



NEWS ANALYSIS

In wake of Harvard bombshell, Tufts 'receptive' to putting an end to early decision admissions

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When Tufts Dean of Admissions Lee Coffin found out Tuesday morning that Harvard was ending its early admissions program, his response e-mail consisted of only three letters: "W-O-W."

Coffin wasn't the only college admissions officer doing a double take on Tuesday morning.

"It's one of the most profound developments in college admissions in the last 10 years," Coffin told the Daily. "It could potentially reorder things."

The earthquake was caused by Harvard's decision to end its early admissions program, making it the first elite school to do so.

Harvard had in place an Early Action policy, which is non-binding, unlike Early Decision policies. The decision to end the policy was announced in a press release on Tuesday from Harvard's interim president Derek Bok.

Harvard explains the shift by saying that Early Decision applicants tend to come from higher socio-economic classes than regular decision applicants, as applying early does not allow lower-income students to compare financial aid packages from different schools.

"Early admission programs tend to advantage the advantaged," Bok said in the press release. "Students from more sophisticated backgrounds and affluent high schools often apply early to increase their chances of admission, while minority students and students from rural areas, other countries, and high schools with fewer resources miss out."



DAILY FILE PHOTO

Bendetson Hall will have a lot to think about in the wake of Harvard's decision.

Harvard's decision has been highly praised by high school guidance counselors and in the press.

The New York Times editorial page said that "Harvard did the right thing by abandoning its early admissions program, the first elite college to do so. We hope other institutions follow its lead."

Now, admissions halls at almost every top university in the country are buzzing with the news and trying to figure out if they will, in fact, follow Harvard's lead—a prospect that is already being mentioned at Bendetson Hall.

"The word I've used is receptive," Coffin said. "We're receptive to it."

University President Lawrence Bacow

is currently traveling in Asia, and so has not been able to discuss the news in depth with Coffin or others at Tufts.

"It is premature to speculate on what we might do before I have had a chance to speak to Lee [Coffin], Deans [Robert] Sternberg and [Linda] Abriola, the trustees, and others," Bacow said in an e-mail to the Daily. "We need to be thoughtful in approaching this important decision."

Still, Bacow's use of the word 'decision' may be revealing in and of itself, and his remarks show that the University will at the very least start thinking about the potential repercussions of such a move.

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In ironic twist, number of seniors on campus drops

BY KELLEY VENDELAND
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Though the new Sophia Gordon Hall is widely touted for its environmental friendliness and modern design, its construction has had some unanticipated consequences for the Class of 2007.

In an unexpected twist of fate, the number of seniors living in on-campus facilities plummeted to 25 percent this year, down from 70 percent in the previous academic year.

Tufts intended for Sophia Gordon, the university's first all-senior hall, to encourage seniors to return to campus after a junior year spent either off-campus or abroad. Interest in the new residence was high, with over 75 groups of seniors applying to live in the 25 available apartments.

But for seniors, a spot in Sophia Gordon was the only situation in which they would have chosen to remain on campus.

"It was just there," said senior Joanna Rucker, who now resides off campus. "We just wanted to live there or off campus."

Following her rejection from Sophia Gordon, Rucker and her housemates, seniors Christopher O'Connor, Julie Sayre, and Sean Pezzini, launched into a last-minute hunt for an apartment.

"We were really late," Rucker said. "There weren't many houses available. The ones that were left were either further away, or not as nice. We got this house only because it came on the market at the end because the girls [who were going to live here originally] changed their mind."

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Virtual program to improve kids' reality

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Taking a walk with Professor Marina Bers can be very exciting, especially in virtual reality.

Bers' current research project, a 3-D computer game called Zora, won her a 2005 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE).

The game allows several players to simultaneously act as inhabitants in a virtual city by walking around, talking with neighbors, or building a home, item-by-item.

"What she is doing that I think is particularly innovative is taking what is developing technology in one area, applying it to another established area, and enhancing both of them along the way," Tufts Child Development Chair Ellen Pinderhughes said.

The PECASE award is the highest honor given by the United States government to researchers with fledging independent careers. It was awarded to Professor Bers for the Zora program's innovative application to child development.

The premise of Zora: establish an online community where



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This Zora screen shot shows options for community in virtual reality.

peers can connect. Think The Sims, but in an online community, and with educational merit.

"Technology today is in everyone's lives. It also includes social and emotional aspects when people go on MySpace, they know that there are a lot of things playing out. What I am particularly interested in is how we can use technology to foster this idea of community development," Bers said.

The Zora program is encouraging the development and design of new communities to help children who have recently

undergone organ transplant surgery. It was first used with Boston's Children's Hospital patients about a week ago.

The project gives the children a peripheral network of peers experiencing the same emotional issues—a network that could potentially encourage the children to take their medications, eat healthy meals, respect their doctors' wishes and develop upbeat perspectives on their new conditions.

Zora provides many opportunities for personal

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Seven freshmen join Senate in Fall Freshman Elections

The Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate welcomed seven freshmen into its membership this week after the freshman senate election on Wednesday, in which 44 percent of 1,283 eligible freshmen voted.

Corey Briskin, Callie Kolbe, Piyali Kundu, Constance "CJ" Mourning, Xavier Malina, Duncan Pickard and Scott Silverman will represent the Class of 2010 in the TCU Senate.

The new members will be able to meet their older counterparts at the Senate retreat this weekend in New Hampshire to examine and discuss campus life and potential changes for the upcoming semester.

Some of these ideas were brought up during the Candidates' Forum, held on Sept. 14. Platforms raised issues like the lack of panini-makers in Carmichael and the need for wireless Internet in the dorms and paper towels in the bathrooms.

A few candidates voiced their concerns about the lack of freshman awareness

of Senate activities. "I found that many freshmen didn't really know what was happening on the Senate or the avenues through which they could effect change," Pickard said.

However, many of the newly elected representatives agreed they were too new at Tufts to really know which issues are most important.

"I agree that there are a lot of things to change, but I don't know which need to be changed first," Malina said.

He believes that many of the successful candidates ran on a platform that a broader willingness "to effect change."

Briskin echoed this attitude. "As 'copout' as this sounds, I haven't been here very long, so I don't know enough to make big promises," he said.

The election process itself was marked by change. Voting percentages won by each individual candidate will no longer be released to the Daily, due to changes in Senate bylaws.

—by *Pranai Cheroo*

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Tufts offers new convenience for 'getting it on'

BY HEATHER HAUSWIRTH
Contributing Writer

It's 2 a.m. and you and your partner find yourselves in a compromising situation. No need to worry; Tufts is now safeguarding your health and your social life with fully stocked condom vending machines in central locations.

Stainless steel machines reading "L'Ambiance Condom Vending" can now be found in the vending areas of Carmichael, Hodgdon and South Hall, as well as in the Campus Center bathrooms.

Health Services in conjunction with Residential Life and Student Activities worked together to launch this project in order to promote health and risk prevention on campus.

Associate Director of the Office of Residential Life and Learning (ORLL) Donna Denoncourt says that the reason that the machines were installed is because "it is important to make condoms available for the benefit of public health, especially with this age

group."

"Students felt strongly that this would benefit the community," said Senior Director of Health and Wellness Michelle Bowdler, "so we have put a few up around campus to see whether they will be utilized."

Fifty cents will buy a Lifestyles latex condom, the same reliable condom that students can pick up for free at Health Services during business hours.

However, 24-hour access to them is a significant improvement in convenience, Bowdler said.

"The cost of \$.50 pays for the cost of the condoms, maintaining the machines, and making sure they are stocked," she said.

Students have expressed mixed reactions to these on-demand condoms.

Senior Eli Cohn thinks the machines are sending the wrong message to students. "I'm not in favor of it, because it promotes intra-dorm sex, which leads to drama, which leads to problems," he said.

Other students, like senior Ryan Rudich, think that "nobody

is going to have sex just because there is a condom vending machine, but people might have safe sex because there is a condom vending machine."

Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate President Mitch Robinson agrees that the possible health benefits overrule concerns about promoting sex. "It gives students who are choosing to have sex a safe alternative," he said.

While for right now only the standard-issue latex condoms will be available, students are already voicing their hopes for a greater variety down the line.

Many students, however, are not aware that the condom machines exist, Denoncourt said. According to Denoncourt, ResLife intends to work on the publicity for this project with the Student Health Advisory Board, a group of students convened on behalf of Health Services as a liaison to the students.

The first step, Denoncourt said, is to determine whether or not promoting the machines or simply making them available to students is their goal.

Reitman suspects drop may be one-year phenomenon

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Others, such as senior Michael Iannuci, did not immediately opt to live off campus but ran into roadblocks with other housing facilities.

"I applied to Latin Way and didn't get in there either," he said. "I'm now living in the same house I had last year."

Those abroad for either the spring or the entirety of their junior year were in a particularly difficult housing situation if they were not accepted to Sophia Gordon.

"I felt like being abroad [in England for the junior year], you have a much harder time," O'Connor said. "They kind of tell you information, but if you want to live in Sophia, I can't go to the meeting—I'm abroad. I have to e-mail and do all this extra work. If I didn't have friends here, I never would have found an apartment if I didn't get into Sophia."

Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman explained that seniors sometimes limit their own on-campus options, typically pursuing only single rooms in larger residence halls or in apartment-style buildings such as Hillside and Latin Way, which places them in competition for the suites with sophomore and junior applicants.

"It is of interest that the 70 percent take rate [to on-campus housing] for seniors in the last three years was unusually high," he said. "A quarter to a third of the class living on [campus] is more typical, so this isn't as aberrant as it seems."

Retaining the senior class' presence on campus has been a perennially difficult issue, and the unanticipated consequences of Sophia Gordon have underscored this concern for the Tufts administration.

"We have always been challenged by a lack of continuity over the four-year experi-

ence," Reitman said. "The Task Force on the Undergraduate Experience [in 2002-2003] pointed that out. Seniors, with all of the experience, involvement and leadership that they bring, are an important part of the co-curriculum. I think senior class presence on the campus adds a great deal to campus life."

Despite the correlation between the unveiling of Sophia Gordon and the large drop in on-campus fourth-year students, Reitman sees the new hall as a resounding accomplishment for the university and says that time to readjust to its presence should even out the ratio between seniors living on campus and those seniors living off campus.

"Sophia Gordon Hall is a major success," he said. "The senior distribution may be a one-year phenomenon due to the excitement of the opening of the new facility."

The Tufts administration is contemplating a restructuring of the housing lottery to draw more of next year's seniors to campus.

"The question for this year will be whether to do the lottery for Sophia ahead of time, as we did this year, or to do it as an integral part of the apartment/co-op lottery," Reitman said.

Regardless of future changes, the administration recognizes that it can only affect seniors' housing decisions to a certain degree.

"In the end, the availability and cost of local rentals probably has a greater influence than anything we can do," Reitman said. "It is advantageous for campus life to have a strong senior class presence in the halls. On the other hand, I'm not complaining about this year's outcome. It is the first year in many that we have been able to accommodate every junior who asked to live on campus."

Officers nationwide weighing early decision

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"When you're in a repositioning moment with the sort of growth that Tufts is having right now, you have to ask, 'If we were to do it now, does it complement that growth?' In the ideal world, it's clearly worth studying," Coffin said. "Practically, I don't know."

Ending the early admissions program at Tufts would be consistent with a change the University made two years ago, when it decreased the portion of the Class of 2009 that was admitted early.

Forty-three percent of the Class of 2008 was admitted early. That number was reduced to approximately 32 percent in the Classes of 2009 and 2010.

Coffin cited many of the same reasons for Tufts' change that Harvard used in explaining its decision this year, including the notion that lower-income students are not as likely to apply early.

"It had a lot to do with it," Coffin said. "We were increasingly getting to a position in March where we were not as broadly diverse as we would have liked."

Williams College has also adapted its early decision policy over the last two years. The college began reaching out two years ago to actively recruit lower-income students to apply early decision.

"We have made lots of progress in increasing the number of early decision students on financial aid," Dick Nesbitt, Williams' Director of Admission, told the Daily.

Just like Tufts, Nesbitt said that Williams is very intrigued by the news out of Cambridge.

"We're in the discussion phase. We have in the past looked at [early decision] and haven't considered dropping it, but that will be a topic of conversation in meetings."

Kathy Lindsey, Associate Director of Admissions at Middlebury College, expressed a similar sentiment.

"It could be that with no one committing early, now everyone is using financial aid as a carrot. That would be negative for Tufts if we couldn't compete, because our endowment isn't big enough."

Lee Coffin

Director of Admissions

"We are very interested in this because it's going to prompt discussion and that's great," Lindsey said. "I can't speak for the President and the board, but we will be talking about it, and this is always good for an institution."

Coupled with all that interest, however, is a distinct sense of reserve. Harvard's decision has almost no downsides for Harvard, since almost everyone who is admitted to Harvard decides to attend.

That is not the case at other schools, and the question hovering in every admissions officer's mind right now is, "Would this be good for my school?"

"It's easier for an institution that has over an 80 percent yield — there's less of a cost there than for some other places," Nesbitt said.

"I work for Tufts," Coffin said. "Any policy decisions that we consider has to be evaluated in terms of the University's mission, policy, resources and forward growth."

Coffin presented a number of scenarios in which the idea of ending early admissions loses its luster, at least for Tufts.

"We are in a baby boom right now," Coffin said. "Imagine 2012, where there are no baby boomers, no early admissions and the economy tanks. Have we hurt Tufts by dropping early decision? The phrase President Bacow always uses is unintended consequences," he said.

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"Colleges need to talk this through," Coffin continued. "Is this what we really want?"

For now, a wait-and-see attitude prevails.

"There's no way of knowing what might happen because we've done early decision for so long," Lindsey said. "My guess is that probably, if we were to change, it would be only if some of the other peer institutions were doing the same thing."

"It's almost like an avalanche," Nesbitt said. "Harvard was like a big rock that just fell down the hill. All the other rocks are sitting up there shaking. It will be interesting to see what happens."

Software to benefit various children's hospital patients

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expression, like the ability to custom design characters. Players can also insert their own values and stories into the game, which other players can see after they are incorporated in the virtual community.

Such creative freedom is a key element of Zora. "That's the big difference with The Sims. In The Sims, we are working within the constraints of the designer. Here, the person that is doing the learning is the designer," Bers said.

Users start building their homes from scratch and may pick the colors, textures and objects that fill them. This individual expression is very healthy for the Children's

Hospital patients, who sometimes exhibit a need to assert independence.

The team of graduate students working with Professor Bers will soon conduct phone interviews to sample the children's responses.

"It seems they are not very afraid to share what they are feeling," graduate student Clement Chau said. "We first thought that they might be hesitant talking about their transplant issues, but it didn't seem like they were too afraid."

The hospital project currently has permission to continue for eight months, and plans have been made to expand the number of Zora users before the project's completion.

MARKETS

Yesterday's close

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▲ NASDAQ
1.06 2,228.73

WEATHER FORECAST

Today
Friday, September 15
Showers
Sunrise: 6:24 AM
Sunset: 6:54 PM

Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday



Showers
70/58

Tuesday



Showers
74/52

Sunday



Mostly Sunny
77/61

Wednesday



Few Showers
65/46

Monday



Mostly Sunny
80/65

Thursday



Sunny
64/50

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'm not in favor of [the condom machine], because it promotes intra-dorm sex, which leads to drama, which leads to problems."

Eli Cohn
Senior
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ESPN no longer a female-free zone

BY ARIANNE BAKER
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In the summer of 2005, the National Hockey League's player strike left ESPN with open timeslots, so it aired women's softball during primetime.

