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Diana Chigas of Fletcher School appointed first Senior International Officer

by **John Fedak**
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Diana Chigas (F '88) has been appointed to the newly-created position of senior international officer as of Sept. 1 in an effort to continue increasing Tufts' global presence and ensure that Tufts alumni and faculty can work successfully abroad.

"There was a sense that Tufts does a lot internationally, but both the visibility and impact is not as great as it could be, and that we could also do better at filling in gaps here, bringing global issues here and providing opportunities to students here," Chigas said.

According to Provost David Harris, no one was previously responsible for developing and leading the university's global strategy.

Before the senior international officer position existed, Chigas said that it was not easy for Tufts-associated researchers, students and faculty to connect outside of the United States.

"There's a lot to bring together, and part of my role is to help facilitate those connections," she said.

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Tufts Associate Provost, Senior International Officer and Professor of the Practice at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy Diana Chigas poses for a photo on Sept. 7.

"Witch, Please" discusses Harry Potter, disability, queerness



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"Witch, Please" podcast co-host Hannah McGregor speaks while her co-host Marcella Kosman and Experimental College Professor Lydia Brown listen on during a panel discussion hosted by the Tufts Podcast Network on Nov. 15.

by **Jei-Jei Tan**
News Editor

Hannah McGregor and Marcella Kosman of Canadian podcast "Witch, Please" were joined by Experimental College Professor Lydia Brown on Nov. 15 for a panel discussion about queerness and disability representation in the "Harry Potter" series. The event was hosted by the Tufts Podcast Network.

Brown, a disability activist, began by speaking about neurodivergent characters in fiction. They mentioned that characters who are explicitly labelled as autistic are usually described as a "collection of deficits," whereas characters whose disabilities are implied are more realistic and relatable. Brown mentioned Luna Lovegood and Hermione Granger as characters in "Harry Potter" who could be read as autistic or otherwise neurodivergent.

McGregor said that as a former English professor, she often discouraged students from talking about the relatability of literature and instead focused on how literature could introduce them to different

experiences. However, the dismissal of relatability comes from a position of privilege, McGregor noted.

Brown added that queer, trans and disabled children often feel isolated.

"It's exciting when you find anybody in fiction that seems to remind you of yourself," they said.

The speakers discussed the scene in which Neville Longbottom meets his parents, who have been tortured into insanity and are confined at St. Mungo's Hospital for Magical Maladies and Injuries. Brown points out the ableism of such language, as Neville's parents exist only to "signify the tragedy of Neville's life."

Brown spoke about how disabled people are often seen as less than fully human, a view that is reinforced by how the treatment of creatures like elves and centaurs in the Harry Potter universe mirrors systems of marginalization in the real world, such as ableism and racism.

Kosman noted that a recurring topic in "Witch, Please" is the problem of using

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Chigas hopes to better coordinate resources, students abroad

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relations are integral parts of Tufts, Harris said, and it is therefore important to facilitate easier access to grant proposal applications and funding for international programs.

"This is the part that people don't get as excited about necessarily, but if it doesn't work well, you notice," Harris said. "If you want to do a project in country X or you get funding to do it in country Y, can you do that?"

Harris explained that under the previous system, it was unclear who should be coordinating the work done in other countries. The senior international officer will help reduce "friction" that has been caused by confusion over who the "point-person" was.

"This position will make it as easy as possible to achieve your goals," Harris said.

Chigas graduated from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy with a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy and has been teaching there for about nine years. Now, her time is split between teaching and working as senior international officer.

She explained that her work entails two

main ideas: consolidating information and forming a concrete global strategy.

"We're trying to pull together information about what Tufts does [internationally] and make it available to people ... where are people working, what kinds of themes are they working in ... and also really working on the global strategy piece, asking questions around where are Tufts' strengths and what is Tufts' niche globally across the university," she said.

Chigas said that Tufts is a very decentralized university and that the goals of her new position are also decentralized in order to facilitate international projects without impeding the students and faculty carrying them out.

