

## Icelandic president discusses diplomacy

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President of Iceland Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson yesterday spoke at Tufts in a panel titled “The Arctic: A New Model for Global Cooperation” about diplomatic relations in the Arctic concerning the warming global climate and untapped resources in the region.

He was joined by Swedish diplomat Pontus Melander, Russian economist Alexander Pilyasov and Lieutenant Governor of Alaska Mead Treadwell in the final event of a two-day dialogue between government, business and media leaders from the eight Arctic Council countries.

The conference was held by the Edward R. Murrow Center of Public Diplomacy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and was co-sponsored by the Institute of the North, the Rasmuson Foundation, the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy at the Fletcher School and the government of Norway.

Director of the Murrow Center Crocker Snow introduced the panel as the “culmination of this conference on political, economic, and environmental implications of the warming arctic.” Citing that 30 percent of untapped resources are in the Arctic, he explained that

as the planet warms, “resources are becoming more accessible, and there could be competition for those resources.”

Grímsson chronicled the development of a new approach toward diplomatic relations between the eight countries that have land north of the Arctic Circle. He contrasted the current cooperative state of affairs with conditions during the Cold War only twenty years ago.

“[Twenty years ago], destructive power was beyond imagination,” he said. “The Arctic had become one of the most, if not the most, militarized areas in the world. My country was the military center of the Cold War.”

“[Today, the area] has become one of the most cooperative models that we can find anywhere in the world and where the former superpowers that drove the Cold War have become the friendly pillars of this cooperation,” he added. “[It’s] a remarkable demonstration that in a relatively short time you can transform the worst of enemies into the best of partners.”

Grímsson described the current geologic state of the region and the economic and resource production implications that matter on a global scale. Diplomatic cooperation on how to use resources

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President of Iceland Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson was joined by three other panelists yesterday in the final portion of a two-day dialogue between government, business and media leaders from the Arctic Council countries.

## Tufts Energy Conference to feature experts from around the world

BY MELISSA WANG  
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Tufts students are currently preparing for the seventh annual Tufts Energy Conference, a two-day event that will explore energy issues in today’s society and feature a variety of speakers.

The conference, which will be held on April 20 and 21 at the Cabot Intercultural Center, will feature 33 speakers from industrial, governmental and non-profit organizations as well as professors, according to Katherine Walsh, the event’s chair.

Walsh said this year’s conference, entitled “Transforming the Global Energy Debate: From Challenges to Solutions,” incorporates six panels on the topics of nuclear energy, wind and solar energy; energy production and water consumption; financing renewable energy; energy demand in developing countries and fossil fuels.

The conference’s three keynote speakers are Senior Fellow of the United Nations Foundation Mohamed El-Ashry, Tufts alumnus and Managing Director of Clear View Partners Kevin Book (LA ’94) and Undersecretary for Energy at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental



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Affairs Barbara Kates-Garnick.

Walsh, a graduate student pursuing degrees at both The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and the Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy School, said the event committee hoped to attract speakers from diverse backgrounds who could offer different perspectives on the energy debate. She said she believes the three keynote speakers accomplish that goal.

“We wanted to have a speaker who comes from a rich international

background, someone who could focus on the private sector and a public sector person who can talk about how all of these global issues translate into what Massachusetts is trying to do,” Walsh said, referring to El-Ashry, Book and Kates-Garnick, respectively.

The other speakers also come from all over the United States and the world, according to Walsh.

“They’re coming from offices in D.C., New York and Boston,

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## UIT installs Trunk mobile interface

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University Information Technology (UIT) this semester installed a new, mobile-friendly interface for Trunk as one of many explorations being done on Sakai, the open-source learning management system (LMS) that powers Trunk.

The interface allows the Trunk login page to adjust to smart phones like Droids and iPhones by refitting to the smaller screens and becoming more touch-screen compatible, according to UIT Senior Solutions Specialist David Grogan.

“When you point to trunk.tufts.edu, Trunk recognizes that you’re coming from a mobile device and switches the interface to be mobile friendly,” he said.

UIT was able to develop the mobile-friendly landing page in a few weeks by modifying the codes provided by Sakai, Grogan said.

Three years ago, when Tufts began looking into other course management systems, the adequacy of the site’s mobile interface was not a determining factor, LMS Implementation Project Manager Andrew Valenti said.

When Trunk was launched,

Sakai’s mobile interface login screen was disabled because it was unattractive, UIT Manager of Design and Usability Services Melanie St. James said.

“We wanted to make sure the mobile experience would be good enough to get going with,” Grogan said.

Although UIT redesigned the mobile launch page, not all of the features of Trunk are mobile-friendly at this time, St. James explained.

“Once you’re past this landing page we’re really at the whim of whatever the Sakai developers have done on the baseline product,” Grogan said. “Some of the tools work very well with the mobile device; others leave a little bit to be desired.”

This is because, although some modifications have been made for the new interface, a decision has not yet been made to entirely fork, or rewrite, the code, St. James said.

“We cannot redesign the entire Trunk system for mobile,” she explained.

Specific attention is currently being paid to the “Resources” component of Trunk, St. James said.

“We have plans that are very nascent at the moment to go a little bit deeper with this to ensure that all the tools on Trunk are mobile-friendly,”

Grogan said.

“The other thing to think about is this is the end of one year of using Sakai or Trunk, so there’s a bunch of different projects that are on the plate right now and you have to prioritize them,” Valenti said.

Sakai is an open-source model, meaning that it is constructed and shared by a collaboration of people worldwide, similar to a grassroots organization, St. James said.

“It’s basically a bunch of people who get together to write code and to design this thing, and it’s free and it’s distributed freely,” she said.

“Because Sakai is open-source, that means we can go in and change the code ourselves,” Grogan said.

However, the process for upgrading the software of an open-source model is very different from that of a third-party company like Tufts’ previous service, Blackboard, St. James noted.

A new code could potentially be written, tested and redistributed to everyone who uses Sakai, but that process would not be easy to execute, St. James said.

“We have to be very careful about how we think about it,” she said.

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## Energy conference to feature workshops for students to present research

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and if you're going to do anything that has any international component, that's where people are," she said.

In addition to the panels, the conference consists of the third annual Tufts Energy Showcase event, in which students and industry leaders present their research to attendees, interactive workshops hosted by the event sponsors and the second annual Tufts Energy Competition, in which undergraduate and graduate students will compete for a \$3,000 first prize and a \$2,000 second prize.

"The project should be innovative, feasible and have support from stakeholders to make sure that [the applicant] can actually pull the project off," Walsh said.

Corporate sponsors include Chicago Bridge and Iron, BP, EnerNOC and

Enel Green Power while the institutional sponsors are the Tufts Institute of the Environment (TIE), the Center for International Environment Resource Policy, the Office of the Provost, The Fletcher School and the Office of Student Affairs, Walsh said.

Tickets are \$15 for Tufts undergraduate students and can be bought from the conference's website. Tickets include access to all of the panels, keynotes, workshops and the showcase event, as well as two meals, according to Marketing Co-Director Geoffrey Finger.

Finger, a first-year student at The Fletcher School, believes that Tufts is the perfect place to host an energy conference.

"Tufts is unique in its expertise in engineering, economics, urban planning and international affairs, so we think it's a really robust academic community where

we can bring some of the most pressing challenges of the energy sector to conversation," he said.

He believes that one advantage of attending the conference is that students can network with energy experts and potentially find internships and jobs.

Walsh said that the symposium's intimate environment, typically with fewer than 300 speakers and attendees overall, makes it easy for students and others to make connections with these professionals.

Walsh also believes that students with a variety of interests would be able to find something at the conference that piques their curiosity.

"We're trying to create a conference that brings everyone together," she said. "Naturally, it's a good fit for someone who's studying environmental or engi-

neering issues at Tufts, but it could also be interesting to someone who's studying international relations, development, or health."

Walsh added that the executive committee is looking for students interested in organizing the conference next year.

TIE Administrative Director Antje Danielson believes that both students and faculty will benefit from attending the conference.

"I hope that a lot of students participate because ... they can get a good grasp of what today's energy issues are and how they can apply themselves to these very important issues," she said. "The organizing committee brings high-level speakers every year, so I think it would also be very good for faculty members to see where they can make connections in the interest of the students."

## Leaders question Arctic's diplomatic model at panel on global cooperation

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in the Arctic has emerged along with the possibility of the development of new sea routes, which could transform trade, he said.

He discussed the Arctic's role in measuring climate change as essentially acting as the planet's barometer. The region has importantly become "a new intellectual frontier of research, of science and of scholarly cooperation," he said.

In response to these changes, what Grímsson called new forms of diplomatic cooperation have emerged to oversee the changing region. Federal structures have been bypassed in the interest of bringing regional, provincial and state governments into direct cooperation with each other.

"The Arctic has turned into a fascinating laboratory of new politics, of new methods of dealing with conflict and tasks," Grímsson said.

He mentioned that his government is now able to interact directly with the government of Alaska, the only U.S. state with land in the Arctic region, to decide regional policy rather than adhering to a strictly federal government-based system, which would have necessitated diplomatic contact through Washington, D.C. Similarly, regions of Russia have greater autonomy from Moscow in their actions within the new Arctic Circle diplomatic system.

"It is a completely new type of diplomatic political encounter," he said.

Additionally, indigenous peoples, non-governmental organizations and citizen organizations have been invited to have a formal role in the decision-making process.

"This political innovation has created a system where the ground rules are that anybody can in fact work with anybody else," Grímsson said. "I can work with anybody within the Arctic territory, which I cannot do anywhere else."