Three TV networks devoted to college sports now air games 24 hours a day: ESPN, launched in March 2005; College Sports Television (CSTV), launched in February 2003; and Fox College Sports.

Because more airtime is available for college sports, women have a better chance at getting broadcast. In fact, the first game aired from CSTV was a live telecast of a women's basketball game between Notre Dame and University of Connecticut, according to CSTV's Web site.

Are women's collegiate sports becoming more popular? Tufts' Director of Athletics Bill Gehling explained that the increased number of women playing sports since Title IX, the 1972 federal law requiring equal funding for women's and men's sports programs in educational institutions, has created an improved scene for female athletes.

"The evolution of women's sports in general has been phenomenal [since Title IX]," Gehling said.

According to Gehling, the potential popularity increase for women's sports comes from several different possible

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World Cup 2006 drew Jumbos and Germans alike

BY KRISTEN SAWICKI
Daily Editorial Board

Moans and groans could be heard from the stands about midway through the second half of the men's soccer game against Colby last Saturday. By the beginning of the first overtime, players' moms had switched from cheering on their sons to discussing back-to-school shopping. Finally, after a total of 110 minutes of soccer—the 90 minutes of regulation time plus the two 10-minute overtimes—the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Another more publicized soccer game recently ended with the same score: the June 17 World Cup match between the United States and Italy.

Such a low-scoring outcome is common in the game of soccer. In the 2006 World Cup, which was held in Germany this summer, a total of 147 goals were scored in the Cup's 64 games. That's an average of 2.3 goals per game—pretty low compared to scoring totals in basketball, which often total over 200 points in a game, or even baseball, which tend to total at least five runs, and generally more, per game.

The low-scoring nature of soccer didn't faze a couple of Tufts students who attended World Cup games. Junior Sophia Meadows and sophomore Alice Graff both attended World Cup games in June.

Meadows saw a total of four games: the three United States games (the U.S. team did not advance past the first round) and the Italy vs. Australia game in the Round of 16.

Graff attended a "friendly" match



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Fans cheer during Italy's game against the USA the game ends in a 1-1 tie during the World Cup Group E soccer match in Kaiserslautern, Germany, on Saturday, June 17, 2006.

between Spain and Croatia. "Friendly" matches are like scrimmages and are often used to prepare for World Cup and other meaningful competition. Even though the game's result was unimportant, Graff said tensions were high among the fans.

"They [stadium officials] thought the Croatian fans were going to riot or something," Graff said. "When we first got there they tried to get us to sit in the Spain section even though our tickets were for the Croatian section, because I guess we looked like we weren't up for

a riot. So yeah, there were all these riot police with guns and such lining the door."

Graff said she sat among the Croatian fans because her next-door neighbor's mom moved to Croatia, and she felt a kind of loyalty to the country.

Meadows said she wore red, white and blue to the U.S. games, and that she saw a lot of the same people at all three games. "Obviously you're rooting for your country," she said, "but especially

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CAMPUS COMMENT

So, which is it, bottled or tap?



ARIANNE BAKER/TUFTS DAILY

Sarah Blick

I went to France for seven weeks, and I got the first two cavities of my life because the water there isn't fluoridated. So I think it's healthier to drink tap now.

Sarah Blick
Junior

I can't get up in the middle of class every two minutes to go get a drink of water, so it's nice to have it bottled, or a Nalgene filled with tap water.

Ariel Rosen
Freshman



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Ariel Rosen

One reason to drink tap water is to force everyone to put more effort into conserving and cleaning our water resources. Bottled water is sort of a cop-out.

Sade Nickels
Sophomore



ARIANNE BAKER/TUFTS DAILY

Sade Nickels

I'm kind of pissed to find out that Aquafina is just tap water. Why should I pay for something I can get so cheaply?

Kendall Williams
Sophomore



ARIANNE BAKER/TUFTS DAILY

Kendall Williams

The 'boxers or briefs?' of water

BY ARIANNE BAKER
Daily Editorial Board

All of the world's water is pretty much the same: a clear fluid with relatively little taste that freezes into ice. Water comes from the tap and from bottles in all sizes. But over the past ten years or so, the bottled water industry has seen exponential growth as more and more consumers have started to buy bottled water in place of tap, according to the International Bottled Water Association (IBWA), an industry trade group.

Data from the Beverage Marketing Corporation indicates that Americans drank more bottled water than ever last year: 8 billion gallons, at a cost of \$10.1 billion. That comes out to almost 27 gallons per person.

But are all waters made equal? Public drinking water (commonly referred to as tap water) is regulated by federal EPA rules and by state and local governments, but some cities' water supplies are much better off than others. Bottled water is subject to FDA regulations, but testing is done within the industry and is not mandated by the government—and the source is often unknown.

Massachusetts is particularly stringent about its water, both tap and bottled. Tap water standards are higher than those set by the EPA, and the state has been working to improve filtration systems since 1992, when lead levels were extremely high. The cities of Somerville and Medford get their water through the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's (MWRA) reservoirs in central Massachusetts.

Bottled water, on the other hand, is usually left largely unregulated. Massachusetts requires companies selling water in the state to label their products with the water's source, whether spring, artesian well or public water.

According to the 2006 Survey of Bottled Water Sold in Massachusetts, two major brands of water may not be what you think they are: Both Aquafina and Dasani water come from public tap water in states around the country, including New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Indiana, Virginia, Georgia, Ohio, Florida and New Hampshire.

Aquafina became the first billion-dollar bottled water brand in 2004, according to the IBWA. Dasani sur-

passed \$1 billion in sales the following year.

The MWRA claims that bottled water can cost up to 1000 times as much as tap water. So why are students paying so much for tap water with a bottle around it?

"I don't have anything against tap water, but I drink bottled water out of convenience," junior Sarah Blick said.

Most students interviewed didn't think there was any health benefit in bottled water that they don't get from tap water, and none had any concerns about drinking tap water from Medford or Somerville.

In fact, one student cited the lack of regulation on bottled water as a reason to avoid it out of concern for one's health. "One argument is that there is little to no regulation on what goes in bottled water," sophomore Sade Nickels said. "Companies can put arsenic in water without anyone finding out, and we don't know how the water is actually cleaned."

Compared with water resources internationally, Americans have it made in the shade: "I was in Peru this summer, and you can't drink the water there, or drink anything with ice, because it could make you sick," freshman Ariel Rosen said. "If you live in the U.S., you have good enough water available."

One student felt that the wide availability of clean water in the United States made bottled water an unnecessary expense. "I don't like the tap water at home in Philly, because it's disgusting, so my parents buy gallon jugs of water," sophomore Kendall Williams said. "But I don't like paying for water, since there's so much of it around."

Not all bottled water is just tap, though. Any bottles labeled "spring water" or "artesian well water" must actually come from springs or artesian wells. Poland Springs water is all spring water, as is Evian, Perrier and some other well-known brands.

Massachusetts has public records of all bottled water sources, as well as lots of information about local tap water available through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Center for Environmental Health Food Protection Program. The Web site is located at <http://www.mass.gov/dph/fpp/fpp.htm>.

Youth soccer in the U.S. is much more popular than the professional version

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for European countries, it [the World Cup] was a big deal."

Meadows said that in every bar in Germany, crowds of people gathered constantly to watch and discuss games.

Junior Lukas Zuegg, who is currently studying abroad in China, expressed the same sentiments about the national allegiance felt by soccer fans. Although Zuegg, who was born in Italy and lived there until age 16, did not attend any World Cup games, he was in Italy when Italy played its semifinal game and the final against France.

"The atmosphere was like that of a big family, especially after we won," Zuegg said.

According to Zuegg, soccer is a much bigger deal in Europe than in the United States. "In the U.S., it's mainly an entertaining thing, where you go, sit down, have a sausage and a beer and at best yell 'f--- off' to the other team's supporters," he said.

Zuegg explained that the European soccer atmosphere is very different. "In Europe, team games, especially football [soccer] is like a religion. People have their gravestones engraved with their favorite club and [name] their sons after players," he said.

Meadows said she went to the games with her immediate family, as well as with her aunt and uncle who live in Germany. "My Dad was really excited," she said. "He loves to watch soccer on TV."

For many Americans though, watching soccer on TV is just about as exciting as listening to a boring lecture.

Junior Jake Brotter is one such American who does not find soccer entertaining. "If I have a friend on a team then I'll enjoy a live game, but I don't watch it on TV," he said.

Besides being a low-scoring game, other fundamental differences exist

between soccer and more traditional American sports, such as American football. The game consists of two 45-minute halves, and the only stoppages of the game occur in the case of an injury or a foul.

"It's not very marketable to broadcast ... soccer has no commercials," said Michael Burshteyn, a junior on the men's soccer team at Tufts.

Although soccer still remains relatively unpopular as a spectator sport in the United States, it continues to grow as a player's sport, especially among American youth. According to the Web site of FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association), registration on U.S. Youth Soccer Association teams climbed approximately 90 percent from 1990-91 to 2002-03 to nearly 3.2 million players.

Furthermore, the Web site of the U.S. Youth Soccer Association, which describes itself as a non-profit "whose mission is to foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of America's youth through the sport of soccer at all levels of age and competition," reports that over 6,000 clubs and leagues have been formed by the organization's state associations.

Burshteyn has some experience in the youth-soccer trends: he coached a soccer team for boys under the age of 10 in Medford last spring. Burshteyn said that the boys he coached already have an appreciation for the game. "Kids start playing when they're five or six," he said. "It's just a matter of sticking with it."

Not everyone who enjoys soccer games did stick with it, however: "I played one game in kindergarten," Graff said.

Despite her lack of playing experience, Graff said she enjoyed the World Cup game she attended. After all, what college-aged female wouldn't like to watch a sport in which hot and sweaty players rip off their shirts and dance around after every game?

More women in sports media might lead to better TV coverage for women

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reasons, one of which is the entertainment factor: "The quality of play in women's sports has improved dramatically [since Title IX], and so, as a result, it is more fun for people to watch," he said.

Tufts swimming coach Nancy Bigelow explained that since Title IX, she has noticed an increase in the number of women participating in swimming. "There are more females in all levels of sports than ever before because of Title IX," Bigelow said.

At Tufts, sports generally receive less attention than they might at other schools because of our Div. III status, senior Meekaelle Joseph explained. "I wish we had better teams, because it would create more school spirit," she said.

"If students go to any games, they're probably the big guys' sports teams," Joseph added.

Gehling said that most of the time, game attendance depends on how well a team is doing. "Our more successful women's teams are starting to draw fans ... in soccer and basketball, especially," he said.

Joseph agreed that game attendance is dependent on a sport's on-campus profile and success. "The only time I remember my friends going to games was when the basketball team was in a big tournament," she said.

Traditionally, men's sports have received more attention from spectators and the media, according to Julie Dobrow, Director of Tufts' Communication and Media Studies program.

"I think that far more money has been pumped into men's sports over the years than women's," Dobrow said. "Title IX started to change this, at least in terms of developing more equitable funding structures, but there's no rule that governs how much media coverage a given sport gets," she said.

But now that women have been play-

ing sports their whole lives, it's not just a man's world anymore. "The women who are in their 20s and 30s now grew up playing sports, even if they didn't play in college," Gehling said. "Athletics is part of who they are."

One student who watches sports on TV said that he thinks some sports tend to get more coverage for women than others. "I think men's sports get more attention overall, but some women's sports get more," senior David Igbalajobi said. "For example, women's tennis seems more popular than men's, and women's soccer gets more hype than men's, I think," he said.

The role of media is important as well. "All you have to do is look at how professional sports teams are marketing themselves now," Gehling said. "They're marketing to women, not just men. A significant segment ... has been trying to attract the female fan, acknowledging the fact that there are way more women who are interested in the sport than ever before."

One difference that affects sports coverage on television is the increase of women working in the media, according to Dobrow.

"We are finally starting to get a few more women who are sports editors, and I think that as women move into more powerful management positions in sports media, we will start to see changes in the kinds of stories that are covered," Dobrow said.

Igbalajobi explained that although sports networks do cover women's sports, viewers have to search for games to watch them. "Men's teams have more sponsors and more advertising money, so the common viewer is more likely to end up watching those games," he said.

"Lots of women's sports don't have thriving franchises, so you watch the games because you're into it," Igbalajobi said. "You really have to be a fan to follow women's matches, I think."



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You won't want to delete this 'Cookie' from your cache

BY MARTY SATTELL
Daily Staff Writer

When Brooklyn-based TV on the Radio released 2004's epic "Desperate Youth, Bloodthirsty Babes" they stunned audi-

Return to Cookie Mountain

TV on the Radio



Interscope

ences and critics alike with their unbri- dled sonic breadth and shrewd socially conscious lyrics, earning them a much-coveted Shortlist Music Prize that year.

TVOTR attempts to emulate that suc- cess with this week's release of a fol- low-up effort entitled, "Return to Cookie Mountain."

Contrary to what the title may sug- gest, "Return to Cookie Mountain" isn't a revisiting of the urgent and often ambient brooding that was "Desperate Youth." Instead, it is an enhancement on their proven talent.

In departing from "Desperate Youth," TVOTR tones down the fuzzbass that permeated that album, choosing to accentuate less preeminent sounds on this set of songs. The best example of this can be found in the horn samples



"Return to Cookie Mountain" with TV on the Radio, it'll be fun!

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and sitar of "I Was a Lover" which com- bine with the drum machine's break- beats to enact a completely novel sound for the band. Also of note is the eerily

dissonant, yet somehow still pleasing piano in "Province."

"Province" is a departure not just in its instrumental elements, but also in a

vocal sense. Whereas TVOTR vocals were predominantly handled by lead singer Tunde Adepimbe, he shares singing responsibilities on this one with none other than David Bowie.

The emotional apex of the album occurs directly in the middle with "Method"—another example of TVOTR's tendency toward deconstructed doo-wop. In this song, a sparse tambourine drives the rhythm while somber, dis- torted guitar toils away with gossamer piano faintly behind it. Employing raw, yet poetic lyrics ("there's a purple cane strangling yesterday/ There's a purple stain spat up on interstates"), the song becomes a sort of funeral ode to urban- ity.

One song later, the band revisits that style in "Dirtywhirl," but with grittier, more driving instrumentation. Still, both of these tracks remain coherent and accessible.

At first, it seems that TVOTR hits pit- falls with "Blues from Down Here" and the clincher, "Wash the Day," since the two tracks sound as if they could be b- sides from "Desperate Youth." But upon a closer listen, the quasi-dance rock drumming in the former and return of the sitar in the latter seem to legitimate

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Musical '1776' declares independence

ELIZABETH HAMMOND
Daily Editorial Staff

The setting: an unpopular war, high taxes, not to mention sharply divided political parties as well as debates over

1776



Starring Peter A. Carey, J.T. Turner, Terence O'Malley
Directed by Peter H. Hunt
Written by Sherman Edwards

privacy, imprisonment without trial, and freedom of the press. Sound famil- iar? Shockingly, this is not a list of cur- rent political debates, but rather the main themes that permeate Sherman Edwards' "1776."

This Tony award-winning musical, written in the midst of the Vietnam War, follows the Founding Fathers through their attempt to start a revolution. As events unfold and a whirlwind of bifocals and white wigs hammer the Declaration of Independence into cre- ation, the main political issues in ques- tion seem uncannily familiar.