Dean of the Fletcher School James Stavridis said the goal of the position should be to help bring together the university's various schools.

"We think it is very sensible for the university to try and coordinate international efforts around campus," he said.

He added that he is looking forward to hearing about what the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and the Tufts University School of Medicine, which tend to have less obvious international presences, are doing abroad.

He also noted that Chigas' reputation would help with the task of coordinating large-scale international efforts for Tufts in the future.

"[Chigas is] a very well-regarded professor here in international relations," Stavridis said.

Going forward, Chigas wants to see increased awareness in Tufts' international presence, along with a system that will make it easier to apply for work or research outside of the United States. Chigas also hopes to target areas where Tufts community members may be starting research but where Tufts is still not very well represented.

With the creation of this position, Tufts stands poised to coordinate its international goals while fostering increased connection with the world, Chigas explained.

"We are in the process of developing a global strategy, so we will start to think about how to increase Tufts' visibility and how to increase our impact in some areas, hopefully by providing and being able to track some resources to be able to do that," Chigas said. "I'd love to have faculty come and say, 'I've been working in East Africa, for example, and I feel I can do it, and there's no hiccups.'"

Panelists discuss characters as allegories of real world oppression

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non-human characters as allegories of real world oppression.

The implication is that these oppressed people are less human, and the only way they can be understood is by representing them as non-human creatures, she said. She added that this also implies that people with these marginalized identities do not experience oppression in the fictional world.

"Where are the non-white people?" Brown asked, as McGregor counted out the non-white characters in "Harry Potter" on one hand.

The panelists then spoke about Remus

Lupin, a werewolf whose lycanthropy was confirmed by "Harry Potter" author J. K. Rowling as a metaphor for HIV/AIDS. They pointed out the various ways in which Lupin was coded as a gay man as well as the problems with such a metaphor. Not only is queerness linked with monstrosity, they said, but the books also emphasize Lupin's position as a victim of violence, and he eventually enters a heteronormative reproductive relationship.

Finally, the speakers discussed the portrayal of squibs, who are non-magical people born to magical parents in the "Harry Potter" universe.

"I was taken aback by how vile the representation of magical disability is,"

Kosman said.

She explained that the squibs, especially Mrs. Figg and Argus Filch, were characterized by their unlovableness. Filch's attempts to gain magic are also linked to conversion therapy and efforts to cure mental disability, the panelists said.

McGregor concluded by emphasizing the importance of holding onto the value of works of fiction like "Harry Potter," while critiquing them at the same time.

"We're going to keep insisting on better even while we read these books and are comforted by them and love them," she said.

The discussion was then opened up to audience questions.

Reported cases of mumps increase by eight students

by **Kathleen Schmidt**
Executive News Editor

Yesterday the Tufts community was alerted to an increase in reported cases of mumps on the Tufts Medford/Somerville campus through an email from Medical Director of Health Service Margaret Higham and Dean of Student Affairs Mary Pat McMahon.

The announcement was a follow up on a message sent three weeks prior on Oct. 28 informing students of a case of mumps reported by a student living off-campus in the area.

In the following three weeks, the number of cases has risen to nine, Higham explained.

According to the Oct. 28 email, university environments facilitate the rapid spread of mumps and several New England universities have reported outbreaks.

Though all Tufts students must be vaccinated for mumps before coming to school, Higham said that it is still possible to catch the virus. She encouraged students to protect themselves by covering their noses and mouths when sneezing or coughing, washing hands

often and not sharing utensils or drinks.

Higham said that Health Service has had several inquiries on whether tests of one's blood "titer," a lab test for antibodies in the blood, could be a helpful predictor in a student's susceptibility to mumps.

"Unfortunately, with mumps illness, a titer is not helpful. Having a positive titer does not protect someone from infection (students with positive titers still can get mumps)," she told the Daily in an email.

She emphasized that the Department of Public Health did not recommend getting titers.



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Against the grain: female students dominate environmental engineering



Photos of the Civil and Environmental Engineering majors in the Class of 2017 are featured on the wall in Anderson Hall on Nov. 15.

