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Students stage walk-out, demand Tufts become a 'sanctuary campus'

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Hundreds of students walked out of their classes and gathered in front of Olin Center yesterday at 2:30 p.m. as part of a nationwide walkout on college campuses in an effort to push the university to designate its campuses as "sanctuary campuses," which would protect and support undocumented Tufts students and community members in these spaces.

The walkout was planned and led by Tufts United for Immigrant Justice (UIJ), a student group which promotes "equality for all humans irrespective of immigration status, gender, sexuality, economic status, race or other forms of oppression," according to the group's Facebook page.

UIJ members spoke before the crowd outside of Olin Center, relaying personal stories of fear and hope in light of President-elect Donald Trump's election as well as presenting University President Anthony Monaco with a petition asking that Tufts be designated a "sanctuary campus," which has been signed by 2,693 students, faculty and community members at press time.

According to the petition, designating Tufts' campuses as "sanctuary campuses" would make all lands or structures owned or operated by the university a secure place for undocumented people; require Tufts to promise not to release information about undocumented students and community members, as well as to refuse to cooperate with immigration authorities seeking to conduct raids; require the university to offer immigration legal services to assist students and community members; and stipulate that the university establish an Office for Undocumented Student Support.

The petition also states that making Tufts a "sanctuary campus" would be a concrete action supporting the university's proclaimed values.

"This threat to undocumented community members requires a concrete and tangible response from the University—not just words or symbolic gestures," the petition reads. "Tufts is in a unique position to protect its undocumented community members from law enforcement. It is the duty of this University to ensure that it remains a place that actively protects the rights and safety of its community."

Students gathered in the face of possible changes to federal immigration law and policy in the wake of last Tuesday's election results, specifically Trump's promise to overturn Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA), an executive order passed by President Barack Obama granting two-year work permits and deportation exemptions to immigrants who came to the United States before turning 16 years old.

The Tufts undergraduate student body has at least 12 undocumented or DACA students in the first-year class alone, according to the Undergraduate Profile of the Class of 2020.

Monaco attended the walk-out as well ,and was given a megaphone to read an official statement from the university in response to UIJ's request, in which he reaffirmed Tufts' commitment to protecting undocumented students but made no solid commitment to making Tufts a sanctuary campus.

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University President Anthony Monaco states his support for undocumented students at Tufts after a campus-wide walkout on Nov. 16.

"Tufts is committed to continuing our support of DACA and undocumented students," he said. "We are therefore exploring what it would mean to declare Tufts a 'sanctuary campus' — and what the implications of that decision might be for our DACA and undocumented students and the university as a whole."

UIJ member Emma Kahn told the Daily that the organization was disappointed in Monaco's lack of commitment, but remained optimistic about working with the administration in the future.

"We were wondering if he was going to commit to that today, and we were feeling really hopeful about what that would have meant, so we're really disappointed that Tufts wasn't able to make that commitment today," Kahn, a junior, said. "But we're still really energized by Tufts continuing to work on this, and we're excited to work with them."

Ben Kaplan, president of Tufts Democrats, was optimistic that the university would respond to the student demonstration accordingly.

"I'm confident that when the university sees the broad base of support for UIJ's demands, they will act to fulfill these demands," Kaplan, a senior, said.

Monaco also reassured attendees that

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Tufts expands relationship with Boston following SMFA acquisition

by Gil Jacobson
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After acquiring the School of the Museum of Fine Arts (SMFA) this past summer, Tufts will expand its relationship with the City of Boston, but will not be increasing its Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to the city, according to Tufts Co-Director of Community Relations Rocco DiRico.

DiRico explained that this is because Tufts does not own any of the SMFA buildings.

"The PILOT request is calculated based on the property that you own in the City of Boston," DiRico wrote. "[Thus,] the SMFA buildings do not increase our payments to the City of Boston."

DiRico explained that the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) owns the SMFA's academic buildings, two of which Tufts leases. He added that Tufts provides several other benefits to the City of Boston.

"[These include] reduced fees in our dental clinics, programs in the Boston Public Schools and support for programs in our host communities," he wrote.

According to an Aug. 3 Boston Globe article, Tufts has paid the full amount requested by Boston based on the buildings it owns, while the MFA has paid close to nothing of what it has been asked to pay.

Tufts, however, is somewhat unique in its paying the full PILOT amount asked for, according to the Globe article, which says that zero out of the eight schools with the highest property holdings by value pay all of what Boston requests from them.

Boston City Councilor Josh Zakim, who represents neighborhoods including Fenway and Mission Hill where the SMFA academic buildings are, said that all City of Boston nonprofit institutions should be making their PILOT payments.

"[PILOT payments are] a calculation that's made by an assessor, based on taking into account the intangible benefits that accrue to the City of Boston and our residents by having so many great colleges and universities and hospitals nearby," Zakim said.

PILOT payments are thus necessary to sustain important services in Boston and Massachusetts, Zakim explained. He added that payments are roughly 25 percent of what the institutions would have to pay in property taxes if they were for-profit.

The PILOT payments are then divided again based on cash and non-cash payments, according to Zakim. Non-cash payments include student volunteering and classes that Boston residents can take, Zakim said, while cash payments help fund public works projects in the city.

"We need to make sure that everyone's paying their fair share, so that the city continues to grow and thrive and provide opportunities for everyone in all our neighborhoods," Zakim said.

Zakim explained that colleges and universities can also create negative effects in Boston neighborhoods.

"I think particularly in Mission Hill … student housing, overcrowding and those impacts on the neighborhood need to be mitigated," he said.

President of the Community Alliance of Mission Hill Chad Rosner, an organization that provides a united voice for Mission Hill residents in representing their interests in Boston and leading the community's progress, echoed Zakim's sentiments.

"I believe we want to make sure that Tufts uses that benefit the city gave them," he said. "To provide first a better education for its students if you're involved there, as well as more support to the local community … so we can basically appreciate what our local government gave to Tufts more."

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Mark Brimhall-Vargas to leave role as Chief Diversity Officer

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Chief Diversity Officer Mark Brimhall-Vargas speaks at the annual university celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Goddard Chapel on Jan. 26.

Chief Diversity Officer and Associate Provost Mark Brimhall-Vargas will be leaving his position at Tufts on Jan. 10 after a year and a half of serving in the role. He will assume the role of Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Brandeis University upon his departure.

In a Nov. 2 email from Provost David Harris sent to the university community, Harris praised Brimhall-Vargas for all the work he has done during his time at Tufts.

"He has done a fantastic job of launching initiatives that are helping us achieve goals identified in the report of the Council on Diversity, and the Tufts University Strategic Plan," Harris wrote, adding that he will initiate the search process for a replacement in the near future.

Brimhall-Vargas explained that he was not in the job market, but accepted a competitive offer when Brandeis University's search firm approached him. In his new position, Brimhall-Vargas will have a team working under him, helping him to make a stronger impact on student life, he said.

"I will have people that will report to me," Brimhall-Vargas said. "I will have more direct control over systematic responses to student needs."

Brimhall-Vargas is the first person to serve in the role of Chief Diversity Officer at Tufts.

"When I was hired, I was told that the institution really wanted to be transparent about its progress toward diversity, equity and inclusion goals," Brimhall-Vargas said.

This objective spurred him to create the Diversity Dashboard, one of his first projects at Tufts, he said. Brimhall-Vargas explained that he wanted to calculate and present numerical data about the members of the Tufts community in a variety of categories to help illuminate diversity and the lack thereof in the university.

"We wanted to disaggregate by school, by race, by gender, precisely so that if someone comes to our website thinking that they want to come to Tufts in any of our schools, they would know what to expect in terms of the population that's there," Brimhall-Vargas said.

Brimhall-Vargas explained how other projects he worked on included a training program for faculty search and selection committee members, various programs with the Group of Six, the University Chaplaincy and the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life. More recently, he said he helped in organizing dialogues to help students process their thoughts and emotions throughout the election cycle.

Moving forward, Brimhall-Vargas also said he hopes that the Graduate Student Climate Survey that he has been working on for the past few months come to fruition, adding that he is uncertain if the survey will only be put out once the position is filled again.

