

Tufts hosts Pro-Am debate tournament

BY LESLIE OGDEN
Contributing Writer

The Tufts Debate Society hosted its third annual pro-am debate tournament this weekend, bringing 71 teams from 18 colleges to the Hill for parliamentary-style debates.

The pro-am tournament is designed to promote internal team building by giving new participants a rare opportunity to compete with and against varsity debaters.

The Tufts Debate Society organized and judged the tournament. Teams ventured from schools as distant as the University of Chicago and Johns Hopkins University. Local schools like Harvard, Northeastern and MIT also competed.

The Tufts Debate Society and the teams that participated in the tournament compete in the American Parliamentary Debate Association.

In parliamentary debates, two sides, each with two members, face off. The government team, which has a prime minister and member of government, squares off against the opposition team, which consists of the leader and a member of the opposition. In every debate, there are four constructive and two rebuttal speeches.

The government side presents a specific case that, barring certain exceptions, is of its own choosing. Cases must be considered debatable by the judges and can range from issues of public policy to law, philosophy or ethical issues.

Although arguing a prepared case on the government side seems advantageous, most teams prefer opposition because they find it easier to poke holes in the other side's arguments, while the

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Dining Services to add two restaurants to MOPs

BY GILLIAN JAVETSKI
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Dining Services will add two restaurants to the Meals on Points (MOPs) program by next semester, supplementing the off-campus choices open to a student body hungry for more dining options.

The Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate is planning on including a vote on which restaurants to add in its semesterly survey, which it will put out on Wednesday.

The Senate intends to preface this vote with a fair at which local restaurants vying for the open slots will serve food to students during open block on Wednesday.

Plans to expand the off-campus dining program were derailed last semester, but are "back on track now," Director of Dining Services Patti Klos told the Daily.

"There were more pressing needs and other issues of higher priority at the university [last semester], but things are moving along now," Klos said. "Right now we are in the process of making sure that we can ... accommodate more vendors and, soon enough, students will have more off-campus options."

TCU Parliamentarian C.J. Mourning, who has worked with Klos for two years to improve the MOPs program, is looking forward to the expansion.

"Adding two restaurants to points was something that [the Senate has] been pushing for a while, and this semester Dining Services reached the ability to add them for next semester," she said.

Klos said that Dining Services is looking to revamp its infrastructure to resemble those of other neighboring schools with more comprehensive off-campus dining programs.

"We're taking steps to create that here, to have a MOPs system similar to what they have at Harvard."

The MOPs program currently allows students to use JumboCash, which lets



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Pizza Days, which narrowly lost to Boloco last fall in an election to determine which eatery would join the MOPs system, may have another opportunity for a spot in the program.

them pay for certain expenses with their identification cards, at six local restaurants. Harvard University's "Crimson Cash" system enables students to purchase food from 28 local restaurants and food stores.

In addition, Harvard students can use their Crimson Cash for dine-in, takeout or delivery orders at any time of the day. At Tufts, students paying with JumboCash can only order delivery from off-campus eateries after 7 p.m. on weeknights and after 1 p.m. on weekends.

Klos said that Dining Services is working to make Tufts' MOPs program more

flexible. "I'm aware that students want more off-campus options," she said. "I know that they want to use JumboCash at any time of the day, and they don't want to use it just for delivery, but for walk-ins as well," Klos said.

She said that Dining Services is in the process of installing an automated receipt service for MOPs restaurants. This is a necessary step in adding restaurants to the system. Currently, restaurants must submit the paper receipt for each JumboCash purchase, and staffers at Dining Services

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Brown town left feeling blue after NESCAC tournament disappointments



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The field hockey team looks on anxiously as its hopes for its first ever NESCAC championship dwindle during yesterday's conference title game loss to Bowdoin on Bello Field. Coach Tina McDavitt's squad joined the volleyball team in hosting the NESCAC Tournaments in their respective sports this weekend, but neither could come away with a conference championship. See **Sports**, back page.

Sex ed gets sexy with Love 'N' Lube

BY ALLISON WAHRENBERGER
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The LGBT Center sponsored Love 'N' Lube, a sexual awareness event featuring an educational table about sexual lubricants, free lubricant sample giveaways and lube wrestling, in Sophia Gordon Hall on Saturday.

Students Christina Thomas, Ryan Rifkin and Kyle Cherry conceived of the event, which beat out a number of other ideas proposed early this fall to receive the LGBT Center's \$1,000 sponsorship.

Freshman Kate Salwen was one of the lube wrestlers, and she explained the basics of the athletic attraction. Wrestlers stepped into a slippery kiddie pool, buttressed underneath by a mattress for safety, slathered themselves with lube and wrestled. Each person had a bandana hanging from his or her back, and the object was to pull the other person's bandana out first.

Thomas, a junior, said that the initial goal of the event was to advocate for bringing Logo, a cable network devoted to gay issues, into Tufts' programming plan. This ended up happening before the event, so it became about safe sex education.

Senior Sofia Nelson ran the lube

education table with an information board, lube fact sheets and various types of lube that could be tested or tasted with the use of disposable gloves.

Nelson explained that the "main purpose of the event is sex education, particularly having to do with lube."

The table included flavored, water-based and silicone based lubricants. The information handouts gave a general overview of the advantages and disadvantages of each type. The event deliberately did not feature oil-based lubricants because they break down condoms.

Tom Bourdon, the director of the LGBT Center, was available to help the student organizers with the event. He has only been director of the LGBT Center for six weeks, so some of Love 'N' Lube was planned without him.

"I was really excited by the idea, since the intent was to educate on safer sex, which can often be a difficult thing to do. The idea was really catchy and had an edge, while at the same time, wasn't objectifying," Bourdon said.

Awareness about Love 'N' Lube grew through word of mouth, the

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Visiting the Hill

MONDAY

"THE EVOLUTION OF MARKETS AND THE REVOLUTION OF INDUSTRY"

Details: As part of a seminar series sponsored by the economics department and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Associate Professor Stephen Parente of the University of Illinois Urbana, Champaign, will talk about how today's modernizing industries are shaping international markets.

When and Where: 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Braker 001

Sponsors: Department of Economics, Fletcher School

"CHALLENGES TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FROM OPERATING IN MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS"

Details: Chairman of Bati Insurance Company Korkmaz Ilkorur will talk about the role and effect of businesses in multiple jurisdictions worldwide. Ilkorur is also a Center for Emerging Market Enterprises (CEME) fellow. R.S.V.P. to stacy.neal@tufts.edu. A lunch buffet will be served after Ilkorur's presentation.

When and Where: 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.; TBA

Sponsor: CEME

WEDNESDAY

"CONTAINING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION: THE CASE OF NORTH KOREA"

Details: Ambassador Christopher Hill, assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, will give a lecture on foreign policy during a brown bag luncheon. Hill is the head of the U.S. delegation to the recent six-party talks on North Korean nuclear disarmament. The luncheon will be part of a weekly speaker series hosted by Ambassador and Fletcher School Professor John Shattuck.

R.S.V.P. to sarah.labowitz@tufts.edu.

When & Where: 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Terrace Room, Paige Hall

Sponsor: Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service

"JONATHAN SCHANZER: LUNCH AND LEARN"

Details: Jonathan Schanzer will speak about his recent book, "Hamas vs. Fatah: The Struggle for Palestine," at this lecture and meal. Schanzer has traveled extensively in the Middle East and serves as the director of policy for the Jewish Policy Center.

When & Where: 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Room 206, Eaton Hall

Sponsor: Friends of Israel

"THE GOLEM AND THE SINGULARITY: SPIRITUAL DIMENSIONS OF TECHNOLOGY"

Details: Rabbi Mordechai Schwartz will give a lecture as part of the Lunch and Learn

Lecture Series.

When & Where: 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Granoff Family Hillel Center

Sponsor: Tufts Hillel

"THE STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISE AS A GLOBAL PLAYER"

Details: Harvard Business School Professor Tarun Khanna will give a lecture about the participation of state-owned businesses in the international market. Khanna is the author of "Billions of Entrepreneurs: How China and India are Reshaping Their Futures — and Yours." The lecture and complementary buffet lunch are part of the CEME's Emerging Market Enterprise Strategy Lecture Series.

R.S.V.P. to stacy.neal@tufts.edu.

When & Where: 12:30 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.; TBA

Sponsor: CEME

"ISRAEL AND AMERICA — REFLECTIONS ON THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION"

Details: Israeli columnist and political activist David Forman will speak on the impact of the presidential election on relations between the United States and Israel. Forman writes for the Jerusalem Post and founded the organization Rabbis for Human Rights.

When & Where: 8:00 p.m. to 10:35 p.m.; Hillel Center

Sponsor: Tufts Hillel

THURSDAY

"FROM POVERTY TO POWER: HOW ACTIVE CITIZENS AND EFFECTIVE STATES CAN CHANGE THE WORLD"

Details: As part of the Feinstein International Center's Global Issues, Local Impact lecture series, Duncan Green, the head of research for Oxfam Great Britain, will explore who is responsible for poverty and how citizens can reduce it internationally. Food and drinks will be provided. R.S.V.P. to emily.torres@tufts.edu or at 617-627-3804.

When and Where: 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; 702 Cabot Intercultural Center

Sponsor: Feinstein International Center

"EULER'S AMICABLE NUMBERS"

Details: Professor William Dunham, professor of mathematics at Muhlenberg College, will discuss the workings of Euler's amicable numbers. Tea will be served directly before the talk.

When and Where: 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.; 101 Bromfield-Pearson

Sponsor: Department of Mathematics

"DECISION '08 — WHAT HAPPENED? BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH HOWARD FINEMAN"

Details: Newsweek's Senior Washington Correspondent and NBC News Analyst Howard Fineman will discuss the outcome

of the 2008 Presidential Election with the political science "Decision '08" class. Fineman has interviewed every major presidential candidate since 1984. Fruit and drinks will be provided. RSVP to Doug Foote at douglas.foote@gmail.com.

When and Where: 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Lincoln Filene Center

Sponsor: Tisch College

"MINDFUL POLITICS: WHAT COGNITIVE SCIENCE CAN DO FOR THE POLITICAL PROCESS"

Details: Author and Rockridge Institute Fellow Joe Brewer will speak about how cognitive and behavioral sciences influence the political process and how we view politics in general. He will focus on bridging the gap between the practices of political institutions and academia's knowledge of the human mind.

When and Where: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Cabot Auditorium

Sponsor: Department of Religion

FRIDAY

"PERSPECTIVES ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE"

Details: The first part of this two-day symposium will include speeches and panel discussions with experts on criminal justice. The Fletcher School's LL.M. Program in International Law will host the conference. The University of Paris II, the American Society of International Law and the French Embassy are co-sponsoring this event. R.S.V.P. information is located at <http://fletcher.tufts.edu/InternationalCriminalJustice2008/>.

When & Where: 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Cabot Intercultural Center

Sponsor: LL.M. Program in International Law

"TUFTS MATHEMATICS COLLOQUIUM: MIME-MATICS"

Details: Davidson College Assistant Professor of Mathematics Tim Chartier will present "Mime-matics," a performance that explores different mathematical concepts through miming. Tea will be served at 3:30 p.m.

When & Where: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Bromfield-Pearson 101

Sponsor: Department of Mathematics

"MUSCLE DYNAMICS DURING LOCOMOTION"

Details: Harvard University Professor of Biology Andrew Biewener will give a lecture entitled "Muscle dynamics during locomotion: economy versus work modulation and implications for neuromotor control." Biewener specializes in organismic and evolutionary biology. The lecture is part of this fall's Biology Seminar Series. Refreshments will be available prior to the lecture.

When & Where: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Room 104, Barnum Hall

Sponsor: Department of Biology

MOPs to add new vendors to the list

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must catalog these receipts by hand — a process widely considered to be time-consuming and cumbersome.