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by **Constantinos Angelakis**
Features Editor

Tufts' School of Engineering is an objectively male-dominated space. According to data from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website, while 54 percent of undergraduate students at the School of Arts and Sciences identified as female in 2015, that number falls to just 42 percent for engineering students. There is one program, however, in which the engineering school's gender imbalance is flipped: more often than not, the majority of students in Tufts' environmental engineering program are female-identifying.

The environmental engineering degree is offered through the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, which also offers undergraduate degrees in Civil Engineering, Architectural Studies and Environmental Health. According to the department's website, the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering program teaches students skills such as risk assessment, pollution prevention and design and operation of different engineered projects.

Senior Marisa Zellmer is currently studying environmental engineering, having declared the major as a first-year.

She said that when coming to Tufts, she was told that the school had a larger percentage of female engineering students than most other engineering schools, despite the disproportionate representation of men.

"However they've done it, they've been really good about getting women in engineering," she said.

Zellmer said that after taking a number of foundational engineering classes, she began to take more specified environmental engineering courses and noticed the divide in gender. Within the Class of 2017, she said,

there are eight women in the major and four men.

"I don't know if it's maybe viewed as more 'women-friendly', which sounds terrible," she said. "I think a lot of women in general growing up were probably pushed away from something like computer science or electrical engineering toward more stereotypically 'woman' fields, and then maybe this is seen as [a] softer form of engineering."

Senior Jenny Skerker was interested in doing something related to the environment during high school, and decided to declare environmental engineering upon learning more about it after arriving at Tufts.

"I thought it had more to do with climate change, which there definitely is a climate change component and understand kind of the pollution public health perspective of it as well," she said.

Skerker said that she's noticed the higher female ratio in some of her classes. She thinks a reason that the program attracts more women could be that the humanitarian applications of the discipline are more clear.

"One thought on why there are more women in environmental engineering is [that the program is] more straightforward in the applications [that] can help people," she said.

Murvi Babalola, a fifth-year senior, studied environmental engineering and is spending an extra semester to study environmental health engineering and public health. He is also an environmental studies major, which he noted is a predominantly female field as well. He said that he was the only male environmental engineering major in the Class of 2016.

"I think partly, especially where you get to the health applications and the environment applications, they tend to be a little less high-tech and a lit-

tle more humanitarian ... I think that definitely plays some sort of a role," Babalola said. "[Health]-related majors at Tufts, I think in general, tend to have more females than males. And definitely in the environmental community, it's hard to find a guy."

Professor John Durant has taught a number of classes as a faculty member of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department since he started working at Tufts in 1995. He explained that the major has become more popular after being accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) in 1998.

But Durant said that attracting students to the environmental engineering major can still be challenging.

"We get very good students," Durant said. "Tufts always gets very good students, and the challenge for us is to make environmental engineering sufficiently attractive as a major ... to maintain a critical mass of students [so] that the learning experience for all the students and the program is enhanced. Because there's always going to be majors out there that are perceived to be more lucrative, in terms of job prospects and potential rewards, so we're in competition with other majors."

Durant also noted that some of the students' interest in the major comes from its connection to other fields, such as public health, which he believes could contribute to the larger number of women in the field.

"The thing that I think makes environmental engineering attractive to women, perhaps men as well, is the really strong connection to health ... but also the job prospects are particularly good," he said. "And then a lot of the professionals in the marketplace are women, so there's just a really nice

Kevin Lawson
The Tufts Daily Show



One more 2016 Election column

Nov. 8, 2016 — a date that will live on in history books for ages to come; the date that ushered in one of the most consequential decisions of our time. Nov. 8, 2016 — the date pot became legal in Massachusetts.

Wait, *what?! TRUMP WON?* Oh god, I need a smoke.

First he won Ohio, and I did not speak out — because it was just Ohio and everyone knew Pennsylvania was the real deal, not Ohio. I mean, chill out guys, the night is young!

Then he won Florida, and I did not speak out — because, well, it's Florida. I figured they'd shape up once the bath salts wore off.