The historical events of one long, hot summer are brought to life by a cast of wholly unique and entertaining char- acters. Peter A. Carey as John Adams leads the way, embodying the Founding Fathers' caricature. While constantly repeating "I am obnoxious and unliked," throughout the process, he becomes altogether lovable. J.T. Turner's Ben Franklin counterbalances Adams, pro- viding a sage hand to sticky political situations. Terrence O'Malley portrays a new persona of Thomas Jefferson, surprisingly shy and taciturn, but nev- ertheless able to pen one of the greatest political documents of all time.

One of the greatest achievements of "1776" is its suspense. Although the ending is well-known, the calamitous journey of the Second Continental Congress keeps the audience members on the edge of their seats.

Matching the weight of the topics under consideration, the show is pro- duced on a grand scale. Nearly all of the over 26 cast members have speak- ing parts, and, running at almost three hours, the show can be a bit over-

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Opening up dance choreography



SARAH HALPERT/TUFTS DAILY

Yesterday, Tufts alum and actor Stephen Webber (LA '87) instructed an open dance workshop for students in physical theater and Acting II classes, followed by a ques- tion and answer session. Here, he taught the finer points of milling around to help the students understand motion and space on stage.

The ensemble-driven 'Last Kiss' echoes 'Garden State', but all grown up

BY JUSTIN GREENBAUM
Contributing Writer

Having a beautiful girlfriend, a fantastic job, and a baby on the way may be the ideal life for many

The Last Kiss



Starring Zach Braff, Rachel Bilson
Directed by Tony Goldwyn

29-year-old men. But for Michael, the central character in The Last Kiss, this good fortune seems too absolute, and doubt about his future occupies his mind.

Michael, played by Zach Braff, finds himself torn between the seemingly great life ahead of him with his girlfriend, Jenna (Jacinda Barrett), and the finality that comes along with it. Petrified of marriage and fatherhood, the tick- ing time-bomb of his impending

marriage throws Michael into a tailspin.

In the midst of this premature mid-life crisis, Michael meets a college student named Kim, played by Rachel Bilson, who is cute, young and noticeably inter- ested in him. Despite being deeply in love with the woman carrying his child, he is tempted by the chance to experience something different one last time.

The supporting cast of the film provides an accurate depiction of what it's like to turn 30. Casey Affleck, Eric Christian Olsen and Michael Weston play Michael's life-long friends who struggle with accepting adulthood. Affleck delivers an especially strong per- formance as a man handling a fail- ing marriage while trying to raise his newborn son.

In addition to all of the good- looking, 30-somethings, the cast is anchored by the two veteran actors who play Jenna's parents:

Blythe Danner and Tom Wilkinson. Jenna's mother and Michael find themselves questioning their relationships in similar ways. Instead of wondering about the possibil- ity of one last adventure, Jenna's mother contemplates not taking a chance on love as a younger woman. Her struggle with her past and its effect on her marriage pro- vides an interesting counterpoint to the main story of Michael and Jenna.

Interconnected storylines like these are no surprise given the screenwriter responsible. Paul Haggis, the Oscar winning co- writer of "Crash" (2004) and writer of "Million Dollar Baby" (2004), presents funny, heartfelt dialogue throughout the film. Each char- acter is given enough attention so that the audience can understand and relate to him or her. Strong character development draws audience members in and makes them care about all the characters,



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Zach Braff and Rachel Bilson sitting in a tree....Adam, get jealous.

regardless of age.

Braff manages to stand out in a solid ensemble performance. His confusion and ambivalence comes through clearly, so much so that the audience still sympathiz-

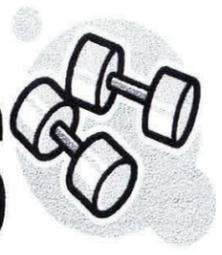
es with him despite his romantic tryst.

However, Braff's character's bewilderment is comparable

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TV is still indie even with a shiny new (major) record label

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the sitar in the latter seem to legitimize their presence on this album.

It is interesting that "Return to Cookie Mountain" was released stateside more than two months later than its international release date on July 3. The band formed directly after Sept. 11, and since their lyrics often deal with the consequences of the event, it is only logical that this was a symbolic gesture on the band's part.

To wait and release "Return to Cookie Mountain" the day after the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11 suggests reverence for the day as a socio-cultural and political watershed event and is a source of gravitas for the band.

Many TVOTR songs have thus far contained politically charged messages and especially antiwar sentiments, nostalgia for a pre-Sept. 11 world, and displeasure for the post-Sept. 11 one. (For example, just last fall, the band's Web site offered the free download of anti-Bush anthem "Dry Drunk Emperor" in response to the handling of Hurricane Katrina). "Return to Cookie Mountain" is no different. In fact, Adepimbe's opening crooning on this new album goes, "I was a lover/ Before this war."

Not only the lyrics, but the music itself suggests a preoccupation with the militaristic notions TVOTR feels are currently saturating American society. The precision drumming of "Hours" and "Let the Devil In" cannot help but conjure military-related images in the listener's mind.

While "Return to Cookie Mountain" is different from past releases, it is not a stark departure from TVOTR's usual aesthetic elements, and the album is still recognizably TVOTR's brainchild.

This new album brings forth a slew of distinctive songs in which TVOTR uses more varied instrumentation and less ambient noise to construct more lucid tracks. TVOTR has chosen clarity over tension and all the while are able to retain the intricacy of their music.

"Return to Cookie Mountain" is TVOTR's Interscope label debut. The difference in production quantity is clear when comparing this album to the band's past releases. It goes without saying that the jump from indie label Touch and Go to a major company has



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TV on the Radio contemplates renaming themselves Radio on the TV just for kicks.

been beneficial for the band. The augmented production budget has made their songs clearer: Their sonic scope

is more easily appreciated and their underlying messages are easier to hear. The result is a significant, enjoyable

and powerful rock record, one that will surely bring to fruition even more accolades for this band.



DREAMWORKS PICTURES

Come on, nobody has this much fun at a wedding.

Final scenes of 'Last Kiss' disappoint

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to that of his character in "Garden State" (2004). This similarity will undoubtedly lead to comparisons between the two movies, despite their vast differences.

"The Last Kiss" presents more mature characters than those in "Garden State." Barrett comes across as a strong woman looking to build a family, as opposed to Braff's more juvenile love interest in "Garden State," who was played by Natalie Portman. Braff also plays a warmer, more comical man in "The Last Kiss."

However, the combination of humor and heartbreak makes it difficult for "The Last Kiss" to sustain a consistent tone. Instead, the film is forced to perform an uncomfortable high-wire act in an effort to balance comedy and drama. While director Tony Goldwyn takes advantage of all of the humor and sadness in Haggis' script, they

often run too close together, creating some awkward stretches of laughter or unexpected seriousness. Almost all of the jokes work, but all that comedy makes it difficult for the audience to appreciate the intense emotional ride that occurs in the last scene of the film.

The end of the film is unfortunately plagued by a lack of answers. The ambiguous ending provides no closure for audiences that have come to care about these real, tangible characters.

Despite ending on a weak note, the film still leaves viewers with a warm feeling inside. Audiences sympathize with "The Last Kiss" candid characters; no matter the age of the audience, viewers can relate to the uncomfortable yet unavoidable finality of growing up. Some may be glad that their 30s still lay ahead, while others may lament a missed opportunity—but all will understand the allure of having that one last kiss.

Founding Fathers were visionaries, but far from perfect nonetheless

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whelming. There are certainly a few superfluous scenes that serve little purpose to the advancement of the plot. For example, Martha Jefferson's song "He Plays the Violin" leaves one wanting to petition for those 15 minutes of wasted time back.

Abigail Adams (Eileen Nugent) and Martha Jefferson (Jennifer Ellis) are the only female cast members. They provide a welcome relief from the men's-club mentality dominating the Congress. Their presence reminds viewers of who was in charge of determining the laws and policies that affected, and continue to affect, literally millions of people. It is ironic that a group of individuals rebelling against unfair representation created a nation excluding the input of women, blacks or Native Americans.

It is in these constitutional flaws that "1776" demonstrates that these great historical figures were visionaries, but also human beings. In order to achieve the nearly impossible task of a unanimous vote for independence, anti-slavery clauses were stricken from the Declaration in order to appease the South. A sorrowful John Adams struggles with his personal integrity as he concedes the point. His fight for a new nation of truly free men raises questions about the cost of political unity.

The play hauntingly reflects current sentiment in the musical number "Momma Look Sharp." As a young boy sings plaintively for his mother amidst the horrors of the battlefield,



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She feels pretty, oh so pretty — even though it's '1776' and she can't vote.

we are reminded of the costs of war. He sings of how he saw his best friends die, of his fear during battle, and how he misses his home. Despite great advances in technology, the repercussions of war remain the same.

While some of the acting is a bit stilted in the beginning, the cast quickly opens up and gives a soaring performance. In addition, some of the numbers are more than a little silly, but others are wonderfully performed. "Cool, Considerate Men," sung by the devilishly brilliant John Dickenson (Frank Gayton) and the Conservatives leaves one covered in goose bumps.

Under Edwards' skillful hand, depicting history becomes nothing more than telling a lively, inspiring story. The trials and tribulations within "1776" eerily echo in today's current events, calling into question just how far American politics has actually come over the past two centuries. Well-cast and full of bawdy humor, this show is a sure crowd-pleaser.

Dwarf planet named for Greek goddess Eris

JEREMY MANIER
McClatchy Tribune

Astronomers may have given a snub to the TV actress who starred in "Xena: Warrior Princess," when they conferred a new name on a Pluto-sized world they'd previously nicknamed Xena.

But the astronomer who christened the dwarf planet — now officially called Eris — said Thursday that he purposely named the world and its moon after deities of discord and lawlessness. Yes, with Lawless the actress in mind.

And here we all thought astronomers were a nerdy bunch.

Mike Brown, leader of the California Institute of Technology team that discovered Eris, said the name also seemed perfect in the wake of last month's bitterly contested decision by the world's astronomers to demote Pluto from the ranks of the major planets.

"In mythology, Eris inspires war by causing people to bicker and quarrel among themselves," Brown said. "It is just so fitting, it was impossible for us to pass it by."

Eris, which is slightly larger than Pluto but still smaller than Earth's moon, was the most immediate cause of the astronomical squabble that led to the ex-planet's defrocking. If Pluto was a planet, there was no logical reason why Eris should not be. The discovery of Eris forced the issue of whether any such tiny world deserved planetary status.

Pluto and Eris have now been assigned to a new class of dwarf planets that the International Astronomical Union designated last month. Officially, Pluto is no longer a genuine "planet" — a distinction already causing confusion and dissent among experts and laypeople alike.

The international astronomers' organization approved the name Eris earlier this week and also accepted Brown's suggestion of the name Dysnomia for the dwarf planet's tiny moon. In mythology Dysnomia was known as a daughter of Eris; the name literally means misrule or lawlessness.

"We wanted to have a nice nod to Xena," Brown said.

Brown said that back when he thought Eris might be embraced as a planet, he wanted to name the world Persephone — in mythology, the abducted bride of Pluto. He also considered Lila — a Hindu cosmological concept that is uncannily close to the name of Brown's 1-year-old daughter, Lilah.

Some colleagues favored keeping the nickname Xena as the official name, in honor of modern-day TV mythology.

But after last month's astronomical clash, Brown said, it seemed right to commemorate discord and misrule.

The newly chosen Greek names surprised Christopher Faraone, a professor of classics at the University of Chicago who specializes in Greek poetry and religion.

"These are pretty negative names," Faraone said.

But Faraone chuckled when reminded of the linguistic link between Dysnomia and Lawless the actress. "Oh, that's great," he said.

Faraone pointed out that Eris needn't refer to a dispute. He said the Greek poet Hesiod wrote that there are two forms of Eris, connoting either bitter strife or fruitful competition.

"When people compete, they can make better and more beautiful things," Faraone said.

That's cold comfort for Brown, who supported the new planet definition that excluded Pluto but also feels let down that the world he discovered will not be classified as a planet. After last month's vote, he posted on his Web site "A Requiem for Xena."

Brown wrote: "I don't want to be insensitive to the Plutophiles out there, but enough about Pluto, OK? I've got my own mourning to do."

Government paid journalists to appear on 'Voice of America,' says the Herald

BY CASEY WOODS
McClatchy Tribune

Nationally and internationally known journalists for English-language newspapers and magazines have "for many, many years" received payment from the U.S. government to appear on Voice of America radio programs, El Nuevo Herald reports in Thursday's edition.

Among them have been a nationally syndicated columnist, a former opinion page director for The Washington Times and the Washington bureau chief for the Hartford Courant of Connecticut.

The El Nuevo Herald article followed a Miami Herald article published Friday that disclosed that at least 10 South Florida journalists, including three from El Nuevo Herald, have been regularly paid by the U.S. government to participate in programs on Radio and TV Marti.

Spokesmen for the Broadcasting Board of Governors, the federal entity that oversees the federal government's television and radio stations, told El Nuevo Herald that such payments did not pose a conflict of interest.

"For decades, for many, many years, some of the most respectable journalists in the country have received payments to participate in programs of the Voice of America," one of the spokesmen, Larry Hart, told El

Nuevo Herald.

Radio and TV Marti were created by the U.S. government to promote U.S.-style democracy in Cuba by bringing news, entertainment and information meant to help undermine the communist government of Fidel Castro.

Since 2001, El Nuevo Herald staff reporter Pablo Alfonso, who wrote an opinion column and covered Cuba, was paid almost \$175,000 to host programs on Radio and TV Marti. In the same period, staff writer Wilfredo Cancio, who covered the Cuban exile community and politics, received almost \$15,000.

Olga Connor, an El Nuevo Herald freelance reporter who wrote about Cuban culture, received about \$71,000.

Both Alfonso and Cancio were dismissed, and Connor's relationship with The Miami Herald was terminated.

In Thursday's El Nuevo Herald article, written by reporters Gerardo Reyes and Joaquim Utset, several national journalists defended taking payments from the government for hosting or taking part in Voice of America shows.

"I do not cover the State Department or the Pentagon or any governmental agency," David Lightman, the Hartford Courant's Washington bureau chief, told El Nuevo Herald. "Second, they pay me very little, and they pay me because I am a professional and they remunerate me for my time. In gen-

eral, I do not cover the topics we're talking about."

Lightman said he occasionally participates in the Voice of America program "Issues in the News."

Other journalists who acknowledged payments from Voice of America programs included Tom M. DeFrank, head of the New York Daily News' Washington office; Helle Dale, a former director of the opinion pages of The Washington Times; and Georgie Anne Geyer, a nationally syndicated columnist who appears in 120 publications, El Nuevo Herald reported.

Miami Herald executive editor Tom Fiedler said in a separate interview that accepting such payments violates widely accepted standards of journalistic ethics.

"Even though other journalists may have accepted payments from other government agencies such as the Voice of America, it is certainly not common practice nor accepted as proper among most journalists," Fiedler said.

"I was surprised at the Hartford Courant's Washington bureau chief because he is clearly in the position to assign reporters to cover stories about Washington, to cover the very government he is taking payments from.

"That is exactly why this practice is frowned upon by the great majority of journalists and journalism ethicists," Fiedler said.



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Dawn Olson, center, holds a meeting at Mercy Health Systems in Janesville, Wis., with Ben Exely, left, and Anne Quaerna on Aug. 30. The hospital has been named one of the best employers by AARP.

Baby Boomers working as retirement beckons

BY BARBARA ROSE
McClatchy Tribune

Dawn Olson, a manager at Mercy Health System in Janesville, Wis., took her laptop with her when she and her husband flew south to spend the month of February in Florida.