"This new system will be the framework for a decision-making process which will have to answer and be tested on some of the most crucial issues of our time," he added.

Grímsson explored the elements in this new diplomatic model that he holds responsible for its success. It is non-bureaucratic, and chairmanship of the organization rotates between its eight members, each in the position for two years. Sweden holds the chair until 2013.

Also important is the democratic, all-inclusive nature of the model and the resulting creation of new diplomatic norms in which all parties are free to interact with any party within the system. This has created what Grímsson called a "completely new terminology of diplomatic exchanges."

The model's emphasis on science-based policies and economic policies based on scientific research was echoed in the region by strong government support for science research at universities.

"[This is] a formalized way to bring science into the policymaking process," Grímsson said.

The model's success necessitates an acceptance of equal status by all partners, or a system in which the United States and Russia agreed to sit down with Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden and Canada on the basis of equality, he said, "leaving outside the room their superpower status."

Most important is recognition by all partners that the tasks at hand are future-oriented, according to Grímsson.

"Very few international organizations have been as future-oriented," he said.

Grímsson expressed his hope that this model will serve as a guide for diplomatic relations in other parts of the world. He emphasized empowerment of indigenous people in the diplomatic decision-making process and cited this type of interaction as key in bringing China and India together to confront climate issues.

"[It should be used] as an inspiration for people in other parts of the world who are dealing with similar conflicts," he said.

Following Grímsson's speech, the three other panelists gave brief responses.

Melander said he is skeptical of an Arctic Circle governance model that lacks bureaucracy.

"I'm in favor of a permanent secretariat," he said. "I think it will contribute to the efficiency of the council."

He also explained Sweden's differing position on the council as a country that, despite containing land in the Arctic Circle, does not stand to benefit significantly from it.

"We are not one of the nations that has claims on the resources, which puts us in a very different situation," he said.

Recently, other countries without land in the Arctic Circle, including China, Japan, South Korea, Italy and a European Union commission representing all 27 member states have requested to be "observers" on the council.

"[This] will create a new challenge in how we will be able to preserve the uniqueness of the working group while not being an exclusive club trying to solve everything for ourselves while we are actually dealing with global problems," Melander said.

Pilyasov expressed uncertainty about the Arctic Circle model's ability to govern effectively in the long term.

"The contemporary world needs structuralization," he said. "We remind our partners in the South and countries in Central and Western Europe of this mission of the Arctic Circle to promote new structuralization of the global economy."

He then discussed the geographically isolated location of Arctic countries as essential to developing a new diplomatic model.

"We can experiment with new institutions in isolation without any disturbances from the rest of the world," he said. "We can use

these new institutions for humanity."

"[This is the] comparative advantage of the North," he added.

Pilyasov believes that a factor largely responsible for the new model's success is the high quality of leadership in many Arctic countries.

"What about responsible leadership? [There are] a lot of very bright leaders in the Arctic countries, maybe more than in the rest of the world," he said.

Treadwell said that while he "wholeheartedly" agrees with this model, its academic critics maintain that it is toothless. He countered those critics with an explanation of the model's success.

"This breaking of diplomatic protocol, this multilayered networking process has led to tremendous opportunities to make things happen," he said.

He added: "We've made specific agreements, and we have several others that we need to be making that this group will beget."

Already in existence is a key search-and-rescue agreement. Treadwell listed law of the sea, land collection regulations and sustainable agriculture treaties as future issues that the council has to address.

He then emphasized the importance of maintaining a close relationship between scientific research and the creation of policy.

"There is a very strong connection between science and diplomacy," he said. "We are making very important things happen."

Grímsson addressed each panelist in turn. Before a question-and-answer session with the audience, he concluded his responses with an assessment of the main critique of the model, which is that it lacks force.

"Maybe it's high time that we create international cooperation with handshakes rather than teeth," he said. "It's the primitive beast that uses the teeth to demonstrate victory. We don't need that in the Arctic."

## Engineering psychology students conduct project to test future of Trunk mobile

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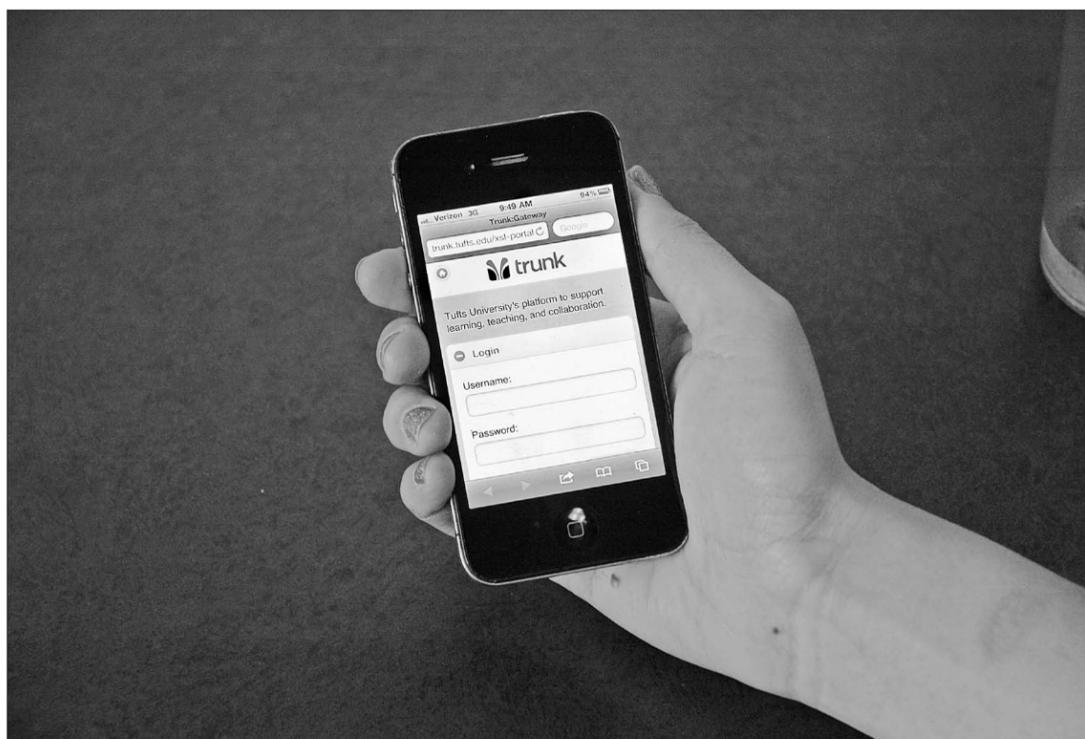
Currently, UIT is slowly and carefully looking at codes to avoid isolating Tufts from the work being done by other Sakai collaborators, according to Grogan.

"Right now we're just exploring and seeing what is possible, and hopefully we're all going to come together as a consortium of schools using this to share development experience and share coding," he said.

UIT is looking into what other Sakai collaborators are doing and thinking about mobile interfaces in addition to research being done on campus, Grogan said.

Three seniors in the Engineering Psychology program are conducting a project that will illuminate what Trunk users want out of a mobile interface, according to St. James.

The result of the study, which will wrap up at the end of the semester, will be essen-



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tial in determining what the next steps will be for the Trunk mobile interface, Grogan said.

"The idea would be not to just develop something that doesn't have any relation to how people actually use the system," Valenti said.

"We're going out to the community and [asking] 'what would you like to be able to do on your device?'" Grogan said.

The creation of a mobile phone application is also being considered, Valenti said.

"It [is] unlikely that we would go for an iPhone app because we want whatever we develop to be accessible for all devices," St. James said.

If the Engineering Psychology program project reveals that a mobile application is more desirable than a webpage, steps may be taken to create a framework application for all types of mobile devices, Valenti said.

"There are a lot of unanswered questions right now," St. James said.



The Tufts chapter of The Thirst Project is advocating for solutions to water shortages around the world. MCT

## The Thirst Project comes to Tufts

New chapter of national organization seeks to raise awareness about implications of global water scarcity

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Chances are that turning on a tap and being able to drink the water that comes out without a second thought is nothing to most Tufts students. It may be hard to imagine that almost 1 billion people on earth live without clean drinking water, resulting in over 2.2 million deaths from water-borne illnesses each year.

The Thirst Project, an organization started by college students just four years ago, is on a crusade to make sure that no community has to go without safe water again, and the initiative is now coming to the Hill.

While the Tufts chapter is still in its fledgling stages, its founder, freshman Alexander Zorniger, has already laid out plans for the group's growth.

"We are in the definition of our infancy," Zorniger said. "We've been planning now for a fair amount of time, but we just had our first meeting ... The ultimate goal is to build awareness about the water crisis in developing countries and then to raise funds to put wells into communities of need."

A well — which costs between \$5,000 and \$12,000 to build in most developing nations — can provide up to 500 people with clean water indefinitely. According to The Thirst Project's website, once a safe well has been brought into a community, water-borne disease rates drop by 80 percent and child mortality drops by nearly 99 percent.

"We hope to have at least one of our own Tufts-sponsored wells dug in a country that has limited access to potable drinking water," Co-President

Emily Williams, a freshman, said. "I would [also] really like to see the Tufts community more involved in global water issues and would like the student body to have a greater understanding of the limited access millions of people have to water."

Zorniger's main goals for the Tufts chapter are fundraising and recruiting members to create a strong base of support on campus.

