005-2006.

"Bowdoin certainly played smart against us," coach Kate Bayard said. "It's safe to say this team will want to beat Bowdoin next year."

Those three losses aside, the squad experienced ups and downs in its match play this year. The Jumbos kicked off the season with a three-game win streak before losing two straight to Bowdoin and Middlebury to finish the fall half of the season 5-2.

The majority of the Jumbo's losses were by a narrow margin, even if the final score did not reflect it.

"The team played great this year," senior captain Becky Bram said. "Many of our matches could have gone either way. Some we won and some we lost and unfortunately, some of those losses occurred in the bigger matches in the NAAs and NESCACs.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Coach Eng begins what looks to be a promising career

BY KYLYN DEARY
Senior Staff Writer

Filling the shoes of a 24-year coaching veteran with 370 career victories can't be easy.

But looking at Doug Eng, you'd never know it.

Eng replaced Jim Watson as head coach of the men's tennis team this year. Watson began his career at Tufts in 1981 and spent time at the helm of both the men's and women's teams. He was a two-time NESCAC Coach of the Year and earned six berths to the NCAA Tournament.

Eng has been part of the Tufts community for well over a decade, starting as Watson's assistant coach in 1995 and coaching both the men's and women's squash teams. Eng has a history with Tufts, holding three degrees from the University (a BS in chemical engineering in 1984, a MS in 1987 and a PhD in 1990), in addition to a Masters in Education in sport pedagogy/psychology from Boston University.

Eng started out the season in a difficult position as he struggled to find a player to fill the No. 1 singles slot. With the graduation of Rifat Perahya last spring, Eng knew that the all-important top singles position would be a recurring obstacle that had no apparent solution.

But Eng made a decisive decision, devising an effective ladder to name one player to the top of the roster. For most of the season, senior tri-captain Paul Roberts filled this position, occasionally switching off with sophomore Will Fleder. Although the Jumbos struggled at No. 1 for most of the season, the team never once complained with Eng's decision.

"Doug was great this year," senior tri-captain Jon Rubenstien said. "He's like the



COURTESY TUFTS ATHLETICS

Coach Doug Eng took over for Jim Watson as the head coach of the men's tennis team this spring. The Jumbos finished with a 6-9 record.

Phil Jackson of Div. III tennis with his Zen-master approach."

The Jumbos amassed a 6-9 record this year, but feel that the outcome of the season does not reflect their triumphs. The team defeated long-time rival MIT and dominated Bowdoin, a feat it had accomplished only once in the past six years. The Jumbos also defeated four of the top-25 teams in the nation and at one point held a top-20 national ranking.

"Doug was great as a leader and as an instructor," Fleder said. "He was a big factor in the success we had this year."

Eng also placed a high premium on conditioning, encouraging the Jumbos not

only to be better tennis players, but better athletes. In practice, Eng tailored drills and sprints to each player and infused a confidence among the team that this extra effort would pay off later in the season.

"We were tougher, we believe[d] in ourselves, and we were fitter," Eng said. "We needed to play better doubles, maybe get a bit fitter. It's a fight to finish the season on your feet, as it can be very tough."

Eng also emphasized the mental aspect of the game. He was always willing to sit down with a player after a loss to discuss the match, and he encouraged the

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MEN'S LACROSSE



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Senior midfielder Mike O'Brien, shown here in the Jumbos' 4-3 loss to Wesleyan on Apr. 26, scored a game-tying goal with two seconds remaining to force overtime in the Jumbos' NESCAC semifinal matchup against defending champion Middlebury. The Jumbos fell to Middlebury, 12-11, in triple overtime.

Season-ending loss at Middlebury gives new meaning to sudden death

BY KELLEY VENDELAND
Daily Editorial Board

The final game of the 2006 men's lacrosse team's season was one of those rare contests

MEN'S LACROSSE
NESCAC Semifinal
at Middlebury, Vt.; May 6

Tufts	11
Middlebury	12 (3 OT)

O'Brien: 4 goals
Warner: 2 goals, 2 assists
McNally: 1 goal, 2 assists

that remind us why we watch sports.

With 58 seconds remaining in the third overtime period of the semifinal game between Tufts and Middlebury on May 6, Middlebury senior co-captain Travis Meyer dashed the conference title hopes of the fourth-seeded Jumbos, netting an unassisted goal that secured a 12-11 victory for the top-seeded Panthers.

In the longest game in NESCAC Tournament history, Middlebury preserved two streaks, winning its sixth straight against the Jumbos and keeping alive its bid for a

sixth consecutive NESCAC title, which it secured with a 10-9 win over Wesleyan in the championship game on Sunday. With the title, the Panthers earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, their ninth in 10 years.

Tufts, which entered the contest ranked 19th nationally, finished the season with an 11-6 record, not sufficient to secure the at-large NCAA bid that ended up going to Wesleyan.

Meyer's game-winner was set up by an incredible finish to regulation.

With just 10 seconds left in the game and Middlebury clinging to an 11-10 lead and the ball, the Tufts season seemed to be over.