According to Klos, Dining Services is in the "final contract stages" of implementing this automated receipt system, which she estimates will cost around \$25,000.

Klos said there is a possibility that students will be able to use JumboCash at stores as well as restaurants, although she said this would have to wait at least until next fall. Some other schools, such as the University of Vermont and George Washington University, offer this option. "We may even open [JumboCash] up to other types of stores, like hardware stores or pharmacies," Klos said.

Mourning expressed her support for extending JumboCash to a variety of locations.

"Being able to use JumboCash at nearby stores would be a great way for Tufts students to build relationships with the local community and store owners," Mourning said. "It would also be more convenient for students to just use their Tufts ID card in the area instead of having to remember to bring cash with them all of the time."

As for the potential for an expanded MOPs system to detract from students' use of on-campus dining establishments, Klos said that she did not know whether adding two new restaurants would negatively impact meal-plan sales.

"Despite increases in our MOPs program, we continue to see increased participation in the meal-plan program here," Klos said.

"Every year over the last five years, the number of people who have purchased meal plans has increased," she noted, adding that this year saw a six-percent spike from last year.

After working to extend the MOPs program as chair of the Senate's Services Committee last year, Mourning is excited to see changes coming to fruition.

"I definitely would say that improving MOPs is one of the bigger concerns that we've heard [from students]," Mourning said.

"Dining Services really is an issue that affects everyone on campus," she added. "It's not like Health Service, where you can be healthy for four years and never have to go see a doctor on campus. Every student on campus has had some experience with Dining Services."

Thomas: Goal was to make sex ed fun

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LGBT community and the Tuftslife.com event listing.

Students attended for various reasons. Freshman Evan West came looking forward to seeing his friend wrestle a former football player.

Freshman Allister Chang said he was disappointed, since he was hoping to lube wrestle, but learned that the wrestling lineup had been determined prior to the event.

Four different pairs of students took part in lube wrestling, and the final round included two Resident Assistants, one of whom was an experienced wrestler.

A separate table had a basket of LGBT pins and a box of mini-samples. Each sample packet included a condom, water-based lube, silicone-based lube and instructions for use.

Condom and lube commercials silently ran on a projector screen on one wall of the Sophia Gordon room, as music played during the wrestling matches. The so-called "fabulous drag extraordinaire" Venus Dementia MC'ed the event. Between wrestling matches, Dementia announced facts about lube to the audience.

Thomas noted that she had not expected the lube wrestling to take as long as it did and emphasized the event's overarching goal of sex education. The wrestling aspect was intended to make sexual health fun.

In preparation for the event, the LGBT Center purchased 2,000 small packets and three one-gallon bottles of lube.

Other proposed ideas for the \$1,000 sponsorship had included things like a high-heeled drag show, an LGBT cruise and acquiring new sound systems for the LGBT Center.

Jumbo judges struggled with difficulty of subjective task, but enjoyed observing other competitors' techniques

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government must prove its case.

This style of debate is unique in that it "rewards quick thinking and general knowledge, because a team has to oppose a case on the spot in an extemporaneous style," according to senior Aram Boghosian, the president of the Tufts Debate Society. "It also allows people to talk about what interests them."

Freshman Eva Sikes, a Tufts debater who served as a judge this weekend, said that debating is an excellent way of bolstering general knowledge. "There are really good debates that you can learn from and pick up skills that make you a better debater and speaker in general," she said.

Debates at the tournament explored whether tax incentives for obese people to lose weight are beneficial, if organ selling should be allowed, whether anonymous testimony at trials should remain legal in England, and if

the results from scientific experiments performed by Nazis on Holocaust victims should be destroyed, among other topics.

Senior Jake Campbell and freshman Evelyn Liberman from Boston University emerged victorious from the tournament.

They beat junior Kyle Bean and freshman Alex Loomis from Harvard in the final round in a debate about whether the survivors of an apocalyptic nuclear attack, who over the course of 50 years had managed to form a society in a bomb shelter of sorts, should open the doors of the shelter to a newly discovered class of humans genetically mutated by the radiation.

Andrew Laing, a 2008 Harvard graduate currently serving as the coach of the Brandeis University debate team, offered insight into the difficulties of the Tufts student-judges' task. "The problem with parliamentary debate is that it is very subjective. Also, it is hard to weigh eloquence and speaking

style with the quality of the arguments. They're normally correlated but sometimes aren't," he told the Daily.

Although the Tufts team did not compete this weekend, Boghosian said that it has expanded upon competitive success from last year and continues to perform at a high level.

Boghosian and his debate partner, the team's vice president Rob Silverblatt, have already seen success this fall, earning eighth place at a Harvard competition that involved over 120 teams. They also finished fourth at Johns Hopkins, ninth at Smith College and 10th at Brown University. Silverblatt is also the editor-in-chief of the Daily.

Debaters cited the excitement of competition as an appealing factor. "Debate provides an adrenaline rush. It's a really exciting way to watch people exchange ideas," Sikes said.

"It's hard to pick out a single favorite thing — having a really good round where you feel like you're really on your game is really exciting," Laing said.

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ETS exploits soon-to-be grads' 'real world' fears; presents grad school as 'backup plan'

Economic woes cause more students to look into post-grad education

BY ROMY OLTUSKI
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The Educational Testing Service (ETS), administers of the SAT, GRE, AP and TOEFL exams, recently released a new advertisement. It features a picture of a 20-something-year-old hip African-American woman sitting by a tree with three thought bubbles protruding from her bald head. In them lie three taglines: "Start an online company," "Join the Peace Corps," "Go for my masters." All are clearly meant to answer the question, "Not sure what you're doing next?" which lines the top of the advertisement.

The ad is part of a larger ETS campaign — launched online and at about a

hundred universities nationwide — that encourages college students to consider the GRE and graduate studies as part of their "backup" plan.

Students are indeed looking at graduate school at a higher rate than in the past — whether a result of the ad, the current job market or some other factor.

"Ten years ago, the question wasn't 'where are you going to college?' It was 'are you going to college?'" junior Brendan Johannsen said. "Now college is like the equivalent of the high school diploma 20 years ago. Graduating from a school like Tufts helps you but it doesn't provide you with the skill set necessary to stand out."

"There are jobs out there but down the

road, a [graduate] degree is necessary," said senior Michael Mandell, who plans to attend graduate school. "If you don't have further training, someone will pass you up."

This trend reaches far beyond Medford, though. According to a study conducted by the Council of Graduate Schools, applications to U.S. graduate programs shot up by eight percent from 2006 to 2007. Students across the country are worried that in a tight job market, a B.A. might not prove as useful as it once was and often, they seem to be right.

"Increasingly, a master's degree is desired by employers for entry-level professional positions," said Dr. Tom Atkinson, associate dean of the Purdue University Graduate School, one of the ETS's target schools. "Getting a master's degree is a way that some students ... set themselves apart."

Still, many have reservations about the perceived benefits of graduate school attendance. With a monopoly on standardized testing, the ETS surely has something to gain from an application spike to graduate programs, especially those that require the completion of its \$140 GRE.

"Doesn't that sound like a 'buy my toy' campaign?" Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education Jeanne Dillon asked.

Moreover, skeptics think that the ads exploit anxieties already prevalent among the soon-to-be-graduates.

This certainly holds true at the University of Texas, El Paso, an ETS campaign hotspot, where many of the students are first-generation college graduates and struggle with the high cost of the GREs, according to Yvonne Lopez, the school's assistant dean for graduate student services.

"[Applicants] are already insecure about taking the test," she said. "Saying 'you need to take this test to secure a

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The ABCs of standardized testing

The dizzying number of acronyms which make up the world of post-college tests can be overwhelming and foreign to many students. Whether you are preparing for graduate school or simply trying to decode those Kaplan posters hanging in your classroom, what follows is a brief overview of the major exams.

GRE

Stands for: Graduate Record Examination
Taken by: Anyone interested in general graduate-level study

Test Format: Measures verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking and analytical writing skills

MCAT

Stands for: Medical College Admission Test

Taken by: Prospective medical students
Test Format: Sections on physical sciences, verbal reasoning and biological sciences and a writing sample

LSAT

Stands for: Law School Admission Test

Taken by: Prospective law students
Test Format: Consists of five 35-minute sections of multiple-choice questions. They focus on logical reason, reading comprehension and quantitative reasoning. Also included is a writing sample administered at the end of the test.

GMAT

Stands for: Graduate Management Admission Test

Taken by: Prospective business students
Test Format: Measures basic verbal, mathematical and analytical writing skills. It consists of three main parts: the analytical writing assessment, the quantitative section and the verbal section.

DAT

Stands for: Dental Admission Test

Taken by: Prospective dental students
Test Format: Four sections which include a survey of the natural sciences, perceptual ability, reading comprehension and quantitative reasoning

— by Robin Carol

Educating educators: Tufts part of ACE program

BY JULIA ZINBERG
Contributing Writer

As the old saying goes, you never really understand someone until you walk around in his shoes. The same now applies to university administrators.

University deans, provosts and presidents are increasingly being eased into their dynamic and challenging roles through a premier leadership development program called the American Council on Education (ACE) Fellowship. After a rigorous evaluation process, a limited number of aspiring higher education administrators — nominated by their home institutions — are selected to become fellows each year.

ACE fellows are given the opportunity to spend an extended period of time on a university campus, working with leadership and personnel including the president, vice president and provost. They observe and participate in meetings and events, take on special projects and assignments, participate in three different week-long national seminars and make contact with a network of higher education leaders.

Tufts Provost Jamshed Bharucha feels that the program is useful for those seeking upper-level posts, as well as for faculty members who wish to expand their knowledge and experience.

"The [ACE] program gives the fellows an opportunity to learn about a new and different organization," Bharucha said. "It is leadership development for people

who have prior experience and are interested in taking on new university leadership positions."

Tufts President Lawrence Bacow, who is a member of the National Panel of Presidents and Chancellors for the ACE, is committed to the program, and several fellows have spent a year at Tufts learning the ropes of university administration. During the 1996-1997 academic year, Deborah Winslow Nutter, the current senior associate dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, completed her fellowship at Tufts.

Tufts' fellow for the current academic year is Nancy Aries, a professor at Baruch College's School of Public Affairs. Baruch is part of the City University of New York. Aries is working with administrators from all across the university, but most closely with Bharucha.

A provost's typical day is filled to the brim. "[My day involves] lots of meetings — including those related to budgets, trustees, academic affairs and talking with students and staff — phone calls, e-mails, events and receptions, dealing with unexpected crises and traveling between the Boston campus and the Medford campus," Bharucha said.

But Aries' experience is not merely a replica of Bharucha's routine. In accordance with the guidelines and mission of the ACE program, she has been building her own relationships with people from all over the university by attending meet-

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MICHAEL GOETZMAN | SPOTLIGHT

The Duke of Debauchery



No one wants their real names in these Spotlights. The simplicity of background checks combined with the Internet's hold on an increasing amount of our personal information gets us all paranoid about what future employers might find gathering dust in cyberspace. So, it should be no surprise that the Duke wanted his name withheld. Nonetheless, I hope that the alias I've created, BJ Sambrosafich, will ring a few bells, for his real name rhymes with it. If no bells were rung, he told me that you might be able to identify him by the fact that he has "three nipples and shaved pubic hair."

I met BJ for the first time around 3:45 last Sunday morning. I guess you could say his reputation preceded him, since I had heard numerous stories about his debaucheries and had often seen him boisterously chat with buddies outside humid frat houses. Most who don't know him personally have probably been struck by fits of laughter or anger upon hearing of his absurdly hilarious, sometimes crude, Tucker Max-esque exploits.