The 51-year-old wasn't lugging her work along on vacation. Instead, she enjoyed a vacation-like lifestyle—golfing and boating—while also working remotely at the part-time job she and her boss designed to allow her to spend more time with her retired spouse.

With information technology support from the hospital, "I was able to work my full schedule," Olson said. "When my staff had an issue they couldn't resolve, they'd call."

Mercy, which tops AARP's annual list of best employers for over-50 workers, illustrates the flexibility some employers are offering older employees to keep them on the job. The health system offers options such as seasonal employment with full-year benefits, flexible hours and compressed work schedules, telecommuting and formal phased retirement programs.

Such arrangements are far from the

norm, but they're expected to become more common as larger numbers of the 76-million member Baby Boom generation reach retirement age, placing more pressure on the nation's strained private and public pension systems and prompting a sea change in public policy.

For instance, obstacles are falling that prevented many employers from offering formal phased retirement programs, in which employees younger than 65 collect partial pensions while working reduced hours.

Under a provision in the new pension law, workers 62 and older can collect partial benefits from their employer without quitting. The change is effective for most plans starting in January.

"This is really the first step in establishing a phased retirement program for the nation, not just individual employers," said Kyl Brown, retirement counsel for consulting firm Watson Wyatt Worldwide. "I don't think by any stretch it's the final step, but it's a fine first step. I would expect to see a fair number of employers put in a phased retirement program."

Meanwhile, industries that are hard-pressed to replace retiring Boomers are at the vanguard of such programs. It's not

surprising that nearly two-thirds of the 50 employers that AARP—the national association for older people—recognized this year are health care providers.

"The (health care) industry is experiencing a borderline crisis in being able to recruit nurses, pharmacists and others where the rate of people coming in is not keeping up with those approaching retirement," said Deborah Russell, AARP's director of economic security.

But skill shortages don't fully explain the worker-friendly practices at health care providers such as Mercy, a not-for-profit with three hospitals and 60 other facilities serving southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

Twenty-eight percent of Mercy's 3,800 employees are over 50, as were 16 percent of new hires during the last 12 months.

Older workers "have tremendous work experience, they're at the height of their careers," said Mercy Chief executive officer Javon Bea, 54. "They usually have developed a certain compassion and a stronger value system, which we need in health care, and they're role models for younger workers."

"At the same time, they often want to taper

Phased retirement eases Boomers' pension problems

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off," he added. "But they want to maintain benefits for the full year, and they want to stay active."

Many of Mercy's physicians work past traditional retirement age, opting for reduced on-call schedules or office hours without hospital responsibilities, said medical director Mark Goelzer, 59.

An avid runner and practicing pediatrician, he added, "I don't plan to retire."

Van driver Ken Hanson, 71, works a flexible schedule, as does 76-year-old pharmacist Pat O'Connor.

Olson, the manager who worked from Florida during February, decided last fall that she wanted to spend more time with her husband, who is 61. But she didn't want to leave entirely the demanding role that she had developed over 16 years, after being the first person hired into what evolved into a customer relations department.

She became one of Mercy's first employees to design a role with her supervisor under a program called "Work to Retire," for over-50 employees who want to cut back.

She and her boss defined a new role, transferring part of her responsibilities to Mercy's marketing department and rolling the rest into a part-time job. Her vacation time decreased and she pays a larger portion of her premiums for benefits such as health care, but she maintained her benefits.

During a typical week she works 28 to 30 hours, coming into the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays but also working from home. Mercy's IT support staff maintains a high-speed line to her home office.

"I've been able to grow and learn things, too, about how to manage from a distance," she said. "That's been a great growth experience."

"I probably will work longer than I anticipated," she added. "If I hadn't been able to cut back, I probably would have left the system."

New memoir, 'Oprah' segment to detail former NJ governor's struggle to accept homosexuality

BY PETER KADUSHIN
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McClatchy Tribune

Former New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevey says he seduced the Israeli man who forced him out of the closet while his wife was in the hospital recovering from the birth of their daughter.

"I was totally in love with this man," McGreevey writes of Golan Cipel in "The Confession," the long-awaited memoir the New York Daily News bought at a bookstore Wednesday. "With Dina still in the hospital with our newborn, I'd been left to my own devices."

It was during one of those visits that McGreevey says he first kissed Cipel.

Many of the details of his relationship with Cipel were disclosed Wednesday as details of his interview with Oprah Winfrey, taped earlier this week, began to leak out.

McGreevey acknowledges there were pangs of guilt with the state troopers parked outside his home and his wife in the hospital recovering from a C-section.

But McGreevey says he couldn't help himself. And when his wife, Dina Matos, came home with their baby, he would sneak out at night and jog over to Cipel's apartment.

McGreevey's secret came out in 2004 when, under pressure from Cipel, who accused him of pressuring him for sex, he shocked the country by outing himself as "a gay American" and resigning. He and Matos are now divorcing.

Cipel, who was McGreevey's homeland security chief even though he wasn't a U.S. citizen, has denied ever being romantically involved with the ex-governor. His lawyer, Allen Lowy, did not return repeated calls for comment.



CHRIS PEDOTA/MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey announces his resignation at a press conference at the statehouse in Trenton, New Jersey, on Aug. 12, 2004.

McGreevey's memoir was expected to hit bookshelves on Tuesday, the same day the Winfrey interview will air.

On the show, McGreevey kissed his new lover, Mark O'Donnell. In the book, McGreevey refers to him as "my partner in life."

As for Matos, McGreevey says he regrets hurting her and recounts how, after he made his shocking announce-

ment, she began carrying around a book for all the staffers to see titled, "The Betrayal Bond: Breaking Free of Exploitative Relationships."

McGreevey said his gay fling had humiliated his wife more than an affair with a woman would have done.

McGreevey also recounts his life-long struggle to hide his homosexuality from the time he was in high school and to start a gay life in secret.

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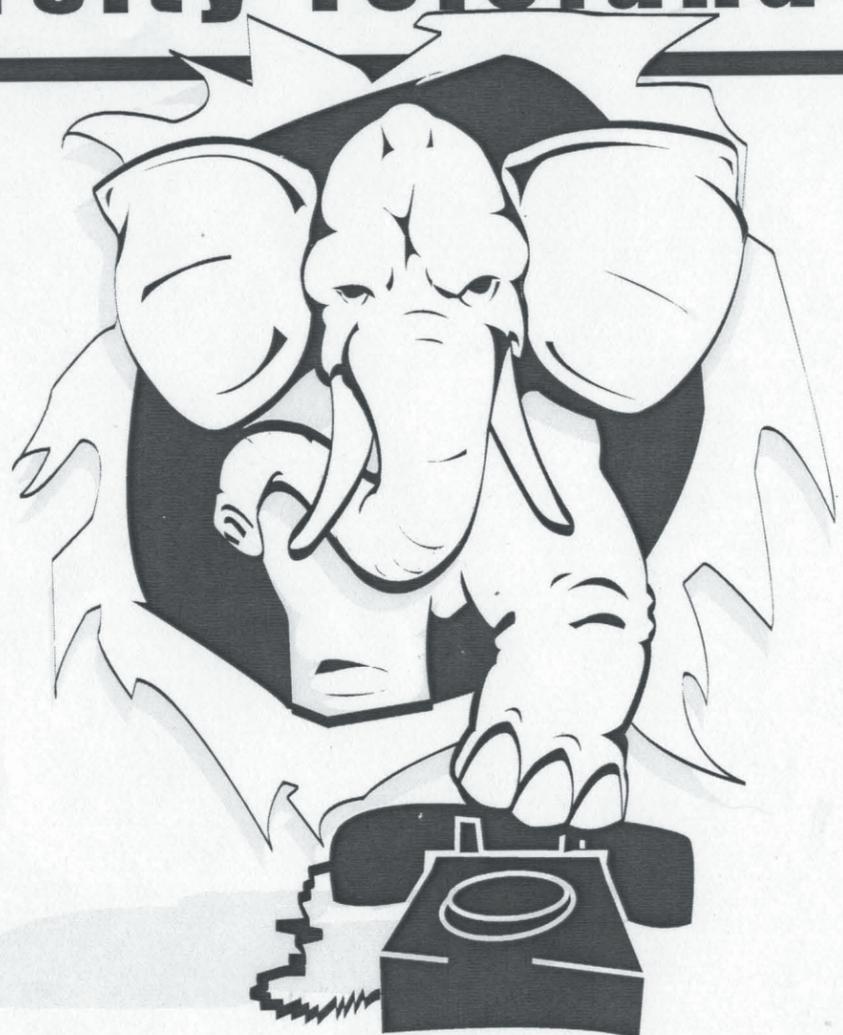
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Weathered and pitted with the passage of 3,000 years, a rock slab found in southern Mexico shows clear evidence of a script that anthropologists say is the oldest writing ever found in the Western Hemisphere.

In Friday's issue of the journal *Science*, researchers identified the carved symbols as those of the Olmec civilization, an urbanized people who lived along the Mexican Gulf Coast from about 1200 B.C. to 400 B.C.

Deciphering the mysterious script, which includes apparent depictions of fish, maize, dart tips and insects, will be a big challenge even if other examples of it can be found. But the discovery nevertheless provides fascinating new clues about the first complex civilization in this part of the world — a society of kings and priests that is poorly understood.

"This find knocked us off our feet," said Brown University anthropology professor Stephen D. Houston, who helped Mexican experts analyze the find. "Writing systems of the ancient world are discovered once in a lifetime."

The 26-pound slab was discovered accidentally in April 1999, in a town called Lomas de Tacamichapa. Road workers unearthed the tablet and other artifacts in a gravel quarry that was both a source of building materials and a known archaeological site. Although archeologists were not able to view the objects in the positions they were found, the researchers said there is no doubt

of their authenticity.

That belief was echoed by Simon Martin, a University of Pennsylvania expert in Mayan writing who was not involved with the research.

After the discovery, local authorities asked the National Institute of Anthropology and History in Mexico to investigate.

The married Mexican archaeologists, Maria del Carmen Rodriguez Martinez and Ponciano Ortiz Ceballos, were the first researchers to study the block and other objects, including ceramic pieces, clay figurine fragments, and ground stone artifacts. Though similar symbols have been found on other Olmec artifacts, the paper's authors called the new find the first unambiguous example of Olmec text.

The style of the accompanying artifacts led Rodriguez and Ortiz to estimate that the block had been carved sometime between 1000 to 800 B.C. They were the lead authors of the paper.

The next oldest Mesoamerican writing to be found probably dates from about 500 B.C., although experts disagree, Houston said.

The new block features 28 distinct symbols, some of them repeated several times in various combinations, for a total of 62 markings.

Among them is an "X" with a circle around it, an apparent religious symbol found previously on Olmec figurines and jewelry, said Mary DeLand Pohl, a professor of anthropology at Florida State University.

The development of writing went hand-in-hand with the evolution of a hierarchical society,

said Pohl, who was not involved with the new research but has discovered other Olmec objects with carved symbols.

"It's all being associated with the development of kings and royalty and social stratification," Pohl said.

Anthropologists believe the Olmec heartland was in the modern Mexican Gulf states of Veracruz and Tabasco.

Since the 1940s researchers have found Olmec artwork, jewelry, and giant carved heads. The Olmec were skilled jade carvers, and they built earthen pyramids and the first true cities in what is now Mexico. The later Olmec probably overlapped with early Mayan society, said Penn's Martin.

"Whoever these people were, they were the first to create huge settlements, carve enormous stone monuments, and do really elaborate work," Houston said.

Like other Mesoamerican writing, the Olmec symbols seem to represent a hieroglyphic system, each sign depicting a particular action or object. The symbols are assembled in combinations, sometimes repeated, suggesting some complex meaning and syntax. Authors say they were likely read from left to right.

Yet trying to decipher the actual meaning from just one writing sample is like trying to figure out the entire vocabulary and grammar of the English language from a single greeting card, Houston said.

Without the luxury of a multi-script document, the hunt is on for more Olmec texts. If more writing is found, Houston expects it to contain many new distinct elements besides the 28 inscribed on the block.

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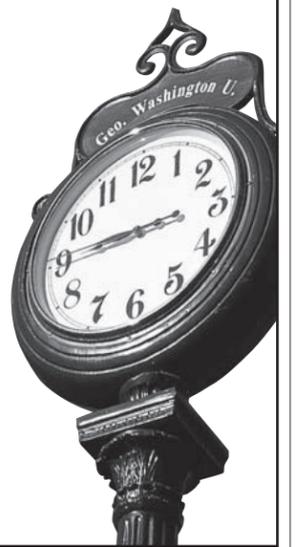
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The more cash candidates raise, the more Florida

BY JOHN KENNEDY
McClatchy Tribune

It's no surprise that highly popular Republican Charlie Crist is well on his way to raising a record amount of money for his governor's campaign this year.

But what might surprise some people—and annoy government watchdogs—is who has contributed the most cash. It's Florida taxpayers.

Already, Crist has raked in more than \$2.2 million in public financing under a law crafted 15 years ago to help low-budget candidates.

Crist doesn't appear underfunded. He has collected \$13 million in private contributions from individuals, corporations and business associations. He has a parade of national Republican luminaries coming to Florida to help with fundraising, including a visit from President Bush last week.

Still, taxpayer dollars continue to flow into Crist's campaign virtually unchecked. It's happening because the Republican-led Legislature, over the opposition of public-finance advocates, tripled the amount of money that statewide candidates can raise themselves and still get taxpayer cash.

"The system has been corrupted," said Ben Wilcox, executive director of Florida Common Cause, an organization that has long advocated public financing but now condemns the state law. "The taxpayers have turned into just another source of cash for these campaigns."

Under the old spending limits, candidates for governor could spend no more than \$6.7 million if they wanted public money. But lawmakers last year reset that cap to more than \$21 million, creating a ceiling never before reached.

Critics say the system now does little more than drain money that otherwise would go to schools, highways and public projects.



President George W. Bush greets brother Gov. Jeb Bush (left) as Republican gubernatorial nominee Charlie Crist (center) applauds during a fundraiser on behalf of the Florida GOP and Crist at the Ritz-Carlton in Orlando, Fla., on Thursday, Sept. 21.

In all, Florida's gubernatorial and Cabinet candidates—the only candidates eligible for the matching money—have accepted \$8.5 million in public financing so far, according to state election records released Friday.

That's enough money to pay the annual salaries for 212 new teachers, build 8 miles of highway, or buy 212,500 schoolbooks, state budget figures show.

While Crist leads the pack, Democratic candidate for governor Jim Davis, a Tampa congressman, also counts about \$1.2 million in taxpayer cash in the \$4.5 million he has raised so far.

But even those who wrote the new law say it may need a second look.

"Twenty-one million dollars is a heck of a lot of money," said state Rep. Ron Reagan, R-Bradenton, chairman of the House Ethics and Elections Committee, who

authored the changes. "And Charlie looks like he won't have any trouble raising it."

"Money is always going to follow power," Reagan said. "But this is a law that we need to constantly look at."

Republican Gov. Jeb Bush, who refused public financing in his three campaigns for governor, has long ridiculed the funding as "welfare for politicians."

But the candidates looking to succeed him have no problem with the current system.

"It still is a method of minimizing the impact of special interest money in a race," said Josh Earnest, a spokesman for Democratic candidate for governor Jim Davis, a Tampa congressman. "It also shows the importance of building a base of people at the grass-roots level."

Crist, too, calls public financing "an appropriate use of money."

"I'm certainly not going to unilaterally disarm," Crist has said. "I think it's important to be able to compete effectively."