Middlebury junior Nick Bastis ran around the right side of the Tufts goal with the clock winding down, but Tufts junior defenseman Wiley Dornseif stripped Bastis of the ball. Over the next crazed ten seconds, junior midfielder Brett Holm picked up the ball and passed it to freshman Chase Bibby at midfield. Bibby passed to freshman Clem McNally, who received the ball

with four seconds left. He found O'Brien trailing up the middle with an over-the-shoulder pass, and O'Brien fired the ball home from point blank range for his fourth goal of the game with just two seconds remaining on the clock, tying the score at 11-11 and forcing the first of the three overtime periods.

Entering the game, the Jumbos were out to avenge a 12-4 drubbing at the hands of Middlebury in the regular season. The momentum was in their favor; the team was riding a 5-1 two-week stint that included a double-overtime win over Bates and three NESCAC wins, with the only loss coming in a 4-3 nail-biter to No. 11 Wesleyan.

"We didn't play our best game before," senior co-captain Billy Granger said. "We were playing our best lacrosse [going into the weekend] and we had been building on what we were doing throughout the season."

The Jumbos took that momentum to their biggest stage of the season, hanging

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE SEASON RECAP

Inexperience plagues Jumbos in deep league

BY EVANS CLINCHY
Senior Staff Writer

The returning members of the women's lacrosse team faced quite a task as they returned to action in 2006. It had to cope with the loss of four seniors on both ends of the field, including leading scorer Megan Doughty and goalkeeper Dana Panzer.

The result was a very different team than what Tufts usually puts on the field. While this year's squad was deep and talented, it lacked experience, and that weakness would haunt the Jumbos by the end of the season.

Despite starting the season 6-0, Tufts eventually was a victim to an intimidating NESCAC schedule. The Jumbos spent the majority of the season in the national top 20, but this was not enough against a stacked conference bunch that

sported six top-10 teams.

The young Jumbos put together 10 wins, tying a program record, but closed the season with five losses in its final nine games, including a season-ending 14-7 loss to Bowdoin in the first round of the NESCAC Tournament.

"We were a young team," said senior attack Dena Miller, who captained the team alongside classmates midfielder Meredith Harris and defender Hilary Pentz. "Although our offense had a lot of returning players, our defense was almost all new this season, and it took us a few games to work together in our zone," Miller said.

The Jumbos opened 2006 with an 11-6 win over Wellesley on Mar. 15. They then traveled to Wellington, Fla., for spring break, where they blew out lesser opponents Franklin

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Senior tri-captain Dena Miller, shown in an 11-9 win against Trinity on Apr. 8, became the tenth player in Tufts history to break the 10-goal mark and was named the NESCAC Player of the Week in March.

MEN'S LACROSSE SEASON RECAP

Despite inconsistency, team finishes season in top 20

BY MEGHAN BECQUE
Daily Staff Writer

The 2006 men's lacrosse season was a tale of two teams.

There was the blindsided squad that was caught back on its heels as league cellar-dweller Colby delivered a 17-9 punch on Apr. 18.

And then there was the squad that showed up at Middlebury on May 6, out to avenge a 12-4 regular-season loss to the Panthers and nearly taking the game from the six-time NESCAC champions, executing a come-from-behind push to force overtime before falling in an unbelievable third extra frame.

This inconsistency hampered a multi-threat Jumbo squad that recovered from the loss of two All-Americans to enter the season with a No. 12 national ranking, courtesy of a strong core of returning upperclassmen. But the dream fell through, with a few ill-timed mid-season losses and one final miracle comeback that came up just short.

Despite playing their best lacrosse of the season, the Jumbos fell to Middlebury in the NESCAC semis, ending the season at 11-6 (5-4 NESCAC). They finished at No. 18 in the nation, marking the fourth consecutive year

that Tufts has finished in the top 20.

Competing in the toughest Div. III conference in the nation, eighth-year coach Mike Daly added non-conference mid-Atlantic powerhouses then-No.3 Roanoke and then-No. 16 St. Mary's to the schedule to groom his team for national-caliber competition.

"By playing the third-hardest schedule in the nation, we emphasized the need to play with passion and emotion each game," Daly said. "As a program, we have always put a great deal of time and effort into the fundamentals of the game."

This emphasis was evident in the team's early play, as Tufts opened 6-1, losing only to Roanoke. But an Apr. 5 loss to Bowdoin marked Tufts' first conference blemish and sparked a 10-day stretch that would define much of its season.

After getting back on track with a 9-5 win over Williams, the Jumbos hit their roughest stretch of the year with embarrassing losses at Middlebury and Colby. Poor play had the team at a loss, and Daly switched gears to try to get back on track and salvage the Jumbos' championship goals.

"After the seemingly devastating Middlebury and Colby losses, we practiced less," Daly said. "We just went out and played

for ice cream one day and got back to why we all started playing."

The change in attitude righted the Jumbos' ship and sparked a two-week stretch during which the team rattled off four wins in its final six games, starting with a dramatic one-goal comeback victory at Western New England, one of the best teams in the region. "We had just lost two games, and then we took it to [Western New England]," senior Mike O'Brien said. "That really got our momentum going."