"I certainly want to make sure that the instrument itself is ready and has gone through the vetting process," Brimhall-Vargas said.

He added that he hopes the Trans Support Task Force he started along with LGBT Center Director Nino Testa (G '13) will have adequate leadership in the future, as both founders are leaving Tufts in the coming months.

While Testa does not directly report to Brimhall-Vargas, he described the Chief Diversity Officer as a friend and an ally. Testa praised Brimhall-Vargas for his ability to forge connections between organizations.

"I think that Mark challenged a lot of us here to come out of our little silos and to work together across a lot of different offices, programs, departments [and] schools across the university to see what could be done if we thought a little bit more ambitiously and broadly about what diversity and inclusion mean at Tufts," Testa said.

Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate Diversity and Community Affairs Officer Benya Kraus described Brimhall-Vargas as a unifying point for all the various diversity efforts that occur throughout Tufts. She praised his strategical thinking, humility and receptiveness to student initiatives.

"He provides a voice and an understanding that's so critical to making us become a more inclusive space," Kraus, a junior, said.

Kraus expressed concern about finding a suitable replacement for Brimhall-Vargas and hopes that the university takes steps to make sure that the best person possible is hired.

"It's easy for a lot of these institutions to write off diversity just by hiring somebody to be the image and voice of diversity," Kraus said.

Both Testa and Brimhall-Vargas added that their identifications as LGBT professionals had no connection to their decisions to leave the university. Both said that the recent departures of other LGBT-identifying staff members such as former Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Lee Coffin and former Director of the Women's Center Steph Gauchel were purely coincidental.

"I think that what's happening is that there are enough professional staff and faculty who also identify as LGBT that the regular comings and goings of movement from job to job is going to look like a lot of LGBT people coming and going, but that it doesn't really mean anything with respect to that particular identity," Brimhall-Vargas said.

Brimhall-Vargas said he hopes that he is remembered at Tufts as someone who was genuinely concerned for student welfare.

"The one thing that I hope people remember in terms of what I brought to Tufts was a sense of care and commitment to individual students in addition to the larger picture of where Tufts should go," Brimhall-Vargas said.

Students, faculty show support for undocumented community members

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the policy the university adopted in spring of 2015, which stipulates that Tufts will accept and provide aid to undocumented students as they would domestic applicants, would remain unchanged.

Some professors modified their class scheduling to accommodate students interested in participating in the walk out, including Sociology Professor Paul Joseph, who ended his Globalization and Social Change lecture at 2:30 p.m.

"I was responding to a request from a couple [of] students in the class that really wanted to go," Joseph said. "I said students are free to go to the rally, but I also said students should make their own choice."

Rabbi Jordan Braunig, director of Tufts Hillel Center's Initiative for Innovative Community Building, said that he came to the rally to support the Tufts community.

"I feel like everyone's feeling anxious in this moment, and [we need] to be sure that students who are undocumented know that there's a whole campus in solidarity with them," Braunig said. "It's just the most important thing that we can be doing right now."

Many students also said that the gathering was an occasion to protest Trump in general, and in particular his proposed immigration and deportation policies.

Junior Nicky Carne, who attended the walk-out, said that the demonstration was as much a showing of solidarity for undocumented students as it was a political statement.

"I have two friends who study here who are undocumented … people who woke up that morning [Nov. 9] and had just been told by their country that they didn't matter, and that no one was going to be there for them," she said. "The fact that this is happening at other universities around the nation is so huge, and it feels really good to be out here."

Kaplan echoed that sentiment, saying that student demonstration was an effective way to send the President-elect a message.

"If we as a community can stand with undocumented immigrants, then we can show the Trump administration that we are serious about organizing and resisting his ultra-conservative agenda," Kaplan said.

Off-Campus Explorations: Frozen Hoagies

by Elie Levine
Staff Writer

Frozen Hoagies, located in Somerville's Powder House Square, primarily serves ice cream, cookies and ice cream sandwiched between two cookies. Their desserts draw from a comprehensive and ever-changing list of ice cream and cookie flavors.

The business venture began on July 4, 2011 as a food truck, according to Frozen Hoagies' website. Between April 1 to Nov. 1, the company pays homage to its roots, selling treats from its three trucks that park at various locations in the Boston area, according to John Costantino, the store's general manager.

The brick-and-mortar location in Somerville, which is open year round, was established in November 2014, Costantino said.

Mary McPartland, the founder and owner of Frozen Hoagies, said that Frozen Hoagies began with just one truck, specifically a vintage ice cream truck dating back to 1976 that still plays its original music.

"I bought that one small ice cream truck off eBay, and got it retrofitted and licensed for Boston, and I started… with just my nephews working, driving the truck and me making cookies," McPartland said.

Initially, McPartland worked a full-time job at Verizon while her nephews drove the truck.

"She would work days and bake everything at night," Costantino said.

Eventually, McPartland quit her day job, prompted by her lifelong passion for baking.

"I got tired of the corporate world and wanted to start my own business," she said. "I like to bake, and I like ice cream."

She added that she was intrigued by the concept of food trucks, which was more novel at the time.

According to McPartland, the Fourth of July, the business' anniversary, is one of its busiest days of the year. Every year, on July 3 and 4, the truck parks on the Charles River Esplanade.

During that time, the store is closed and between 10 to 15 employees work on the truck, compared to a mere two-three employees for a typical food truck event, according to Costantino. Over the course of the two-day period, he said that Frozen Hoagies typically sells between 10,000 and 14,000 cookies and 300 gallons of ice cream.

Though demand for its ice cream spikes during these two days, Frozen Hoagies is busy all year round.

"Ice cream is not seasonal in New England," Costantino said.

The Frozen Hoagies store usually stocks 16-18 ice cream flavors and 12 cookie flavors at a time, according to McPartland. They prefer to maintain a set of four cookie varieties in stock consistently: chocolate chip, fudge brownie, snickerdoodle and a gluten-free option, usually coconut.

Aside from these staples, flavors change by the season and based on current employees' whims, Costantino said. In the winter, he makes pumpkin, gingerbread and molasses cookies.

Costantino's personal favorite hoagie is the decadent Mexican Chocolate Chip ice cream, which consists of chocolate ice cream with cinnamon, nutmeg and dark chocolate chips, sandwiched between two chocolate chip cookies.

"Nothing beats just a fresh chocolate chip cookie," he said.

Costantino said the cookies are baked in the store. They have a shelf life of two days, and leftovers are donated to a food pantry. The ice cream comes from Rancatore's, a small-batch ice cream company with locations in Lexington, Newtonville and Belmont.

"We put our order in on Monday, they make our ice cream on Tuesday, we get it on Thursday and then start selling it right on Thursday to everybody," Costantino said. "So when you're having our ice cream, it's right out of the freezer, as fresh as you can really get unless you make your own."

McPartland said her favorite hoagie is the Cow Tracks flavor, which consists of vanilla ice cream, peanut butter cups and a chocolate swirl, between two PeanutButter Cup cookies.

Costantino and McPartland emphasized Frozen Hoagies' close relationship with Tufts. They frequently employ Tufts students, many of whom are members of the Chi Omega sorority, according to Tori Tavormina, a junior who works there now. The company has been involved in events with Chi Omega in the past, McPartland said.

Tavormina, who started working there over the summer, said she appreciates the store's relaxed working environment.

She also recommended trying Frozen Hoagies' new breakfast menu, available on Saturdays and Sundays. Costantino said the breakfast sandwiches he offers are, "not your classic bacon-egg-and-cheese."

"We want to be different from any of the other area breakfast places," he added.

One of Frozen Hoagies' new breakfast options is the Sunrise Over Somerville sandwich, which consists of pork carnitas, a sunny side up egg, Swiss cheese, caramelized onions and arugula on French bread.

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Pumpkin ice cream is sandwiched between two molasses and clove cookies to make an autumnal frozen hoagie.

Costantino emphasized that whenever Frozen Hoagies participates in an event at Tufts or with a Tufts sorority, the company donates a portion of its profits back to the university.

"They get a little extra money, we get the exposure," he said. "It's a mutual benefit. It works out well. We never turn down events with Tufts."