"Plans are in the works for fundraising events like going into Boston or Harvard Square [to] fundraise and tell people about our issue just by talking to them. We'll give away free bottles of water if they'll just hear us out for a few minutes, and then that will lead to good things," Zorniger said.

The model of garnering support by distributing bottled water was started by the founder and CEO of The Thirst Project, Seth Maxwell.

"I first became aware of the global water crisis when I was 19," Maxwell said. "A friend of mine was a photojournalist and she came back to the States from a trip she'd taken for about a year and a half around the world."

Maxwell went on to say that the photos his friend took told a horrifying story.

"I began to look at images of beautiful children and I listened as she told me their names, told me of the months they'd spent together, only to learn that this six-year-old died of dysentery, or this seven-year-old died of cholera. It was all as a result of people drinking unsafe water," he said.

Deeply disturbed by what he had seen, Maxwell decided that he would not sit back and do nothing to help improve water availability around the world.

"I left with my worldview destroyed and couldn't stop thinking about it," he said. "I felt like I had to act because I genuinely couldn't not do something. I literally had no idea this was happening before this moment, and suddenly, it was all I could think about and all I could see. If I hadn't done something, or started telling people and asking them to help, I would have gone crazy."

Maxwell, who is coming to Tufts this Thursday to speak about his crusade, started with \$70 four years ago and has now raised over \$2.6 million and funded projects that have provided more than 100,000 people with safe, clean water.

"My favorite achievement thus far was breaking the 100,000 people mark," Maxwell said. "It's a huge milestone for us, and we couldn't be happier."

While Zorniger knows that he has a lot of work ahead of him, he expressed high hopes for the Tufts chapter.

"The chapter has a bunch of potential ... We could continue to stay in mainly a fundraising role, where each well costs \$5,000, or we could focus more on sparking The Thirst Project in New England ... Since we have so much freedom I really want to leave it up to the members what direction they think they can get the most out of," he said.

Maxwell offered some advice to the newest chapter of The Thirst Project, saying that they should carve their own path to how they approach their advocacy.

"When you do what you're good at, versus what you think is the 'right' way to do Thirst Projects, that's when you'll be the most effective," he said.

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## Illiterate programming

Linguistics has a theory of something called the Proto-Indo-European language. The commonly accepted abbreviation for this is PIE, as in what I had for dinner. PIE is the common ancestor of all the languages spoken in Europe and a significant number of those spoken in Asia (from Pashto to Hindi). However, the structure and even existence of PIE is simply a bunch of educated guesses by linguists. Whether, where and how PIE was spoken can never be known for sure. These details were lost to history.

That probably has something to do with the fact that the history of spoken language is thousands of years old. Computer history, however, is relatively short. Although important theoretical work took place for a few hundred years, the first computers were built in the 1940s. More importantly, the development of computers wasn't as natural as that of languages; the entire process was planned out by scientists.

For this reason, the proto-programming language really does exist! Many of you are probably wondering if it's Java or C++ or some other programming language you've heard of, and the answer is a resounding no. But, not exactly. The strange thing is that all of the other programming languages use this proto language.

The reason for that is that this infamous proto language is the language that a computer processor speaks. That's right, a processor has its own language. In fact, it only knows this one language. Therefore, when a programmer writes a program in Java or C++, that has to be translated to this processor language, known as assembly language. This is known as compiling a program, and you have to do it for every other programming language. (Not exactly, but that's true for any program you'll run on your computer.)

In fact, the first computers spoke only assembly language. It was only later on that someone had the idea to make other languages that can be translated into assembly. There were two reasons for this.

For one thing, they were a reaction to the fact that different processors in fact speak different languages. You didn't really think that computers have been speaking the same language they did for 90 years, did you? As processors evolved and improved, their creators came up with new languages to control them. Naturally, different creators had different opinions about what the language should look like. The languages became mutually unintelligible -- that is to say, processors could not understand the language of many other processor types. Using one of these "high-level" programming languages like C++ or Java enabled humans to write code that any processor could understand.

More importantly, it enabled humans to write code that they themselves could understand! Assembly language is incredibly specific, to a very limiting extent. In essence, all one can tell the computer to do is to store numbers, do some math on them and occasionally to branch, or determine what to do next based on the value of a number (e.g., if a number is greater than two, start over; if not, do something else). Notice that I didn't even mention letters. Assembly language doesn't even have letters; that's just programming languages interpreting numbers.

Making code more readable for humans is the most important reason why programmers don't write in assembly language. The reality is that most current computers have one of two processors. There are the normal 32-bit ones and the 64-bit ones, and 64-bit just understands a few instructions that 32-bit doesn't. A program you download is simply the assembly code for your processor. That's why some programs ask you if your computer is 64-bit. They don't want to tell your processor words it doesn't understand.

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ALBUM REVIEW

## The Shins return triumphantly with dynamic, new 'Port of Morrow'

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The Shins have been around for more than a decade, yet they have remained faithful to their stylized

**Port of Morrow**  
The Shins

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indie rock with a sound that fluctuates between upbeat and miserable, all the while remaining wonderfully melodic.

Frontman James Mercer's distinctive voice sets The Shins apart from the plethora of indie bands that all rose to fame around the same time. The Shins' early tour with Modest Mouse seems to have had a direct influence on their sound, playing a formative role in helping the group carve out its sonic niche. The fact that Modest Mouse's drummer, Joe Plummer, is performing with The Shins on their 2012 tour reinforces this point.

"Port of Morrow" is The Shins' fourth album and their first in five years. There is very little change in their overall direction, which will come as a relief to any hardcore fan. They have a unique ability to create a record that blends melancholy and revelry in equal parts, giving the listener a diverse range of moods in a short listening session.

Album opener "The Rifle's Spiral" is fast-paced and almost cheerful, due to the catchy drumbeat and rhythms that inspire toe-tapping at the very least. Mercer's voice takes on an optimistic tone when accompanied by such jazz-inspired instrumentals, setting a jovial atmosphere for the album even as Mercer sings such contrasting lyrics as, "You're not invisible now/ You just don't exist."

The first single to be released off the new album, "Simple Song," has not

disappointed eager fans so far. Less upbeat than the opener, it nonetheless follows through with melodies weaving in and out of each other and Mercer's voice somehow taking on a distinct, almost inhuman timbre. The song is not too impressive until it reaches the chorus, when Mercer sings, "I know that things can really get rough/ When you go it alone/ Don't go thinking you've gotta be tough/ And play like a stone." Wise words from the indie king of melancholia.

It has to be said that although the entirety of the album is enjoyable, the first two songs are definitely the ones that stand out. It seems somewhat wasteful to have used the album's best two tracks up so quickly. "Bait and Switch" returns to the quick pace of the first track and is most definitely a

classic Shins song. Mercer's impressive range and the undulating guitar patterns that pervade the background of the song make it one of the album's other highlights.

The main difference between this album and The Shins' earlier work is its production. In the space of time since The Shins released their last album, James Mercer has worked with Danger Mouse on their joint project, Broken Bells, issuing a debut album and an EP. Mercer's experimentation during this time allowed for a more confident and streamlined sound on the new Shins album.

"September" is an example of this change in sound; new instruments round out their sound to a degree

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The Shins emanate true indie rock.

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GALLERY REVIEW

## Thompson challenges perceptions of art in latest exhibit at MIT gallery

BY ANNA MAJESKI  
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Twentieth-century artists transformed the subject of painting into a self-referential narrative in which

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painting itself became subject matter. Modernists reveled in the materiality of art, making brushwork, canvas and paint their field of exploration and point of departure. Artists of the 1970s became critical of the modernist perspective; they rejected the idea that any art could be completed in an isolated or entirely self-referential way. Postmodernists saw contemporary art as inevitably repeating the past and inextricably tied to the present.

Contemporary artist Cheyney Thompson frames his artwork within

this postmodernist critique. Although painting is Thompson's subject matter, his work is also critical of the isolationist perspective of the modernists. Through his work, Thompson examines the role of outside factors in shap-

ing artworks and the creative process such as technology, history and the commoditization of art.

Thompson's work is on display at

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Thompson's juxtaposition of various media augments his analysis of artistic culture.

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## Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman



Over spring break I enjoyed reading Pulitzer Prize-winning Russian imperial biographer Robert K. Massie's reexamination of one of the greatest leaders of the early modern era. In his book, "Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman," which weighs in at 656 pages, Massie paints an interesting portrait of the Tsarina and her attempts to modernize Russia in the innovative, iconoclastic tradition of her 'Great' predecessor, Tsar Peter.

Catherine, one of Russia's greatest leaders, was ironically not a native Russian. Born Sophia Augusta Fredericka on April 21, 1729, into provincial German nobility, Catherine was married as a teenager to the impotent and humorless German-born nephew of childless Tsarina Elizabeth. After they ascended the Russian throne in 1761, Catherine seized the Russian crown from her unpopular husband Tsar Peter III (who soon after died under mysterious circumstances) and ruled her adopted homeland for 34 years.

She established Russia as a major European power with victories over the Ottoman Empire and three ruthless partitions of Poland. "A majestic figure in the age of monarchy," Massie writes, "Catherine was a proto-modern reformer and politician who also understood the value of good publicity, which she cultivated by patronizing French Enlightenment 'philosophes' Voltaire and Diderot." These men in turn presented her as a model of the benevolent autocrat they hoped would reform the 18th century's ossified, oppressive divine right monarchies. Catherine, however, was able to promulgate only limited social reform in the face of opposition from the Russian nobility, whose support was needed by Catherine, herself a foreign-born usurper plagued by revolts aimed at restoring a male Romanov to the throne.