In fact, he prides himself on his ability to summon the aura of Max, declaring, "Oh my god, I love that dude" when I pointed out their similarities. For those who are unaware, Tucker Max ascended to the heights of pseudo-celebrity among male college students after publishing his raucous book, "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell," in 2006. You can probably tell from the title that it's a pretty deep read — stuff for the little bit of Virginia Woolf in all of us. The collection of supposedly true tales recounts Max's sex- and alcohol-fueled adventures which, like BJ's, verge on the impossibly outrageous.

You might understand, then, why I felt that a simple and sedate interview just wouldn't work with BJ. No, an experiential interview would be the only way to go. I'd be like that starry-eyed kid in "Almost Famous" (2000) who followed the band around and fell in love with groupies, all the while grappling with the pressures and pleasures of being a naïve youth.

Unfortunately, I was informed that BJ, like the band in "Almost Famous," was busy — "doing the nasty," among other things. As the night dragged on and I couldn't get a hold of BJ, my chances at even a regular interview seemed shot. But at 3:30 a.m., in a last-ditch effort, my cohort and I decided to try to track him down in West. And, by some freakish and uncanny serendipity, we found BJ in a female's room, dazed but coherent and willing to chat.

Among declarations of love for Tucker Max and a story recounting the time his buddy TEMS'd him for trying to defecate in the shower, BJ told me he has a "Jesus complex," which would explain his Halloween costume this year: a bloodied Jesus carrying a huge cross.

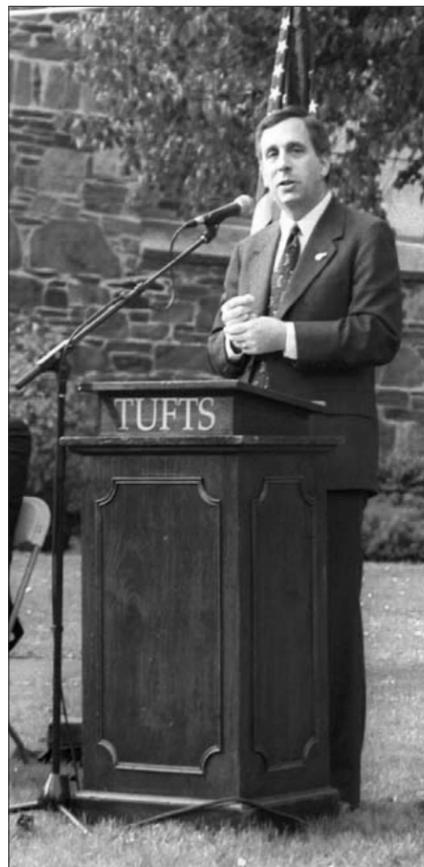
I know what you're thinking: "It must've been BJ that put those bags of doo in Sophia Gordon. He must be the fragrant vagrant!" But pump the brakes, Speed Racer. His culpability is yet to be determined. When asked if he was guilty of the crime, he said, "Can you just say 'yeah' for literary purposes?"

As you've probably gathered, BJ, ever the mischief-making iconoclast, like Dennis the Menace and Johnny Knoxville before him, likes to shake things up a bit. Some might have taken offense to his Halloween costume, just as many have gasped in dismay upon hearing tales of his foolhardy crusades. For better or for worse, though, it is characters like BJ that bring vitality to a campus that might otherwise be plagued by a stagnant and stunting uniformity. In a sense, he's The Primary Source personified. We don't always agree. Heck, we may downright hate each other. But when the dust has settled, I'm glad to have him around.

After carousing together, I asked Beej if he had anything else to say. "Yeah," he said, "I like long walks on the beach and the Eiffel Tower."

A fact I'm sure any future employer of BJ's would love to find on the Interweb.

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DAILY FILE PHOTO/

Tufts President Lawrence Bacow helps aspiring administrators get insight into the college leadership process.



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There are almost as many standardized tests as there are bubbles on this answer sheet.

ETS ads may be leading students to grad school for the wrong reasons

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good future' only sets more insecurities." Largely, that is what universities hope to avoid.

"We would never encourage students to enroll in a graduate program to avoid a tough economy," Director of Career Services Jean Papalia said. "It's a significant investment of time, energy and finances and should be based on a compelling desire to acquire a certain degree in order to enter a specific profession or reach a specific goal. Graduate school is not about exploring."

But it is clear that the trend is just the opposite, and while many vehemently oppose the thought of higher education as a "safety net," its appeal is not baseless. Students are having difficulties

starting their careers with B.A.s only, according to both Lopez and Atkinson, in which case the ETS's encouragement could actually be more of a comfort than a setback.

While questionable motives plague the GRE campaign's reputation, its ads tap into a legitimate generational fear.

The idea of graduate school may not be appealing to those "at 93 credits and counting," who "still don't know what [they] want to do," as takeTheGRE.com suggests. But it may appeal to those who have searched for a job suitable to their credentials and failed, as has been the case for many recent college graduates.

One argument, though, is impervious to even the organization's staunchest critics: "You really can't go wrong with encouraging education," Mandell said.

Fellowship program allows college faculty to train for higher-level posts

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ings and events and pursuing her own projects.

"We've encouraged [Aries] to get to know many different people at Tufts, invited her to many different meetings and had one-on-one sessions with her. But she is taking her own initiative — getting to know leaders, challenges and differences in different parts of the university," Bharucha said.

"The president and the provost have given me tremendous access to learn whatever I want to about the university," Aries said. "My day generally consists of three parts: first, contacting people, learning about different people in the university and meeting people in all avenues; second, attending all levels of meetings at the university, including staff meetings, council meetings and president meetings, to see how leadership happens here; third, doing my own reading and following up on questions I want to pursue, including project work for Tufts and my home institution."

The program has allowed Aries to scrutinize what makes Tufts run so smoothly, and also to add her own insights.

"The program has made me realize how each member of the university, from professors to administrators to personnel, sees the university from their own unique perspective and how the pieces come together as a whole when you look at the institution from the top down. I have been able to see how university leadership balances and how to create a learning environment for students and faculty that makes Tufts such a special place and a clear choice for prospective students," Aries said.

In addition, the fusion of her experiences at Baruch College with those she has had at Tufts has given Aries new ideas about how a college can and should be run and has provided Tufts administrators with a helpful new view-

point.

"A good fellow like Nancy can be a new set of eyes and ears and notice things that those embedded in the organization don't necessarily see. She brings a fresh perspective coming from an institution with a different culture," Bharucha said.

Indeed, the atmosphere at Baruch is quite different from that at Tufts. Located in Manhattan, it is part of a large public city university system that serves a primarily commuter population. In contrast, Tufts is a small private school shielded from the big city atmosphere by virtue of its location in a small suburban town. In addition, most Tufts students live on campus.

Aries contends that residential living provides students with certain opportunities and experiences that cannot be found at a commuter school, and she hopes to use what she has learned at Tufts to expand the resources available to students at Baruch.

"Tufts and Baruch are schools with very different missions and environments," Aries said. "I want to be able to give students at Baruch — who are primarily working and commuting to school — the same opportunities that Tufts students have. Being a full-time student and living in the residential facilities is a very special experience; you have the opportunity to hear speakers, go to plays, do internships and so much more. I want Baruch students to have comparable experiences and opportunities."

Overall, the experience of being a fellow for the ACE program has been a very positive one for Aries.

"Working with the president and provost has been a fabulous experience," she said. "It is a privilege to be included in this program and in the Tufts community."

Aries plans to return to Baruch College next year and pursue new positions in the academic programming section of the administration.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Rudd, Scott teach 21st-century comedy a lesson in 'Role Models'

BY MITCHELL GELLER
Daily Staff Writer

Comedy in our post-Sept. 11 world has an increased fascination with the man-child, who is physically adult, but

Role Models



Starring **Seann William Scott, Paul Rudd, Christopher Mintz-Plasse**

Directed by **David Wain**

mentally a young male. The man-child never wants to grow up and deal with the real world. In writer/director David Wain's new comedy, "Role Models," Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott, two actors not unfamiliar with playing this Peter Pan-esque archetype, do nothing to help the man-child grow up but they take him to a new level.

Rudd and Scott play Danny and Wheeler, respectively, spokesmen for the energy drink Minotaur, an atomic-green liquid that Danny and Wheeler push to kids while preaching an anti-drug message. Danny



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Everyone knows elementary school would be way more fun the second time around.

does the talking while Wheeler is his hype man in a huge, furry Minotaur costume. While the job is perfect for Wheeler, allowing him to be hung-over at work, it drives

Danny to his breaking point, making him irritable and depressed.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Lady GaGa embraces pop music stereotypes and achieves gloriously tacky hit, 'The Fame'

BY GRANT BEIGHLEY
Daily Editorial Board

On the surface, the debut album from self-proclaimed lover of pop, Lady GaGa, seems like it wouldn't be of much inter-

The Fame

Lady GaGa



Interscope

est to a college-aged crowd, but surprisingly it's seeing heavy rotation in nearly all demographics. Moreover, it's been heralded as the future of pop music, or conversely, according to All Music Guide, "anti-pop," whatever that may be.

It is apparent from the first track and first single, "Just Dance," the theme of which is pretty self-explanatory, that "The Fame" is unabashedly a pop album with nothing in mind other than serving up nasty hooks and even dirtier lyrics. While "Just Dance" relies more on the catchiness of its chorus than the lyrical content, the hook is so unstoppable that it's no surprise that this song is already tearing up the charts. Then again, the chorus is so blatant — "Girl, I love this record/ but I can't see straight anymore" — that it's hard to listen to the track without seeing throbbing subwoofers pounding out the steady bass line on a club sound system while throngs of sweaty, inebriated people wildly grind against each other.

The second single from the album, which is already receiving heavy airplay on both radio and MTV, entitled "Poker Face," is nearly as melodically magnetic as "Just Dance," but it makes the unwise move of stepping from the realm of "kitsch" to "cheesy." As Lady GaGa sings, "Can't read my/ Can't read my/ Can't read my poker face," the chorus is then followed by the word "poker" stuttered repeatedly. If the chorus had been thought through a bit more, this track could have been just as 'pop-tastic' as "Just Dance," but instead it stands in the shadow of the first single.

Even though some of the songs seem rather serious, there are certainly a handful of others that were simply made



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Lady GaGa unleashes the crowd-pleasing "rub your butt against the wall" dance move.

to be blasted at ear-splitting volumes in New York's downtown clubs. The second cut off the album, "LoveGame," starts with the line, "Let's have some fun/ This beat is sick/ I want to take a ride/ on your disco stick." If these lyrics came from someone like Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera, it would be easy to write them off as clichéd dirty references. Yet, listeners are clearly cognizant of the fact that Lady GaGa knows how trite and humorously sexual her words are, and embrace them for that very reason.

"The Fame," the title track from the album, is steeped in David Bowie and Prince influences, which somehow manage to mesh perfectly with the processed drums and digital bass that hold down nearly every track on the album. A simple guitar line takes the hook for the entirety of the tune, with synthesizers swooshing for the hard-panned left and right, attacking the listener with a flood of spe-

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GALLERY REVIEW

Exhibit showcases mix of Indian, European styles

BY ADAM KULEWICZ
Daily Staff Writer

The art of a society says almost as much about it as its history does. Works produced by a culture reflect

"And so to Bed:" Indian Bed Curtains from a Stately English Home

At the Loring Gallery, through June 21
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the society's trends and are often times a direct reaction to some of its most important historical events.

Illustrating this fact, "And so to Bed": Indian Bed Curtains from a Stately English Home," at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, until June 21, showcases part of the museum's extraordinary textile and furniture collection in the Loring Gallery. The works, which include intricate bed curtains, chests, screens and other household items, are emblematic of the complex interaction between European and Asian societies in the late 17th and early 18th centuries and demonstrate extraordinary craftsmanship.