Frozen Hoagies has accepted JumboCash since last spring, and the company is working to expand options for delivery to the Tufts campus, according to Costantino.

The business relies primarily on social media and word of mouth for advertisement, Costantino said. He pointed out that a July 6 three-minute segment that aired on the WCVB show "Chronicle" helped them book 200 new events last summer.

"Our website crashed for two straight days because of all the people booking events through us," Costantino said.

Frozen Hoagies' chief rival is The Cookie Monstah, an ice cream sandwich truck run by a wife and husband duo that started two years after Frozen Hoagies did.

"They do have a very catchy name, but in a sense our name's catchy because nobody has any idea what we actually do," Costantino said.

The word "hoagie" is in fact a term for sandwich, often associated with the Philadelphia area.

"Everyone always asks if the owner is from Philly," Costantino said.

But McPartland is a local. She was born and raised in Medford, and her parents and grandparents are from Somerville. She cited her familiarity with the area as a key reason for opening the store in Powder House Square.

Still, the store's impact transcends local boundaries, according to Costantino, with some customers driving to the Frozen Hoagies storefront from beyond Somerville. Additionally, he believes the ice cream sandwiches appeal to a wide variety of customers.

"My clientele is everyone, to be honest with you. We get a lot of students, we get old people, we get young kids … It's everyone," McPartland said.

Remaining sensitive to customers' dietary needs is of the utmost importance to Costantino. He said that when his sister developed a milk-protein allergy, he grew determined to develop tasty alternatives to dairy-based ice cream. His experimentations led to a wide variety of vegan, gluten-free and dairy-free options available in the store. Eighty percent of the ice cream sold at Frozen Hoagies is gluten-free, and the store carries vegan cookies with a coconut-milk base.

"I want someone to come in here and have a vegan chocolate-chip cookie and know that it actually tastes better than our regular chocolate-chip cookie," Costantino said.

Having received a culinary arts degree from Johnson & Wales University and with a background in VIP catering, Costantino stressed his love for distributing high quality products.

"I've always wanted to put out my best product to someone, regardless of price point or who I was catering to," he said. "When people come here, I want it to be the best cookie they've ever had. I want it to be the best ice cream they've ever had. I feel like we're at that level, which is nice."

Amanda Lillie
Maintaining your Tuftsanity

Wipeout

There I was, out on the open road, running free and far away from campus. At last, I had found some time to get myself outside. It was your classic adrenaline shebang: energy coursed through my veins, wind blew through my hair … need I say more? My responsibilities were trailing far behind, eating more dust than time for once, and I felt better than I had all semester.

Mind you, it was dark out. We're talking dark enough so I couldn't exactly see the outline of my hand in front of my face unless there was a street light nearby. Of course, I'd realized this the moment I stepped outside, yet somehow I'd managed to convince myself that I would spontaneously develop a sixth sense to guide me through the night. Lucky for me, however, this sixth sense of mine has a knack for doing the opposite of that. It hadn't been more than 10 minutes before I found myself diving headfirst into the concrete sidewalk, having not-so-gracefully tripped over a sidewalk lip to my doom.

I would blame the city of Somerville for not having enough street lights to prevent the aforementioned fall from happening. But unfortunately, the situation in broad daylight may not have been any different. No amount of visibility can save a klutz, after all. After a panicked glance at my surroundings to see if anyone had witnessed my fall, I stood up, brushed off my scraped knees and despite my body's protesting, ran on.

This unfortunate fall is a wonderful depiction of how my semester has gone. I kicked it all off with my spirits high and my doubts low, feeling like I was ready for this whole sophomore year thing. Sure, the first week or two of classes took some fight out of me, but I was just getting into the groove, the rhythm, the pace of it all. It wasn't long before I was cruising comfortably through September and October.

That is, until the inevitable mid-semester faceplant into a concrete sidewalk of stress. The month-long pressure of exams and steadily dropping grades combined with a longing to go home and go to sleep made for a fantastically terrible wipeout. And it all hit me about two weeks ago. Since then, I've been a dampened spirit, surrounded by crumpled lab report drafts and cough drops.

Something about my sidewalk tumble snapped me back into focus, however. There won't always be street lights outlining every step of the way. The semester may just dump me onto the sidewalk, bruised and wanting desperately to go home. There aren't always going to be friendly faces waiting to help pick me back up on my feet when gravity gets the best of me. But these moments in which I have to get myself back on track are the most helpful of all, because they remind me that I have enough fight in me to get myself up and keep on running until I've finished what I've started.

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All in Good Taste

Posto

On Elm Street, just beyond the center of Davis Square, sits Posto, a wood-fired Italian restaurant. The owners of Posto have a monopoly on high-end eateries in Somerville, as they also own Rosebud and The Painted Burro, which both reside a few storefronts over. The restaurant is relatively small and always packed with customers. Upon entering, it's easy to understand the appeal. The restaurant has the appearance of elegance without taking itself too seriously. The tables are small and the large wood fired grill is visible from most vantage points. The atmosphere is romantic, but not pretentious. As we wait to be seated, tantalizing pizzas and homemade pasta dishes pass by.

The website boasts that the mozzarella is made fresh daily, so we immediately decide to split the basic mozzarella pizza. Pizzas range from $12 to $21 and there are 12 other unique pizzas to choose from, half of which are white pizzas. We next contemplate which pasta to get. Last year, I had one of the best carbonara dishes of my life at Posto, so I eagerly scanned the menu, only to find that the pasta dishes are changed seasonally. We decide to get the "spaghetti," which includes cacio e pepe, black pepper, parmesan and thyme. The pastas are slightly more expensive, ranging from $19 to $22. The menu also includes meat and fish entrees, as well as appetizers and salads.

One of the most discouraging things about Posto is that there is no complimentary bread basket. This is realistically both a blessing and a curse. An order of bread is only $2.50, and we cannot resist the idea of rosemary sea salt dough, but the appetizer unfortunately arrives with our food and we are immediately overloaded with carbohydrates. I start with the pizza. It consists of four large slices, topped with mozzarella and basil. The wood-fired grill makes the crust irresistible, with a crunchy outside but soft and warm within. The basil and mozzarella are a classic mixture. The pizza, truthfully, is not for sharing and is more of a personal size. My sister and I switch entrees, and I begin to indulge in the spaghetti. Though the mixture of pepper and parmesan cheese is good, I immediately regret not getting a more flavorful dish. The pasta is ultimately underwhelming and perhaps a little boring. By the time I finish my two entrees, I am only able to take a few bites of the bread appetizer before giving up.

Posto is admittedly a little pricey, however if you stick with a basic pizza, it can be well within reason. Though the homemade pastas are good, the pizza is definitely the show-stopper here. Reservations are a must at Posto, but they luckily can be made through OpenTable. Ultimately, Posto is a good way to get North End quality Italian food within walking distance.

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Timo Andres' 'Everything Happens So Much' to premiere at the Boston Symphony Orchestra

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The atmosphere of Saturday morning rehearsal at Boston's Symphony Hall is vastly different from that of concert night. Under a week before Thursday night's premiere of Brooklyn-based American composer Timo Andres' "Everything Happens So Much," the musicians of the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO) walk in and out of the stage door wearing jeans and sneakers instead of all-black and dress shoes.

As the musicians play through the piece, which was commissioned for the BSO, one violinist makes a bowing error. She peeks at the musicians who sit in front of her to re-synchronize herself with her section. Mid-piece, a violist saunters across the stage and takes his seat. In the eyes of an amateur musician, seeing the giants of the Boston classical music scene act so casually is like being in another world.

Listening to "Everything Happens So Much" also makes listeners feel like they are in another world. The piece begins with a lively run on the piccolo that sounds like a pebble being skipped across a pond. This transitions into a lyrical section carried out by the woodwinds and strings. The piece could be considered a back-and-forth between gentle sections like this and more chaotic, brass-heavy sections that seem to characterize the piece's title.

Following rehearsal, Andres explained that the title of "Everything Happens So Much" was inspired by a tweet from the experimental Twitter account "Horse_ebooks."

"I like my titles to be in plain language and unmannered," he said. "I don't want to get too inventive with my titles because I think that speaks to a level of insecurity with the work itself."