For gubernatorial candidates, the state offers a two-for-one match of the first \$150,000 in certain contributions and a dollar-for-dollar match above that until the spending cap is reached.

Only contributions from Florida residents of up to \$250, given after Sept. 1, 2005, are eligible this year.

If one contender in a race exceeds the spending limit, even if that candidate has refused public money, rival candidates could receive from the state an amount equal to the excess.

Former Republican state Comptroller Bob Milligan credited public financing with helping him double the modest level of cash flowing into his long-shot 1994 campaign to defeat 20-year

incumbent Gerald Lewis.

The injection of state cash helped him emerge victorious over Lewis, who had raised a then-potent war chest of more than \$1 million. Milligan, though, has doubts about the current system.

"The cap on spending has to be realistic, and \$21 million is not," Milligan said.

Although Republican leaders deny the higher cap was created to give their gubernatorial nominee more taxpayer dollars this year, public financing has always been shaded by politics.

The late Democratic Gov. Lawton Chiles helped drive the original law through the Legislature in 1991 and devised it so he was able to keep pace with Jeb Bush three years later, when the Republican topped the spending ceiling.

Chiles still holds the record of having received \$3.5 million in public money during his victory over Bush, records show.

Crist, though, looks poised to top that this fall.

Florida Republicans are looking to raise \$30 million by the Nov. 7 election. But the money will be carefully apportioned, allowing Crist to continue pulling taxpayer money into his campaign while avoiding the \$21 million cap which would reward Davis additional dollars, fundraisers say.

Instead, the bulk of the \$30 million goal will be steered toward the state party, which will run TV spots and get-out-the-vote efforts for Crist.

Thursday's presidential fundraiser was expected to raise \$2 million for Crist and the state GOP. In coming weeks, the nominee is scheduled to receive more fundraising help through appearances with former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Arizona Sen. John McCain, and former President George H.W. Bush.

Angelides struggles to define himself against Schwarzenegger

BY KATE FOLMAR
McClatchy Tribune

Consider, for a moment, the past week of the California governor's race.

There was Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in the elegant Los Angeles Central Library signing an education measure as two top Democratic politicians beamed behind him. A few days later, he toured a Sunnyvale fuel cell company with New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, his moderate Republican "soul mate."

His opponent, Democrat Phil Angelides, hit the L.A. circuit the same day as the governor—rallying only a modest crowd in West Hollywood with Sen. John Kerry, who carried California handily in the 2004 presidential race. Treasurer Angelides two days later called for a state crackdown on what he considers excessive HMO profits.

The Schwarzenegger events showed up on TV and in newspapers around the state and beyond, routine exposure for the mega-star. But far less attention was given to Angelides, the bookish former real estate developer.

So it has gone for the Angelides campaign, which has faltered to the point that pundits from the left and right increasingly wonder whether the treasurer's candidacy is salvageable over the next six weeks.

Republican Schwarzenegger has benefited from an improving economy that has trimmed the deficit; legislative accomplishments that have picked off key Angelides campaign planks; and the bill-signing-of-

the-day perks of incumbency. He looks more like the affable moderate of the 2003 recall and less the bombastic conservative of 2005.

Compare that to Angelides, who has been hobbled so far by a scattershot message, middling fundraising, difficulty coaxing media attention away from his celebrity opponent and campaign miscues. Many voters who meet Angelides in person leave impressed, but this is a state of 36 million.

The ensuing cycle has gone something like this: Angelides lags in the polls. So it's harder to raise money. So he runs run fewer TV ads extolling his vision for California. So few people know him. And... repeat.

"People in the business," said Democratic strategist Chris Lehane, "call it the death spiral."

Lehane and other consultants cautioned that the political dynamics could still be jolted in Angelides' favor—but time is of the essence.

The treasurer is a dogged campaigner who insists he will come from behind, as he did against Controller Steve Westly in the primary.

A solid performance in the Oct. 7 televised debate could help correct Angelides' course. So could a much-anticipated \$15 million independent campaign by public employee unions to turn out voters and run television ads—either berating the governor or extolling Angelides.

"The Angelides campaign is in a rut and needs to jerk the wheel" to extract itself, said

Lehane, who worked on Al Gore's presidential race in 2000. "But as election day gets close, it gets harder and harder to do that."

The fact is, it's hard period to oust a sitting governor in California.

During the Vietnam War era, Californians rejected Pat Brown's bid for a third term, instead going for a charismatic actor, Ronald Reagan. The last time a governor was denied a second term was during World War II, when Republican Earl Warren bested Democrat Culbert Olson.

Schwarzenegger's recent successes stem from political and policy teams that have spent most of the last year rehabilitating the governor after last year's political defeat.

Now, Schwarzenegger patiently cooperates with the legislative leaders he once famously dismissed as "girlie men." They have stood by his side during a series of TV-friendly bill-signing ceremonies.

"I think we have to stop looking at things Democratic versus Republican," Schwarzenegger said at such an event in Capitol Park last week. "I think that we're all one state."

"Let's face it," said Democratic political consultant Jude Barry, who managed Westly's campaign, "Schwarzenegger is doing a lot of positive, Democratic style things. And all of the pictures are of him standing with Democrats."

On the campaign front, the governor and Republican party framed the race with campaign ads just days after Angelides emerged as the nominee. The airwaves were unclut-

tered then, except for the GOP message: The governor is an upbeat booster of economic growth. Angelides is a dour tax-aholic.

California voters rank taxes behind immigration and education as their top concerns this year. But the treasurer was complicit in making taxes a major campaign issue. He proposed raising taxes on businesses and the wealthy during the primary, in part to distinguish himself from the slightly more moderate Westly. Now, Angelides is trying to reshape the debate by offering tax cuts to the middle class.

The Democratic party has run spots that relentlessly link Schwarzenegger with President Bush. And strategists have also tried labeling Schwarzenegger as a flip-flopper (on the minimum wage, on prescription drug discounts to the poor, on immigration).

"The race basically has stabilized with a healthy margin for us," said Schwarzenegger strategist Matthew Dowd. "And Angelides hasn't been able to impact that."

Making the challenge more difficult, Angelides is behind in cash, and much of the money he stockpiled over years had to be spent to overcome the self-funded Westly in the primary.

Since then, Democratic voters haven't coalesced around their nominee like Republicans have hewed to Schwarzenegger. So Angelides gravitates to union halls and liberal enclaves like San Francisco, rather than reaching out to moderates and independents elsewhere.

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Senate panel defies Bush on detainee interrogations

BY RON HUTCHESON
AND MARGARET TALEV
McClatchy Tribune

Ignoring threats and warnings from President Bush, a defiant Senate committee approved legislation Thursday that would ban abusive CIA interrogations and make it easier for terrorist suspects to defend themselves at trial.

The Republican-led Senate Armed Services Committee voted 15-9 to send the legislation to the full Senate. Four Republicans, including Sen. John Warner of Virginia, the committee's chairman, backed the bill over Bush's objections, as did the panel's 11 Democrats.

The split in Republican ranks widened as former Secretary of State Colin Powell joined the dissidents against his former boss.

"The world is beginning to doubt the moral basis of our fight against terrorism," Powell wrote in a letter to Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who has teamed up with Warner and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., in opposing Bush. Powell is former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. McCain was a prisoner of war in Vietnam. Warner is a former secretary of the Navy. Graham is a judge in the Air Force reserves.

Bush made a rare visit to the Capitol to lobby House Republicans for his approach and declared that "the American people will be in danger" if lawmakers continue to defy him.

Bush said CIA interrogators should have wide latitude when questioning terrorists, as long as they don't engage in torture. The Senate bill would ban abusive techniques that the Bush administration doesn't consider torture, such as "water-board-

ing," which simulates drowning.

"In order to protect this country, we must be able to interrogate people who have information about terrorist attacks," Bush told reporters after his closed-door visit with House Republicans. "I will resist any bill that does not enable this program to go forward with legal clarity."

Powell endorsed efforts by three Senate Republicans to make sure that suspected terrorists receive basic protections provided by the Geneva Conventions, an international agreement governing the treatment of prisoners of war. The basic protections, spelled out in a provision known as Common Article 3, prohibit "outrages upon personal dignity," including "humiliating and degrading treatment."

Powell agreed with other retired senior military officers who wrote Warner contending that Bush's approach undermines support for the war on terrorism and encourages abusive treatment against captured Americans.

The legislation under debate would revamp the ground rules for dealing with terrorist suspects, from interrogation to detention to trial before military tribunals. Some of the most controversial issues involve the treatment of detainees in secret CIA prisons.

The legislation also would change the rules of evidence for suspected terrorists facing trial before military tribunals. The Senate committee bill would make it easier for defendants to see the evidence against them and would tighten restrictions on the use of hearsay evidence.

Terrorist suspects would have fewer legal rights than Americans in civilian courts, but would have more than what Bush wants to give them.

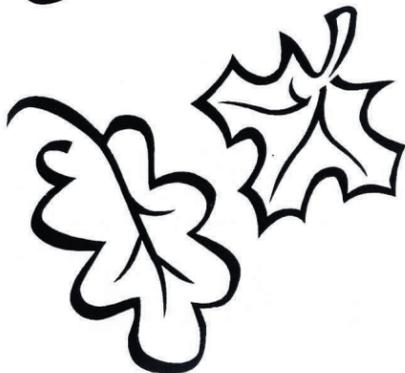
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China investing funds in varied African projects

BY SHASHANK BENGALI
McClatchy Tribune

This summer, the biggest oil refinery in Sudan completed a \$341 million expansion that doubled its capacity, boosting exports and the country's domestic gasoline supply.

A few dozen miles away, on a riverbank that once was a trash dump, developers pressed ahead with plans for a \$4 billion business complex that they hope will turn Khartoum into a commercial hub for eastern Africa.

Both projects are showpieces for Sudan, which is enjoying an unprecedented economic boom, and neither would have been possible without China. Chinese firms built the refinery and operate it in partnership with the Sudanese government, and are among the lead contractors on the business complex.

This reflects a trend across Africa, where Chinese companies are pouring hundreds of millions of dollars into construction projects of all sizes, from refineries and dams to roads and shopping malls.

Over the past decade, China increasingly has turned to Africa to feed its seemingly boundless appetite for natural resources, becoming the continent's No. 3 trading partner. But the \$40 billion-a-year-and-growing trade relationship isn't just about oil and precious minerals anymore.

With the United States and other Western countries having all but abandoned big infrastructure and industrial ventures in Africa decades ago, deeming them unprofitable or too risky because of the chronic instability that plagues much of the continent, Chinese companies have swooped in.

Helped by low labor costs, Chinese enterprises are taking on the work that cash-starved African countries need but lack the capacity to do themselves.

Chinese companies have built or agreed to build hospitals and railway lines in war-ravaged Angola, roads and bridges in Sudan and Kenya, dams in Ethiopia and Liberia and telecommunications networks in Ghana and Zimbabwe, along with scores of other projects.

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., who just concluded a two-week tour of the continent, recently told a Congressional Black Caucus legislative conference: "One of the striking things about traveling through Africa is everybody says that the United States' absence is as noticeable and prominent as the Chinese's presence."

Analysts say it's unclear whether the Chinese are reaping big profits. But by doing work that the United States and others don't do, China is cementing ties with African leaders while securing support for its own agenda, especially its claim to separately governed Taiwan and its efforts to prevent the island from having diplomatic relations with any countries.

The United States and its European allies have tried to cripple authoritarian regimes such as those in Sudan and Zimbabwe with heavy sanctions, only to find China doing business with them with no political strings attached. Unlike U.S. policy, Chinese invest-



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A Kenyan woman shops at the Zhi Da Trading Company at the China Center in Nairobi, while salesman Titus Okongo assists and owner Wang Wen looks on. Chinese companies are pouring hundreds of millions of dollars into construction projects of all sizes, from refineries and dams to roads and shopping malls.

ment comes with no conditions on making democratic reforms or promoting human rights.

"The Chinese are operating from a different set of business calculations," said J. Stephen Morrison, the Africa director at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a national-security research center in Washington. "They're entering these settings with a strategic political blessing, but they're also entering them as a business enterprise."

"Western countries may think these projects are too small. But China doesn't think

they are small," said Shao Weijian, an economic adviser at the Chinese Embassy in Kenya. Last month the Chinese contractor Wuyi secured a \$37 million deal to renovate the international airport in Nairobi, Kenya's capital.

Analysts say China's top priority is still energy, and it often uses infrastructure projects to sweeten oil and mining deals. Earlier this year, a Chinese state-owned company agreed to pump more than \$2 billion into a

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Man convicted for 1993 blasts in India

BY KEN MORITSUGU
McClatchy Tribune

More than 13 years after the deadliest terrorist incident in Indian history, a court in Mumbai handed down the first major conviction in the case Thursday.

Judge Pramod Kode found Mohammed Shoaib Ghansar guilty of parking an explosives-laden scooter in Zaveri Bazaar, the city's bustling jewelry district. That explosion, which killed 17 people and injured 57, was one of 10 bombs set off over two hours that killed 257 people in Mumbai on March 12, 1993.

Prosecutors are expected to seek the death penalty for Ghansar for a day of mayhem that's considered the starting point for subsequent years of Islamist violence.

The case already has spawned India's largest and longest trial. A total of 123 people are in the dock, 29 of whom—including Ghansar—have been held without bail for 13 years.

More than 600 witnesses were called; 11 defendants have died since the trial began in June 1995.

The complexity of the case has slowed the wheels of justice, but there also have been long procedural disputes.

Many advocates of judicial reform cite the trial as a case study in what ails India's justice system. The Times of India, a leading English-language newspaper, called the slow pace of justice "a grim reminder of the failure of our investigating agencies and judicial system."

Even the pronouncements of verdicts, expected to take at least a month, won't mark an end to the proceedings. The defendants are certain to appeal. Sentencing will come later still. Moreover, the alleged masterminds remain at large; those on trial are the foot soldiers accused of carrying out the attacks.

The proceedings have lasted so long that the blasts, which happened two weeks after the first World Trade Center bombing, seem from a different time.

Many of the accused allegedly were bit players in what authorities say was a Muslim-dominated smuggling ring. Their alleged local boss, Tiger Memon, fled to Dubai before the attacks and remains at large. Indian investigators have charged Memon and Dawood Ibrahim, the alleged head of the crime syndicate known as D Company, with orchestrating the blasts. Both men are thought to be outside India, possibly in Pakistan.

"When justice is fully done in this installment of the Mumbai blasts case, it will be far from complete justice," opined The Hindu, another major English-language newspaper.

The gang allegedly planned the attacks to avenge the acts of an increasingly militant Hindu nationalist movement, which destroyed a mosque, Babri Masjid, in December 1992, and killed hundreds of Muslims in ensuing riots. A few hundred Hindus died, but Muslims bore the brunt of the violence.

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Start of school seen as major test of new Iraqi government after summer violence

BY MARK BRUNSWICK
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McClatchy Tribune

Iraq's new school year is approaching, and there are more than the usual back-to-school jitters in Baghdad, even for a war zone.

When classes begin Wednesday, Iraqi and U.S. officials will be watching to see whether Iraq's parents feel secure enough about the country's future and confident enough in the new government to send their children to school after a summer of unprecedented sectarian violence.

The government is predicting they will. It's forecasting that in Baghdad, 50,000 more high school students will show up for the 2006-2007 school year than the 505,000 the Ministry of Education said were registered last year.

But interviews with parents reveal ambivalence. Many who fled Iraq in February to escape sectarian violence after a Shiite Muslim mosque was bombed in Samarra haven't returned, and some who have said they didn't bring their children with them.