The Jumbos finished with two wins in their final three regular-season games with against Bates and at home against Conn. College. Those wins were broken up only by a 4-3 loss to then-No. 11 Wesleyan. The strong finish earned the Jumbos into a home first-round game, which they won, 13-8, over Bates on Apr. 30 to set up the overtime Middlebury showdown.

Overtime played a role in three Tufts contests this season, and the Jumbos prevailed in two of them: a double-overtime win over Skidmore in the season-opener and another double-overtime win at Bates. But their biggest overtime contest fell short, a

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MEN'S LACROSSE DEFENSE

Defense makes the difference in many close Tufts victories

BY TOM SPERA
Daily Editorial Board

Defense can make or break a team, especially in close games.

This season, the men's lacrosse team finished with an overall record of 11-6 and a league record of 5-4, the best marks since 2004. With eight of the team's wins decided by three goals or less, much of the Jumbos' success can be attributed to the team's defensive consistency in late-game situations.

While the team's attack had its share of offensive triumphs — boasting First Team and Second Team All-NESCAC selections in senior midfielder Mike O'Brien and senior co-captain and midfielder Rory Doucette, respectively — it was the team's defensive consistency, and the reliability of a core of veteran players, that ultimately contributed to the Jumbos' defensive success over the

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BASEBALL RECAP

NESCAC runners-up Jumbos end season short of NCAA bid

Sweep of Trinity, tourney wins highlight season

BY RACHEL DOLIN
Daily Editorial Board

It only seemed appropriate that the baseball team concluded its season with a loss to NESCAC West rival Middlebury in the conference title game.

Despite finishing the 2006 season with a solid 24-14 record (9-3 conference), Tufts dropped nearly half of its losses to the enigmatic Panthers, who completed a four-game sweep of the Jumbos in the regular season and trounced them 14-1 and 8-1 in the teams' two NESCAC Tournament matchups.

Middlebury was an insurmountable roadblock for the team during the regular-season cross-divisional matchup on Apr. 14-15. Looking to build some momentum heading into the final stretch of the regular schedule, Tufts traveled to Vermont in hope of recovering from three straight losses to Bowdoin the previous weekend. But in a weekend that characterized almost all of Tufts' regular-season losses, the Jumbos lost all four games by narrow margins, 6-5, 7-3, 10-9, and 8-7.

Tufts lost only four contests in the regular season by more than two runs, and three of those came during a spring break trip against southern competition that had been practicing and playing for several months before Tufts' Feb. 13 start date.

"[Middlebury] certainly had our number," junior Chris Decembrele said. "They just hit the ball. In the first game [of the NESCAC tournament] they scored 14 runs. With

something like that, you just have to tip your hat to them. They had a great season and a great tournament."

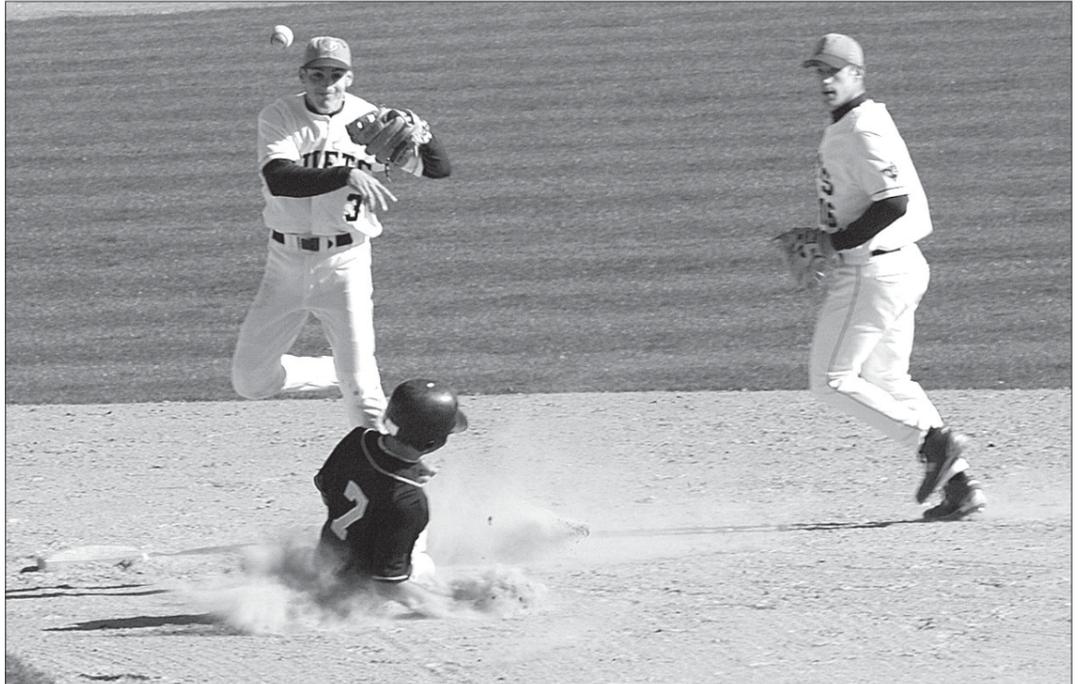
With a season spent mostly in the top 20 of the national polls, the Jumbos had a chance for an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. But Bowdoin was rewarded for a season atop the NESCAC East standings, and the Jumbos had to defer their World Series hopes for another year.