While he named his piece after a tweet, Andres said that he is skeptical that the social media scene is radically changing the face of classical music, as is commonly thought.

"I'm not convinced that it's as revolutionary a development as the [social media] companies themselves," he said.

Andres explained that the piece's title matches up with the rhythmic patterns in the piece.

"It seemed to fit with what is happening in the piece, which are these multiple, simultaneous layers that are each moving at their own speed," he said. "There's kind of this obsessive level of contrapuntal activity."

In this sea of varying rhythms, the piccolo is the glue that holds the music together. It opens the piece with fast, rhythmic material and then reappears with a slow, melodic solo in the middle.

"That was intentional," Andres said. "There's sort of a nice symmetry about that."

Because the piccolo is the highest register in an orchestra, Andres said it has the ability to create potential energy in a piece.

"There's something nice about starting from the very top of the orchestra," he said. "I think it can create a kind of momentum. This melody is [like] rolling a ball down some kind of curvy ramp."

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Brooklyn-based composer and pianist Timo Andres, poses for a photo at his piano on May 2013.

"Everything Happens So Much" ends abruptly and unexpectedly on a gentle, dying chord. The listener is left with the sense that the composer still has something to say.

"I think because the piece starts out with the fast music, it felt more symmetrical somehow to end it with slow music," Andres said. "The musical materials I'm attracted to are ones that could keep going forever and become this sort of perpetual, generative process."

He went on to describe an urge to withhold from his listeners that which they expect and desire.

"It might just be stubbornness," he said. "People always want the loud, exciting ending, so I don't want to give it to them."

"Everything Happens So Much" will be performed Thursday, Friday and Saturday night at Boston's Symphony Hall.

The singles bar: playing catch-up edition

by Justin Krakoff
Executive Arts Editor

While the past couple of weeks have been hectic to say the least, this fall has seen a steady stream of music releases, though all are not uniform in their quality. Without further ado, The Singles Bar is back and ready to breakdown the songs worth listening to (or skipping).

"**Don't Wanna Know (feat. Kendrick Lamar)**" – Maroon 5

While the Adam Levine-fronted band has explored reggae in the past, never has the group sounded more contrived than on "Don't Wanna Know." In a clear move to garner radio play, Maroon 5 has catered to the sound du jour of radio and someone made it even more bland with overwrought repetition and stale lyrics. Featured rapper Kendrick Lamar deserves a verse that is okay at best, and if he is looking to break big into the pop sphere as he did previously on Taylor Swift's "Bad Blood" (2015), he is going to have to try a lot harder than this.

Rating: 2/5

"**24K Magic**" – Bruno Mars

After a tour through '70s-inspired disco last year with the excellent "Uptown Funk," Bruno Mars has turned to the '80s for his latest hit, "24K Magic." Corny lyrics aside, Mars successfully manages his latest single with enough swagger that one cannot help but dance along to this ode to old school R&B. Once again, Mars has shown that throwbacks do not have to be repetitive and that drawing sonically from The Neptunes, the late '90s and early 2000s production duo, is indeed never a bad idea.

Rating: 3.5/5

"**Chantaje (feat. Maluma)**" – Shakira

Now this is the Shakira song the world has been waiting years for, after instant classics "Hips Don't Lie" (2006) and "La Tortura" (2005). Drawing heavily from reggaetón, "Chantaje," which means blackmail in Spanish, sees Shakira trading sexually-charged verses back and forth with rising Colombian singer-songwriter Maluma. The song's effervescent, flirty nature is further enhanced by its sparse instrumentation as this puts full emphasis on the sexual tension these two stars are trying to sell, cementing the song as quintessential guilty pleasure pop.

Rating: 3.5/5

"**After the Afterparty**" – Charli XCX

Charli XCX is at a crossroads. After the underperformance of her sophomore album "Sucker" (2014) and the creative bust that was the EP "Vroom Vroom" (2016), the English songstress had to go back to the drawing board in order to fuse her pure pop sensibilities with her willingness to explore more experimental sounds. "After the Afterparty," ends up feeling like a half-hearted attempt to do so, as it borrows from the genre of molly-infused pop Miley Cyrus popularized on "We Can't Stop" (2013), thanks in part to the borderline generic production of experimental electronic producer Sophie and pop heavyweight Stargate.

Ratings: 3/5

"**Fake Love**" – Drake

Move over, "Hotline Bling" (2015). Drake is back at it again with another lush, tropical-inspired song, though this time, he leaves the casual misogyny at the door. Out of all the songs released from his upcoming playlist compilation "More Life," due Dec. 10, "Fake Love" is the most promising, with Drake playing the role of sad boy once more and proving that no one plays the victim better than him. Sharp lyrics and topline melody make this track hard to get out of one's head.

Rating: 4/5

"**Black Beatles (feat. Gucci Mane)**" – Rae Sremmurd

Rocketing to number one on the Billboard Hot 100 this past week, Rae Sremmurd's "Black Beatles" is a catchy anthem about living life like, well, The Beatles themselves. Featuring production from hitmaker Mike Will Made It, the song is built around an almost-too-simple beat that does successfully manage to fuse trap and pop influences. The song's hook also stands as remarkably effective, cleverly alluding to The Beatles' own "Day Tripper" (1965), though in a slightly dirtier fashion than most will remember.

Rating: 3.5/5

"**Slumber Party (feat. Tinashe)**" – Britney Spears

After the relative failure of "Make Me…," the lead single to her eighth studio album "Glory" (2016), the princess of pop is back again with "Slumber Party," a highlight from the record, though she has decided to team up with rising pop star Tinashe in order to release the track as a single. Largely leaving Mattman & Robin's playful, minimalistic production untouched, the reggae, synthpop influenced remix is further enhanced by Tinashe's relaxed coos, which meld rather well with Spears' iconic vocals.

Rating: 4/5

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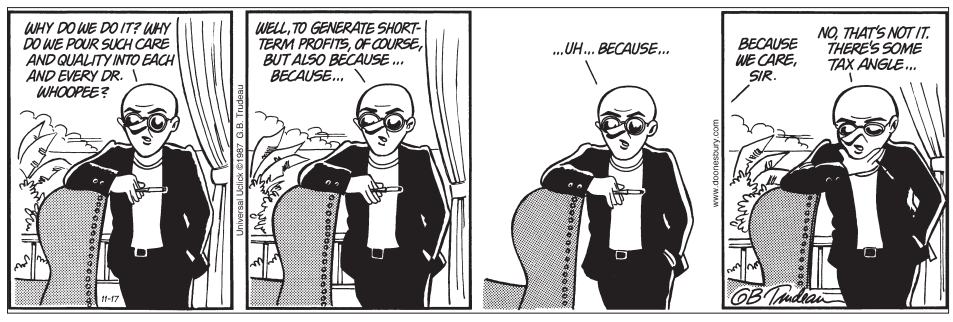

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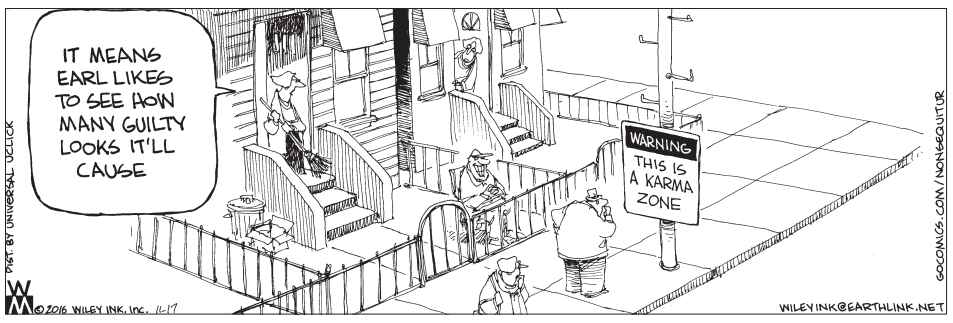