"I think the situation this year is going to be worse," said taxi driver Safa Alrubaie, who left his school-age son and young daughter with relatives in Syria after a vacation. "I will not be comfortable sending him to school this year."

Last year, it was bad enough that the first day of school was rescheduled several times because of outbreaks of violence. Alrubaie said that two of his son's teachers were abducted at gunpoint, and an improvised explosive device went off in front of the school.

When pressed, education officials acknowledge that they have

no idea how many children will show up for the first day of school. Accurate numbers probably won't be available until November.

But there's no doubt that school enrollment is a major barometer of Iraqi confidence in what lies ahead.

The United States has spent millions rehabilitating buildings, improving teacher training and writing and publishing new textbooks. The government has set up a special committee to encourage displaced Iraqis to return for the start of the school year.

That committee also is working to register displaced students who didn't leave Iraq in the district to which they fled and is encouraging students to retake final exams that they may have missed or failed because of the disruption after the mosque bombing.

Whether that will help bolster

enrollment has yet to be seen in a system in which many of the schools still don't have dependable running water and electricity.

For years, Iraq's education system was one of the best in the Middle East. But economic sanctions against Saddam Hussein's regime, wars with Iran and the United States, and ongoing corruption have left much of it in shambles. A U.N. agency, UNESCO, estimates Iraq's literacy rate at 60 percent, one of the lowest in the Arab world. Only 37 percent of rural women can read, and 30 percent of Iraqi girls of high school age are enrolled in school, compared with 42 percent of boys, UNESCO said.

The Ministry of Education, controlled by supporters of maverick Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, has an annual budget of close to \$1 billion to serve roughly 6.2 million

school-age children. The ministry employs 500,000 as teachers, administrators or other school staff.

Through contracts with the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. government has pumped more than \$170 million since 2003 into programs to improve Iraq's primary and secondary education systems.

The Army Corps of Engineers, which is assisting in school reconstruction projects, hopes to have refurbished 28 schools serving 8,400 students in the city's Adhamiyah neighborhood this fall as part of a U.S. push to cut back on sectarian violence.

But the infusion of cash will be for naught if parents are too afraid to send their children to school, and U.S. government officials say that the current state of violence has them concerned.

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Chinese investors funnel funds into various African markets

AFRICA

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major, loss-generating refinery in northern Nigeria—Africa's leading oil producer—in exchange for drilling rights in four sought-after oil blocks.

However, China also is doing business in countries with no known oil reserves. In drought-weary Ethiopia, a Chinese company is at work on a \$350 million dam that's expected to provide irrigation and power.

In 2004, there were 450 Chinese investment projects in Africa, the vast majority in manufacturing and services, according to World Bank statistics. Unofficial estimates put the number of Chinese companies in Africa at more than 700. Chinatowns are springing up all over the continent to cater to some 80,000 Chinese nationals.

But the changes may go deeper. Chinese investment is altering the playing field on a continent where Western countries have long controlled the purse strings of development assistance, and by extension the political agenda.

It's over Sudan that China and the United States have been most clearly at odds. The Bush administration says Sudan's Islamic regime is presiding over genocide against ethnic Africans in the Darfur region. Meanwhile, industry observers say China has sold Sudan weapons and military equipment worth tens of millions of dollars, including the helicopter gunships that the government is thought to have unleashed on civilians in Darfur.

Despite international sanctions, Chinese investment has helped Sudan become Africa's third largest oil producer. Of the \$2 billion in oil it exports annually, half goes to China.

"In this case where Sudan remains at odds with Washington—and to

a significant degree with Europe—over the continued drama around Darfur, the partnership with China is only getting bigger and deeper," Morrison said. "It's only fortifying the confidence that Khartoum has that they can flourish in this period."

Other African countries also are benefiting. Continentwide, the economy grew by 5.3 percent last year and is expected to do better this year, thanks largely to China's investment and its appetite for African raw materials.

During the Cold War, as dueling powers, the United States and China each tried to stake a claim on newly independent Africa by building major public projects. Today many of the stadiums, government buildings and other structures built during that period are ruined, destroyed by conflict or years of neglect.

China's most ambitious project then was the 1,160-mile Tanzam Railway linking Tanzania and Zambia in eastern Africa. Built by Chinese workers who left when it was completed, it's long since fallen into disrepair.

Some in Africa worry that the current wave of investment also will go to waste if builders don't properly train local people. Chinese companies employ many expatriates—one-third of the employees at the Khartoum refinery, for example, are Chinese—with Africans often taking the low-level jobs.

"The potential danger for Africa is this turns out to be a repetition of previous development disasters," said Steven Friedman, an analyst with the Institute for Democracy in South Africa, an independent advocacy group. "In cases where there's not the local capacity to ensure they're maintained, they don't have the development impact they're meant to have."

China says it intends to be in Africa for the long haul. Beijing proclaimed 2006 "the year of Africa" and issued a policy paper in January pledging long-term investment in infrastructure and in training African workers. New deals probably will be announced at a China-Africa summit in November.

In their increasingly frequent visits to African countries, Chinese leaders often speak of one developing country helping another.

Many in Africa have chafed under what they see as patriarchal Western aid policies, which increasingly demand political reforms in exchange for help. Experts say China sees the world's poorest continent not as a problem to be solved but as an investment opportunity.

"I don't get a sense at this stage that the Chinese role is primarily devoted to political influence," Friedman said. "They're far more concerned with the economic dimension."

Resentment is starting to brew over Chinese business practices, however. Disputes over wages and working conditions have roiled Chinese-run copper mines in Zambia, resulting in riots and shootings. Trade unions have come out strongly against China's control of Zambia's economy.

"That's something we'll soon see much more often in other emerging states, a result of massive Chinese economic influence in some of the world's most underdeveloped countries," Ian Bremmer, the president of the Eurasia Group risk-management consultancy, wrote in a note to clients last week.

Perhaps nowhere is China's influence more striking than in flat, dusty Khartoum, where high-rises built by Chinese companies dot the skyline. On freshly paved streets below, slickly dressed oilmen top off the tanks of their Mercedes-Benzes

at Chinese-owned gas stations.

"The Chinese are the No. 1 people benefiting from Sudan," businessman Hisham Aboulela said. "The U.S. sanctions have only opened up the market for the Chinese."

A senior American diplomat in Khartoum, who wasn't authorized to speak on the record, said Sudan's rapid economic growth had surprised some U.S. officials.

"I could at a certain point say, 'Have we missed an opportunity here?'" the diplomat said.

But the diplomat said sanctions were justified, and downplayed suggestions that China's investment in Sudan directly threatened U.S. interests.

"Are they antagonistic to us? No," the diplomat said. "There is space for increased U.S.-China cooperation in Sudan. Our policy goals are not necessarily in conflict."

Some in the United States are pushing for a change in policy that accounts for China's growing role. Last year, an Africa task force at the nonpartisan Council on Foreign Relations recommended that the American government enter into partnerships with private companies to compete with China for infrastructure projects.

The task force noted that while U.S. companies are primarily focused on extractive industries such as oil, building infrastructure and industry are necessary for Africa's long-term growth.

Morrison, who served as co-director of the task force, said China might be applying lessons it had learned from its own startling economic rise.

"I think in some ways they're less burdened by our own pessimism about what's possible in Africa," he said. "They've lifted several hundred million people out of poverty in the last 20 years ... They are less cynical about Africa than we are."

Religion a key issue in attack

INDIA

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Ghansar's cousin appears to have roped him into the plot a day before the blasts, said S. Hussain Zaidi, the author of the book "Black Friday: The True Story of the Bombay Bomb Blasts." Now Ghansar may be hanged.

The trial's reach extends to a major Bollywood movie star, Sanjay Dutt, who's basking in the glory of his latest hit, "Carry on, Little Brother," while awaiting his verdict. He wasn't directly implicated in the attacks, but is accused of receiving a Kalashnikov rifle from a cache used in the attacks.

The case is a reminder that India's Hindu-Muslim rivalry is unlikely to end soon. While the country's Hindus and Muslims had clashed violently in the past, the Mumbai blasts marked the first time that Muslims resorted to terrorism, though perhaps not the last. Two months ago, at least 186 commuters died in bombings of rush-hour trains in Mumbai in which Muslims are suspected.

"This started the process of jihadi terror, which we have been having regularly since then," said Bahukutumbi Raman, who was India's counterterrorism chief in 1993. Islamic militants often refer to their activity as jihad, or holy war.

For Muslims, the trial's outcome is unlikely to bring a sense of closure. Human rights activist Teesta Setalvad noted that nobody has been held responsible for the anti-Muslim violence that took place after the Babri Masjid mosque was destroyed.

"Because a section of Muslims felt so disillusioned that the state was not looking after them, they turned to the underworld, which perpetrated the attack," she said.

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Freshman midfielder Emma Kozumbo takes a swing in Wednesday's Tufts-Wellesley game. The 2-1 loss dropped Tufts to 1-1 on the season, as the Jumbos prepare to take on Middlebury tomorrow.

Jumbos to continue NESCAC play versus No. 10 Middlebury

FIELD HOCKEY

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14 shots in their season opener, and two of 13 penalty corners, quality opportunities were harder to come by on Tuesday. Only seven of 16 Tufts shots reached the cage, and Wellesley sophomore goalkeeper Emily Hewitt turned away six.

A rocket from Kelly with less than five minutes to play missed the left post by just inches. With the clock stopped at 2.4 seconds, a free hit from outside the circle gave the Jumbos one final chance. But the topped hit dribbled into Wellesley possession, one of many opportunities during the game in front of the cage that went unfinished.

"We had a lot of hits that went up in the air, and we didn't always capitalize," Pagos said. "They were little mistakes in fundamentals on our part."

The Jumbos spent much of the second frame fighting for offensive control, struggling against a Wellesley team that blocked free hits and passing lanes.

"It was harder to get a possession pass off with them giving us limited space on free hits," said junior defender Meghan Becque, who is also a Daily staff writer. "We should have looked at the middle for Stacey and [sophomore] Tess [Jasinski] more and gotten around them. In the first half, we did a good job of that, but in the second half I think we were a little flustered."

A scouting report on the

Blue, courtesy of Bowdoin, highlighted their blocking ability and stressed swinging the ball quickly as the way around the Wellesley wall.

"We knew what to expect. We had talked about transferring the ball, since they were overplaying the side the ball was on, but we kept hitting it right into them," McDavitt said. "We're a good team, and we hustled, but we just didn't play smart."

While the game goes in the loss column, Wellesley is a non-conference opponent, keeping the Jumbos' perfect NESCAC record intact. In addition, Wellesley's near-miss against the Bowdoin Polar Bears, who are currently ranked eighth in the nation, is an encouraging barometer for Tufts' odds against the league's powerhouses.

The Jumbos meet one of those giants on Saturday, when they travel to Middlebury. The Panthers are ranked 10th nationally and second in New England—behind Bowdoin and ahead of Middlebury, a testament to NESCAC's strength in the sport.

McDavitt and assistant coach Dana Panzer drove to Vermont on Tuesday to scout the Panthers, and are looking for any edge they can find to get a crucial league win.

"They're a very strong team, but I don't think they look as good as last year," McDavitt said. "I'm pretty pumped to play them."

Jumbos grab 1-0 record with an eye on NESCAC weekend

WOMEN'S TENNIS

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more when they're at the net so they can cover more court and create more opportunities," Bayard said.

Deary and Lutén will play together at the top doubles slot for the remainder of the fall. While the tri-captains will remain a team for the duration—Bayard is confident in her top two players—the rest of the doubles line-up may vary this fall in order to discover the best pairs.

Senior tri-captain Stephanie Ruley will most likely see some time in the doubles lineup along with her singles playing. Out Wednesday with a back injury, Ruley's condition is day-to-day.

The team's practices this fall with focus on both technique and on-court temperament, especially learning when to play aggressively and when to remain patient.

"We need to focus on shot selection and keeping it sim-

ple out there," Bayard said. "We also need to work on our court positioning. We need to master the basic stuff in doubles before we can get into the fancy stuff. We need to place our serves to the inside more to set up the volleyer."

Bayard has made a positive impact on the program since her start last fall, and her second year is shaping up as similar to her first.

"The team has definitely stepped up since coach has taken the lead role," Deary said. "All the girls on the team serve and volley in doubles and finish points at the net in singles. It's great to see the entire team execute aggressive play tactics, and win matches with these added skills."

The team will get its next chance to showcase these skills today when they pay a visit to non-conference Babson. NESCAC play opens this weekend with matches at Amherst against the host Lord Jeffs and Middlebury.

Cockburn silences Jumbo offense in shutout

WOMEN'S SOCCER

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"When it happens late in the game like that, it kind of saps your momentum a little bit," Whiting said. "When a team scores late like that, it's an uphill battle. But we never quit."

While the Lyons may have circled the game on their calendars, the Jumbos were not reading any deeper into the rematch.

"We really didn't even talk about last year's game at all," Whiting said. "[Last season] might be in back of our heads, but since it is a new season, we need to focus on what we're doing now. Honestly, after you lose a game, no matter who it is, you have a pit in your stomach."

The Jumbos had numerous chances throughout the game to get the ball past Wheaton's junior goalkeeper Elana Cockburn, but the shots did not fall. In the 19th minute, junior Martha Furtak's corner kick was cleared off the line as it curled toward the net, while junior Jessie Wagner's free kick a few minutes later was one of three Jumbo shots that hit the

post.

"It's frustrating when you have chances that don't go in, but some games they just don't go your way," junior Joelle Emery said. "We definitely had our chances and they didn't fall for us. Hopefully they will start falling for us soon."

The Jumbos lost their top four point scorers from last season, including All-American Ariel Samuelson, and are relying on a younger nucleus to step up and score some goals.

"We have a lot of young people up front," Ross said. "It's going to take a few games to get comfortable playing with each other. Once we get one goal, we'll be fine. We just got to get that first one."

Game-time experience may also have played a role down the stretch. The Jumbos have been working together for scarcely two weeks, while the Wheaton's game against the Jumbos was already their fifth of the season.

"The whole season is a process and we're at the beginning," Whiting said. "We're still finding ourselves as a team and we need to keep doing what we're doing

and keep getting better at what we're doing. You can't expect to be at top of your game after 13 days. We'll keep things the way they are now, and we'll keep working on fundamentals."

The Lyon are tied for third in this week's National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) New England Regional poll and moved to 4-1 with the win. The loss will most likely drop the Jumbos out of the top spot in the poll, but Whiting is not concerned.

"We just have to focus on what we do every game and hopefully [a dip in the polls] just pumps us up," Whiting said. "If we're not number one, in my opinion then there's nowhere to go but up."

On Saturday, the Jumbos will make the trek to Vermont to take on Middlebury in a tough conference game.

"Every NESCAC game is definitely a challenge," Emery said. "We'd obviously really like to come away with a win. After the past two weeks, we're finally ready for it to all come together and hopefully it'll happen this Saturday."

INSIDE THE NL

Times are changing: Mets will end Braves' East reign

Wild card race heats up between Pads, Phils

BY THOMAS EAGER
Daily Editorial Board

All good things must come to an end.

For the first time since 1990, the Atlanta Braves will not finish atop their division come October. With the New York Mets' victory over the Florida Marlins on Wednesday morning, the Braves were statistically eliminated from a 15th straight division title.

Not only is it impossible for them to win the NL East, but only a miracle would hand Atlanta the league's wild card berth. Fans should not hold their collective breath, however; the Braves' record stands at 69-76, six-and-a-half games behind the current wild card leaders, the San Diego Padres.