Subtracting the four spring break losses and the inexplicable six-game sweep by Middlebury, the Jumbos were 24-4 this year, with the remaining losses coming in a midseason three-game sweep by Bowdoin and a 12-11 loss to Div. II Bentley. Overall, the team was pleased with the outcome of the season.

"How many teams end the season with a win? Not too many," Decembrele said. "Anytime you win 24 games, it's a pretty successful season. We recorded one more win than last year — that's two seasons in a row with 20-plus wins."

The Jumbos were unable to generate much offense against the Polar Bears during their regular-season showdown on Apr. 8-9, dropping all three games, 3-2, 3-1 and 4-3, and opening a midseason slump in which they lost seven of eight games. The Jumbos did, however, gain some revenge during the conference tournament, eliminating Bowdoin in the semifinals on the Polar Bears' own home turf.

"[Beating Bowdoin in the tour-



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Senior shortstop Greg Chertok turns a double play in the top of the sixth to help Jumbos come back for a 7-6 win over Trinity on Apr. 21. The weekend sweep of the Bantams secured a berth to the NESCAC tournament for the Jumbos

namment] was certainly a sweet victory," senior tri-captain Greg Chertok said. "Everyone on the team knew we were capable of beating them. We suffered a few tough losses in regular season, but we really played a heck of a game [in the Tournament]. We played great defense behind some great pitching, we strung hits together, and we played the way we're capable of playing everyday."

Although Middlebury and Bowdoin stumped the Tufts offense, the Tufts bats were

more than active throughout the remainder of the season. Led by senior Jim O'Leary and his NESCAC second-best .467 batting average, the team hit .325, good for fourth in the league behind Middlebury (.359), Williams (.356) and Bowdoin (.352). Scratching out 272 runs on the season, over 100 more than the opposition, and recording 245 RBI, coach John Casey's team relied on its offensive prowess for much of the 2006 year.

In probably the most important

weekend of the regular season, the team used both its bats and solid pitching to sweep Trinity, the defending Div. III College World Series Champion, in three home games on Apr. 21-22. Home field advantage held all season long for the Jumbos as they compiled a flawless 7-0 record at Huskins Field.

"Anytime you can beat a team like Trinity, with their successful history, especially after a couple

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COLE LIBERATOR | HOT PEAS AND BUTTER



TU-lip

Barrying a miracle, this looks to be the last sports-related article I will ever have the privilege to pen. So with that in mind I decided to come full circle and end by paying tribute to the man who started this whole sports journalism kick of mine:

Mike Lupica.

Lupica was known as one of the premier sportswriters in the U.S. before he made the unfortunate mistake of opening his mouth on ESPN's "The Sports Reporters." You know the old saying that some people have a face for radio? Well, let's just say Lupica has a voice for print.

But before his dabbling in television, Lupica was known as the angry voice of the New York Daily News, and no column epitomized his whiney wit better than the weekly "Shooting from the Lip." A smorgasbord of one-liners and opinions about sports and life, this column was my veritable bible growing up. So with that said, I present to you my own humble impersonation of Lupica's legendary lip...

TU sports found themselves fifth in the standings of the U.S. Sports Academy Director's Cup after a stellar winter season. Impressive, but it may be more impressive that Tufts actually *dropped* to fifth from fourth place after the fall season. What an amazing year for Tufts sports... Too bad the ranking will take a big hit after a disappointing spring season. Unless, of course, softball can get over its early exit in the NESCAC tourney and do its best women's soccer impression... "What is the Director's Cup?" you ask, "And how is it calculated?" Let's just

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O'Leary overcomes injuries to star as senior

BY RACHEL DOLIN
Daily Editorial Board

The sight of senior centerfielder Jim O'Leary and freshman right fielder Brian McDonough sprawled across right-center field after colliding in pursuit of a fly ball was enough to turn a messy seven-run fiasco into a nightmare for the Tufts baseball team in its first-round NESCAC matchup against Middlebury on May 12.

Not only did the inning send Tufts spinning out of control and into the undesirable end of a 14-1 thrashing, but it also threatened to end O'Leary's career prematurely.

As it turned out, the center fielder only suffered a contusion in his shoulder, while McDonough sustained a concussion. O'Leary missed the second game of the day; but due to the masterful pitching performance of junior tri-captain Ben Simon in the later set against Williams, Tufts won 8-0, keeping the team alive for at least one more game.

"I still don't know exactly what happened," O'Leary said. "I had no range of motion on Saturday. I was definitely thinking that I didn't want [my career] to end that way; I was really happy we beat Williams so it wouldn't have to end that way."