As the exhibit's title suggests, it features bed curtains and furniture from a large English home, more specifically that of the Ashburnham family, who through several marriages worked their way up the social ladder into the upper strata of English society. The Ashburnham family became one of considerable wealth and influence and decorated its homes accordingly.

In the 17th and 18th centuries,

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Twitter this

I love the Internet; I really do. It's given humanity so many great things — most of them pornographic in nature — but, more importantly, it has given us all new reasons to never leave the house and interact with other living beings. As my dad has always said, "There's all kinds of great things on that there 'interwebs.'"

In addition to porn, the Internet has brought with it many not-so-pleasant things, namely the dawning of the age of self-importance. It started in the middle-school years with things such as Xanga.com and LiveJournal.com, and, before too long, impressionable youngsters had thrown themselves wholeheartedly into blog-rings and blogspot.com.

Now, I can understand why having a day-to-day blog is fun and interesting, and I'm guilty of having read a few of them in my day, but unless you're someone famous and REALLY important (like Pete Wentz or John Mayer, both of whom keep blogs) and your thoughts actually matter, I just can't see the use in putting your thoughts up on the 'interbox' for others to read.

After a while, blogs began to become something different: something dark, evil and more than a little bit concerning. A few of my friends who kept blogs began blogging about their everyday tasks instead of the thoughts that were precipitated by these daily drudgeries. For example, instead of saying, "while waiting in line at the grocery store, I considered why it is exactly humans feel the need to regard food as such an important part of life," he or she would simply say, "I waited in line at the grocery store today. Then I bought underwear. Then I ate a hot dog. It was mediocre. I am unhappy."

Needless to say, when Twitter came around, I was less than pleased. For those who have no idea what this service is, Twitter is a micro-blog (a blog less than 140 characters) that can be updated from cell phones or computers. Essentially, Twitter is made up of usernames sending their daily activities out to the depths of the 'inter-blogs' for others with far too much free time to read.

The sociological concerns behind the Twitter phenomenon are what actually concern me. Twitter seems to suggest that if you're alone and thinking without anyone else hearing your thoughts or seeing your actions, you don't exist.

Since when have humans needed to be so connected to others, even strangers who they know very little about (user circles get very weird...) that they must report what they're having for dinner or update their mood status every twenty minutes?

Here's a novel idea: Live your life as you want to and stop thinking that other people need to justify your actions or feelings to make them legitimate. I can certainly understand the need to keep friends and family up to date on your life, but if these people mean so much to you, pick up the phone (or Skype, it's FREE) and tell them about it in a more personal manner. If you feel lonely or bored without your Twitter account constantly bleeping and blooping to update you on what others are doing, go out and join a club, sit in a coffee shop and look at cute girls/guys, just do whatever it is you like to do to be proactive about meeting new people. Real people. Reading about someone else's life in no way makes your life any more interesting.

There is nothing stopping you, dear reader, from leading a life similar to those of Pete Wentz, John Mayer or (God forbid) Paris Hilton, so stop reading about their lives and go make the most of your own.

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Clever writing, intricate set design carry 'Role Models' far past mediocrity

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Things come to a head when Danny's girlfriend Beth (played by Elizabeth Banks) breaks up with him and then the energy-drink duo crashes the company truck, causing massive property damage. The pair is faced with a choice: 30 days in jail or 150 hours of community service at a "Big Brothers Big Sisters"-type organization run by the uncomfortably hilarious Jane Lynch.

Danny is paired with Augie (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), an awkward teen who wears a cape and participates in Live-Action Role-Playing Experience, or LARE, while Wheeler gets Ronnie (Bobb'e J. Thompson), a rambunctious, foul-mouthed ten-year-old. Faced with the prospect of having to mentor kids, the Minotaur-hawking man-children find that they have to grow up to avoid going to jail.

At first glance, the film seems as though it should be another forgettable, immature joke-fest, but with Wain at the helm, "Role Models" is so much more. His subversive and off-beat humor truly shine through, an example being when he even manages to translate Danny's story about child sex trafficking into a guilt-free laugh.

Everyone in this film is typecast: Rudd plays a neurotic grump, Scott is an immature, misogynistic party animal, Mintz-Plasse essentially reprises his role as Fogell from "Superbad" (2007) and Banks is the reasonable and mature adult. Fortunately, all of these actors excel in their respective pigeonholes. Each film that Rudd appears in further cements him as one of the best actors currently working, "Role Models" included, and Scott, though still playing a Steve Stiffler-like character, proves again that his impeccable comic timing



"What'chu talkin' 'bout Stiffler?"

and charisma make him the go-to-guy for such roles. The big discovery, however, is Thompson; for some reason, hearing a 10-year old curse and slap an adult never gets old, and his timing rivals that of any of the film's more seasoned actors.

The plot is fairly predictable, but the

actors bring their expertise and Wain brings the absurdity, and everything stews into a pitch-perfect comedy. The requisite romantic subplot involving Danny and Beth feels a little tacked on at first, but it is crucial for the ending, which involves the single most inspired, funniest use of a Kiss song ever.

Kiss, Wheeler's favorite band, becomes a running theme in "Role Models." The fundamental differences between Danny and Wheeler become clear when Danny suggests that the lyrics to Kiss' most famous song "Rock 'n' Roll All Night" should be "rock 'n' roll all night/ And part of every day," rather than "And party every day." Later, Wheeler is able to connect with Ronnie through the power of the song "Love Gun," when he graphically explains the song's metaphor to his 10-year-old mentee. The band also plays a major part in the finale, a LARE battle that is comedy's answer to "Braveheart" (1995).

There is no downtime from the laughs in "Role Models." Each scene is full of throwaway lines that are as funny as anything produced by Hollywood in recent memory, and the set-pieces, such as the scenic camping trip gone awry and the grand finale battle, will evoke laughter from any audience.

There is no doubt that these actors enjoyed themselves while making this movie. Though the creative force that is Judd Apatow had no hand in this film, it has a decidedly Apatowian quality to it that goes deeper than simply the inclusion of the previously mentioned man-child; this is biting comedy with a big heart on its sleeve.

"Role Models" never claims to be more than it is, and it certainly doesn't take itself too seriously. It is a movie that knows its place and fills it perfectly. Hollywood should take note: Maybe after a few more like this, comedy fans won't have to suffer any more films in the vein of "Scary Movie" (2000) sequels and knockoffs. "Role Models" sets a great example, reminding everyone just how funny a comedy can be.

Exhibit of Ashburnham family's furniture reflects cultural interaction between England and India

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as England's interactions with India were ever increasing, the upper class began to develop a penchant for interior decoration influenced by Indian and other Asian styles of art. Perhaps in reaction to the unprecedented scope of cultural exchange that was occurring, wealthy families, including the Ashburnhams, liked to surround themselves with pieces of this new, exotic style. This new interest led to the development of Chinoiserie, a European style of art that, according to the wall label in the exhibit "blended elements of Chinese, Japanese, Indian and Persian art to create a unique vision of the exotic Orient."

.. the upper class began to develop a penchant for interior decoration influenced by Indian and other Asian styles of art.

"And so to Bed" mainly consists of pieces from the Chinoiserie style which are interesting, not only because of their intricacy, but also because of their interpretation and combination of varying styles of Asian art. The pieces demonstrate Europe's fascination with these cultures that would continue for centuries to come.

One such piece, "Wide curtain" (approx. 1700), part of an elaborate bed drapery, is hung at the entrance to the exhibition and is a perfect demonstration of this Euro-Asian



The Indian "Bed Curtain" (1675-1725) once really tied the room together in an upscale English home.

style. The pattern's vibrant red flowers and exotic birds clearly pull from Asian styles of art, but, because the design was applied to the Indian fabric in England, it also pulls on European aesthetic ideals to create a unique mix of cultures that manifested itself in the homes of the wealthy, and indeed, the pages of history books for many centuries.

Another piece of interest, "Lacquer cabinet and stand" (1680-90) combines a decidedly European base with a cabinet that, according to the wall text, "has been 'orientalized' by the application of lacquer panels from a Chinese screen." This is perhaps the most interesting piece in the exhibit because of the way it seamlessly fuses artistic

styles from two cultures. The piece is also curious because the smooth combination of artistic style has almost nothing to do with the way the cultures would interact in the years to come.

The rest of the exhibit consists primarily of textiles of both English and Indian origin and several other household items that would have been used by families such as the Ashburnhams during this time. The show is not particularly dramatic, nor does it evoke strong emotions, but it is fascinating because of the way it demonstrates the interaction between European and Asian cultures that would continue to define history for centuries to come.



Lady Gaga is worn out after taking her own advice too seriously.

'Fame' is kitchy pop at its best

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cial stimuli. Amazingly the song still is about something as superficial as money, cars and women, with Lady GaGa straight-facedly saying in her raspy voice, "All we care about is runway models, Cadillacs and liquor bottles."

But it gets better. The ballad of the record, "Brown Eyes," has subtleties that bring to mind Lauryn Hill and even Billie Holiday. This one was definitely not made for the clubs, but it reminds the audience that even with her self-imposed superstar status, Lady GaGa, real name Stefani Germanotta, is still par-

tially human beneath her skin-tight vinyl get-ups.

Lady GaGa is unexpectedly attractive for the very same reason that spandex tights or retro clothing styles have drawn in so many people over the last few years: She's turned what was once kitschy into the avant-garde and vice versa. Lady GaGa attempts, with some success, to do for music what Jasper Johns or Andy Warhol did for visual art in the 1950s. Though she is still far from being a real heavy hitter in the music world, this lady could see some serious staying power if she maintains her tongue-in-cheek pop mentalities.



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EDITORIAL

Some encouraging results for women's rights

Much of the press this past week that was not centered on the triumph of Sen. Barack Obama has focused on the narrow victory of California's Proposition 8, which defines marriage as the union of a man and woman. For those progressives despairing at what is obviously a step backwards for the rights of homosexuals, however, take comfort in the fact that the one great progressive leap of electing Obama has not suddenly thrown all other reforms into reverse. On Tuesday, both Colorado and South Dakota, two states that voted Republican in both the 2000 and 2004 elections, struck down ballot initiatives that would in effect legalize abortion.

South Dakota's Measure 11 would have made abortion illegal except in cases of rape, incest or life-threatening danger to the mother resulting from the pregnancy. While this ballot initiative seems tame after one in 2006 that would have nearly banned abortion entirely, the people of South Dakota still struck it down, despite a large conservative population. If passed, Measure 11 would have also criminalized doctors who perform abortions for any but the aforementioned reasons.

Though Measure 11's stipulations have become standard exceptions in many pro-life proposals, Colorado's Amendment 48 was exponentially more extreme and more terrifying. Amendment 48 was an attempt to circumvent the ruling of Roe v. Wade

by not directly addressing the issue of abortion, but instead focusing on "personhood," or when the fertilized egg becomes a person. The wording of Amendment 48, which sought to define life as beginning at the moment of fertilization, would not only have made any abortion tantamount to homicide, but also would have illegalized certain forms of birth control, like the morning after pill. Amendment 48 was soundly defeated by a wide margin of almost three to one.

The rejection of these ballot initiatives that so blatantly seek to infringe upon the rights of women is a refreshing breath of sanity after the success of California's Proposition 8. However, the fact that our country even allows something as large and far-reaching as the right to an abortion (or gay marriage for that matter) to be determined by majority vote is absolutely absurd, especially when history clearly shows that the majority rarely ever seeks to protect the rights of the minority.

Legislation that protected the African-American minority during the civil rights movement was heavily opposed by the majority of citizens in many areas of the country despite the fact that Brown v. the Board of Education had already made it clear that separate was inherently not equal.

Similarly, legislation that allowed women the right to vote was repeatedly shot down nationally and in many states until the 19th Amendment was

finally passed in 1920. With history as the most unforgiving teacher, how is it then that the question of what a woman can do with her body can be governed by the votes of 70-year-old men? How can the difficult decision of whether or not to terminate a pregnancy be determined by a ballot cast by women who are fortunate enough to have never had to face such a choice?