Massie devotes half his text to a vivid, interesting narrative of the difficult years prior to Catherine's ascent to the imperial throne. We see Catherine developing the formidable skills she would ably deploy as empress, adroitly handling her puerile husband and his imperious aunt with a guileful blend of charm, submissiveness and carefully chosen moments of defiance. Catherine adopted the Orthodox faith and quickly learned to speak fluent Russian. This part of the book showcases Massie at his storytelling best, mixing biographical narrative, historical analysis and attention-grabbing, amusing anecdotes. His prose flows naturally, and Massie shows great skill in breaking down the complicated and unfamiliar geography of 18th-century Russia, as well as simplifying for the reader the intricate social order of the Russian aristocracy that Catherine so successfully navigated.

As Massie tackles Catherine's long reign, however, his style becomes increasingly episodic and less cohesive, with disconnected anecdotes competing with the central narrative. For example, the extraneous history of an aristocrat who married a serf and a bizarre musing on how long it takes to die after being guillotined add unnecessary pages to an already lengthy story. The chronology of Catherine's reign nevertheless moves forward: Catherine is presented as a hardworking, well-informed ruler with leanings toward humane social reform but with a firm belief that Russia could be governed only by an absolute, though enlightened, monarch.

"Catherine the Great" is an adept portrait of a ruler that sympathetically assesses Catherine as a worthy successor to Peter the Great in the effort to modernize the vast Russian Empire. Historians may wish Massie had devoted more time to the underlying forces in Russian society that limited Catherine's achievements, but general readers will find this an absorbing, classic biography written in understandable and fluid prose. It is a worthy tribute to Massie, now 82, who began his career with the 1969 Pulitzer Prize winner, "Nicholas and Alexandra."

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## Unconventional techniques ask fundamental questions in Thompson exhibit

### THOMPSON

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MIT's List Visual Arts Center in his exhibit "Cheyney Thompson: metric, pedestal, landlord, cabengo, recit" now through April 8. As the title suggests, Thompson's exhibit is less a coherent whole and more a presentation of various threads connected to his own personal creative process and influences on creative art.

One of the objects included in the exhibit is a bound book of all of the references and materials Thompson collected while putting together the pieces in the exhibit. A diverse array of materials is in the book, including a description of the "Munsell System," a system for categorizing all colors and then assigning each color to a particular hour of each day. 19th-century advertisements and physiological analyses of various types of people are also featured. The variety of materials in the reference book reinforces Thompson's assertion that his art is at the center of a web of influences.

Thompson's oil-on-canvas piece "Detail" (2008) examines the role of technology in art. "Detail" is a set of four canvases. On each canvas Thompson has painted over an enlarged image of a brushstroke in grayscale. The zoomed-in image of a single stroke is painted in as if it were a paint-by-numbers. Although the digital image below is no longer visible, Thompson's brushwork acknowledges the structural importance of the underlying photograph. In "Detail," Thompson suggests the structural role of non-artistic processes in contemporary artistic creation.

In his "Chromachrome" series (2009), Thompson revisits the influence of



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Many of Thompson's pieces achieve their intended effects as multiple smaller works displayed together.

technology on image making, but puts this in dialogue with art history. "Chromachrome" is a group of canvases set on two adjacent walls. On one wall are three canvases: One is diamond shaped and separated from a second circular canvas by a long, thin canvas in the shape of a diagonal line. On the adjacent wall are 13 rectangular canvases of varying widths arranged so that they resemble a bar code. Each canvas is again overlaid with a digital image — this time an enlarged image of canvas material — and painted with different colors from the Munsell System.

Although the diamond- and circle-shaped canvases, as well as the series of rectangular canvases, refer to classically Renaissance painting formats such as the tondo and diptych, "Chromachrome" is also shaped by the Munsell System's modern rationalization of color. The barcode-like arrangement of the second set of canvases, placed in conversation with the classical shapes of the canvases themselves, further suggests the commoditization of artwork.

By completely rationalizing his own artistic process through the "Munsell

System," Thompson dismisses the romanticized "master-artist-creator" figure of Renaissance heritage, suggesting instead that art and artists participate in the unromantic economics of creativity.

Thompson's work is a complex examination of the modern forces shaping contemporary art. Thompson's "Metric, pedestal, landlord, cabengo, recit" critically examines the role of the artist in the modern era, while skeptically suggesting that the fantastical view of the artist may always have been a figment of the modern imagination.

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## Mercer leads The Shins to new indie rock heights

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that undeniably showcases their maturation as a band. The lyrics paint a mystical picture that is heightened by the supporting vocals. Once again, Mercer's unique voice adds an element to The Shins' music that not many bands' front men can provide, particularly as he coos, "Under our softly burning lamp/ She takes her time/ Telling stories of our possible lives/ And love is the ink in the well when her body writes."

"For a Fool" starts with a twanging guitar, later filling out with a conglomeration of instruments that melds perfectly with Mercer's vocals.

Jessica Dobson on the guitar provides a slow, rippling effect that permeates every layer of the song. "40 Mark Strasse" is another song that builds up to a wholly gratifying chorus. The title track, "Port of Morrow," concludes the album with a bluesy sound that showcases Mercer's falsetto.

When listened to as a whole, "Port of Morrow" fits together so well because The Shins have a way of making each song markedly different while still pursuing a common cause throughout the entire album. It may be said too often, but The Shins are definitely one of the foremost indie rock bands currently in existence.



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## EDITORIAL

## Privacy settings won't help

It's advice Jumbos on the hunt for jobs and internships hear constantly: Clean up social media profiles and adjust privacy settings so potential employers don't come across inflammatory remarks and photos of late-night debauchery. These precautions might not help if a job applicant is asked to hand over his or her login information during the course of an interview, though.

There have several recent reports of employers asking job applicants with private Facebook profiles to turn over their login information or log in during an interview so that their full profiles can be viewed. While these practices may not constitute a full-blown privacy epidemic, they do present a worrisome trend.

In a statement on Friday, Facebook's chief privacy officer Erin Egan denounced this practice and noted that Facebook's Statement of Rights and Responsibilities, to which every Facebook user agrees, prohibits users from sharing or asking for others' passwords. Egan added that employers could be opening themselves up to potential discrimination suits if employers

don't hire an applicant after seeing certain information in a private profile.

A private Facebook profile is private for a reason. If a job applicant gives out his or her login information, it not only allows employers to see private photos and wall posts, but also grants them access to personal messages and the private profiles of the applicants' friends, whose profiles might otherwise also be private. Furthermore, as Internet users often unsafely use the same username and password combination for multiple sites and services, giving out a single password opens up a potentially massive security hole.

Asking for Facebook login information is no less a violation of an applicant's privacy than asking for an email password, transcripts of personal phone calls or credit card statements. The cases of applicants being asked to log in so that an employer can take a look at a full profile is no less a privacy violation than if an applicant had to give a tour of his or her home during a job interview.

While some employers may claim

that applicants are only requested and not required to share login information, there is no difference between a request and a demand when a refusal to comply will result in a black mark on one's job application.

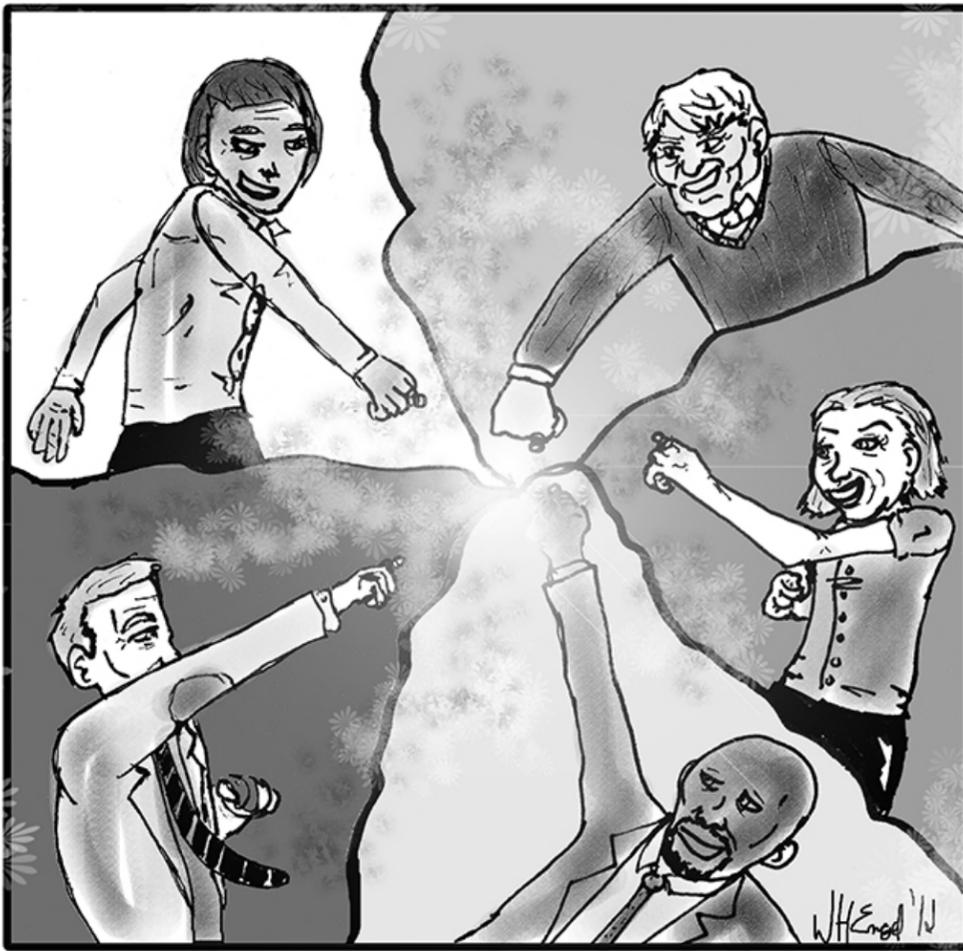
Thankfully, lawmakers are taking action to prevent these egregious privacy violations. Sens. Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) have requested that the Department of Justice investigate if asking for login information is illegal.