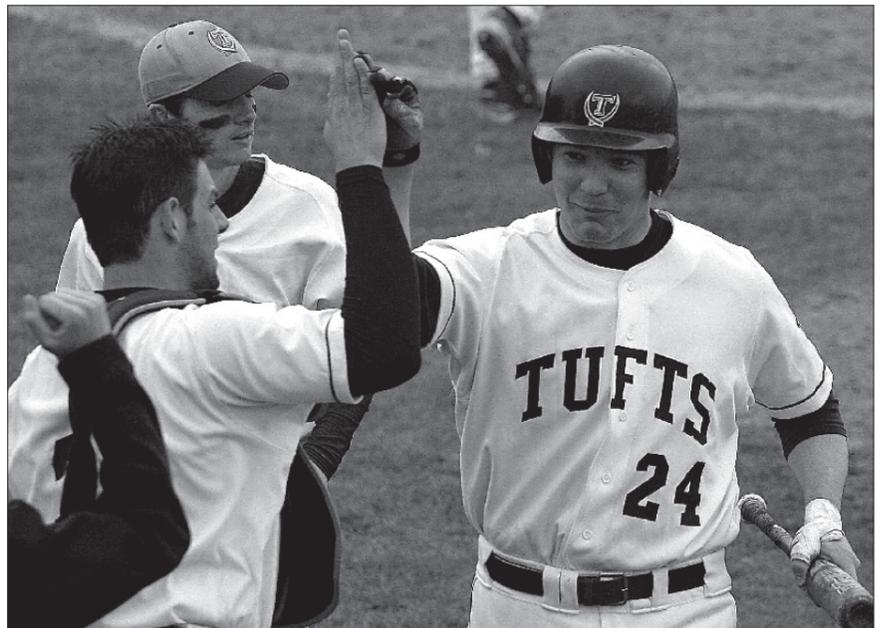
With O'Leary in the lineup the next day, a game-time decision by coach John Casey, the Jumbos defeated Bowdoin 6-2 on its home turf, but subsequently lost the championship game to Middlebury 8-1.

The team had come to depend on O'Leary's powerful bat in the three-hole over the course of the season, as he led the squad with his .467 batting average, .682 slugging percentage and .565 on base percentage.

"Anytime you have a guy like Jim in the lineup you rely on him," junior Chris Decembrele said. "He's been doing this for two years now; he's been the backbone of the offense the whole year. It has certainly been a pleasure to play with him."

Despite emerging as one of the best players on a club that posted 24 wins in 2006, O'Leary's path to success was rocky and injury-riddled.

After playing football, basketball and baseball at Roxbury Latin High School in



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Junior Chris Decembrele congratulates senior Jim O'Leary after a game. O'Leary led the team with a .475 batting average this season.

Easton, Mass., O'Leary applied early decision to Tufts, along with his twin brother Brian O'Leary, anticipating a fruitful career in both baseball and football. But due to a series of bad-luck situations, his collegiate career started off on the wrong foot — literally.

In his first weekend in college, O'Leary tore the ligaments in his right foot after being stepped on during a scrimmage. The injury sidelined him for the entire football season and only permitted limited playing time on the junior varsity baseball team during the spring.

"It was six, seven months till full recovery," O'Leary said. "It affected the beginning of my baseball career; I didn't dress for varsity, and only played JV. Since I couldn't run full speed and couldn't work out with the team in the pre-season, I didn't get a good look freshman year."

Finally functioning at full physical capacity, O'Leary entered his sophomore year ready to showcase his true capabilities on both the football field and the baseball diamond.

The fates were out to get him, however, and the tight end sustained a season-ending injury, breaking his left forearm after hitting teammate and then-sophomore Sean Mullin in the facemask after playing in only one game.

And again, the ailment affected his baseball conditioning, as O'Leary had only 42 at bats in his sophomore year.

O'Leary took the football field for a third time in late August of his junior year, and after being hit in a scrimmage, snapped his left forearm a few days later in the weight room. Following another attempt and another season-concluding injury, O'Leary decided to permanently hang up his football cleats.

He was, however, determined to stick with baseball, his primary sport since high school.

"By junior year I finally started playing well and became the player I should be," O'Leary said. "Baseball was my primary sport, but my goal was to finish

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SOFTBALL RECAP

Tufts continues dominance with small-ball tactics

Despite loss in NESCAC title game, Jumbos make first trip to NCAAs since 2003

BY LIZ HOFFMAN
Daily Editorial Board

When the 2006 softball season got underway, one question hung heavy over Spicer Field: could the Jumbos continue their national and regional dominance in the manner of the 2005 squad, which rocked opposing teams with a deadly middle of the lineup and overwhelming power hitting.

It turned out they couldn't.

But they found another way.

The 2006 Jumbos replaced the monster bats of last year's squad, which led all Div. III teams in home runs, with quieter but more reliable ones. In doing so, this spring's squad returned to the national spotlight with a pair of NCAA Tournament wins in the program's eighth national appearance and first since 2003.

"This was a huge year for us," senior co-captain Sarah Conroy said. "It was great for everyone who hadn't been to NCAAs before. They'll go into next year with so much more confidence, having that big-game experience."

While two one-run losses to Williams left Tufts just short of a NESCAC title, this new brand of small ball put the Jumbos on top of most offensive statistics in the league and changed the way Tufts softball wins games.