For the many who remain unconvinced, consider: Passing legislation that dictates what a woman can do with her body violates the very nature of the individual citizen's right to privacy. Not only that, but passing any law that would allow the government to regulate something as personal as abortion opens a door for even more intrusive and binding bills that could extend beyond a woman's womb (although there are few things more private than that). And although many pro-life advocates say they would not push for laws limiting abortions in cases of rape or incest, it should be noted that the amount of time a normal court proceeding would take to prove rape or incest would be far longer than the human gestation period and certainly longer than the narrow window in which an abortion would be possible.

The question of abortion was debated and decided in 1973 by Roe v. Wade, regardless of whether or not that decision was in line with the majority opinion. This year, however, the majority opinion seems to be in accordance with the law.

KAYLA MURDOCK



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Tufts Democrats had a remarkable run this election season. Thank you to Mike Hawley, Antonella Scarano and the Tufts Republicans for their graciousness and eagerness to engage in debate, even when they felt so outnumbered. Thanks to the Tufts Votes team for their thankless hours organizing voter registration. One-hundred-and-thirty-eight thank yous to the Tufts students who joined us in New Hampshire — and to the others that helped here, in Connecticut and in New Hampshire on other occasions. I have been humbled by the hard work of the

Tufts Dems executive board, which inspire and challenge me, and we all owe the deepest of debts to the remarkable work of Beata Bujalska, Ben Silver, Eliza Bikvan, Dena Greenblum and Ethan Hochheiser — and the rest of the Tufts Students for Barack Obama team — whose professionalism in student organizing was reflected in the national campaign itself. Most of all, thank you to the Tufts community which took advantage of the opportunity to be engaged this year by volunteering, voting and encouraging their friends to get involved. According to The Center for Information and Research on Civic

Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE), between 22.8 and 23.1 million members of our generation cast ballots this year, about 3.4 million more than in 2004. According to CNN, we outperformed even the 65-plus demographic. Given that President-elect Barack Obama carried the youth vote by 34 percent, we can and should be proud of ourselves for delivering this historic victory and for bringing forth the change that we so desperately need.

Sincerely,
Shana Hurley
President, Tufts Democrats

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How to move forward

BY JOHN HARRISON

Millions of Americans rose up Tuesday and, for a myriad of reasons, elected to take our country in an entirely new direction, vaulting Sen. Barack Obama to the presidency. Some voted to change the status quo of our politics, some voted to elect a voice for the middle class, others still voted to end American involvement in Iraq. There are certainly many other reasons that voters were in favor of Obama, and on Tuesday night, after the results were in, there was a national catharsis for many in the diverse coalition that carried him to victory.

Thousands of students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison took to the streets and marched to the state capitol building to celebrate. CNN showed over 200,000 people wildly celebrating the triumph in Chicago's Grant Park. Here at Tufts, students gathered on Packard Avenue and in front of President Bacow's house chanting "Obama!" and "Yes, we can!" and loudly singing the national anthem and "We Shall Overcome."

After such a long and contentious election cycle, these celebrations were certainly merited. For years, a growing minority has coveted the ideals that defined Obama's campaign: unity, hope, change. For years, the minority has steadily grown while seeing its ideals fall flat when it came up against the forces of the status quo on the national stage. And now this year, that growing minority has emerged as a "new American majority," as Obama said on the night of the New Hampshire primary. After years of struggle, finally a victory. No wonder thousands gathered in front of the White House to celebrate Tuesday night.

Most of this new wave of political ideals manifested itself on college campuses. The college generation has been written off for years as too lazy or too apathetic to make change collectively. In this election cycle, however, that notion has been challenged. It was the youth who first accepted Obama's vision of a new American majority. It was the young who first embraced the idea that they could make the change they seek. Inspired by his vision, young people vaulted Barack's candidacy first into political viability, then victory. On Tuesday night, young people across America realized their potential to create political change.

Obama has been elected president. But now the real work must begin. Among much of the youth, who played a large role in carrying Obama to victory, there is a feeling that the struggle is over. As President George W. Bush might say, "mission accomplished."

While the historic nature of this victory can never be discounted, our generation would be remiss if our activism stopped on Jan. 20. We have realized our ability to elect a president, to create change electorally, but it is time for this political awakening of the college generation to expand beyond influencing the election of our leaders. It is time for us to begin driving policies that will alter the world our children and grandchildren live in.



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Today's events will shape the electoral map for years to come, when we are the ones running for political office. Now, we must step up and begin creating change that runs deeper than electing a new president. We need to develop a viable plan to secure our energy security. We need to fight to revitalize our education system, as it is the key to cultivating future generations. As we call for America to be a land of tolerance and justice for all, as many point to our unyielding quest for equality as evidenced by the election of an African-American president, our generation needs to lead the call to reject a definition of civil rights that stops at equal rights for all races. Instead, the definition must recognize that all Americans, regardless of creed, race or sexual orientation are afforded the same inalienable rights, as that will be the civil rights fight that defines our generation. In short, our generation must not be content with standing up every four years to elect a leader only to sit down until it is time to vote again. If

we want our vision for this country to be realized, then we must constantly work to achieve that vision, regardless of who sits in the Oval Office.

On Tuesday, this generation saw the power that it holds. During this campaign, we wielded that power, putting our candidate in the White House. But we have much more work to do. Now is the time for us to start to realize that in ten years or five years or two years or tomorrow, the world is going to be ours to run. We must commit ourselves to continuing to fulfill the vision that we imagined when we embraced Obama. This generation has seen the power that political involvement can bring. We must not relinquish it. This must not be the only night we dance in the streets.

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Taking back our reputation

BY ALEX KAHN

Over the past few years, Greek life on the Hill was thought to have become a cloistered and taboo relic on the fast track to obscurity. A nationwide decline in recruitment, along with several shameful incidents perpetrated by a host of Tufts fraternities and sororities led many to believe that our Greek system was destined to a slow death. Many chapters in the past decade have skirted the threshold, barely surviving pressure from their national organizations and the Tufts administration to close down.

It wasn't always like this. In the past, fraternities and sororities represented something more than the occasional hosts of weekend blowouts. The Greek community once hosted large campus-wide events, which students and faculty looked forward to.

The individual houses spent large amounts of time and money on fundraisers and philanthropy, using their manpower and dues money to help the community and those in need.

Fraternities and sororities even used to have faculty mentors and good relationships with professors and deans. In short, wearing letters around campus didn't automatically label someone as a drug dealer, bigot, hazer or womanizer.

While the incidents of the past still linger in our collective memory, Tufts Greeks are taking massive steps to take back their identities under the guidance of Director of Greek Life Patrick Romero-Aldaz. Almost every fraternity and sorority hosts large, highly-publicized philanthropy events, such as Theta Delta Chi's Mustachio Bashio, AOII's Mr. Fraternity contest, and AEPi's Luckiest Run. Each incoming class seems to contain more and more freshmen interested in Greek life and enthusiastic about rushing. Last but not least, the Greek community hosted its largest collective event in recent memory, the inaugural Block Party on Professors Row on Oct. 24.

Meant to serve the Tufts and Medford/Somerville communities, the Block Party featured carnival games,

live music and free food for students, staff and our neighbors. Without a doubt, the event was a huge success. More than the cookies decorated at the Alpha Phi booth or the pies thrown at the Theta Chi booth or the pumpkins carved at Sig Ep's booth, the Block Party offered proof that the Greek community is serious about rebuilding its reputation in the eyes of our peers. With a great turnout that is expected to grow each year the event continues, the Block Party proved that we can do positive things and have fun without the help of kegs.

Fraternities and sororities at Tufts will never garner the universal praise they enjoy at southern schools or large state universities. Our unique college culture makes this comparison unfair. But it is possible for Tufts Greeks to become a respected, fully integrated force for good on this campus ... and we're getting there.

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A modest response to Proposition 8

NICK PERRICONE

It seems to me that two conceptions of our country were altered following Tuesday's election: an African-American cannot be elected President and California is a state ruled by law and not by mob opinion.

But "the times, they are a-changin'," and we might as well change with them. So if we demolished racial barriers with the election of Sen. Barack Obama while we simultaneously negated every bit of progress made in our country to protect minority rights — from the Bill of Rights onward — from being trampled upon by majorities, then the people of this country simply must adapt to such a change and move on. This is why I am presently submitting a modest proposal of my own in response to California's elimination of the right of two people who love each other to get married.

Consider: While it is difficult to determine precisely, studies have estimated the percentage of homosexuals in the United States population to be anywhere from three percent to 10 percent.

Using a reasonable and conservative estimate of five percent, it transpires that the population of homosexuals living in the United States is approximately 15,051,997. Comparatively, according to the most recent census, the population of the entire state of Utah is estimated at 2,645,330.

I am thereby calling for an en-masse migration of homosexuals from every swath of land and every corner of this country to the state of Utah.

Once they get there, the homosexuals could effect a ballot initiative calling for an amendment to the state constitution declaring that, "Only marriage between a man and a man or a woman and a woman is valid or recognized in Utah."

I have thought this plan through with the utmost assiduousness and caution and am convinced it is foolproof. The logistics and principles behind it are irrefutable: Homosexuals would easily carry the vote by a margin of around five to one; and if, following the precedent set by the Golden State, inherent human rights are subject to abolishment by majority opinion, there should be nothing obstructing the amendment's passage.

Of course, one may very well argue that such an amendment would do nothing but incite anger and defensiveness, especially among the religious.

Mormons indeed make up a high percentage of Utah's populace, to which I respond: While they are voting for the amendment to protect untraditional marriage, in the spirit of the epoch, why not tamper with a few other personal rights as well?

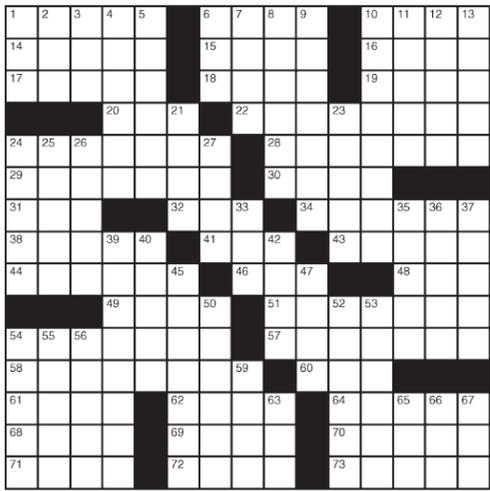
"Only religious freedom for non-Mormons is valid or recognized in Utah," would suffice. Or perhaps, "Only freedom of expression to not speak out against the homosexual marriage amendment is valid or recognized in the state of Utah."

Behind the façade of majority opinion, there would no infringement on our liberties in which it is not proper to engage.

Nick Perricone is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.