The senators said they would put forth legislation explicitly prohibiting the practice in the future. Bills that would prevent employers from requesting login information from job applicants are currently moving through the Illinois and Maryland state legislatures.

The Daily fully supports legislation that protects job hunters' private social media information. With increasingly larger parts of our lives being lived online, it is crucial that privacy settings become a legally enforceable safe haven from unwanted eyes.

## WES ENGEL

THE RENAMING OF THE GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT WAS ONLY THE FIRST STEP: NOW, THE ENTIRE RANGE OF SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES HAVE COME TOGETHER AND REBRANDED AS THE EARTH, FIRE, WIND, WATER AND HEART SCIENCES!!



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

My name is Jessie and I am one of freshmen currently on the TCU Senate. Senate has been under a lot of fire lately, so I'd like to bring something to your attention. Recently, we had seven people show up to our meeting — six of whom criticized us for not being representative of the student body. However, as a few of us freshmen looked around the room at each other, we noticed something interesting: As the only contested election for senators, we had the most diverse representation. Although there are only seven freshman members, we represent the Latino, African-American, LGBT, Jewish and International student communities.

While we strive to represent the student body, not much can be done without your help. You're right — the representation on TCU Senate isn't great. It's concerning when only a quarter of our representatives are women. It's concerning that only one member of the body is Asian-American and that he stands alone as the Asian-American community representative. It's concerning that this year we only have one black member and no current representative for the Africana Center Community Representative position.

So get angry at us, please. Object to what is happening to your student government and seek to change it. Didn't like the statue idea? Fight

against ideas like it. Frustrated that the climbing wall didn't pull through? Be here so that we can rally Athletics until it happens. Done with the empty promises? Step up and make things happen. Contrary to popular belief, we want you to challenge us. We want to have to fight for our seats, because we want people to fight for what students deserve from this university. Show up to the GIM this Wednesday at 12 p.m. or Thursday at 8 p.m. for this year's elections. Counter us and beat us, too. This is a representative democracy, and let's keep it that way.

Sincerely,  
Jessie Serrino

# Continuing the Kony discourse

BY JEDEDIAH SILVER

As the furor caused by Invisible Children and Kony 2012 settles down, it's difficult to tell how it will be remembered and if the discourse it generated will be sustained. Kony 2012 may just become another interesting anecdote of our social media-driven generation about a video that spread like wildfire and got everyone talking and tweeting, before being relegated to our browser histories. On the other hand, as superficial as it was accused of being, it may actually continue to raise awareness that people like Joseph Kony still operate in places we know nothing about, to spawn criticism after criticism and positively deconstruct our privileged generation's views of politics, social justice and attitudes towards the Other.

Thanks to the campaign, most people now know that a vicious warlord named Joseph Kony stalks the African jungle with a band of child soldiers and believe that he needs to be brought to justice. Thanks to the immense criticism the campaign has generated, a smaller but still significant number of people then learned that Joseph Kony has been out of Uganda for over five years, understand that an American intervention to apprehend him needs to be thought over twice and recognize Uganda's complex political situation and difficult quest to recover from the devastation of the LRA conflict. However, this more nuanced information comes packaged with the fair criticism that Invisible Children is an extremely flawed organization that misrepresented facts in order to generate a greater fundraising appeal, with a very low percentage of said funds ever reaching Africa. The combination of relative enlightenment about Uganda and the LRA with Invisible Children's flaws offers a self-satisfying excuse to those no longer inspired: to proclaim themselves as "right" while removing themselves from the Kony discourse.

To settle for this intellectually legitimate dissociation from efforts to apprehend Kony and facilitate the recovery of Northern Uganda is to remain ignorant and self-congratulatory in the face of tragedy and trauma. Without further action and discourse, the critics of Kony 2012 will remain right. The campaign will just have been a self-serving misappropriation of facts and feelings and will have generated no good on the ground. It will become solely a cultural relic for the privileged, social media-literate West to look back upon and will have reinforced the divide between privileged Westerner and African victim.

There is an alternative. Kony 2012 can be a valuable tool for bringing justice and recovery if it remains in the public discourse and is examined rigorously, critically and in a deconstructive manner.

The first way to positively deconstruct Kony 2012 is to simply fact-check it. Many of the vague or misrepresented statements have already been corrected or elaborated upon. But it is not enough to settle for getting the facts right; the facts need to be understood. It is important to note that Kony left Uganda in 2006, failed to sign the inconclusive Juba agreement in 2008 and now only has a few hundred soldiers with him, not 30,000. However, it is imperative not to forget that Kony still presents a clear and present danger to the people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Central African Republic and South Sudan. He will continue to kill and abduct to preserve his power.

A second deconstruction requires further inquiry into the Ugandan and East African political situation, as well as American foreign policy. Kony may be a uniquely evil man, but what happened in Northern Uganda was not a result of some murderous whim. Kony and the LRA have their roots in the 1980s, in an ethnopolitical conflict, which vaunted Yoweri Museveni and his National Resistance Army, who still rule to this day, into power. In addition, since the video was released, the African Union has deployed additional troops to apprehend Kony. The International Criminal Court (ICC) hand-



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ed down its first ever conviction — that of Thomas Lubanga, a Congolese war criminal who used child soldiers. Both of those events merit further discussion, but their timing is surely not coincidental.

Finally, deconstructing Kony 2012 in terms of its cultural portrayals may be the easiest way to bridge some of the gaps that the video left. Kony 2012 did videographically exploit the images of subaltern children, denying them a voice in the documentation of their own ordeals. It gave that agency to Jason Russell's painfully cute son, who attempts to grasp the situation with a child's black-and-white point of view. It may be cute when Gavin calls the LRA "Star Wars people," but what this really does is reinforce the conception that Africa is "A Galaxy Far, Far Away." However, the cultural flaws the video possesses create an impetus to tell the story of the Acholi, Langi and Teso people victimized by the LRA, in a participatory manner. The absence of their voices in Kony 2012 beckons for someone to empower them to speak to

the world.

Taking the time to productively elucidate the flaws with Kony 2012 does not yield condemnations. It yields possible solutions, not only towards the best way to bring Kony to justice and rebuild Northern Uganda, but also to create an accurate, authentic and practical social media campaign against famine in the Sahel region and the Horn of Africa or governments massacring their citizens in Syria and Sudan. If this occurs, then a hugely flawed campaign will have succeeded and proven that Western society has the ability to do more than just engage emotionally with trauma and turmoil across the globe. It will show a self-critical, globally aware force that understands the complexities of situations such as these and knows how it can and cannot play a positive role in resolution and recovery.

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## Blind as BATS

Better Alternative Trading System, or BATS, went public on the NASDAQ Friday — for a few seconds. The stock immediately crashed and burned due to technical errors on its own BATS exchange, and the IPO was quickly scrapped. A great start to the weekend.

The BATS IPO was supposed to be a crowning achievement. Founded in 2005 in a suburb of Kansas City, BATS has steadily grown its online exchange business to become the third-largest equities exchange operator both in the U.S. and globally. The firm has listed several exchange-traded funds (ETFs) without any issues; listing itself on its own exchange seemed like a logical next step. But as the 11:45 a.m. offering neared, rumors of issues with the BATS exchange began to circulate. A trade of Apple was filled on the BATS exchange at a price nearly \$60 off the market, immediately setting off a regulatory "circuit breaker," freezing the stock.

After pricing at \$16 a share, shares of BATS plunged to as low as \$0.02 in seconds. Though investigators and software engineers at BATS are still investigating the circumstances, it appears that problems with the BATS code showed no liquidity in the market for the stock, causing many firms to immediately dump the stock at whatever price they could find. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, by the end of the day, "BATS CEO Joe Ratterman decided to pull the IPO altogether after just a few hours of trading, calling it the company's 'most embarrassing day.'"

The BATS exchange has already traded companies listed on other exchanges for several years. Though a company chooses to list on one exchange, it can be traded on any exchange that lists the stock, domestic or international. Though this initially meant trading the physical certificate of stock, the whole process has been brought online.

Many of the big name exchanges began as physical locations, and most maintain trading floors. The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), Chicago Board of Trade and NASDAQ are still lively establishments that will likely stick around for decades.

But the process of buying and selling in financial markets has undergone drastic changes in the past twenty years. When I say "stockbroker," you probably have an image of someone wearing a brightly colored suit jacket with a fistful of orders in his hand, shouting into a phone with Jim Cramer-like fervor. Of course, those people still exist — but the vast majority of trading is now done online.

While some exchanges supplement their trading floors with online trading systems, others have done away with the physical exchange altogether. The IntercontinentalExchange, or ICE, holds a commanding share of the commodities trading business with an entirely online exchange. BATS is looking to do the same with stocks.

Though BATS has maintained a solid track record, the company has also recently come under fire for its close relationship to high-frequency trading firms that use BATS trading systems to execute orders. The SEC believes that some of these trading firms receive unfair advantage from BATS, whether by design of the trading program or by simply storing their systems in the same locations as the servers the BATS exchange runs on.