The Jumbos finished at 28-16 (9-1 NESCAC East) and spent much of the season in the top 20, peaking at No. 13, courtesy of an 11-game win streak after returning from a spring break trip to the Sun West Tournament in California.

The team had a league-best and decade-high .318 team batting average and hammered 363 hits and 494 total bases — something even the 2005 squad hadn't been able to do — and did it the hard way, connecting on solid base hits and beating the throw to first. The Jumbos had significantly fewer home runs than last year's team, but knocked a league-leading 281 singles.

"Up and down the lineup, we had a different attack this year," coach Cheryl Milligan said. "A lot of times, we could really have used a home run, but we knew it would be different. Speed never takes vacation; bats do."

That speed came in the form of a few freshmen that added a new weapon to the Jumbo lineup. Leadoff hitter Laura Chapman batted .338 and had a NESCAC-high 12 stolen bases. Classmates Alison Drobiarz and Roni Herbst joined Chapman as slappers, and their ability to beat out throws to first allowed them to capitalize on infield grounders.



Sophomore shortstop Heather Kleinberger connects during the Jumbos' 7-5 win over Bowdoin on April 8. Kleinberger was one of thirteen freshmen and sophomores on the team this year.

"It was awesome to go into games and have other teams say 'Wow, where did this speed come from?'" Conroy said.

The middle of the Tufts lineup knocked these burners home, led by sophomore Danielle Lopez's .383 average. Her 54 hits, 48 RBI, 99 total bases, and 43 runs scored all set new Tufts records, and her 11 home runs kept some long-ball power in the Jumbo lineup. Lopez was named the NESCAC Player of the Year. Freshman Cara Hovhannessian batted .336 at the cleanup spot with 41 hits and 35 RBI, both second to Lopez on the team.

The Jumbos needed every one of those

hits; while mercy-rule wins were the norm last season, this year's Jumbos held onto slim late-game leads and several times came back from big deficits. In an elimination game of the NESCAC Tournament, they recovered from an 8-0 deficit to beat Trinity 13-8 and advance to the title game, and they nearly repeated that feat in a 6-5 failed comeback to Rowan in the NCAA Regional consolation final.

"We came back a couple times, and they were all singles, small hits that got us there," Conroy said. "That's a huge credit to these

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ANDREW BAULD | YOU CAN'T STEAL FIRST



Hard out here for a Jumbo

It ain't easy being a Jumbo some days. As Elaine from "Seinfeld" once memorably exclaimed, "Hey, I went to Tufts! It was my safety school! So don't talk to me about

hardship."

Brown and blue might possibly be the worst color combination imaginable, and having to explain to everyone who asks about our mascot that, no, we're not the elephants, we're a specific elephant, never gets old. We're the Ivy wannabe, and our campus is located in gorgeous Medford/Somerville.

But several Saturdays back, watching the men's lacrosse team lose the definition of a heartbreaker to Middlebury, I experienced for the first time exactly what it means to have pride for your school.

A couple of friends and I made the trek up to Vermont a few weeks ago, traveling through countless typical New England towns speckled with farms and white steeple churches, through back woods and arriving in just over three hours to watch the men's lacrosse semifinals.

Tufts doesn't really have a standard "arch-rival." Amherst may be close. Giving the title to Connecticut College is an insult to Tufts. And everyone hates Williams. But Middlebury could hold claim as our version of the Yankees.

The Red Sox are your average bums, the working-class stiff with the heart of gold, and the Yankees are the evil aristocracy, sporting a lineup of pretty boys. This is about the equivalent of Tufts and Middlebury. Tufts may be a little rough around the edges, but it wants to save the world, while Middlebury looks like it just wants to own it.

As we made our way from the parking lot to the stadium, and we donned our brown garb, I felt like I was heading into a

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SOFTBALL

Lopez jumps from NESCAC Rookie of the Year to Player of the Year

BY LIZ HOFFMAN
Daily Editorial Board

Sophomore slump? Hah.

Entering the 2006 season, expectations were high for second baseman Danielle Lopez. Exploding onto the collegiate softball scene during her freshman year, she nabbed Rookie of the Year and Third Team All-American honors last season, but when the sophomore took the field in '06, questions abounded over whether she could extend her dominance into year two.

Each crack of the bat silenced them.

Lopez was rewarded for an out-of-sight offensive season with the NESCAC Player of the Year award following the 2006 season. Throughout the past four months, Lopez has overcome any pre-season doubt and answered any pre-season questions with a host of preposterous offensive statistics.

Numbers tell only part of the story, but it's a hell of a story.

Lopez led the team in every major offensive category, and she placed in the top-five in the league in slugging percentage (.723), on-base percentage (.450), runs, hits, RBI and total bases.

She improved her batting average from a solid and team-lead-

ing .379 last season to .383, again best on the team and sixth in the league. Moving down from leadoff to the three-spot, Lopez slammed 11 home runs and 12 doubles, making up for some lost power in the Jumbos' revamped lineup and contributing to her league-best 99 total bases.