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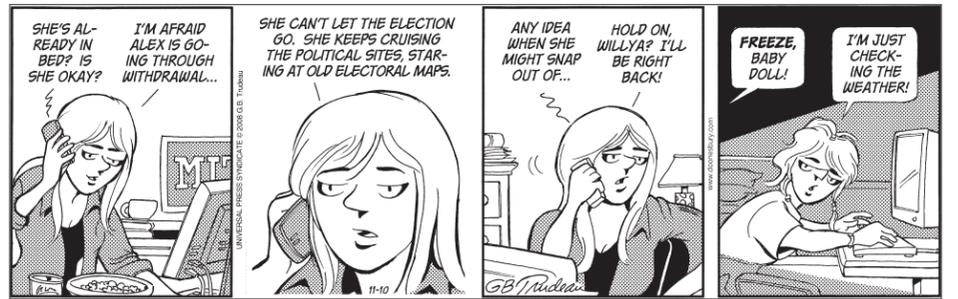
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

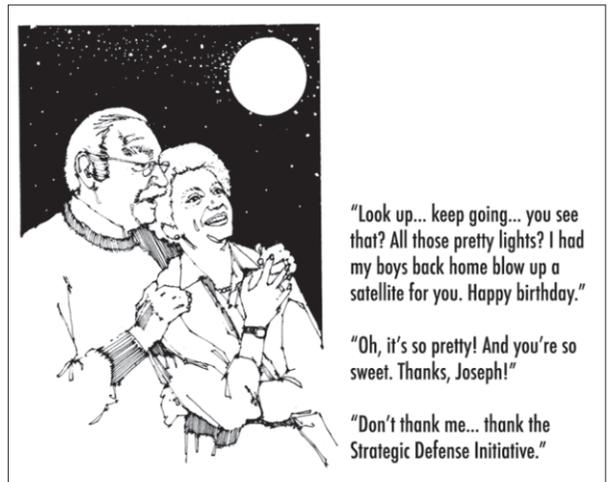


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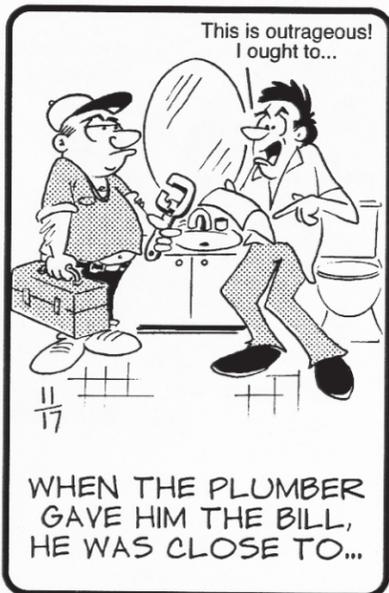
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Ans: "KREYJ"

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Jumbos await word on NCAA at-large bid following loss in conference semis

VOLLEYBALL

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however, clawed their way back from a 24-19 deficit, fighting off five straight set points to knot the score. The Jumbos then survived two more set points before they completed the comeback and took the set 28-26.

"I could not be more proud of this team and the fight they have in them," coach Cora Thompson wrote in an e-mail to the Daily. "This team is gritty and determined and when we are challenged, we rise to the occasion. They did battle with everything they had and that 'refuse to lose' attitude was so evident, especially in set two."

With the match tied 1-1, neither team could build significant momentum and pull together two consecutive set wins. Williams took the third set 25-20 but only after the score was tied 10 times.

The fourth set was just as tight and saw another seven ties in the score, but this time the Jumbos came out on top by another 25-20 score. Neither the No. 1 seed nor the defending champion was willing to give an inch in a scrappy battle, in which both sides came up with miraculous digs to keep long volleys going. The two teams, in fact, combined for 91 digs on the match. Williams also employed a particularly effective block scheme to stymie the Tufts offense.

"They had a really big block and

their passing was fantastic," sophomore Dawson Joyce-Mendive said. "I was getting a lot of sets, and they saw that the ball was coming to me."

Joyce-Mendive saw a lot of action throughout the match, leading the Jumbos with 24 kills. Classmate Caitlin Updike and junior Brogie Helgeson also chipped in nine and six kills apiece.

"They do have a big block and when our pass was off — it was tough for our hitters to get around their block," Thompson said. "When our passing was on, I think [junior setter] Dena [Feiger] did great [a] job of spreading the offense and giving our hitters the best one-on-one match ups."

In the fifth and determining set, the Ephs looked as though they were going to put the Jumbos away early after taking leads of 3-0 and 9-4. Following the trend of the match, though, the Jumbos pulled themselves back into contention, tying the score at 11. But after a 4-2 run, Williams finally ended the Jumbos' bid for a spot in yesterday's finals with a 15-13 set victory to seal the 3-2 win.

"They played a really great game," said Feiger, who ran the offense with 54 assists in the match and also contributed nine digs to the defensive effort. "Their season is coming together for them at the perfect time."

"They had a much quicker offense

and incredible defense," senior tri-captain Natalie Goldstein said.

Senior tri-captain Stacy Filocco led the defense with 23 digs, coupled with six kills on offense, while classmate Maya Ripecky and sophomore Cara Spieler tallied 20 digs apiece.

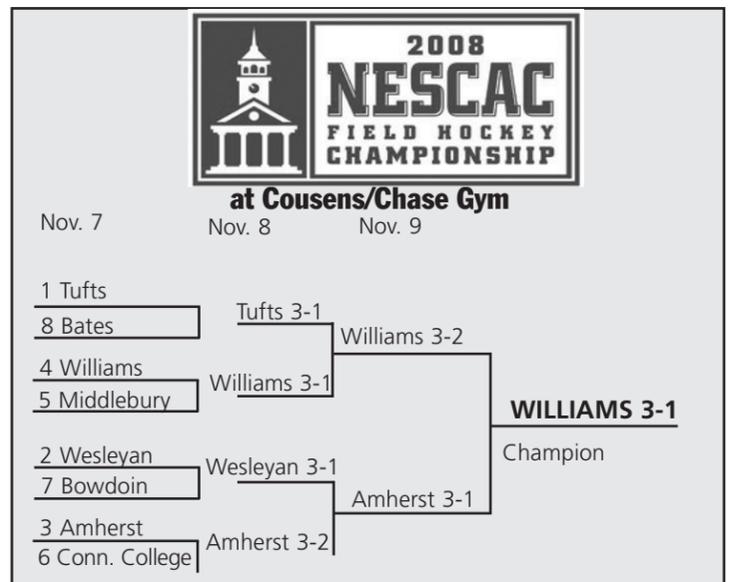
"[Williams'] two hitters were really on," Joyce-Mendive said, referring to sophomores Kate Anderson and Nicole Ballon-Landa, who landed 24 and 19 kills, respectively, to contribute to Williams' 54-kill effort.

Williams defeated Amherst 3-1 yesterday to take its second straight title and secure an automatic bid to the NCAA Regional Tournament.

Tufts' loss does not necessarily spell doom for the team. At 28-3, the Jumbos said on Saturday that they believe they could receive an at-large bid into the tournament when the Regional fields are announced today.

"We hope to get an at-large bid and then maybe a chance to see [Williams] again," Feiger said.

"Now that Springfield has won their conference, our chances look pretty good," Thompson said. "However, we still need to wait until all conferences have concluded their championships. We are proud to say that we have played with a lot of heart this season and as a result our season has been amazing. We have put ourselves in a great position to be considered for the bid. We hope that our season[s] efforts will be rewarded."



Friday's quarterfinal match against No. 8 Bates offered far less suspense than Tufts' difficult semifinal defeat, as the Jumbos cruised to a 3-1 victory. The team took the first set easily 25-12 before dropping the second set by the same margin. It then closed the match with 25-16 and 25-22 wins in the final two sets. The Jumbos' offensive output came from a host of sources, as Joyce-Mendive, Filocco, Helgeson and freshman Lexi Nicholas posting nine, eight, eight and seven kills, respectively.

Whether or not the Jumbos are

rewarded for their record-setting season with an at-large bid, they will undoubtedly have a lot to build on next season, despite losing four seniors to graduation.

"We have a great team chemistry and mentality," Goldstein said. "The team will definitely have a lot of talent next year and we will return 10 strong players."

"It will be hard to not have our seniors next year," Feiger said. "But coach will continue to bring in fresh new players that bring a new aspect to the team. This is a good sign for next year."

Road woes continue as Tufts finishes out 2008 season with mediocre .500 record

FOOTBALL

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suffered their fourth straight road loss.

It was an interesting day for both teams offensively, as each side's No. 1 quarterback was out with a shoulder injury coming into the matchup. For the Panthers, sophomore Jack Kramer was in for classmate Donald McKillop for the second straight game. Tufts junior Anthony Fucillo was hurt during last week's matchup with Colby. Kramer went 24-35 for 299 yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions on the day, while junior quarterback Tom McManama went 7-19 for 87 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions for the Jumbos.

Tufts took to the locker room upbeat at the end of the first half with a 17-7 lead. Junior safety Tom Tassinari played a key role in the Jumbos' first half, picking off Kramer three times during the first two quarters.

"The coaches had us in really good coverage," Tassinari said. "When the quarterback overthrew his receiver, I was in real good position to make the interceptions and get some turnovers for defense."

The Jumbos turned their hat trick of turnovers into 10 first-half points that allowed them to carry the early lead into the half. Senior running back Will Forde trudged his way to a four-yard touchdown score off the heels of Tassinari's second pick to give the Jumbos a 10-0 lead. Forde would finish the day with 60 yards on 18 carries and the lone touchdown.

Both teams traded touchdowns through the air to end the first half, as Kramer connected with junior running back Ryan Bohling for a 37-yard scoring strike. Two series later, McManama found senior wide receiver David Halas for a 31-yard touchdown pass. Halas would finish the day with five catches for 82 yards and a touchdown, finishing out his time in a Jumbo uniform

with 17 career touchdowns, a school record.

Despite their first half successes, the Jumbos' enduring road woes came back to haunt them in the second as McManama was picked on their first possession. The interception would turn into a Middlebury touchdown with a Kramer sneak on the goal line, the Panthers' first of four second-half touchdowns.

"They came out with a different game plan and ran a lot more in the second half," said senior linebacker and tri-captain Tyson Reynoso, who led the defensive effort with 17 tackles. "They had a lot of momentum going in the second half, and we just couldn't stop it."

"We made a few coverage mistakes in the second half," Tassinari added. "Middlebury came out with a different team than they had in the first, and they started running the option. We had some missed coverage [calls], but they just put us in some tough situations and we should have come up bigger."

The loss against Middlebury capped off a rollercoaster season for the Jumbos, who had high hopes for the 2008 campaign following last year's 5-3 record in which Tufts competed most of the way for the NESCAC Championship.

"We expected to have a better record — we expected to be better than 4-4," Tassinari said. "We are a little disappointed, and we wish we could have had a few more wins. There were a bunch of games that just didn't go our way."

"I don't see how you can't be disappointed," Reynoso added. "With all the talent we had ... we expected to win the league, if not at least finish with a winning record. We did have some highlights that we can be proud of, such as a great win against Williams — something we haven't done in a long time. We had some other highlights, but we just wish we could have done better."