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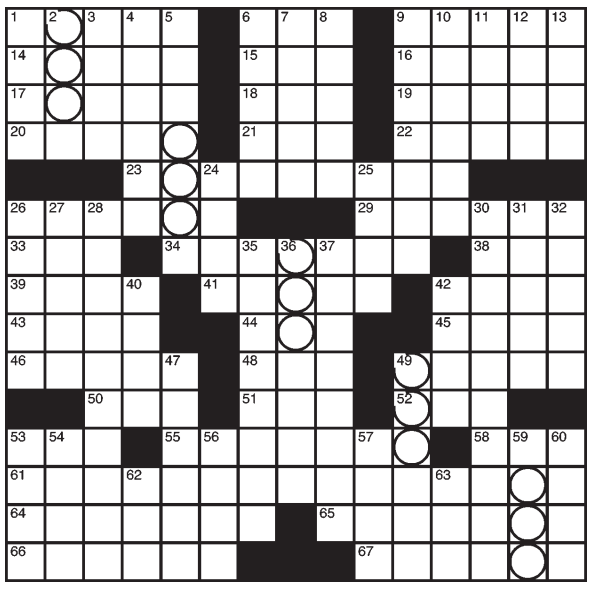

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EDITORIAL

Trump's appointment of Steven Bannon signals power to alt-right

There have been two conflicting stories brewing in the week since Donald Trump shocked the world by winning the general election. The first story has revolved around Trump's encouraging suggestions that he may ease back on some of his more extreme proposals, mentioning in a recent interview with the Wall Street Journal that he would be open to keeping parts of Obamacare intact and that he had no immediate plans to follow through with a Clinton email server investigation. This narrative, which implies that a Trump presidency may be as normal as any Republican presidency, is directly contradicted by the other narrative, supported by Trump's actions. The most telling of these actions is Trump's appointment of Steve Bannon as his chief strategist in the White House. The resistance to Bannon's appointment transcends political ideology — certainly all of Trump's appointments will be illiberal, but Bannon is unique in that his belief system and practices make him fundamentally unfit as an advisor.

Before being appointed as one of Trump's campaign advisors in August, Steve Bannon was an executive chairman for Breitbart News, an alt-right news source which has featured incendiary headlines such as, "There's No Hiring Bias Against Women in Tech, They Just Suck at Interviews" and "Bill Kristol: Republican Spoiler and Renegade Jew." Bannon is notorious for his nationalist sentiments and explicitly anti-semitic, racist and sexist comments. His ex-wife alleged that he did not want to send his daughters to a school filled with "whiny brat" Jews, and Bannon has repeatedly praised anti-Muslim extremists like Pamela Geller as beings "experts on Islam." And yet, Bannon is in line to be the top advisor to our next president.

Trump's appointment may not seem surprising, considering the president-elect has proven himself sufficiently sexist, racist and nationalistic on his own. But the decisions Trump makes in the White House will also be the first governing decisions he will make in his life, meaning he'll presumably be relying on his advisors heavily. Had Reince Priebus been alone in guiding Trump, certainly there would be many neoconservative decisions made. But this appointment gives the most powerful figure in the alt-right community a direct line of influence to the next president.

In the coming weeks, we may very well see Trump making more explicit appeals to the middle, where he walks back on certain comments about mass deportations or unconstitutional bans on Muslims entering the country. Some may take this as a signal that the fight is over, and that our guard can be let down. But Steve Bannon was the man giving Sarah Palin policy and campaign advice. He allowed Trump to continue making claims that challenged the legitimacy of the outcome of the general election. As long as a man like Steve Bannon is pulling the strings, we must continue fighting tooth and nail.

Contact your senators and representatives and tell them your concerns about Bannon's appointment and alt-right dogma. While Bannon is not directly confirmed by the Senate, with enough push, we can force our senators and representatives to go on record against the appointment of Steve Bannon. Some have even called for the Senate to put holds on confirming Trump's appointments unless Bannon is removed from his post. To find your local representative, go online to www.house.gov/representatives/find. Most of the time, contacting the office in your local district is much more impactful than contacting the legislative office in Washington. Calling the offices directly and organizing person-to-person meetings is most effective, while sending emails is generally easier but less direct and often less effective. Tell your representatives to take a stand against bigotry — against Bannon.

The next four years will be marked by hard-fought legislative changes, many of which could have detrimental effects on us and our loved ones. A women's right to choose, healthcare, citizenship and countless other issues hang in the balance. It is unacceptable that an alt-right nationalist will be one of our next president's top advisors.

POINT-COUNTERPOINT

Abolishing fraternities

'Point-Counterpoint' juxtaposes two opposing perspectives on polarizing issues and debates. The following responses, written by the Daily's opinion section, address both sides of the debate on whether or not Tufts University should abolish fraternities.

The case for abolishing

The images conjured up in the Nov. 7 Observer opinion piece, "Abolish Fraternities," were chilling, disturbing and, ultimately, impossible to forget. And yet, what has undoubtedly been even more impactful is the ensuing university-wide response to this public unveiling of underground misogyny and objectification at our very own university. While the article brought to light the reality that such horrific behavior occurs on our campus, this reality is, unfortunately, not all that surprising in the context of Greek institutions nationwide.

Fraternities have historically been grounded upon ideals of elitism, exclusion and white male dominance. They have been known to foster significantly higher rates of sexual assault, require horrific hazing activities for new members and exclude minority groups from involvement. As such, the fact that our university — along with countless others across the country — has continued to subsidize these institutions is a disgrace to all the values we claim to stand for. Just this week, University President Anthony Monaco sent a letter to the community asking all members to reaffirm our commitment to Tufts "unwavering values." If we are to truly commit ourselves to principles of inclusion, diversity, kindness and respect, abolishing fraternities is a necessary first step.

For our administration to take a true stand against misogyny, sexual violence and exclusionary behavior, it must first prohibit the continued existence of the fraternities that encourage these behaviors. By cutting off fraternities' financial resources, breaking university ties and prohibiting organizations from continuing underground, Tufts would be taking an important stand against these wholly negative institutions. University sanctioning, in and of itself, affirms these unacceptable behaviors and traditions by permitting them to continue, and we cannot allow our administration to endorse such environments.

Those who support the maintenance of all-male Greek institutions may argue that fraternities serve as beneficial institutions that foster a sense of community, brotherhood and purpose. However, there are countless other groups and spaces on campus that offer the same benefits, while excluding the harmful traditions of the Greek system. The pain stemming from the loss of fraternities is not comparable to the pain and oppression inflicted upon the marginalized individuals who have been impacted by their behavior. And while young men may dream of being a part of these glorified institutions when they come to college, thwarting these hopes is by no means a crushing blow to our university or these individuals who have access to countless other positive communities on our campus and beyond.

Further, the dialogue and movement surrounding fraternities on our campus is highly comparable to events happening in our country on a much larger scale. Just as we must organize against misogyny and hatred on the national level, we must also do so in our smaller communities if we intend to make lasting, impactful change across the board. Institutions like fraternities that are based on exclusivity, hyper-masculinity and stratification are not only threats to our university's values, but to the wellbeing of various members of our community. As such, they have no place on our campus. Instead of maintaining spaces that foster harmful principles and traditions, we should aim to create positive spaces where people can be valued and included rather than ranked, defiled and left out.

The case against abolishing

The recent dialogue on our campus surrounding the issues of misogyny, exclusivity and assault embedded in our fraternities is undoubtedly a necessary and important conversation to be had. However, abolishing our all-male Greek institutions is not the solution to these problems. Fraternities have been and will continue to be more than just platforms for negative behaviors and traditions. Fraternities also serve as communities that foster positive male relationships and serve as an outlet for social expression, open dialogue and philanthropic efforts.

The current state of our fraternal system is by no means perfect, and requires significant efforts to be made from both within the institutions themselves and by the administration that supports them; however, abolishing fraternities will not abolish misogyny; it will not abolish on-campus rape culture or erase the harmful attitudes that are already widespread. These types of attitudes and behaviors will continue to persist both inside and outside of other groups and organizations. If we want to tackle these issues at Tufts, we must approach them on a broader scale by promoting widespread educational and preventative measures, as well as improvements of our institutions from within.