Then he won North Carolina, and I did not speak out — because, honestly, what with all the bathroom stuff, I hadn't actually realized that was a swing state. It is?

Then he won Pennsylvania and, according to The New York Times' election forecast, there were no states left that could speak for me.

Donald Trump is going to be our next president. On Jan. 20 of next year, he will place his left hand on the Bible (one of those pocket-sized ones I'm guessing, so his hand looks normal) and take the oath of office, as "Hail to the Chief" plays in the background.

How did this man win? Well, it became clear that the America in which you and I live is not the whole picture. Outside of what we know is another America. Well, there's South America, but that's not what I mean. I mean *the other America*, where people are frustrated with the country's direction, even if they're not exactly sure what that is. They feel overlooked and slighted by *Our America*, which considers them a worn-out fossil of America's past best seen from the window of an airplane headed toward Coachella.

And they express their frustration by voting for a departure from the norm, Donald Trump. And let me say, as an educated, socially-conscious liberal who understands that you can't simply throw hatred at entire classes of people, I can't believe how stupid and evil the entire South and Midwest are! Don't those hateful, slack-jawed hillbillies have half the compassion and respect that I have?

The election that was being heralded as the GOP's potential death knell turned out to be its strongest hour. Republicans now control the White House, the Senate, the House, state legislatures and I think they now legally own your dog. Sorry.

How do you proceed in Trump's America? Well, the way I see it, there's only one option: keep moving forward. Further. Further. A little more. See the airport now? Toward that. A little more. Almost there!

Jokes aside though, we don't quell this populist wave by trying to hate those involved into submission — that's what got us into this mess. We must recognize that not all ideologies different from our own are morally reprehensible, and even when a policy comes along that is on its face hateful, many of its supporters likely are not. What we need is love and dialogue. And memes of Obama and Biden, lots of those.

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connection, a really nice continuum between who their classmates are and who their likely supervisors or peers are going to be in the professional consulting world and government and academia.”

Despite Durant’s point that there are more women in the environmental engineering field than in other engineering fields, Zellmer and Skerker both noted that nearly all of their engineering professors at Tufts have been male.

“I don’t know if that’s something that’s changing and getting more females in it, or [if] more women are going into STEM things in general,” she said. “Other than one or two professors, all of my civil or environmental people that I’ve dealt with so far have been men.”

Alex Rappaport, a senior majoring in environmental engineering, said that his program is one of the less popular degrees within the engineering school in general. Initially, he was not even aware of the program and planned to major in chemical engineering.

“It had a reputation of not really being taken that seriously ... but I was under the opinion that I was going to do the intense engineering,” Rappaport

said. “And chemical engineering was the one that people touted as being one of the hardest, but also one of the most widely applicable, disciplines.”

He noted that as environmental sustainability is becoming a larger concern for people and businesses, the relevance and value of environmental engineering skills are growing.

“It’s definitely one of the younger engineering disciplines, but I think there’s a growing shift in it now, now that you have ... a huge shift in millennial interest in environmental issues,” Rappaport said. “Environmental engineers are being called in as contractors for people who are trying to be proactive on the environmental side, which is really exciting.”

He also said that other engineering disciplines, especially older ones, can come with an image or connotation of exclusivity. He also emphasized the association of environmental protection with more feminine values, even if this association is untrue.

“I think there’s also a legacy issue that isn’t so apparent immediately,” Rappaport said. “Chemical, mechanical and electrical are really old engineering disciplines that are really characterized by old white dudes. It’s the archaic institutions of engineering,

where you have a whole bunch of stuffy white people in suits sitting around a table talking about how ‘we’ can change the world. And so, when you suddenly get a new field, that opens an opportunity for people who have not yet become a part of the conversation to maybe find their own little niche.”

Babalola said that the gender gap in environmental issues spans beyond just the environmental engineering major. He has observed a similar trend in environmental on-campus student organizations.