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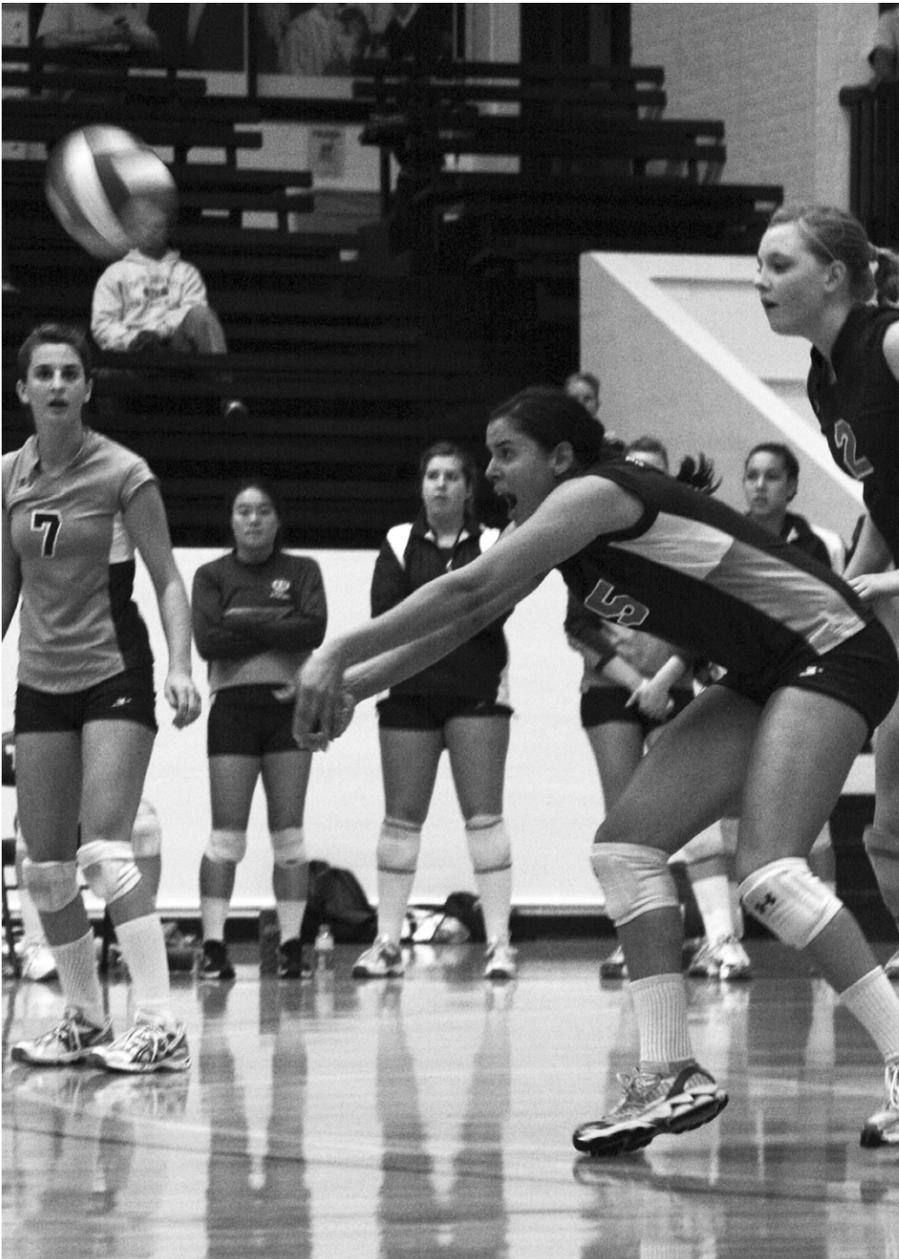
Tufts hosted two NESCAC tournaments this weekend. Jumbo fans showed up in large numbers to witness a series of exciting yet ultimately disappointing games.



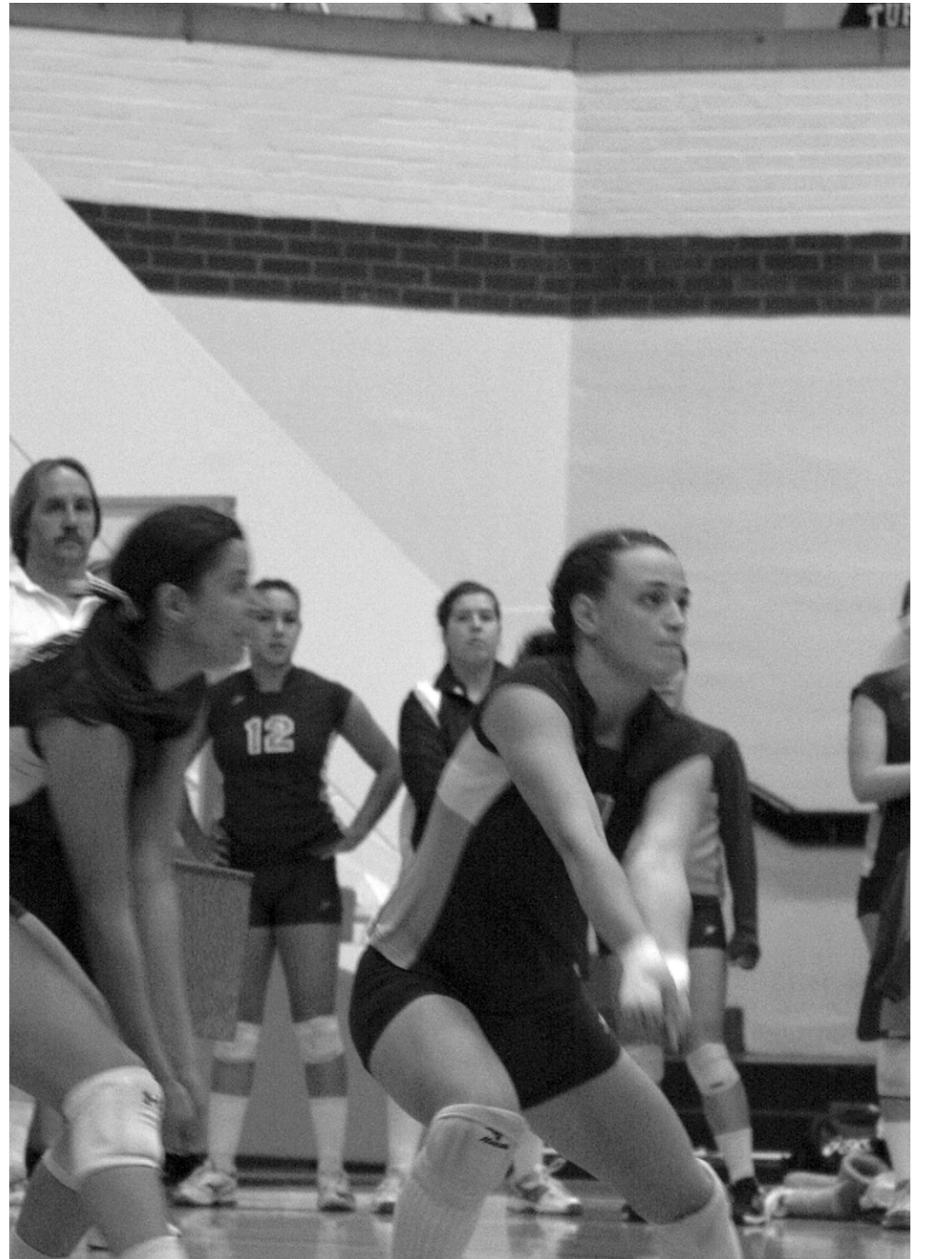
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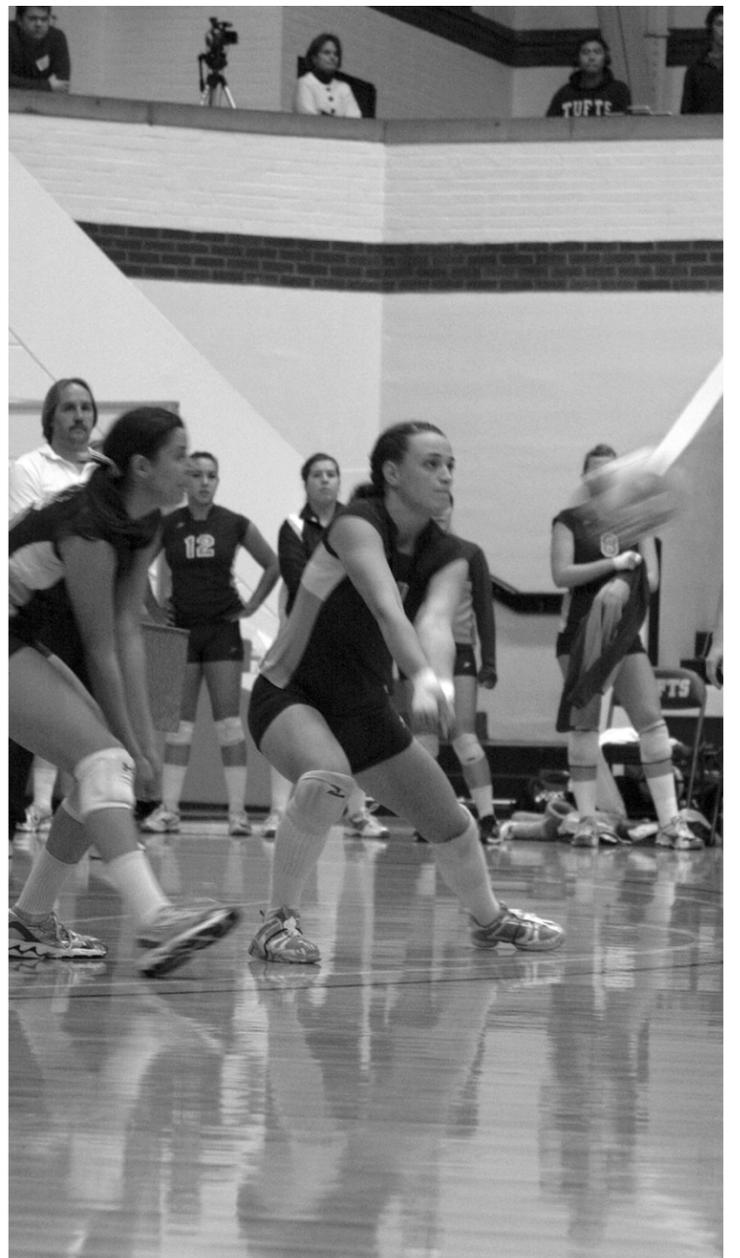
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NESCAC VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Back-to-back champs: Williams wins NESCAC volleyball title

BY JEREMY GREENHOUSE
Senior Staff Writer

The NESCAC volleyball's reigning champion, the Williams Ephs, successfully defended their crown with a four-set win over rival Amherst on Sunday in Cousens Gym, with the two teams clashing in the title game for the third straight year.

Two years ago, Amherst defeated Williams in four sets in Williamstown, Mass. Last year, Williams upended Amherst on the Lord Jeffs' home court. But this year, for the first time since 2001, the host school — Tufts — did not make the finals. Williams and Amherst met as the tourney's respective third and fourth seeds.

"This one feels better," Williams sophomore outside hitter Kate Anderson said. "We beat two teams that we've lost to, but we're a different team, and we showed that from how we've played. I think we totally came together as a team and overcame some great competition."

Williams came out strong in the first set with a 25-18 victory. The Lord Jeffs were up late in the set, but the Ephs went on a nine-point run on the strength of sophomore Nicole Ballon-Landa, who earned 17 kills on the day to go along with two aces.

"Ballon-Landa was a middle blocker, but she's been changing positions," Williams coach Fran Vandermeer said. "She battles in every point."

Williams erased a five-point deficit in the second to tie the set at 16-16, but the Lord Jeffs came away with a 25-20 win. One of Amherst's senior quad-captains, setter Sara Heller, recorded 36 assists and 20 digs. But Amherst could not main-

tain the momentum after the second set, and it was all Williams from that point on.

In her eighth and final year as coach, Vandermeer made all the right moves en route to her sixth career title. Junior Melissa Pun started the match as the team's libero, but after Williams lost the second set, freshman Aly McKinnon pulled on the libero jersey and Pun moved to outside hitter.

"We thought we needed some more offense in our front row," Vandermeer said. "Sometimes switches work, and this time Melissa gave us a lift in the front, and our freshman played great in the back."

Williams rallied to leads of 14-8 and 17-10, and Amherst's two early timeouts did little to hold off the Ephs' onslaught that earned them the third set by a score of 25-12. The rout appeared well underway as play moved into the fourth set, with Williams going up by five points early.

This time, the Lord Jeffs battled back, cutting the score to 22-20, but a crucial missed serve and outstanding defense from the Ephs proved to be the difference. Vandermeer credited the victory and the team's turnaround from a 4-6 start to the season to finish 25-12 overall to her team's defense.

The Ephs' attack was led by Anderson and Ballon-Landa. Anderson clinched the 25-21 final-set victory with her 17th kill of the match. Junior Whitney Hitchcock also contributed to the win, tying a NESCAC record with 15 blocks as well as recording five kills.