Fraternities provide an important infrastructure for fostering dialogue and initiating important efforts and conversations. Accordingly, we should use the existence of these institutions to our advantage, utilizing them as tools to educate young men on respect, forming inclusive communities and preventing sexism, sexual assault and violence. If we demand that fraternities follow certain guidelines and require certain conversations to be had, we can reform the system for the better. Multiple fraternities have already taken steps to initiate these kinds of efforts; in addition to various statements from individual fraternities pledging to take concrete action, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) has also outlined an initial plan of action for all fraternities, including required sexual assault prevention training for all members, the implementation of a Diversity Inclusion Chair and an agreement to avoid processes that promote violence and hazing.

While we cannot know at this point if these efforts will lead to significant change, the fact that fraternities have accepted culpability and demonstrated conscious efforts to reform a broken system is a step in the right direction. The administration has also informed the university community of its investigations into the allegations made in the Observer article. However, it is imperative that the university assert itself as a greater force of required reform in this situation. Because the university does subsidize our fraternities, it should direct resources toward bettering the values and operations of these institutions, just as it would with any other university-supported organization.

Beyond the efforts made by the administration and the fraternities themselves, students can also act in favor of reformation, both within the Greek system and within our community at large. Individuals can — and should — take a stand against organizations that go against their values and the values of this university until they are sufficiently reformed.

Fraternities are not the sole creators of misogyny, exclusivity and assault on this campus. And while, in their current form, they may foster these attitudes and behaviors at a more systematic level than many other groups on our campus, abolishing them is not going to solve the problem. We must address these issues on a larger scale, and use the tight-knit communities and productive dialogue that they foster to our advantage. If we attack these issues on a university-wide scale, require administrative monitoring and involvement and continue to have open conversations with all groups and types of people at this university, we can effectively reform a broken system and tackle the larger issues at hand.

OP-ED

Letter to the University: Fix the Tufts housing crisis by building new dorms, slashing enrollment

by Edward Beuchert

With Tufts now confronting an unprecedented housing emergency after decades of unrelenting enrollment growth and expansion into our residential neighborhood, the Residential Strategies Working Group (RSWG) recently announced its intended solution: expansion of undergraduate housing into the residential homes Tufts has purchased along the edges of our Somerville and Medford communities. This is completely unacceptable. To be clear, my Somerville neighbors and I do understand the magnitude of the student housing crisis, but this is a problem of Tufts' own creation and not one that its neighbors should pay for in any way.

For decades, Tufts has increased enrollment with scant regard to where those students will live. In the past 35 years, the administration has increased undergraduate enrollment alone by roughly 1,000 students, while constructing only two new dormitories with a mere 493 total beds. The last of these, Sophia Gordon Hall, was completed ten years ago in 2006. As Tufts administrators annually increased enrollment without adding housing, they must certainly have understood that the additional students would be forced to find their own apartments off campus. This directly drove up our local rent and real estate prices, displacing families as "absentee investor" landlords stepped up to cash in. Many students would prefer to live on campus, but they have no choice after drawing a low housing lottery number. Responding to the demand fueled by students with nowhere else to live, these slumlords converted dining rooms, storage areas and even large closets into bedrooms. For years, students have been forced to pay sky-high rents for low quality, off-campus housing.

Somerville is already the most densely populated city in New England. We have our own housing crisis, which has been significantly exacerbated by the university's expansion into our community.

When Tufts acquires real estate, like the houses on Sawyer Avenue, Whitfield Road and Curtis Street, the property is removed from the city tax rolls, therefore requiring tax payers to make up the difference in the city budget. Tufts' much ballyhooed "payments in lieu of taxes" are utterly insufficient to cover the actual costs associated with providing municipal services to the university such as fire protection. Somerville homeowners are already paying high taxes, and this Election Day, voters approved a ballot that will override the law that limits Somerville property taxes in order to fund a new and very expensive high school to replace our dilapidated 1895 building. It's wrong to compel Somerville tax payers to fork over even more money to subsidize Tufts' operations.

Students and their parents currently pay outrageous amounts of money to attend Tufts; but in addition to the inadequate housing, the classrooms and dining facilities are often overcrowded — just search the Tufts Daily online archives for "over enrollment" and "housing" for details. There is simply no room for more students on or off campus.

It's time for the Tufts Board of Trustees and administration to take direct responsibility for this housing crisis that's their creation. Instead of further shifting the burden to the citizens of Somerville and Medford, build at least six new sustainable Sophia Gordon Hall size dormitories on campus and slash enrollment until the university is ready for its occupancy.

Editor's note: *If you would like to send your response or make an op-ed contribution to the Opinion section, please email us at tuftsdailyoped@gmail.com. The Opinion section looks forward to hearing from you.*

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BRACE FOR RELATIVES

BY ALLISON MEROLA

OP-ED

A post-election statement from Dean Solomont

by Alan Solomont

Now more than ever, young people are called to civic action

Throughout four decades in politics, I have worked on six presidential campaigns and lived through victories and defeats. The stakes are always very high. And in all cases, the days and weeks after the election are filled with analysis and reflection — from the personal soul-searching of "what-if" and "if-only," to the so-called post-mortems by political parties, to the national conversation as we prepare to entrust our country to a new president.

But this year is different. This campaign was not politics as usual, at least as I've seen it during my career. Today, many of those who despair at the election results do so not just because their preferred candidate lost or because they have concerns about policy. Instead, they may trust the prominent leaders of the president-elect's own party, who have decried his statements about minorities and women, his disparagement of the press and the rule of law and his promises to concentrate power in the presidency as concrete threats to the Republic. They may be rightfully troubled by things said and done by the president-elect that are incompatible with our nation's core values and that deserve strong scrutiny — even condemnation — regardless of one's personal politics.

Acknowledging these facts does not mean calling into question the legitimacy of the president-elect. It means grappling with vital questions about what those values are and how to defend them. We are, and must remain, committed to political and ideological diversity and to open-ended debate and discussion. Those are essential in a university and in a democracy. However, our plurality must not mean neutrality in the face of injustice; our openness will not mean acceptance of bigotry or hate. In my view, we must continue to stand, now more forcefully than ever, by the core values of equity and justice for our community and our country. An ideologically diverse range of people must defend those values, and we will speak up and act when they are threatened.

Today, for many on this campus, across the country and around the world, the election aftermath is palpably marked by disappointment, anger and even fear. At Tisch College, we see it in your faces, we hear it in your quiet conversations with our staff and we feel it in your passionate activism and protests on our shared campus.

We don't have all the answers, but we do know that part of the answer lies in the fundamental ethos of Tisch College and Tufts University: the importance of engaging in civic and democratic life. It is understandably tempting to retreat from politics and public service. But American democracy belongs to all of us, whether we identify as Democrats, Republicans, Independents or Libertarians — or none of the above. And it will belong to you — young people — for a little bit longer than the rest of us. You and your generation will bear the brunt and reap the rewards of decisions made at all levels of government. Indeed, you already are.

Today, our mission to prepare students to engage in civic life is more vital than ever. Our belief that young people's participation makes our democracy more just, equitable and prosperous is ever more essential if that democracy is under threat. The leadership, faculty and staff of Tisch College are firmly committed to this work, but it is impossible without you. We need your ideas, your talent and your energy. And I believe that we need you to challenge us when we can do more and do better.

In the coming weeks and months, we hope you will see Tisch College as a resource to channel your reaction to this election into action. Along with our work on campus, we are proud to partner with dozens of organizations in our host communities, throughout the nation and beyond, working on critical issues like immigrant rights, labor rights, women's issues, racial justice, rule of law, constitutionalism, peace, environmental issues and more. We can also support your political engagement through coursework, internships in government at all levels and other opportunities for direct participation. Reach out or come visit and tell us what you're interested in. We will help you find avenues to get involved and make a difference.

One of the great pleasures of this job is watching the thousands of committed Tufts students who do that work become part of something greater than themselves and strive toward the greater good. I am humbled and inspired by your passion for making our world a better place. And in this time of overwhelming uncertainty, I am confident that you will continue to lead the charge and drive the generational change necessary to repair and strengthen the fraying civic fabric of our nation. We stand ready to support you, today and always.