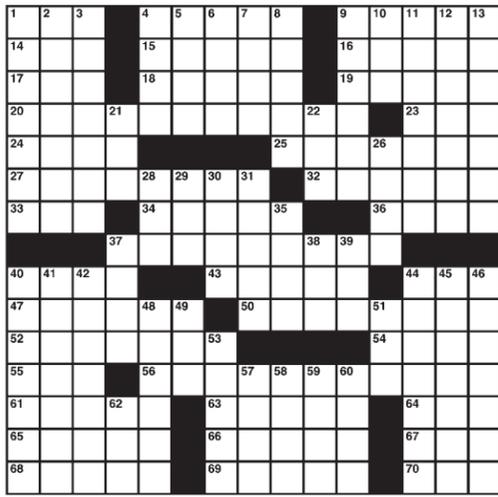
High-frequency trading — and to a much lesser extent, the BATS exchange itself — was blamed for the "Flash Crash" of 2010, which sent markets down nearly 9 percent, before self-correcting a few minutes later. Though computerized trading systems play an integral role in financial markets, some believe that the power has shifted from the trader to the program itself.

Friday could have established BATS as a serious competitor among the likes of the NYSE and NASDAQ; instead, it has left its investors and traders with serious questions. Dave Cummings, the founder of BATS, said in an open letter that all bonuses should be suspended at the company. "In this business, mistakes cost money," Cummings said. Let's hope the bonuses are not executed electronically too.

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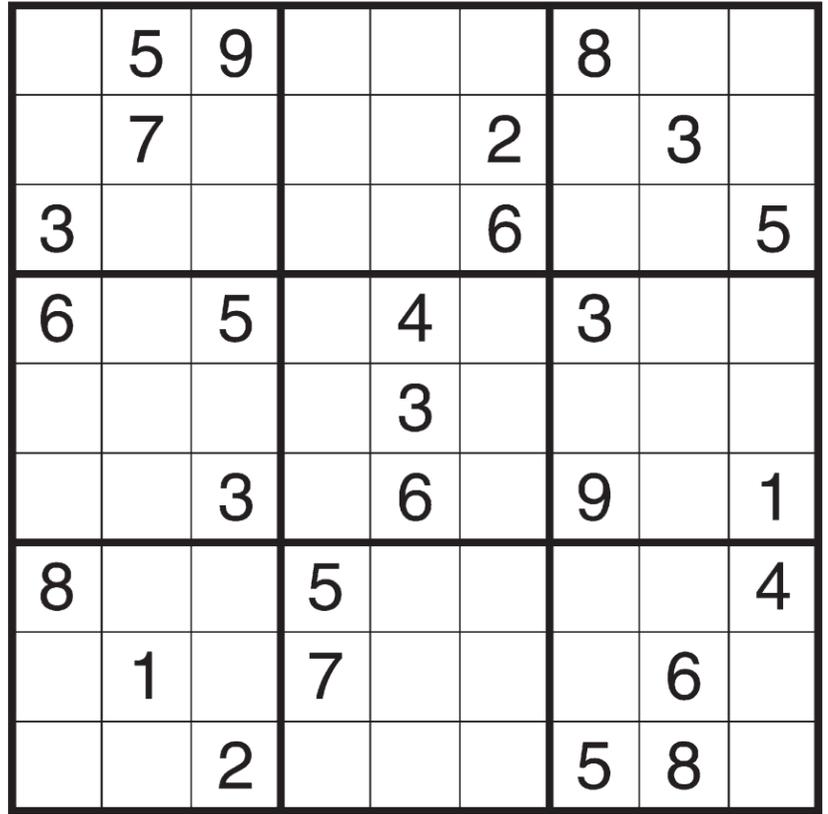
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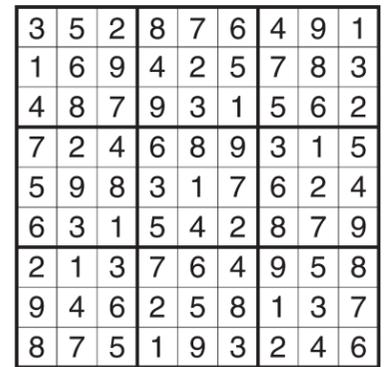
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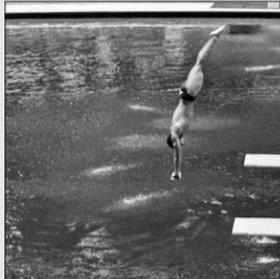
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Athletes of the Week

JOHANN SCHMIDT | MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Sophomore diver Johann Schmidt brought home the Tufts men's swimming and diving team's first national title since 1982 on Friday with a win in the one-meter dive at the Div. III NCAA Championships. Schmidt posted the top score (497.9 points) in the preliminaries on Friday morning and returned later that day to defend his spot and secure the win with a score of 527.35 points in the finals, more than 20 points ahead of the runner up. The victory was a vast improvement from Schmidt's 12th-place finish at NCAAs as a freshman.



COURTESY JOHANN SCHMIDT

Schmidt also proved his versatility across the diving boards once again, placing fifth in the three-meter event earlier in the week. He earned 507.55 points in the preliminaries of the event, returning for a total of 490.95 in the finals on Wednesday. His fifth-place finish was a one-spot improvement from his three-meter effort last year.

Schmidt played a major role in the Jumbos' 23rd-place result as a team, scoring 34 of their 35 points over the course of the four-day meet.

With two top-eight finishes, Schmidt earned All-American honors in both events and now holds three through just two collegiate seasons. With two years left to suit up in the brown and blue, Schmidt has plenty of future opportunities to cement his legacy at Tufts.

ALLYSON FOURNIER | SOFTBALL

Freshman Allyson Fournier was named NESCAC Softball Pitcher of the Week after her dominant performance in Florida over spring break. Fournier went 6-0 in seven appearances while posting a miniscule 0.73 ERA and striking out a NESCAC-high 56 batters. Three of her four starts were complete-game efforts, including a one-hitter against Elmhurst College on March 20. Fournier has also been crucial out of the bullpen for the Jumbos, chipping in a pair of scoreless outings in her team's doubleheader win over Concordia and Buffalo St. Opponents have batted just .116 against the freshman and have managed only two extra-base hits with her on the mound thus far.



COURTESY TUFTS ATHLETICS

The Jumbos have gotten off to a strong start this season, returning from their spring trip with an 11-3 record. Much of the team's success can be attributed to the efforts of its pitchers, most notably Fournier and junior Rebecca DiBiase. The duo has combined to toss 76 innings, while allowing only 20 earned runs and 19 walks.

Tufts plays a doubleheader at Springfield College tomorrow, before its home opener against Bowdoin on Friday. The Jumbos, who finished 23-18 a season ago, will need Fournier to continue her excellence on the mound in order to compete for one of the top seeds in the NESCAC tournament.

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# Jumbos cap spring break trip with non-conference win

## MEN'S LACROSSE

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earned him a NESCAC Player of the Week nod early last week.

"We got a lot of pressure on the ball and our defense did a great job making sure no one was open, and that caused a lot of turnovers," junior attackman Geoff Sheasby said. "On offense we let the defense dictate who scored. We dodged hard downhill, bumped the ball to X, and Cole did a great job of finding the open guys."

From Hoboken, N.J., the Jumbos traveled to Maryland, where they spent two days preparing to face Stevenson. On Tuesday, the Jumbos faced stiff competition from a well-balanced Mustangs squad, eventually falling 9-5.

Stevenson's Pat Candon scored unassisted five minutes into the contest to give the Mustangs the early lead, and they never looked back. The Jumbos managed to tie the game twice in the first quarter, but never led, and despite a solid defensive effort they struggled to piece together productive possessions for the first time this season. Wood was the Jumbos' only multi-point scorer, and he finished with just two goals.

As senior co-captain attackman Sean Kirwan continued to sit out with a sprained ankle, Stevenson's defense tirelessly turned back the Tufts tide, frustrating the Jumbos' youthful scoring unit and forcing errant shots that failed to put real pressure on goalkeeper Ian Bolland.

The Jumbos won the faceoff battle and dominated the ground ball game, but for a team that generally uses very little possession time, Tufts failed to capitalize on a surprisingly overwhelming advantage in that department.

"Stevenson's defense did a great job putting pressure on us and we didn't execute as well as we would have liked to," Sheasby said. "The loss was extremely frustrating, but it was a good chance to see the things we need to work on and get better at."

Junior defender Kyle Holechek caused six Jumbos turnovers and teammate Chris Dashiell dished out three assists in a balanced scoring campaign during which six different Mustangs lit up the scoreboard.

"Playing four games, when we finish one game there is no time to really think about it because we have to move on to the next one," Wood said. "We try our best not to look back on previous games, but we definitely wanted to get back to playing Tufts lacrosse."

The Jumbos returned home to Bello Field and did just that, dominating Colby in a 9-4 victory. Tufts outshot the Mules 47-29, and converted on all 17 of its clears. Again, Rhoads played exceptionally, winning 13 of 17 faceoffs, as the absence of graduated Mule Craig Bunker, who secured 18 of 26 from the X in last year's contest, proved costly for Colby.

Tufts jumped out to a 4-0 lead with Wood and classmate Peter Bowers each chipping in a goal. Seniors Kevin McCormick and Geordie Schafer helped Tufts build a



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Senior midfielder Nick Rhoads has been stellar at the X this season, most recently putting together a 20-for-25 effort against Western New England on Sunday.

comfortable cushion midway through the second quarter.