So ends the Dixie Dynasty. Although they repeatedly choked after reaching the playoffs, with their only World Series title coming in 1995, the Braves' run nevertheless is one of the most impressive dynasties in recent decades.

Fourteen straight division titles under the guidance of manager Bobby Cox, after being a perennial doormat in the league, is an impressive feat. But the exit of the old heralds the coming of the new. Barring an almost mathematically impossible disaster, the Mets will win the East for the first time since 1988.

With the East so dull in September, the real races to watch are for the NL West division title and the wild card. In the West, the Los Angeles Dodgers are half a game ahead of the Padres and three up on the San Francisco Giants. Tonight marks the start of a crucial four-game set between L.A. and San Diego, one that will either end with the Dodgers pulling away and capturing the West, or with the Padres, who have won seven of their last 10, taking control. It's worth noting the Padres 5-0 record at Dodger Stadium this season.

But as the Padres and Dodgers duke it out, the Giants may yet ruin the party for both of them. After a road trip to the NL Central-leading St. Louis Cardinals, the Giants have a

relatively easy stretch of 10 games against teams including Colorado, Milwaukee, and Arizona. They end their season with a three-game homestand against the Dodgers.

If the Giants, who have only dropped three of their last 10, continue to play well up, and pick up a majority of their games heading into the series against L.A., the division title might be theirs.

As for the wild card, the Padres are rightfully casting a wary eye over their shoulder. Four teams are within five games of the wildcard berth, including the Philadelphia Phillies, the Giants, the Marlins, and the Cincinnati Reds, in that order. The Phils are in the best position, but there are plenty of other piranhas in the wild card tank.

The Phillies and Marlins play each other six more times in two series before the end of the season, games that will prove important if the tight race for the wild card maintains its frenzied pace. The Marlins may have best control over their fate with an additional series against the Reds. Solid performances for the Marlins in these three series could punch their entrance tickets to October.

Meanwhile, the contest for MVP seems to have settled down to two likely candidates, both first basemen: the Phils' Ryan Howard and the Cards' Albert Pujols. Howard is batting .316 for the season, and an astronomical .525 in September, to go along with his 56 homers and 139 RBI, both of which lead the league. He is a machine at the plate, and his hot bat has put him in serious contention for this year's award.

On the other side is the defending MVP Pujols. The Cardinal has a slightly higher batting average (.321) than Howard, but his 45 homers and 120 RBIs are dwarfed by Howard's numbers.

Though neither player's team is guaranteed to make the playoffs at this juncture, these last two weeks of baseball are the time to impress the judges as the pair squares off for the league's top individual award.

INSIDE THE AL

Central race the main attraction in AL

Tigers, Twins, and White Sox are alive; only two teams will survive

BY RACHEL DOLIN
Daily Editorial Board

On July 11, the best players from the American and National Leagues gathered at PNC Park in Pittsburgh for baseball's midsummer classic. Players and fans were still discussing Ryan Howard's victory in the Home Run Derby the previous evening, and the media was buzzing over the potentially dramatic play-off race the coming months promised.

The American League provided the most intrigue. The Boston Red Sox held a three-game lead over the New York Yankees in the East, and a five-game lead over the Toronto Blue Jays. In the Central, the Detroit Tigers sat surprisingly, almost inexplicably with the best record in baseball, with the surging Chicago White Sox nearly maintaining pace at two games back. And in the West, all four teams were within two and a half games of each other—a September blood-bath in the making.

As the American League delivered its almost annual shellacking of the NL's finest, nine teams were legitimately in the playoff picture.

And five of them will never see October.

The Red Sox, Blue Jays, Texas Rangers, and Seattle Mariners have fallen completely off the radar, making

for a much less action-packed end of September than last year, which had us on the edge of our seats through the last weekend of the regular season.

Realistically, there's only one race worth watching this year. The push for the Central Division title and the wild card spot between the Tigers, White Sox, and Minnesota Twins will likely come down to the wire.

On July 11, baseball analysts never even mentioned the Twins, who trailed the Tigers by 11 games and the White Sox by nine. Since then, Minnesota has overtaken the Chi-Sox, acquired sole possession of second place, and is turning up the pressure on the Tigers, who recently lost claim to the best record in the American League.

It seems obvious now that the wild card will come out of the Central, but the question still remains, "Which team won't be invited to the party in October?"

If the season ended today, the Twins would be squaring off against the Yankees, and the Tigers would host the Athletics. But in the two weeks left, plenty can happen.

Looking at the upcoming schedule, it appears that Chicago may be fighting an uphill battle. Not only do they trail the Tigers by three games and the Twins by a

game and a half, but they also have the toughest schedule of the triumvirate. Their opponents' combined winning percentage is .540, with a series against Oakland starting tonight, a series against Detroit Sept. 18-20, and a series with Minnesota Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

On the other hand, the Tigers' opponents have a combined winning percentage of .484, and the Twins' opponents are at .507. Such a statistic may not be predictive, especially as the Kansas City Royals are auditioning for the role of spoiler, but it's still important to note.

The Tigers barely survived their last series against the Twins on Sept. 7-10, dropping the last three games after winning the first. They only have one series left with a viable AL Central opponent—a Sept. 18-20 bout with the White Sox.

While the Tigers are squaring off against the Royals, the Twins will host the Chi-Sox on the last weekend of the season, which may decide who's in and who's out when it comes to the playoffs.

Flash back to that warm summer night, when baseball fans threw around speculation on the league's heavyweights. Today, it's a whole different ballgame, reminding us why the regular season is six months long.

SCHEDULE | September 15 - September 21

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Men's Soccer		at Middlebury 1:30			vs. Wesleyan 6		
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Field Hockey NESCAC Standings						
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Williams	1	0	1.000	2	0	
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Amherst	0	1	0.000	1	1	
Colby	0	1	0.000	0	1	
Conn. Coll.	0	1	0.000	0	1	
Wesleyan	0	1	0.000	1	1	

Individual Statistics			
Scoring			
Player	G	A	Pts
Marlee Kutcher	2	1	5
Ileana Katz	1	1	3
Michelle Kelly	1	0	2
Brittany Holiday	1	0	2
Emma Kozumbo	0	1	1
Tess Jasinski	0	1	1
Stacey Watkins	0	1	1
Kathleen Martin	0	0	0
Jennie Williamson	0	0	0
Margi Scholtes	0	0	0
Abi Ingalls	0	0	0

Goalkeeping			
Player	GA	Sv	Sv%
Duffy-Cabana (1-1)	3	8	.727

Men's Soccer NESCAC Standings						
	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
Team	W	L	T	Pct	W	L
Amherst	1	0	0	1.000	2	0
Bowdoin	1	0	0	1.000	1	0
Middlebury	1	0	0	1.000	2	0
Colby	0	0	1	—	0	2
Tufts	0	0	1	—	0	1
Wesleyan	0	0	0	—	1	0
Williams	0	0	0	—	0	0
Bates	0	1	0	0.000	0	1
Conn. Coll.	0	1	0	0.000	0	1
Trinity	0	1	0	0.000	0	2

Individual Statistics			
Scoring			
Player	G	A	Pts
Dan Jozwiak	2	0	4
Bob Kastoff	1	0	2
Jon Glass	1	0	2
Bear Duker	0	1	1
Andrew Drucker	0	1	1
Joey Stampone	0	1	1
Mattia Chason	0	0	0
Greg O'Connell	0	0	0
Ben Castellot	0	0	0
Sam James	0	0	0
Peter DeGregorio	0	0	0

Goalkeeping			
Player	GA	Sv	Sv%
Pat Tonelli	5	10	.667

Women's Soccer NESCAC Standings						
	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
Team	W	L	T	Pct	W	L
Amherst	1	0	0	1.000	2	0
Middlebury	1	0	0	1.000	1	0
Williams	1	0	0	1.000	2	0
Colby	0	0	1	—	1	0
Tufts	0	0	1	—	0	1
Bates	0	0	—	—	1	0
Bowdoin	0	0	—	—	1	0
Conn. Coll.	0	1	0	0.000	0	2
Trinity	0	1	0	0.000	0	2
Wesleyan	0	1	0	0.000	1	1

Individual Statistics			
Scoring			
Player	G	A	Pts
Martha Furtak	0	0	0
Abby Werner	0	0	0
Fanna Gamal	0	0	0
Lauren Fedore	0	0	0
Joelle Emery	0	0	0
Ali Maxwell	0	0	0
Rebecca Abbott	0	0	0
Jessie Wagner	0	0	0
Kim Harrington	0	0	0
Jesslyn Jamison	0	0	0
Jen Fratto	0	0	0

Goalkeeping			
Player	GA	Sv	Sv%
Annie Ross	1	7	.875

Women's Cross Country Rankings As of Sept. 5, 2006	
Rank, Team	
1.	SUNY-Geneseo
2.	Washington Univ.
3.	Amherst
4.	Williams
5.	Wisconsin-La Crosse
6.	College of New Jersey
7.	Ithaca
8.	Colby
9.	Wartburg
20.	Tufts

Men's Cross Country Rankings As of Sept. 5, 2006	
Rank, Team	
1.	Calvin
2.	Wheaton
3.	Hamline
4.	Haverford
5.	Wisconsin-Oshkosh
6.	Nebraska Wesleyan
7.	Williams
8.	Wisconsin-La Crosse
9.	Wisconsin-Plattville
29.	Tufts

Women's Soccer Rankings As of Sept. 12, 2006	
Rank, Team	
1.	Messiah
2.	The College of New Jersey
3.	University of Puget Sound
4.	Trinity (Tx.)
5.	Rochester
6.	Denison
7.	Macalester
8.	Tufts
9.	Otterbein
10.	Bates

Sailing Preseason Rankings As of Aug. 18, 2006	
Rank, Team (Prev. Ranking)	
1.	Boston College (7)
2.	Hobart/Wm. Smith (9)
3.	Harvard (3)
4.	St. Mary's (6)
5.	Dartmouth (5)
6.	Yale (17)
7.	Stanford (11)
8.	Charleston (2)
9.	USC (12)
13.	Tufts (4)

MEN'S SOCCER

Despite dominating, Jumbos fall to Engineers in overtime cliffhanger

Heartbreaking 4-3 loss drops Jumbos to 0-1-1

BY KELLEY VENDELAND
Daily Editorial Board

The men's soccer team added another to its string of close encounters with MIT on

MEN'S SOCCER
at Cambridge, Wednesday

Tufts	3	
MIT	4	OT
Scoring: T, Kastoff, Glass, Jozwiak; M, Morgan (2), Bishara, Own		

Wednesday night, falling 4-3 to the Engineers in its second overtime decision in as many games.

MIT sophomore Andrew Bishara powered in a shot from the right edge of the penalty box 6:36 into the first overtime period for the game-winner. The Jumbos now stand at 0-1-1 on the season following a 1-1 tie against Colby in double overtime on Sept. 9.

"We did a lot better yesterday [than against Colby]," senior Mattia Chason said. "There were actually 20 to 25 minutes where we did really well, and [coach Ralph Ferrigno] was very happy about that. We definitely played a lot better because we were playing more as a team."

However, the score did not reflect the caliber of the two teams.

"[The game against] MIT was kind of a let-down; we were clearly the better side," senior co-captain Greg O'Connell said. "We knocked the ball around MIT a lot, and we were playing very good soccer. When it comes down to it, we just need to look at ourselves in the mirror and figure out what went

Neither team logged a shot until Morgan once again sparked the MIT offense, finding Bishara for the final score of the match.

wrong."

The Engineers struck first when a miscommunication between Tufts freshman goalkeeper Pat Tonelli and his backline left the ball unattended at the top of the box, leaving MIT senior Andrew Morgan unmarked. Morgan seized the

opportunity and buried the ball in the Jumbos' net.

"One called the ball, but they didn't call each other," Chason said. "The start of the game [on Wednesday] was almost a copy of the start of the game against Colby with miscommunication and stupid mistakes. There was a lack of concentration."

Tufts responded to the initial score with passes and plays of its own. Following several shots that ricocheted off the posts, the Jumbos equalized the score in the 23rd minute, when junior Joey Stampone's long ball connected with junior Dan Jozwiak's well-timed run. Jozwiak controlled the ball, and slid it on the ground past the outstretched arms of MIT sophomore goalkeeper Tom Caldwell.

The team attempted to mix up its style of play, focusing both on playing in the center and on the flanks of the pitch.

"During the week in practice, we've been trying to focus more on playing the ball through the middle," Chason said. "That's what we need to improve on. We didn't really do it well in first game against Colby, but we did a better job against MIT."

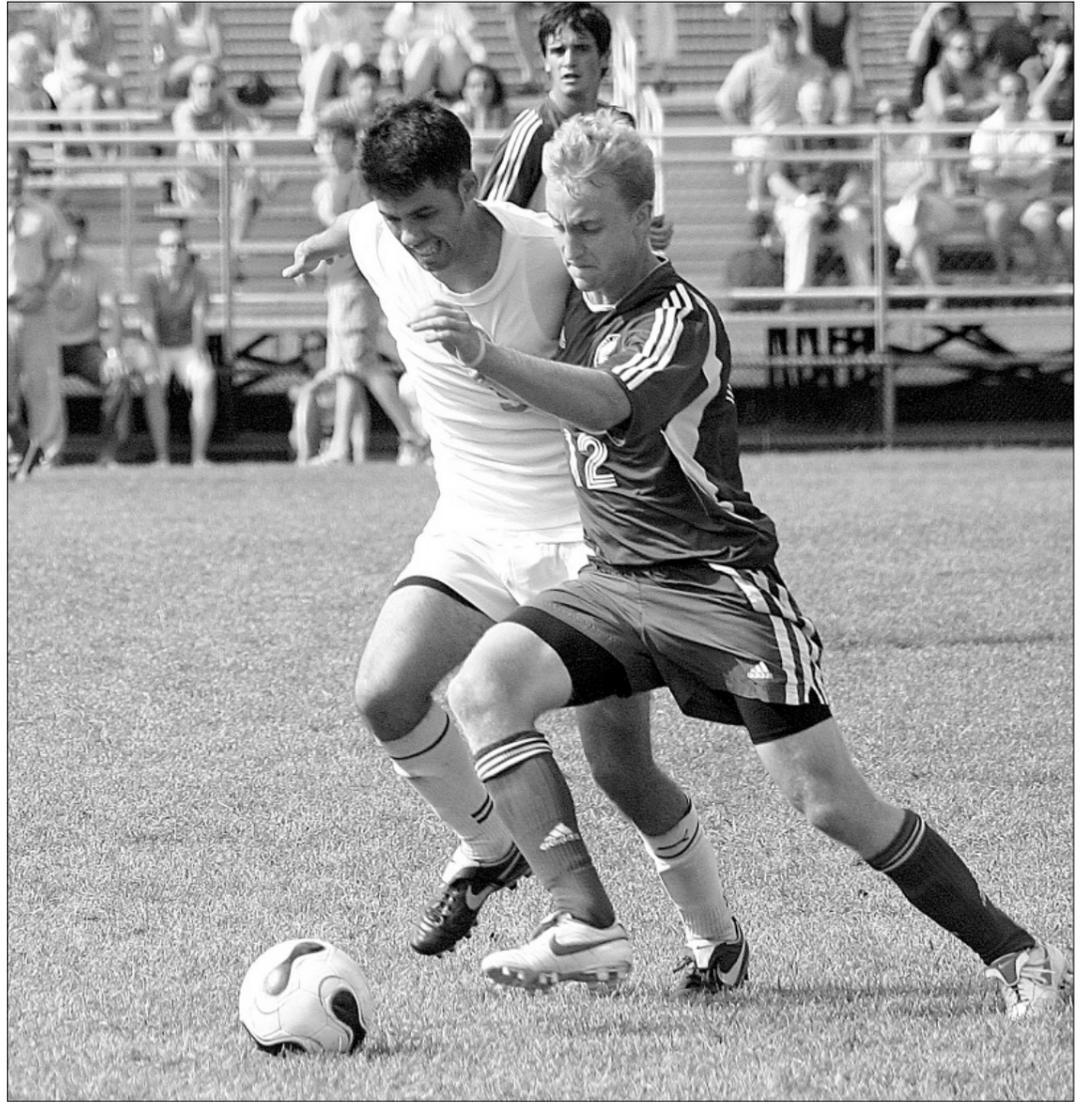
However, feeding through the middle requires more precision, and can detract from the team's offense if not played correctly.