Her 54 hits, 47 RBIs, 130 at-bats, 99 total bases and 43 runs scored all set new Tufts records. After just two seasons, her 19 home runs are second on the Tufts career list, behind 32 from both Courtney Bongiolatti (LA '05) and Lis Drake (LA '03), both former NESCAC Players of the Year.

"We talked early in the season about not worrying about living up to expectations and being process-oriented," coach Cheryl Milligan said. "This game can really humble you, and the opposing forces of needing to be great and needing to get the little things done are hard. D-Lo did a good job balancing those."

Lopez was just as valuable in the field as the only starting infielder from last season returning to her old position. The second baseman anchored a shifting infield that saw eight players rotating into first, short and third, almost



Sophomore Danielle Lopez connects on a home run in the second game of an Apr. 8 doubleheader against Bowdoin, one of her league-leading 11 on the season. Lopez was named NESCAC Player of the Year, the sixth straight Jumbo and only the second sophomore ever to earn the honor.

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SOFTBALL

Jumbos bow out of Regionals with pair of losses to Rowan



COURTESY WILLIAMS ATHLETICS

Junior Annie Ross slides past Williams junior catcher Katelyn Knox in the top of the third inning in the NESCAC championship game. Ross was knocked home by an RBI single from sophomore Danielle Lopez. The Jumbos scored three runs that inning, but fell victim to a Williams comeback, losing 6-5 in the NESCAC Championship game and giving the Ephs their third straight league title.

BY SAM KRUMHOLZ
Senior Staff Writer

It was deja vu all over again for the Tufts softball team.

Two sets of 6-5, 1-0 losses ended a pair of

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NCAA Regionals
at Camden, N.J.; May 13

Rowan 6
Tufts 5

Wilkes 0
Tufts 3

NCAA Regionals
at Camden, N.J.; May 12

Tufts 0
Rowan 1

NCAA Regionals
at Camden, N.J.; May 11

Wilkes 3
Tufts 4

postseason runs by the Jumbos, one at the hands of the Williams Ephs in the NESCAC Tournament title game on May 7, and another to No. 11 Rowan in the final of the consol-

ation bracket at NCAA Regionals in Camden, NJ on May 13.

Despite the losses, Tufts capped the 2006 season with a trip to the NESCAC Tournament title game, its fifth in six years, and an at-large bid to NCAAs in Camden, N.J., the program's eighth national appearance and first since 2003.

"We had and have the potential to go further than we did, but I'm so proud of what we did do for such a young team," said sophomore Danielle Lopez, who was recently honored with the NESCAC Player of the Year award. "I think next year is going to be even better."

The Jumbos' season ended in the consolation bracket final of Regionals with a 6-5 loss to the Rowan Profs on May 13. The story of the tournament for the Profs was senior pitcher Colleen Oswald, who held off a Jumbo comeback from a six-run deficit on Saturday after throwing a five-hit shutout in the teams' first meeting.

"[Oswald is] a great pitcher, she has great composure on the mound, and I think part of it is her doing her job and saying, 'I just gave up a hit and now I'm going to get three strikeouts,'" Tufts coach Cheryl Milligan said.

Rowan struck first, plating a run in the first and adding five more in the third. The Profs put on six consecutive base runners, and the final blow, a two-RBI double from senior Casey Bartolf, knocked Tufts freshman Lauren Gelmetti out of the game. Sophomore Erica Bailey came in for the final two outs of the inning and followed that with four innings of scoreless relief, but the damage had already been done.

The Jumbos didn't put a single runner on base through three innings, but they answered the Rowan rally in the top of the fourth. Freshman Samantha Kuhles got the Jumbos' first hit off Oswald, an infield single, and reached second on an error. After doubles from Lopez and freshman Cara Hovhanessian and an RBI single from Bailey, the Rowan lead was down to three.

Sophomore catcher Megan Cusick then blasted a two-out, two-run home run to pull the Jumbos within one, but Oswald stopped the bleeding by striking out junior Annie Ross to end the inning.

After the offensive fireworks displays, the game returned to the pitcher's duel that was expected after the 1-0 score of the first game.

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DIRECTORS' CUP

Tufts likely to post best-ever ranking in Directors' Cup

BY ANDREW SILVER
Daily Editorial Board

Vaulting up the ranks from a No. 54 Directors' Cup finish in the 2004-2005 year, Tufts is gunning for a top-10 finish in '06, and while the spring point totals are still being decided, this year is a virtual lock for Tufts' best-ever ranking.

The outstanding performances in national championships by the cross country, women's soccer, volleyball, men's basketball, men's swimming, women's tennis, softball, and women's crew teams and numerous individuals stand out by themselves. And together, they place 2005-06 among the most successful years in Jumbo athletic history.

Although there is no definitive statistic to quantify such a claim, the Directors' Cup may be the closest thing. Currently, Tufts is ranked fifth in the Cup standings through the fall and winter sports seasons, after a fourth-place ranking following the fall season. The final standings were not available at press time, but judging by the postseason appearances of the softball team, women's tennis team, and several track and field athletes, a top-10 finish seems realistic.

The Directors' Cup was founded in 1993 by the National Association of Collegiate Directors' of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today to rank Div. I and Div. II schools for their overall athletic performance. The Cup was extended to cover Div. III, in which almost all Tufts teams compete, in time for the 1995-96 season.