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Jumping Hurdles

A heart full of love

Last week was hard. This weekend was hard. Today is hard. Life has just been really hard recently. I've found myself exhausted (physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, you name it) and have wanted nothing more than to just bury myself in the covers of my bed and stay there until Thanksgiving break. Did I mention that life has been hard?

I'm hesitant to take a political standpoint in such a public column, especially one that is supposed to be a lighthearted take on jumping the many hurdles of life. But frankly, I feel like the emotions and exhaustion I've been trying to grapple with are definitely "hurdles," and I am trying to figure out how I can best jump over them and come to terms with everything that has happened and will continue to happen.

This election has left me a weepy, exhausted mess. I am tired. I am angry. The uncertainty of the future has made me, like many others across the country, afraid. I do not know what will happen to my reproductive rights. I don't know what's going to happen to my friends of color, to my friends in the LGBTQ community, to my friends who come from immigrant families. I don't know what it means that our nation elected someone who has built his campaign on hate and fear. I don't know.

The current state of our nation and what the future will hold feels so out of my control and it's hard not to feel helpless, like I am drowning. But despite the fear, despite the anger, despite the sadness, I refuse to sink. Though I've felt angry, scared and sad, I refuse to let those emotions dominate and control my life. I refuse to succumb to bitterness and hatred. I will continue to stand up for what I believe is right and spread love and kindness wherever I go.

Though as an individual I may be limited in how I can take action, I know that coming together as a community and connecting with those who are like me, I can raise my voice and make change. Last week, I went to a rally of love and solidarity; nothing felt more powerful than marching in the streets with thousands of other individuals, linking arms and declaring, loudly and proudly, that love will always trump hate.

I may not have control over the outcome of this election. I may not have control over the future. But I do have control over how I react and my outlook, so I'm going to make an effort to put aside my anger and work on understanding. I want to surround my heart with a barrier of love so strong that no hatred will be able to break through. I want to love unabashedly and unwaveringly. I want to reach my hand out to those I do not understand and listen. Our country is more polarized than ever, and on an individual level, it's up to us to attempt to bridge those gaps, to educate, to love. I do not want to live a life of anger and hatred.

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Editors' Challenge | Week 11 Turkey Edition

Hello sports fans and welcome back to the Editor's Challenge. We saw some serious shake-ups last week as YJ "Cranberry Sauce" Chee dressed down Evan "Bread" Sayles to take sole possession of fourth place. Sophie "butternut squash soup" Lehrenbaum's silky smooth picks helped her beat out Eddie "Green Bean Casserole" Samuels, whose ingredients and picks have been all over the place. Seriously, who likes green bean casserole?

Much to the chagrin of everyone, Zach "Mashed Potatoes" Hertz mixed and mashed things up this week to maintain his separation from the other foods, err I mean competitors. However, Hertz is still asleep after overdosing on turkey and so he has forfeited his picks this week.

Like his attention grabbing namesake, Gil "Turducken" Jacobson stole the spotlight this week with 12 out of 14 correct picks. He single-handedly rescued the Guest spot from irrelevance by taking bold risks — like serving turducken.

This week our guest is Kathleen "Gravy" Schmidt, whose Miami pick was her only true deviation from the majority. Playing it safe isn't going to make up the 19 points to first place, but if you're that far back, you might as well just sit back and add another spoonful of the good stuff. David "Cornbread" Westby's glorious comeback has stalled out somewhat. Are his picks this week nicely buttered and golden brown or will he flake apart and back down the standings. These puns really aren't even subtle anymore.

There was incredible agreement across the board this week as we unanimously agreed that Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland and Tampa Bay are bad. With that said, may our oblong balls bounce favorably, may we pick the winningest teams and may the Turkey Day games be close.

	Maclyn	Phil	YJ	Evan	David	Sophie	Eddie	Guest (Kathleen)
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BUF @ CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN
CHI @ NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG
PIT @ CLE	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT
TB @ KC	KC	KC	KC	KC	KC	KC	KC	KC
BAL @ DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	BAL	DAL	DAL
JAX @ DET	DET	DET	DET	DET	DET	DET	DET	DET
TEN @ IND	IND	TEN	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
MIA @ LA	LA	MIA	LA	LA	MIA	LA	LA	MIA
NE @ SF	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
PHI @ SEA	SEA	PHI	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA
GB @ WAS	WAS	GB	WAS	WSH	GB	GB	GB	WSH
HOU @ OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	HOU	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK
SCORE:	87	86	82	82	80	77	76	74

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Civetti recounts path to Tufts

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The rest are relics of his own coaching career, with the first a memento from Boston College's first ACC win over Clemson. According to Civetti, then-BC quarterback Matt Ryan took a huge shot and the second team offense came out on the field and scored the touchdown to take the lead.

The next two were from BC's two Notre Dame games in Civetti's tenure. O'Brien was a big proponent of rivalries to push the players, and Notre Dame was the pinnacle for BC, he said. The next ball was another rivalry game for Civetti, this one from when he was at NC State playing against in-state rival the University of North Carolina.

The final ball, however, holds the most meaning for Civetti.

"In 2009, my mentor, the guy who taught me everything about football, Dana Bible was the offensive coordinator at NC State and I was here [at Tufts]," Civetti said. "He was diagnosed with leukemia and wasn't doing great, and wasn't able to coach in the Virginia Tech game or the last game against [UNC]. Coach O'Brien filed an injunction and asked me to come down to NC State and make sure everything kept moving."

Civetti reminisced that during this time, he had the opportunity to coach current quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks Russel Wilson.

"Coach Bible had called us from his hospital bed and said 'We've got to run Reno-Z-Post. Tell Russell to stare at the cross.' We ran that and sure as all can be ,the safety jumped the basic cross and we hit it for a 35-yard touchdown pass," he said. "I love that man, and he fought through and that was a really special experience."

Tufts ranked fifth in national poll

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in-conference match-ups Tufts went 7-3, losing to Trinity, Middlebury and Wesleyan, with the latter two losses coming in overtime. Tufts overcame Amherst, ranked No. 11 at the time, 84-73. As Amherst handed Tufts two losses later in the season in the NESCAC semifinals and the NCAA Championship Quarterfinals, the team is undoubtedly looking to redeem itself against Amherst this season.

The Jumbos made the most of their at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament last season, which they hosted for the first time in Tufts history. Tufts overcame Southern Vermont 78-76, Skidmore 88-80 and Johnson & Wales 101-85 before eventually succumbing to Amherst 86-73.

The 13-point margin was not reflective of the quality of play, though. Tufts fell behind early, and was behind until the final 15 minutes of the game when it was able to turn the five-point deficit Tufts entered the second half with into a seven-point lead. The game was tied at 73-73 with just under four minutes remaining and the Purple and White scored 13 consecutive points to come away with the win.

This year, All-NESCAC First Team Player Palleschi returns alongside Smith, both of whom were big scorers for the team last year with averages of 15.0 and 11.4 points per game respectively. While Tufts' high scorer last season Vincent Pace, who averaged 17.5 points per game, was sidelined during the entirety of the NCAA tournament following an ACL injury, the junior guard returns to the court this season.

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Senior guard Tarik Smith charges through two UMass Dartmouth players in the men's basketball game on Feb. 2.

In a preseason scrimmage against alumni last Saturday, the Jumbos put up 102 points in two 20-minute halves. Their attack was successful, as they moved the ball quickly and efficiently both during transitions and also once they had the ball in their opponent's half. However, the number of rebound opportunities that were missed on both the attack and the defense may have contributed to their opponents' ability to score 111 points.

According to Smith, the Jumbos plan to focus on addressing this issue in their opening matches.

"Our offense was working well and we moved the ball well," he said. "A lot of players stepped up and took shots and made plays so offensively I think we're there. Defensively we need to get better, we need to talk more on our switches, we need to rebound better."

The NESCAC rules dictate that team's cannot have coached practices until right before the actual season starts, so the team has been running informal practices led by the captains instead in order to better integrate the first-years and transfer student junior KJ Garrett with the team.

"[The team has been focusing on] communication because we have a bunch of new guys and players that are stepping up into new roles so we need to communicate more and know what's expected of everyone on the team even if there are players that aren't going to get as many minutes," Smith said.