"Transition is a big part of our game," Sheasby said. "We like to push the ball in all situations, and the strong defensive play has allowed us to really fly downfield. Nick's faceoff wins certainly help a ton as well. The more he wins, the more opportunities we have to score."

Despite a tally from Colby midfielder Bjorn Knutson with five minutes remaining in the opening half, Tufts maintained its composure and burst out of the break with three more goals, including two from senior midfielder Ben Saperstein.

The Jumbos entered the final stanza up 7-2, and the two teams traded goals in the fourth quarter. Bailey increased the Tufts lead with a helper from Wood, and minutes later Wood finished a goal of his own past sophomore keeper Peter Reiley.

Bailey paced the Jumbos with four points, while eight Jumbos got on the scoreboard and four had multi-point performances. Tufts' defense also locked down, holding Colby's top three scorers — juniors Ian Deveau, John Jennings and Greg McKillop — to a single point. Last year, that trio put up 11 points on the same defensive unit.

"Our defense played aggressively and very smart," Sheasby said. "They had great fundamentals and were able to really disrupt the Colby offense. They've been playing great lately, and it all stems back to a focus on fundamentals and communication."

"[They've] has always been our anchor," Wood added. "Because our offense plays at such a high pace, we always end up playing defense for so much of the game."

The victory over Colby not only proved important in the NESCAC standings, but also allowed the Jumbos to right the ship after the disappointing trip to Maryland.

Two days later, the Jumbos traveled to Springfield, Mass., for a matchup with No. 19 Western New England. Coach Mike Daly's squad notched a 13-9 win over the Golden Bears, with the help of a pair of four-point performances from Wood and

McCormick and a stellar 20-for-25 performance by Rhoads at the X.

The Jumbos and Golden Bears traded tallies in the opening minutes, and with goals from senior midfielders Liam Bokanovich and Patrick White, Western New England established a 5-3 lead with three and a half minutes remaining in the opening half.

But Tufts responded by piecing together a 9-1 run to go ahead 12-6. Wood and McCormick combined for five goals during the run, while Bailey and Schafer each scored and freshman Chris Schoenhut netted his first collegiate goal.

In the fourth quarter, Western New England outscored Tufts 3-1, but the Jumbos had more than enough insurance to hold on. Wood capped off the week with his fourth goal of the day, an extra man goal on a helper from senior Jordan Korinis. The Jumbos converted three extra man opportunities Sunday, and demonstrated the ability to find the open man, something they struggled with against Stevenson.

"Our goals never change from game to game even following a loss and the Colby game showed that when we play Tufts lacrosse and don't worry about any kinds of distractions, the end result is a great team victory," Wood said. "When we are consistently doing that and not worrying about the outside distractions, it is easy to get into a groove. I know it will carry into our upcoming games."

Tufts' next conference challenge will come against Trinity on Saturday. Both teams are undefeated in NESCAC competition, and this weekend's contest will break the three-way tie atop the conference standings.

"It was a long week of lacrosse but we love it and wouldn't have it any other way," Rhoads said. "I think we're always at full strength, and we have the mental toughness to push through. Trinity will be challenging and we just have to focus on getting that first faceoff, first possession, first shot and first goal. And then doing it again."

## ALEX PREWITT | LIVE FROM MUDVILLE



## Flying high

New York Jets owner Woody Johnson claims that trading for Tim Tebow was not a public relations maneuver.

I claim that New York Jets owner Woody Johnson is full of it.

Then again, this is not a new sentiment by any stretch. Johnson, in his own right, has personally espoused some verbal atrocities, like claiming that Jets fans are "very intelligent, they're the smartest fans in the country," but this is more about the organization, about the party line that will exist in the Big Apple once "Tebowing" meets Time Square.

In his first public comments on Tebow's acquisition, Johnson stated that "all of the decisions we make regarding the team are just for football. It's hard to predict other things. If you get confused in term of what your mission is, you're not going to accomplish your mission. And our mission is to win games pure and simple."

Predicting wins and losses may be hard, especially at the Meadowlands. Predicting a firestorm of thirsty New York media tracking Tebow's every move, the jersey sales and the national attention? That's a no-brainer.

This feigned horror, the public statements about a commitment to winning and the rejection of criticism, it all ironically reads as yet another PR move. What better way to stay in the news than to deny? Accept that swapping two lower-round picks for Tebow was, at least on some level, designed to bring the hype to New York, and that hype disappears. To stay in the media, you have to fight the media. And that's what the Jets do best. Just look at Rex Ryan.

By this point, however, shrugging our collective shoulders and ignoring the circus seems to be the most sanity-inducing option. The team reads more like a toddler longing for one last Snickers bar in the grocery store candy aisle than one actually trying to win games with players who fit within the existing system. At one point, it snagged a necessary injection of spice to the typically mundane NFL news cycle. But as time wore on, we learned that the Jets just wanted attention.

A PR move, a football move, call it whatever you want. It doesn't matter. This is the kind of boisterous gestures we've come to expect from Ryan and company — and subsequently ignore. Talk trash about your upcoming opponent. Prematurely proclaim yourselves the Super Bowl champs. Trade for a marketing gold mine and hide it under the guise of "winning."

In a way, this was at once a brilliant and foolish move. It's hard to imagine Tebow succeeding in New York, but then again he seems to succeed against all odds, as having Jesus on your side tends to help you out in doing. And yet he's already become a success. Jersey sales will be pushed immediately, and the Jets will reap the benefits. More importantly, they'll keep pace with the defending Super Bowl-champion Giants. Not on the field, but on the back page.

The off-the-field benefits are clear. Tebow pushes Sanchez, sure, but how far? How much can he really contribute on the field? Tebow's one selling point from a practical football standpoint is the Wildcat, an offense that's enjoyed mixed success at best since its introduction into the league. The Jets have Mark Sanchez, but the entire preseason will be spent with all eyes on Sanchez, Tebow and Ryan. We will create a quarterback controversy, even when there shouldn't be one.

Johnson says that the Jets are not confused about their mission, but he's tactfully avoiding the implication. Their real mission is simple: Bring in an attention-grabber who can be masked behind his past trophies and victories. And they got the ultimate attention-grabber, perhaps football's most polarizing and mystifying athlete.

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## BASEBALL

# Younger Jumbos break through during 7-3 start

So much for growing pains.

Fielding a relatively inexperienced lineup after one of the most successful classes in program history graduated last spring, the baseball team showed few signs of an adjustment period throughout its annual season-opening trip to Virginia and North Carolina, emerging from down south with a 7-3 record, a stable batting order and some early signs of young potential across a roster brimming with fresh faces.

A veteran middle of the order delivered in spades, as expected. Senior co-captains Sam Sager and Matt Collins combined to score 22 runs, hitting in the three and four spots, respectively. The Jumbos' nightcap against Greensboro on March 20 was cancelled due to rain, and statistics from their 18-3 finale against Virginia Wesleyan on Sunday were not available at press time. Collins, for his part, had five multi-hit games as the designated hitter after successfully recovering from Tommy John surgery.

Coach John Casey talked before the season-opener about the need for underclassmen to step up, especially with the Jumbos' NESCAC opener

looming on Friday at Bates. With Sager switching to shortstop after spending his first three seasons primarily at second and third base, freshman Wade Hauser started seven games at the hot corner, hitting .424 while driving in a team-high 13 runs.

Even in its losses, Tufts feasted in the first inning; their top opening salvo was an 11-run outburst in a 24-6 rout of Guilford. All told, the Jumbos put up an absurd 112 runs, even with a 1-0 pitchers-duel loss to N.C. Wesleyan in which sophomore Christian Sbily hurled eight strong innings of six-hit, one-run ball. For reference, Tufts' run total through the first 10 games of last season was 54.

Much of that success can be attributed to an influx of new faces into Casey's lineup, which the coach admitted was muddled before the team left Medford. Now, it seems clearer.

Junior Scott Staniewicz, who entered this season with all of four career at-bats, started seven games at either leadoff or the No. 2 slot, hitting .355. Freshman Connor McDavitt, whose brother Bryan was a two-time first team All-NESCAC

selection, appears to be solidified as the Jumbos' starting center fielder, hitting .367 in eight starts. Holdovers from last season, junior Eric Weikert and sophomore Nate Izzo, each slugged two homers and drove in a combined 23 runs.

On the mound, senior Dave Ryan earned the opening day start and delivered a gem against Lynchburg, allowing one run while striking out eight in seven innings. He stands at 2-0 with a 4.15 ERA after leading the team with eight wins last season.

Freshman Willie Archibald recorded saves on both ends of a doubleheader against Apprentice School on Saturday, and classmate Kyle Slinger pitched seven innings of shutout ball in a 14-1 rout of Methodist last Wednesday.

The Jumbos, who flew home Monday afternoon after a team weight lifting session, will be in action tomorrow at Mass. Maritime before gearing up for this weekend's three-game series at Bates. For a full recap of their spring break trip, see tomorrow's Daily.

—by Alex Prewitt

## SOFTBALL

## Jumbos surge to 11-3 start at Spring Games in Florida

BY ZACHEY KLIGER  
Daily Editorial Board

A promising mix of experience and youth propelled the softball team to a strong start to its 2012 campaign. The Jumbos, coming off of a successful 2011 season, burst out of the gate this year to an 11-3 record at the annual Spring Games in Clermont, Fla.