“I worked with the Eco-Reps [Eco-Representatives] program for a number of years as well, and even then, I think we had to make a deliberate effort to hire male students, because it wouldn’t have been very difficult to end up with a pool of just female Eco-Reps,” he said.

Rappaport, who also has a background in entrepreneurship, noted that the gender demographics of the major may change over time as men who are interested in corporate and startup work require more skills in environmental sustainability.

“As sustainability becomes more important in business, I imagine more men who are pursuing entrepreneurship or pursuing sustainable building

and sustainable tech are going to realize that they need sustainability as part of their repertoire,” Rappaport said. “So I can imagine you have a whole bunch of up and coming, budding kind of business and engineering types seeing environmental engineering as something that’s going to be important in the business field.”

Rappaport said he has heard the field of environmental engineering characterized as a “softer” discipline compared to more technologically-oriented fields such as mechanical engineering and computer science engineering. He noted that this terminology implies a clear gender bias, yet he believes environmental engineering seems to be a more welcoming field for women.

Zellmer expressed optimism that interest in environmental engineering across genders will continue to grow at Tufts.

“My year is bigger than most years are, but I feel like especially as people are trying to become more sustainable and more environmentally conscious, [the program] will probably grow,” she said. “I think Tufts has a really good department in general. In general, I’ve enjoyed my professors, which is more than I can say about a lot of other people and their departments, in engineering and not.”

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TV REVIEW ★★★★★

‘How to Get Away With Murder’ gears up for mid-season finale

by Alison Epstein
Assistant Arts Editor

For eight weeks now, “How to Get Away With Murder” (2014-present) has been teasing viewers with the prospect of a major death. In addition to featuring flash forwards to a fire at Annalise’s (Viola Davis) house and a deceased, covered body on a stretcher, the mystery has been promoted with a ridiculous hashtag, asking, “Who is #underthesheet?” The hashtag may be stupid, but the mystery is very well crafted. Each week another character has been revealed to be alive, and now that the audience has made it to the final episode before the show takes its winter hiatus, the big reveal is tantalizingly close.

So far, it is known that the most of the show’s main characters are still alive, including Annalise, Oliver (Conrad Ricamora), Bonnie (Liza Weil), Laurel (Karla Souza) — albeit in critical condition — Michaela (Aja Naomi King), Asher (Matt McGorry), Wes (Alfred Enoch) and Connor (Jack Falahee). Main characters aside, this only leaves the show’s dull supporting characters as possibilities. Knowing executive producer Shonda Rhimes, however, there is always room for a last-minute twist.

While this season has been confusing, and it would be impossible to recap all the events that have occurred so far, overall it has been very well executed. The technique of revealing one person to be alive at the end of each episode keeps the excitement up, and it also provides a payoff. In this vein, the show kept viewers in the dark about Connor until this past episode, which was both cruel and brilliant. Yet this is complicated by Connor’s relationship with his estranged ex Oliver and each episode builds up the uncertainty in how things will ultimately end up between them.

Speaking of which, the romantic relationships this season have been as unstable and entertaining as ever. Asher and Michaela’s relationship has been surprisingly sweet. It’s nice to see them balance each other out, with Asher bringing out a softer side of Michaela and Michaela bringing out a less tool-y side of Asher. Wes and Laurel



Viola Davis stars in “How to Get Away With Murder,” which airs Thursdays on ABC.

finally acted on the tension that had been building between them, and their relationship has been hot and heavy, with Laurel even (drunkenly) telling Wes she loved him. But things are looking dicey for them, with the return of Laurel’s ex-boyfriend Frank (Charlie Weber) and her life in jeopardy as she fights for survival in the hospital.

Besides the plethora of TV-14 sex scenes, this season has tackled some even darker material. Annalise has been trying to emotionally deal with the fact that Frank caused the stillborn birth of her child several years ago, and she also has had to start to come to terms with her drinking problem. Eighty percent of the time this show is completely unrealistic and insane, but sometimes it does touch on some real issues, portraying Annalise’s struggles in a seemingly authentic and valuable way.