The tournament was characterized by upsets once the top four seeds had advanced to the semifinals from Friday's quarters. Tufts,

who had beaten Williams twice previously this season, fell in a thrilling five-set match on Saturday.

Following the host Jumbos' elimination, the only teams remaining were those in the unofficial "Little Three" conference. Wesleyan, who defeated the Lord Jeffs twice this year, including once last week, dropped a four-set match to Amherst. Cardinal senior co-captain Lisa Drennan, who remains favored in the running for her second NESCAC Player of the Year award, put up 21 kills and 21 digs but found herself relatively contained during the match.

"We blocked the lights out of Drennan," Amherst coach Sue Everden said. "We were effective doing that, and [sophomore] Rachel Yorke in the back was phenomenal. Of course I'm biased, but she's the best libero in the NESCAC, if not in New England. When the ball is hit to her, we get good touches. Williams was more effective keeping the ball away from her."

Yorke tallied 29 digs in the finals and had 27 and 28 in the first two rounds of the tournament. Amherst was paced in kills by freshman Christy Meier with 11.

"They were just better today," Everden said. "They developed a nice rhythm offensively. We were just a half-step off."

The winner of the NESCAC Championship earns an automatic bid into the NCAA Regional Tournament, which will also be hosted at Tufts starting Thursday. Although Amherst made the finals, it remains doubtful that they will beat out Tufts, ranked first in New England, for an at-large bid.

The tournament field will be announced this morning.



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The Williams Ephs successfully defended their NESCAC title yesterday, taking down the Amherst Lord Jeffs in four sets by scores of 25-18, 20-25, 25-12.

FIELD HOCKEY ANALYSIS

Poor penalty-corner execution dooms Jumbos in title bout

BY SAPNA BANSIL
Daily Editorial Board

The way the field hockey team executed on its plethora of penalty-corner chances this weekend, you might not have had the slightest clue that the Jumbos were the ones with home-field advantage.

When the semifinal and championship rounds of the NESCAC Tournament moved to Bello Field, Tufts was supposed to have a leg-up on its competition because of its familiarity with Bello's field turf, a surface that lends itself to a slower-paced

game. The Jumbos were in a particularly advantageous position because the weekend's three other competitors — Bowdoin, Middlebury and Trinity — all play home games on faster-paced AstroTurf.

But a team that averaged 5.67 goals per game in Medford entering the weekend suddenly lost its stroke, as sophomore forward Tamara Brown's overtime tally against Trinity in Saturday's semifinal game was the only goal Tufts managed all weekend. One of the principle culprits of the Jumbos' offensive ineffectiveness was the team's failure to convert

on its penalty-corner chances — all 41 of them — across the semifinal and championship rounds of the tournament.

"We had a lot of opportunities," senior tri-captain Tess Jasinski said. "The ball was getting knocked around the circle a lot, but the refs were [blowing the whistle] on the play early, so we were losing our momentum in front of the cage. [Saturday,] Trinity just had great sticks and they really packed in the circle, and [yesterday,] we really only had a couple corners and we had some really good chances, but we just weren't able to score."

Poor penalty-corner execution very nearly cost the Jumbos in their semifinal matchup against Trinity. Tufts had an astounding 24 corner chances in the second half alone — more than it managed in any game all season — but failed to turn a single one of them into goals. As a result, the Bantams forced the Jumbos into a do-or-die overtime session, where Tufts survived thanks to Brown's 22nd goal of the season.

In yesterday's title game against Bowdoin, however, the Jumbos were unable to overcome their ineffective corner play, dropping a 1-0 decision

that ended their perfect season. Needing a second-half score to pull even with the Polar Bears, Tufts couldn't convert any of the five penalty-corner chances it received in the period into a shot on goal.

"It was just a combination of a lot of things," junior midfielder Margi Scholtes said. "We just weren't connecting. [Yesterday,] even though we had a lot fewer corners, we did a better job of taking the ball in and putting it somewhere with purpose. We had chances like crazy today on our corners in the last five minutes, but we just couldn't finish."

Athletes of the Week

TOM TASSINARI, FOOTBALL

Although his spectacular efforts did not prove to be enough in Tufts' disappointing 38-24 loss to Williams Saturday, junior defensive back Tom Tassinari put together a dominant performance in the team's season finale. Spurred by his impressive first-half effort that saw Tassinari come up with three interceptions, the Jumbos went into halftime leading 17-7.

The junior's first pick came with 2:11 left in the first quarter and led to the Jumbos' first score on the day, a 38-yard field goal from freshman place-kicker Adam Auerbach. After grabbing the errant ball from Panthers sophomore quarterback Jack Kramer, Tassinari scrambled for 48 yards to set up the team's first points.

Minutes later, Tassinari pulled in his second interception at 13:18 of the second quarter and ran back for another 31 yards. After tacking on a facemask penalty at the end of run, senior running back Will Forde pushed across the goal line to up the Jumbo advantage to 10-0, again with thanks to Tassinari's defensive play.

Tassinari's third and final pick came late in the second quarter at the Tufts one-yard line, keeping the Panthers offense at bay and preserving the Jumbos' 17-7 lead heading into the half.

With his impressive defensive showing on Saturday, Tassinari finished the season with five total interceptions for 127 yards and one touchdown.



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THIS WEEKEND'S FANS

Despite coming up short in terms of conference crowns, Bello Field and Cousens Gymnasium were well populated throughout both the field hockey and volleyball teams' bids to earn NESCAC titles in their respective sports.

Cousens played host to almost 1,000 fans across the NESCAC quarterfinals and semifinals, with 350 on hand to see top-seeded Tufts down Bates 3-1 Friday night and another 600 checked in on Saturday for the Jumbos' marathon five-set loss to eventual champion Williams 3-2. The largest attendance on hand during the regular season was 250 fans during Tufts' 3-0 loss to powerhouse Union in the finals of the Tufts Invitational Oct. 4.

Meanwhile, the Tufts faithful lined the fences of Bello Field a couple rows deep to play witness to the No. 1-seeded field hockey team's semifinal and championship efforts. Both the squad's 1-0 overtime victory in the semis over Trinity and 1-0 loss to Bowdoin in the title bout were witnessed by 500 fans each to pull about even with the volleyball team's attendees.

With the Hill as host to not one but two conference championships, the fans made good on the opportunity to see the best of the conference square off with bids to the NCAA Tournament on the line and support the Jumbos as best they could.

Untitled: Jumbo squads come up short in quests for respective conference crowns

FIELD HOCKEY

No. 4 Bowdoin ends Tufts' perfect season with 1-0 win



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The field hockey team's offensive leader, sophomore Tamara Brown, scored the game-winning goal in overtime against Trinity on Saturday in the NESCAC semifinals. But neither Brown nor any other member of Tufts' offense was able to score Sunday.

BY SAPNA BANSIL
 Daily Editorial Board

For the first time this season, a history-making opportunity evaded the field hockey team.

FIELD HOCKEY				
(16-1, 9-0 NESCAC)				
NESCAC Championship				
Bello Field, Yesterday				
Bowdoin	1	0	—	1
Tufts	0	0	—	0
NESCAC Semifinals				
Bello Field, Saturday				
Trinity	0	0	0	— 0
Tufts	0	0	1	— 1

The nationally ranked No. 2 Jumbos dropped a narrow 1-0 decision to No. 4 Bowdoin in the championship game of the NESCAC Tournament yesterday afternoon on Bello Field, marking top-seeded Tufts' first loss of its record-setting 2008 campaign.

"It's just frustrating," coach Tina McDavitt said. "When we lose, I want to lose because the other team is so much better, but I just didn't feel that way today. We're a good team and a championship-caliber team, but we just didn't find a way to play like it."

The setback will not end the team's season, however, as the Jumbos earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament at 11 p.m. yesterday behind the strength of their near-perfect 16-1 record. The

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VOLLEYBALL

Ephs are killjoys as Jumbos fall in semis to defending champs

BY EVAN COOPER
 Daily Staff Writer

They say good things come in threes, and after a regular season effort that saw the volleyball team post two victories over the defending

VOLLEYBALL						
(28-3, 10-0 NESCAC)						
NESCAC Semifinals						
Cousens Gym, Saturday						
Williams	25	26	25	20	15	— 3
Tufts	22	28	20	25	13	— 2
NESCAC Quarterfinals						
Cousens Gym, Friday						
Bates	12	25	16	22	—	1
Tufts	25	12	25	25	—	3

champion Williams Ephs this fall, the Jumbos were ready to make good on the expression heading during Saturday's NESCAC semifinal battle with Williams.

As it turned out, the third time was the charm for the Ephs, as Tufts narrowly fell to the defending champs 3-2 in a five-set semifinal marathon in a packed Cousens Gym.

As the No. 1 squad in both New England and the NESCAC with a perfect 10-0 conference record, the Jumbos were the top seed heading into the tournament. Although Tufts had home-court advantage throughout the tournament, No. 4-seeded Williams had history on its side, having captured the championship in 2007 in addition to four consecutive titles from 2001 through 2004.

The experienced Ephs took the lead from the start in a back-and-forth first set that saw the score tied seven times before the Ephs sealed it 25-22.



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Sophomore Dawson Joyce-Mendive continued her show of offensive brilliance with a team-leading 24 kills Saturday.

The second set of the match wasn't lacking in intensity either, as Williams came close to taking a commanding 2-0 lead. The Jumbos,

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FOOTBALL

Lost on the open road: Tufts falters in finale

BY JEFF MALINA
 Daily Staff Writer

In a season defined by its consistency in home-road splits, the football team suf-

FOOTBALL				
(4-4 NESCAC)				
Middlebury, Vt., Saturday				
Tufts	0	17	7	0 — 24
Middlebury	0	7	14	17 — 38

fered again, falling short in a tough 38-24 late-comeback road loss to the Middlebury Panthers.

With the defeat, Tufts posts a dismal 0-4 road record to go along with their equally steady 4-0 home mark to end the fall

campaign 4-4 overall.

The Jumbos have mounted some impressive wins at Zimman Field this fall, including a 17-7 win over the No. 2 team in the NESCAC, Williams (6-2). But Tufts stumbled in its road contests, losing to the likes of Bowdoin (4-4), Trinity (8-0) and Amherst (5-3) by less than a touchdown.

Entering the finale of the 2008 season for both squads, it remained unclear which Jumbo team would show up at Youngman Field in Middlebury, Vt. for the rainy Saturday contest. Unfortunately for Tufts, the team's shaky road defense took the field and the Jumbos

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LAURA SCHULTZ/TUFTS DAILY

Senior tri-captain Tyson Reynoso helps take down one of the Colby Mules during Tufts' Nov. 1 17-10 victory. Reynoso was instrumental against Middlebury in Tufts' season finale, leading the defense with 17 tackles.



FIELD HOCKEY - NESCAC TOURNAMENT: SEMIFINALS TUF 1, TRI 0 (OT) - BOW 4, MID 3 - **FINALS** BOW 1, TUF 0. **MEN'S SOCCER - NESCAC TOURNAMENT: SEMIFINALS** MID 1, WIL 0 - AMH 1, TRI 0 - **FINALS** AMH 2, MID 0. **WOMEN'S SOCCER - NESCAC TOURNAMENT: SEMIFINALS** WIL 6, BOW 1 - AMH 1, MID 0 - **FINALS** WIL 3, AMH 2 (OT). **VOLLEYBALL - NESCAC TOURNAMENT: QUARTERFINALS** TUF 3, BAT 1 - WES 3, BOW 1 - AMH 3, CON 2 - WIL 3, MID 1 - **SEMIFINALS** WIL 3, TUF 2 - AMH 3, WES 1 - **FINALS** WIL 3, AMH 1. **FOOTBALL:** MID 38, TUF 24 - WIL 24, AMH 23 - BAT 23, HAM 22 - TRI 38, WES 14 - BOW 20, COL 6.