Aside from a couple of closely contested losses to Ramapo and Chicago, the week could not have gone better for a Jumbos squad that entered action unsure of how its pieces would fit together. But uncertainty was quickly replaced with a sharp confidence after the team's first two games, both of which resulted in victories. Some familiar faces led the way, and an infusion of young talent complemented the veterans well, both in the batter's box and on the mound.

If the first week is any indication, the Jumbos' offense is going to be unstoppable this year. Sophomore catcher Jo Clair has picked up where she left off in her rookie season by wreaking havoc on opposing pitchers. Clair has hit for a .487 average over 11 games and knocked in a team-high nine runs. The power hitter has also authored a .696 slugging percentage thus far. Her best performance came in the second game of the season against Hope College, when Clair drove in the tying and winning runs in a 3-for-4 effort to propel the Jumbos to a 6-2 comeback victory. Senior tri-captain first baseman Lena Cantone has been just as stellar, notching a .439 average and a .585 slugging percentage.

While Clair and Cantone provide a dangerous one-two punch, the Jumbos' lineup

is deep from top to bottom. Freshman third baseman Kris Parr has excelled thus far, hitting for a .368 average, while also demonstrating a solid eye with a team-high eight walks. As a team, the Jumbos have already posted double-digit run totals three times. Still, players are confident that they will continue to improve offensively as the season progresses.

"The offensive performance was impressive," Cantone said. "The depth that we were expecting to have really pulled through. We showed that we do in fact have a lot of depth in our lineup."

Perhaps the brightest spot for the Jumbos through the first week has been freshman Allyson Fournier. The highly regarded pitcher exceeded all expectations in her first seven appearances, delivering an incredible 0.73 ERA to go with a flawless 6-0 record. Fournier threw complete games in three of her four starts — including a one-hitter — while holding batters to a lowly .116 average.

"Allyson definitely exceeded expectations," Clair said. "Still, we hold very high expectations for her. During the trip she was able to hit her spots, which is ultimately how she will get batters out in the future."

"She was incredible," Cantone added. "The fact that she was pitching against some of the best teams in the country and still threw a one-hitter is really impressive."

Given the depth in the pitching rotation, taking pressure off Fournier should not be a problem. Junior pitcher Rebecca DiBiase already looks to be in mid-season form, having logged a solid 2.97 ERA through eight appearances. DiBiase, who now has two



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Junior Rebecca DiBiase posted a 2.97 ERA in eight appearances during the Jumbos' spring break trip. She recorded 23 strikeouts in 37 2/3 innings of work.

years of experience under her belt, is one of the Jumbos' most reliable hurlers, with the ability to work a lot of innings while holding an opponent's offense at bay.

"We don't necessarily have a clear-cut No. 1 in our rotation," Clair said. "Rebecca and Allyson have showed they can start games effectively, while [sophomore] Lauren [Giglio] and [junior] Aly [Moskowitz] are very good at coming into games. So everyone has to fill their own role."

In addition to making strides on the field, the players also developed chemistry off of it. The weeklong trip provided teammates with ample bonding time, which was used in large part as an opportunity for upperclassmen to

get to know their first-year teammates.

"Being with each other all week really helped bring us closer," Clair said. "We spent a lot of time together, even doing chores and simple things like that. On our off day we went to the beach. When you spend so much time with each other, it really helps you get to know other people on a more personal level away from the softball field."

With its offense, pitching and chemistry in good form, Tufts will return to the diamond on March 28 at Springfield College to take on the 8-3 Pride. Then, the Jumbos will return to Medford for a three-game series against their NESCAC-rival Bowdoin Plar Bears this weekend.

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## Tufts goes 1-2 over break with disappointing NESCAC losses to Colby, Middlebury

BY DAVID MCINTYRE  
Daily Editorial Board

For the No. 10 women's lacrosse team, the sunny confines of Clermont, Fla., seemed the perfect spot to continue a hot start to the season, with the squad facing off against Western Connecticut State (WCSU) and Colby. But the Jumbos could not maintain their momentum through the week and, after trouncing the Colonials in their second non-conference game of the year, lost a heartbreaker to the No. 6 Colby Mules. Things got no better after the team returned home, as Tufts was blown out on Sunday by No. 7 Middlebury.

Though the NESCAC defeats came against a pair of national top-10 teams, they were still a disappointment for a team that had so thoroughly handled WCSU on March 20 in the first game of the trip. The Jumbos managed 16 unanswered goals and featured 11 different scorers en route to a 17-3 victory over the Colonials, emptying their bench in the blowout win.

"It was really nice to get the underclassmen some playing time, and just get them more college minutes," senior attacker Kelly Hyland said. "I thought we moved the ball really well and everything looked really cohesive. But the biggest thing is we're having our young players continue to learn and giving the starters a bit of a rest."

While winning a game by 14 goals is always a good confidence booster, the real test over the break came on March 23, when Tufts took on Colby. The difference in opposition seemed to have a jarring effect, as the Jumbos found themselves down 9-3 at halftime against a team that finished just one game better than them in the NESCAC last season. Colby exploited Tufts' mistakes and seemed to score on every possession, while the Jumbos looked

stagnant on offense and generally out of sorts in their fifth game of the season.

"The past few games we've been having a bit of an issue with not being as intense as we want to be in the first half, so we're still trying to figure out how to fix that," senior tri-captain Katie Lotz said. "After analyzing the game we realized it was a lot of little things that went wrong, [but they are] things that we definitely think we can fix."

Tufts stormed out of the break by scoring seven of the game's next eight goals to tie the score at 10. But the comeback effort fizzled, and Colby managed to settle down and score a goal with 4:31 remaining to seal the 11-10 victory, leaving Tufts searching for positives from an otherwise disappointing day.

"We were having a lot of trouble on the draw, and they were turning those possessions into goals, but coming into the second half we just lit a fire," Hyland said. "Lacrosse is that type of game. Coming back from a 9-3 deficit is something that a lot of teams don't have the ability to do, and we played with a lot of poise and confidence."

There were some silver linings to ease the pain of the failed comeback, especially the play of junior attackwoman Kerry Eaton, who scored five goals on six shots and is now the team's leader in goals. But the poor first-half performance ultimately spoiled Tufts' chances and hinted at a disturbing tendency for starting out slowly that could be a recipe for disaster in a conference with eight teams in the national top 20.

At no time was that more clear than in the team's matchup with Middlebury on Sunday. Tufts came into the game looking to end the break on a high note, only to get trounced 16-5 on Bello Field. The Panthers dominated the first half, jumping out to a 9-2 lead at the break and expanding it to 12-2 before

the Jumbos could respond. Middlebury dominated nearly every statistical category as Tufts suffered its worst loss since the 2006 season.

"Our attack was extremely stagnant, and we needed much better communication," Hyland said. "Middlebury is the best team we've faced so far, and on attack we needed to make the smart passes and not the hero passes. It really wasn't fair to the defense, because they faced so many shots that they were bound to give up more goals because the odds were against them. We need to take better care of the ball in attack and in the midfield."

Struggles in the transition game and in the midfield have been amplified by the absence of senior midfielder Casey Egan, who suffered a concussion against Conn. College on March 13 and has not played since, leaving the attack bogged down while the team attempts to use different players to fill the gaps.

"[The] Middlebury [game] definitely was not our team playing how we know we can play, and I think that is what made the loss so difficult, knowing that we weren't playing at our normal high level of lacrosse," Lotz said. "We're going to use the loss as something to get us angry and make us play harder so that it never happens again, and I think we're going to focus on fundamentals and our transitions this week."

The loss leaves Tufts alone in sixth place in the NESCAC with a home matchup looming this weekend against undefeated Trinity.

If ever there was a time for a bounce-back victory, this is it.

"It was a tough end of break, but our team is really close, we're all are really dedicated," Lotz said. "We know that we're going to work hard to figure out what we need to fix on the field, stay positive and get [ourselves] back up towards the top of the NESCAC standings."

## MEN'S LACROSSE

## Tufts takes three of four in challenging spring break slate

BY KATE KLOTS  
Daily Editorial Board

Over the course of a busy spring break, the men's lacrosse team traveled through New Jersey, below the Mason-Dixon line and then back again in a nine-day tour that included one NESCAC contest and three non-conference challenges against ranked opponents.

The Jumbos went 3-1, moving to 5-1 overall and a perfect 3-0 in the conference, where they currently stand in a three-way tie with Amherst and Trinity. A loss to then-No. 10 Stevenson University, however, was enough to drop Tufts from No. 2 to No. 6 in the nation in the most recent USILA Coaches poll.

The break began with a 14-12 St. Patrick's Day victory against No. 4 Stevens Institute of Technology. The Jumbos controlled the game despite trailing the host Ducks in several statistical categories. Senior midfielder Nick Rhoads continued his sensational season — which now includes a NESCAC co-Player of the Week award — by winning 17 of 29 faceoffs, while sophomore goalkeeper Patton Watkins bolstered the Jumbos between the pipes with 11 saves.

"My wing guys have been doing a great job this season boxing out and simple just keeping the other teams wing guys off of me and letting me beat the other team's faceoff guy," Rhoads said. "The possessions have been important because it breaks down defenses. After a series of wins they become exhausted and start to break down mentally, and we take advantage."

The Jumbos were outshot 42-36, but Tufts converted a higher percentage of its looks, forcing Stevens to pull starting keeper Eric Yando in favor of Matthew Deiner early in the final quarter. Freshman Cole Bailey and sophomore Beau Wood paced the Jumbos with six and five points, respectively, while Wood's third straight five-point performance