The Jumbos will travel to New Jersey this weekend to play in the Rutgers-Newark Tip-Off Tournament and will face MIT on Tuesday preceeding their first home game against Emerson on Nov. 26.

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Sophomore guard Ethan Feldman evades Southern Vermont defender in the men's basketball team's 78-76 victory against Southern Vermont on March 4.

Vinny Donofrio
Vinny's Variety Pack

Anxiety in the AFC

Last week, I talked about which NFC teams should start panicking. Now onto the AFC, where the playoff picture is almost as unclear as my plans for the future!

The Entire AFC West (minus the Chargers):

The Chiefs, Raiders, and Broncos dominate the AFC West with sevens wins apiece and each of them currently holding a spot in the playoffs. Who's going to win this division? Who knows, but really, who cares? There are two wild card spots in the AFC, and it looks like they're both going to go to the AFC West as the Raiders and Broncos sit two games up on every team in the wildcard hunt.

Panic Level: Sit back, grab some popcorn and watch the rest of the AFC fight over its division titles.

Cincinnati Bengals (3-5-1):

Hey, sick win against the Giants on Monday night Cincinnati! /s Does anyone know what "/s" means? It's the symbols that refers to sarcasm in text. If you put it at the end of a sentence, it means you're being sarcastic in that sentence. Another example: "Aren't the excessive celebration penalties just great? I love how boring football is becoming! /s" Okay, seriously now. The Bengals have dug themselves too deep at this point, and they realistically have no chance. However, Andy Dalton (QB) is still really good…/s. Can't stop, won't stop.

Panic Level: Fans ironically nickname Andy Dalton "Primetime" in order to cope with their traumatic past.

Baltimore Ravens (5-4) and Pittsburgh Steelers (4-5):

The AFC North is going to come down to Baltimore or Pittsburgh, and really, it's a toss-up who's going to take it all. If I had to choose, I'd pick Pittsburgh (who plays the Colts, the Bills, and the Browns (twice) in the last 7 weeks) over Baltimore (who plays the Patriots, the Eagles, the Cowboys and the Bengals (twice) in the last 7 weeks).

Panic Level: Fans of both teams are starting to migrate to Cleveland because being 0-16 is less stressful than fighting for a playoff spot.

New England Patriots (7-2):

The Pats just lost a Super Bowl rematch to Seattle, and the only people who really care are Seahawks fans.

Panic Level: Fans are more worried about breaking a nail than they are about the Pats not making the playoffs.

Houston Texans (6-3) and Tennessee Titans (5-5):

Let's play a game: which stats belong to which team? One team has scored 26.4 points per game (eighth in the NFL) and the other has scored 17.9 points per game (29th in the NFL). One team has accumulated 386.1 yards per game (sixth in the NFL) and the other has tallied 308 yards per game (30th in the NFL). Do you know the answer? I doubt Texans fans do. The Texans are 29th in points per game and 30th in yards per game. "But they're 6-3!!" Yeah, how long is that going to last with stats like that?

I choose the Titans as the division winner this year.

Panic Level: Come Week 17, Texans fans are going to be about as shocked as Hillary Clinton supporters on Election Night (too soon).

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jumbos hope to build on 23-7 season

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Tufts guard Tarik Smith, a senior, charges through two UMass Dartmouth players in the men's basketball game against UMass Dartmouth on Feb. 2.

Last season saw the Jumbos' first NCAA Tournament run in 10 years and the matching of their best record, 23-7, from the 2005-2006 season. Since then, key players Ryan Spadaford (LA '16) and Stephen Haladyna (LA '16) have graduated, opening up two spots on the starting line up.

This year, the Jumbos — currently ranked No. 5 in a preseason projection behind rival No. 1 Amherst — are projected to have their best season yet.

"It does put a target on our back but I think we're going to be ready for it," coach Bob Sheldon said. "I'm a competitor, and [the players] are competitors, so they want all the teams' best shots because it just makes you better. Hopefully we can make a long run into the season and after the season."

The three-man senior class, comprised of co-captain center Tom Palleschi, co-captain guard Tarik Smith and center Drew Madsen, will lead this year's team of 15 players in the hopes of exceeding last year's success. Though the team's senior class is small, there are eight juniors on the team.

"The seniors and the juniors lead together," Sheldon said. "We are ahead of where we were last year because we have so many returning players, so we are ahead in terms of teamwork. Tom [Palleschi] is really outspoken and never shuts up, but Tarik [Smith] leads by example so they really work well together."

The Jumbos opened with back to back wins last season, but fell to the MIT Engineers in their third game by a score of 72-69. Losses last year were consistently by razor thin margins; four of Tufts' seven losses last season were within five points, while many of their wins had far larger margins frequently by over 20 points.

Although the Jumbos lost two of their opening five match-ups, they went on to an eight-game win streak. In their

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From the Sidelines: Jay Civetti

by Eddie Samuels
Sports Editor

Long before he was head coach of Tufts' football, Jay Civetti was a big kid from Wellesley with a penchant for playing the game.

"Football was always a part of my life," Civetti said. "My dad had played. My grandfather had played at Boston College. The transition always seemed natural."

He was recruited out of high school to play at Trinity by coach Don Miller. Miller, who retired in 1998, is the all-time winningest New England coach in Div. III history. While Civetti had some interest from higher level schools, he said the fit felt right at Trinity.

"I appreciated the opportunity to play at a NESCAC school," Civetti said. "I got to play every game of my college career. There was a quarterback there named Joe Mullaney who was from Wellesley who I grew up always idolizing and I got a chance to play with him my freshman year."

Civetti was a fixture on the Bantams' offensive line for his four years in Hartford, Conn. He played both guard and tackle in Trinity's multiflex offense. The scheme was the brainchild of former Harvard head football coach Joe Restic, who, following his retirement, came to Trinity to implement the offensive style.

"Essentially every play we pulled [a lineman]," Civetti said. "Whether it was a tackle or a guard, predominantly if there was one guy pulling I would be the one doing it."

Civetti graduated from Trinity in 2001 with a degree in English and was hired at an IT consulting firm.

"I got home and I wasn't sure that it was exactly what I wanted," Civetti said. "My brother was a freshman at Wellesley High and I was poking around to see if there was an opportunity to do some volunteer work there. It turned out that the [Athletic Director] caught wind that there was a job at Milton High School."

He proceeded to get hired as the first-year football coach in Milton for what he described as about one tenth of the salary he would've had at the IT position. Civetti also accepted a position teaching in the school's special education department, along with coaching women's track.

In his second year at Milton High, Jerry Petercuskie, assistant coach of Boston College, reached out to Civetti and offered him a position as the recruiting graduate assistant under head coach Tom O'Brien.

"I was able to get my Masters obviously, which I needed anyway to continue teaching in Massachusetts," Civetti said. "The rest kind of spiraled from there."

After two years of recruiting, Civetti took a graduate position on the field coaching wide receivers. He followed O'Brien to North Carolina State University in 2007 and was hired as the offensive coordinator at Tufts in 2008.

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Jay Civetti (center) has been head coach of the Tufts football program since Jan. 2011.

Civetti noted that there were significant differences between Div. I and Div. III football.

"In Div. I, your job is to get these kids ready for the NFL, that's what they expect," Civetti said. "The other part of that is that your livelihood is based on an 18 to 22-year-old kid making a play. Those kids are there to play ball, and it took me a year or two to realize that here these kids are really going to school, they're really engineers, they're out here for the love of the game."

One incident in particular reminds Civetti of his change in attitude since his first days of coaching at Tufts.

"We were sitting in Halligan Hall and one of our best players and toughest kids on the team made one mistake, and I was coming from a place where if you made one mistake you owned it, you got barked at," Civetti said. "I barked at him bad and I think I lost a couple of the guys there because I came at it from the wrong angle."

Civetti's office remains decorated with some of the marquee victories of his career, with six balls adorning the shelf above his desk.

The first is old and weather beaten, clearly a relic of a different age, and even Civetti is unsure of its origin.

"Someone put in front of my door the 'Tufts 13 – BC 0' ball," Civetti said. "That's new and I thought that was pretty good. I've still got to figure out who put that there."

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