Also very dark this season, but probably falling into the unrealistic/insane category, has been Frank’s journey off the rails. Maybe most extraordinary was that he shaved his beard. But he also murdered a private investigator, staged an explosive car accident to cover up said murder, killed Bonnie’s father as revenge for abusing her, slept with Bonnie shortly after only to skip out before

she woke up, framed Wes’s half-brother for murder, then showed up at Laurel’s then Bonnie’s house to beg them both for forgiveness and, last we saw, he was holding a gun to his head about to shoot himself as Bonnie begged him not to and Annalise egged him on. So pretty much business as usual.

Maybe it’s Frank #underthesheet, but it also could be Annalise’s cop ex-boyfriend Nate (Billy Brown) or maybe that annoying guy who has been hanging around the Keating Five all season, except that it seems doubtful that Annalise would be sobbing uncontrollably over his death, considering he put up a bunch of fliers insinuating she was a murderer. Still intriguing is the fact that Annalise was arrested for arson and first-degree murder, and apparently, it was Wes who tipped the police off about this. Their relationship makes no sense. Are they like a mother and a son or like two lovers? They have supported each other countless times, but one time he shot her and almost killed her. So really, anything goes with them. Here’s to hoping that this week’s episode will provide some answers, but here’s also to knowing that most likely we’ll just end up with many, many more questions. It’s what Shonda does best.

MOVIE REVIEW ★★★★★

Anarchy in the USA: ‘Gimme Danger’ is full of grit, glam



JOEL BRODSKY VIA AMAZON STUDIOS / MAGNOLIA PICTURES
Ron Asheton, Scott Asheton, Dave Alexander, and Iggy Pop are the focus of “Gimme Danger,” a Magnolia Pictures release.

by Setenay Mufti
Contributing Writer

Featuring shattered bottles, mystery drugs, broken piers and rock and roll nomads, “Gimme Danger” (2016) is a documentary following The Stooges, an American rock band founded in 1967 which gained fame through the 1970s and described themselves as “the death of the ‘60s.” The movie, released on Oct. 28, is largely composed of interviews, mostly with lead singer Iggy Pop

and guitarist James Williamson, as well as archival footage of dead members Scott and Ron Asheton. The rest is footage of the band and animated illustrations of the band’s stories. The narrative is undeniably messy as attempts to follow the band chronologically are littered with an increasing number of gigs, collaborations and name changes. Anyone who liked the iconic mockumentary “This Is Spinal Tap” (1984) will appreciate “Gimme Danger,” which perfectly fits into that niche.

The Stooges went through several band members, but most time is given to bassist Dave Alexander, the Asheton brothers, Williamson (who, believe it or not, moved to Silicon Valley and became a higher-up for Sony) and the famous Pop. The movie does show Pop’s early life and lead-up to founding the band but ignores his solo career after-

Emily Friedlander
and Ana Antolin
Runaway Roundup



Dexter-ize It

Much like “Project Runway” (2004-present) judge and designer Zac Posen’s recent impromptu seated Rockette/karate kick, this week’s episode might be a bit kitschy, but we love it. After the designers’ moms or female best friends fly in for tearful reunions, the designers are tasked with creating a look for their loved ones. Adding higher stakes to the challenge, the winning designer and client will each win \$25,000 from the AARP.

This episode is exciting for us because it redeems Project Runway from its terrible “Real Woman” challenge earlier in the season. Instead of designing for the abstract “real woman” (who apparently has the proportions of a model and a penchant for jumpsuits) the contestants actually have to make outfits for women of different shapes and sizes.

Although we, Ana and Emily, were excited about the designs being sketched, our guest judge was actually more excited about the restaurant where the sketching was taking place, asking out loud, “more importantly, where is this brunch place?” Said lovely human is our boss, Editor in Chief of the Tufts Daily junior Arin Kerstein. In addition to her passion for food, Arin excels in Jewish geography, as demonstrated by her discovery within the first five minutes of watching the show that one of her best friends from home is Emily’s cousin. When Arin is not running the Daily, she is sleeping or studying Arabic. Although “Project Runway” is better than other reality shows she has watched, Arin contests that, “If we had Ke\$ha in this show, in any capacity, this would be infinitely better.”