For Div. III, Directors' Cup points are awarded for postseason appearances in team sports — field hockey, football, soccer, women's volleyball, basketball, ice hockey, baseball, softball, lacrosse, and tennis — and individual sports — cross country, swimming, indoor and outdoor track and field, wrestling, golf, and women's rowing.

While the Directors' Cup is as close to a clear measuring stick as exists for Div. III athletic prowess, it is not perfect.

The standings are weighted heavily toward individ-

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BASEBALL

Jumbos eliminate Williams, Bowdoin, but Middlebury ends NESCAC run

BY ANDREW SILVER
Daily Editorial Board

After an up-and-down regular season, the baseball team traveled north to Maine for the NESCAC

BASEBALL
NESCAC Tournament
at Brunswick, Maine; May 14

Tufts 1
Middlebury 8

Bowdoin 2
Tufts 6

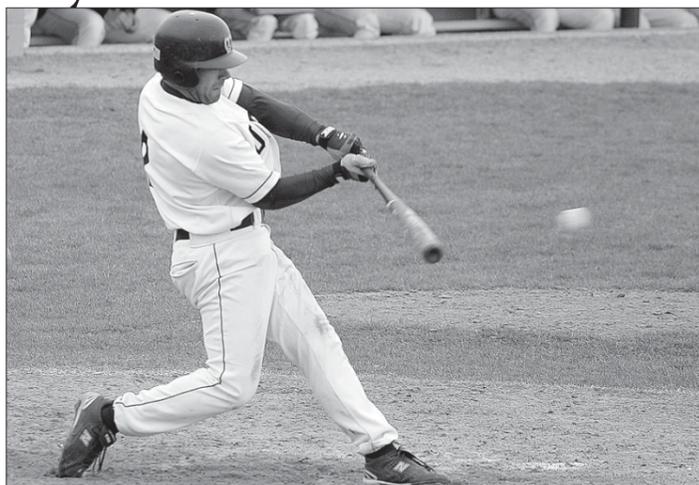
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Tournament riding a six-game winning streak and playing its best baseball of the spring. Unfortunately for the Jumbos, their best was not good enough to get past Middlebury, which beat Tufts twice, shattering its NCAA Tournament hopes and ending its season.

"I think we probably needed to beat Middlebury one more time and at least get to that last game [of the NESCAC Tournament] to really give ourselves a shot [at an at-large bid]," senior pitcher Zak Smotherman



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Junior Chris Decembrele launches a home run in the Jumbos win over Trinity on Apr. 22. Decembrele was 4-14 with 3 RBI in Tufts' four tournament games.

said. "Coming into it I thought we pretty much needed to win the tournament, but we played two of our best games of the season."

Middlebury earned its first-ever conference championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, and although Tufts knocked Bowdoin out of the Tournament last Sunday morning in the losers' bracket final, the regular-season NESCAC East champion Polar Bears got the at-large selection

over the Jumbos.

"We went into [the tournament] thinking we weren't going to get an at-large; I guess we ended up pretty close," junior tri-captain Ben Simon said. "I don't think we really wanted an at-large — we wanted to win the thing."

The league tourney brought moments and challenges to the Jumbos that no one could have pre-

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WOMEN'S CREW

Team concept to thank for Jumbos' trip to Nationals

BY SARINA MATHAI
Senior Staff Writer

Often filed away as a consistently solid program, the women's crew made a splash this year, quietly storming up the polls and making history along the way.

Tufts received one of six bids to the NCAA Championships on Tuesday, and it will send its first and second varsity boats to the competition, to be held in West Windsor, N.J. on May 26-28.

Last season, the team's varsity eight received an at-large bid, but the depth of this year's squad through all the boats caught the attention of the selection committee and earned Tufts a team berth.

The Jumbos will see some familiar competition at Nationals, and have high expectations going in to the regatta.

"We got one of six team bids and we're thrilled," coach Gary Caldwell said. "This is the next step up [from last year]. We've beaten Smith and Colby, and we beat Trinity in New England two weeks ago, and they beat us [at ECACs on May 13-14]. It's been back and forth, and it's going to be really tight racing."

Aside from Smith, Colby and

Trinity, the rest of the Nationals field consists of Williams, Ithaca and Puget Sound (Wash.), as well as Colby and Lewis and Clark, whose varsity eights qualified as at-large bids.

"When we met in the fall, we didn't think this dream would come true," senior co-captain Jackie Stone said. "We need to maintain our [level of] performance for that weekend."

The nod recognized a stellar season for the crew that culminated in two key races late in the season. In one of its most important regattas of the season, the New England Rowing Championships on May 7, the Jumbos finished second in the Women's Point Trophy, the program's highest placing since 1992. Their 84 points were second only to Williams (90), and Tufts will get a chance to even the score at Nationals, as the Ephs received the only automatic qualifying bid to NCAAs by winning at the New England Championships.

With their placing at New England, the first three varsity and first novice boats earned a berth to the ECAC National Invitational Rowing Championships, held on

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