"We try to avoid being very direct," O'Connell. "The more you try to just put balls down the middle, the more predictable it is. We have a good enough midfield where we can play through the middle, but we also try to play in the center and then get it out to the wing."

Though Tufts continued to dominate the half, out-shooting the Engineers eight to two in the first 45 minutes, the score remained tied 1-1 heading into halftime.

Both teams returned for the second half determined to break the deadlock. Tufts converted first, when junior Bob Kastoff scored unassisted for a 2-1 Jumbo lead at the 64:43 minute mark. However, the one-goal lead did not last.

Four minutes later, MIT junior Chris Desrochers' curving cross from the side of the pitch deflected off a Tufts defender past Tonelli, going down in the game statistics as



DAILY FILE PHOTO

Senior co-captain Jon Glass fights for possession against Colby at the 2006 regular season opener on September 9. The Jumbos tied the Mules at 1-1 in double overtime, and with a loss to MIT Wednesday fell to 0-1-1 on the season.

an own goal, one that would come back to haunt the Jumbos as the game went into overtime.

The officiating also may have tipped the scale.

"Coach wasn't very happy with the referee," Chason said. "[The ref] didn't perform well. I wouldn't say he completely favored the other team, but he didn't help us at all."

The two teams continued to trade offensives, and neither side maintained possession for a long period. The Jumbos regained their final lead of the game in the 74th minute when senior co-captain Jon Glass volleyed in junior Andrew Drucker's corner kick.

MIT responded to the 3-2 Tufts lead and continued to

pressure the Tufts defense. It paid off in the 82nd minute, when Morgan again found the net off a header after freshman Matt Greyson headed a corner across the face of the Jumbo goal.

Tufts and MIT ended the second half in a 3-3 stalemate. The statistics speak to a deadlock, with Tufts taking two corner kicks to the Engineers three, and eight shots to MIT's seven. However, the match played out somewhat differently than the statistics would suggest.

"I think we had far more chances [than MIT]," Chason said. "We also hit two posts and a cross bar. The stats do not reflect the way the game went."

The fight for the win during overtime was concentrated

in the midfield. Neither team logged a shot until Morgan once again sparked the MIT offense, finding Bishara for the final score of the match.

Tufts takes on the Middlebury Panthers Saturday at Middlebury at 1:30 p.m. and will carry some of the lessons of Wednesday's contest into the match.

"Our general sense of shape needs to be worked on," O'Connell said. "There are a lot of kids who need to be more familiar with new positions. Coach is shuffling a lot of players around, and it takes time to transition to another position after playing another one your whole life. It just takes a while to get the speed and knowledge of the game."

VOLLEYBALL

Jumbos serve up 3-1 win over Endicott with 14 aces and clutch play in fourth

Sophomores strong as win over Gulls pushes Tufts above .500, provides momentum for upcoming NESCAC play

BY SAM KRUMHOLTZ
Senior Staff Writer

After its most successful season in team history, which included a trip to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen, the women's volleyball team took the court last weekend at the Buttermaker Tournament, hungry to repeat last year's success.

And after a 2-2 split at the event and Tuesday's 3-1 victory over Endicott, the Jumbos are well on their way.

"We played pretty well," assistant coach Marritt Cafarchia said. "We still have some kinks to work out, but we're pretty happy about [the game]."

Virtuoso performances by senior captain Kelli Harrison and a host of sophomores powered Tufts past Endicott.

Harrison and sophomore Stacy Filocco accumulated four aces each, and Filocco also contributed 16 kills. Sophomore Maya Ripecky had seventeen digs to go with three service aces of her own, and classmates Natalie Goldstein and returning NESCAC

Rookie of the Year Kaitlin O'Reilly each had 14 digs.

The Jumbos leapt to an early advantage, winning the first two games comfortably, 30-22 and 30-24. Endicott stymied the Jumbos' momentum in the third, however, running away with a 30-13 win and putting the pressure squarely back on the other side of the net. The Jumbos responded in a tight fourth game, ultimately pulling out the win 31-29 to clinch the match.

"It was close the whole [fourth] game," Cafarchia said. "First we pulled ahead, and then they caught up, then we pulled ahead, and then they caught up, until we finally put them away."

The win followed a 2-2 weekend at the Buttermaker Tournament, held at Muhlenberg College over the weekend. The Jumbos opened up tournament play with a 3-2 loss to Penn State Altoona.

The game went to five games with the Cougars ultimately triumphing 15-9 in the fifth. Altoona's 3-2 (27-30, 30-22, 30-16, 30-32, 9-15) win helped spark the Jumbos into taking the next

two matches.

"It was our first game all together for the new team and as always there are a lot of nerves," said Harrison, "It was a good loss in that it woke us up."

The Jumbos rebounded quickly, downing York College 3-0 to finish the first round with a 1-1 record in Pool C. After opening up a two-game advantage, the Jumbos lost the third game and then held on to capture a tough fourth game, 30-28. Strength down the stretch gave Tufts the victory needed to advance to the championship pool and to avoid starting the season with two consecutive losses.

All three teams finished even in the pool, but because the Jumbos had won the most games, they advanced to the championship bracket against Mary Washington. Tufts swept the Eagles 3-0, and the match showcased some of their best volleyball of the weekend in a straight 30-24, 30-12, 30-27 win.

"I think the key to the game is passing and serving and we definitely had the best moments of those in this

match," Harrison said.

In Tufts' final match of the tournament, with a chance at the tournament championship on the line, the Jumbos fell to MIT in three straight games, 30-24, 30-12, 30-27.

The Engineers, while winning a decisive early-season match over a regional rival, will likely not have the last laugh. Tufts and MIT are two of the strongest volleyball programs in New England and will attend the other's tournament during the year.

The tournament's Pennsylvania location and Mid-Atlantic draw gave the Jumbos some national exposure early in the season.

"We had some really good opportunities to see some out-of-region teams before in-conference competition," Harrison said. "We used the opportunity to try some different line-ups and see what works and what doesn't work."

This weekend the Jumbos head to Amherst College for their first NESCAC Weekend of the year. Tufts will play Wesleyan today and Trinity tomorrow.

FIELD HOCKEY

Jumbos sunk by second-chance shot, fall 2-1

Slow start comes back to haunt team in close non-conference loss to Wellesley

BY LIZ HOFFMAN
Daily Editorial Board

The first collegiate goals from two Wellesley freshmen pushed the visiting Blue to a 2-1 win over the Tufts field

FIELD HOCKEY
at Bello Field, Wednesday

Wellesley 2
Tufts 1

Scoring: T, Casellas-Katz; W, Lekas, Morrow

hockey team at Bello Field on Tuesday night.

Freshmen Molly Morrow and Callie Lekas both scored as Wellesley rebounded from a 1-0 overtime loss to Bowdoin last Saturday and got its first win of the 2006 season.

Much like in their season opener against Colby, the Jumbos started slow. And once again, it hurt them early, as Morrow's goal off the bench put the Blue up at the 15:06 mark.

"We came out a little flat at the beginning of the game; we needed to step up more and play better earlier," coach Tina McDavitt said. "I thought the game was worse than it actually was. I watched the film again, and we did a lot of things well, but our fundamentals broke down at the worst possible times and it killed us."

In the Jumbos' 4-1 win over Colby last Saturday, the Mules struck first, taking a 1-0 lead just five minutes into the game before Tufts returned serve with a goal from sophomore Marlee Kutcher. Similarly, junior Ileana Katz equalized this game with six minutes remaining in the first half, tipping in a shot from senior co-captain Stacey Watkins.

But the similarities between the two contests ends there; while Kutcher's goal sparked the Tufts offense to 4-1 runaway win, Wellesley held strong, preventing any gathering momentum on the Tufts side.

With her team's second slow start in as many games, McDavitt will make some changes to her pregame warm-up routine in the hopes of energizing her



DAILY FILE PHOTO

Junior forward Ileana Katz brings the ball upfield for the Jumbos in Wednesday's game against Wellesley. With one goal and one assist on the season, Katz is the Jumbos' second leading scorer.

squad.

"We're going to change it a little," McDavitt said. "Right now, we finish with corners and shots on goal, which I think maybe slows it down right before we start. We need something to pick up the intensity so we're ready to go on the whistle."

Lekas' game-winner came at the 46-minute mark when the freshman forward followed her own shot and redeposited it beyond the reach of Tufts senior co-captain Marilyn Duffy-Cabana, who recorded five saves.

"They were a quick team, and they moved around a lot, created opportunities for themselves," Duffy-Cabana said. "It was the little things here and

there—a couple lapses, and we didn't quite convert on a couple chances."

Down a goal with time running out, the Jumbos searched for an offensive spark. McDavitt kept fresh legs on the front line, subbing freshmen Michelle Kelly and Amanda Russo in and rotating starting forwards Katz, senior Kathleen Martin and sophomore Brittany Holiday.

"Forwards do a lot of running, so it's important to get some fresh legs in at times," McDavitt said. "I wish we had put more pressure on [Wellesley] in the last 10 minutes."

While the Jumbos converted four of

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Jumbos fall prey to Lyons, remain scoreless in 2006

BY ALEX BLOOM
Daily Editorial Board

With a 1-0 win over Tufts on Tuesday, the Wheaton Lyons cleaned out a wound that had spent the past year

WOMEN'S SOCCER
at Mirrione Stadium, Tuesday

Tufts 0
Wheaton 1
Scoring: W, Viscomi

festering.

A goal in the 76th minute by sophomore Angelamaria Viscomi broke a deadlocked match and exacted some revenge for the Jumbos' come-from-behind 5-2 win last November that ended the Lyons' seasons and sent the Jumbos to the NCAA Sectionals.

The loss dropped the Jumbos to 0-1-1 in the 2006 campaign, as the team has yet to put the ball in the back of a net. Tufts played to 110 minutes to a 0-0 tie against Colby on Kraft Field on Saturday.

"We have had our chances," coach Martha Whiting said. "They haven't gone in and they'll start to go in. I'm not worried about it."

The Tufts defense ran an offside trap for the Lyons all game. Viscomi, the Lyons' leading scorer, trapped a cross in the box, and the Jumbo defense did not respond immediately, waiting for the anticipated offside call. The call never came, and Viscomi took the extra time to trap the ball off her chest, and send it past senior tri-captain Annie Ross with 13 minutes remaining in the game.

"She volleyed it over my head while I came out to stop her," Ross said. "It was a good ball and she already has scored five goals this season. It was just one of those tough plays."

Though discouraging, the goal was not a death knell for the Jumbos.

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The best of 2005-2006 announced

Per the nearly decade-long athletic department tradition, seven Tufts students will be honored for their accomplishments in athletics on and off the field as part of the Homecoming weekend's celebrations.

The Athletics Department announced the winners of the Distinguished Achievements Awards yesterday. The award ceremony will take place on Friday, Sept. 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Cohen Auditorium.

Senior Fred Jones was announced as the Clarence "Pop" Houston Award recipient for best male athlete. Jones was the triple-jump champion at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in the spring, breaking his own school record with a jump of 49 feet, seven inches and finally adding a win to his second- and third-place finishes during his freshman and sophomore years.

Ariel Samuelson (LA '06) was awarded the Hester L. Sargent Award, given to the best female athlete. Leading her team to the National Semifinal, Samuelson was the NESCAC Player of the Year and a First-Team All-American.

Senior Bryan McDavitt, of the baseball and football teams, and well as track and cross country star Catherine Beck, will be given the Rudolph J. Fobert Awards for the best multi-sport athletes. McDavitt was rewarded for his dual role as a defensive back, punter and kicker on the football team and first baseman on the baseball team. Hitting .420 during his junior year, McDavitt was named to the All-NESCAC and All-New England teams. Beck posted a school record in the 1,500 meters at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Additionally, the W. Murray Kenney Awards for positive attitude and persistence will be given to recent graduates Marc Katz of the swim team and Becky Bram of the tennis team.

In a slightly different vein, junior Liz Hoffman will be presented with the Timothy J. Horgan Award for the best sportswriter on campus.

After coaches submitted nominations for the awards, a committee of six, headed by Director of Sports Information Paul Sweeney, convened over several weeks in early June to discuss and ultimately vote on the 2006 recipients.

"[The awards are] solely based on nominations," Sweeney said. "We encourage coaches to nominate their athletes because if they don't make nominations, then they're hurting their own program." — Rachel Dolin

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Rookies excel as Jumbos start strong

Singles play impressive; doubles solid, but 'room for improvement'

BY LAUREN EBSTEIN
Contributing Writer

Three rookies won their first collegiate matches as the women's tennis team pounded Smith in its season opener, sweeping the singles play en route to an 8-1 win.

Senior tri-captains Jen Luten and Kylyn Deary each defeated their singles opponents playing in the first and third spots, respectively, while freshman Meghan McCooley picked up a victory in her first collegiate singles match in the No. 2 slot.

"I think it's very impressive that we swept in singles," Deary said.

In addition to McCooley's win, senior Silvia Schmid, sophomore Mari Homma and freshman Erica Miller, playing fourth, fifth and sixth respectively, earned victories to help Tufts dominate the singles competition over the Pioneers.

Tufts augmented its perfect singles play with a two-of-three doubles showing.

"The doubles went well, but there is definitely room for improvement," Deary said of the team's play. "Even though

we took two of the three matches, we will need to play smart and more aggressive doubles against the top teams to walk away with a win."

Luten and Deary earned a win in the No. 1 doubles match, defeating juniors Seiko Fujii and Talia Williams of Smith,

"We need to master the basic stuff in doubles before we can get into the fancy stuff."

Kate Bayard
Coach

8-2.

"Jen [Luten] and Kylyn [Deary] looked like a top team in the country yesterday after the first game or two," coach Kate Bayard said. "They played the other team to get the type of balls they like to hit."

Although Luten and Deary took the first doubles match strongly, doubles will continue to be an area of prime focus during team's fall training. Winning a majority of the three matches has value past

the point it earns; as doubles matches are played first, the momentum can often carry into singles play.

"Although we won two of three of the doubles matches, Smith played smarter doubles than we did overall," Bayard said. "We have a lot of work to do with doubles."

While the No. 1 doubles slot featured a veteran duo, the second and third matches saw debuts for new combinations of players. From the No. 2 spot, McCooley and Miller played their first doubles match together, falling 8-6 to Smith seniors Kate Johnson and Macalagh Herman.

"This was the first match for Erica and Meghan, and they were tentative out there," Bayard said. "They felt more comfortable in the last two games, but it was too late."

At No. 3, the duo of Homma and junior Megan Gentzler started slow but came together for a win in the third doubles spot, indicating need for further progress, according to Bayard.

"They will need to work on staggering their positioning

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