Looking around the workroom, we worry some of the designers are turning into one-trick ponies. How many big coats with giant pockets have we seen from Erin? Architectural leather jackets from Laurence? Our fave three this week were also the judges’ top picks: Mah-Jing, Rik and Roberi. In an ode to his family’s heritage, Rik employs stitching similar to the mariachi embroidery of his childhood and adds a heart to the upper corner of the dress that adds color and an extra jolt of good feelings without looking childish. Roberi also does solid work, creating a dress that, as one guest judge puts it, has, “a lot of sophistication but is in no way boring.” Mah-Jing slays the game, creating an awesome kimono-inspired leather jacket for his mom, Bahamadia. Described as an “underground hip-hop superstar,” she helps sell Mah-Jing’s look with a killer, confident runway strut. Rik wins overall with his impeccably tailored dress and jacket combo.

Erin is running out of steam: for her mom, she creates a tacky high-low dress in a baby blue floral print that is covered in heavy lace. She needs to step up her game if she doesn’t want to be eliminated. Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to the girl with our favorite laugh when Jenni is eliminated. Her look isn’t bad but, again, in a season where everyone is so talented, doing just okay doesn’t cut it anymore.

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Latest music documentary shines light on legendary band The Stooges

THE STOOGES

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ward. The movie focuses on The Stooges as a unit, with all its twists, break-ups, deaths and disasters.

There's not much of a point to be found in this movie, but that's actually appropriate. There's also not too much of a point to the music of the Stooges either. Pop remembers a children's TV show encouraging viewers to keep fans letters in 25 words or less. Years later he applies that same philosophy to music: "I'm not like Bob Dylan ... 'blah,

blah, blah.'" Yet the alternative director-writer Jim Jarmusch describes The Stooges as "the greatest rock and roll band ever," without irony—humor, but not irony. The band members themselves admit to the simplicity of their lyrics and musicality. Williamson specifically admits to his group's ambivalence about broader cultural ideas, stating, "We played with MC5 at the Democratic Convention of 1968, but we tried to avoid politics ... [chuckles] we tried to avoid everything." And everyone admits to their own lack of

professionalism. As Jarmusch points out, the Stooges proved enormously influential for future bands including the Sex Pistols, The Ramones, Sonic Youth, the White Stripes and countless others.

The documentary's strength lies in its quick quips, anecdotes and pure unbridled tales of anarchy; it's electric and hilarious. No one familiar with classic rock history will be shocked by the levels of drugs, sex and violence revealed by this documentary. They will, however, be endlessly amused because what is revealed is truly unpredictable. Casually, we hear tales of curing a whole marijuana plant (roots and all) in a Laundromat dryer, unsolicited advice from Andy Warhol in an LA motel and what can only be described as footage of the girl from "The Exorcist" (1973) meets Mick Jagger on stage, showcasing a 70-year-old man on all fours as he holds a microphone between his teeth and growls at a screaming audience.

Once again, Pop is no Bob Dylan or even Mick Jagger. But he has a big heart, giving warm shout-outs during



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Iggy Pop and the Stooges in "Gimme Danger," a Magnolia Pictures release.



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Iggy Pop in "Gimme Danger," a Magnolia Pictures release.

the band's 2010 introduction to The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Recognizing his friend Ron, the MC5 and those who birthed rock and roll, Pop showed that, for a man of simplicity and straightforwardness, he can become colorful, even poetic, when he feels like it.

Despite all this, The Stooges' influence is undeniable. They are not the craziest band in history but proved themselves to be the origins of punk and alternative rock, perhaps anarchy itself. They themselves were The Stooges, nothing more and nothing less. The Sex Pistols might want to be anarchy, but The Stooges wanted to be themselves, and if that's anarchy, so be it. "I don't wanna belong to the glam people, the alternative people, none of it ... I just wanna BE," said Pop.

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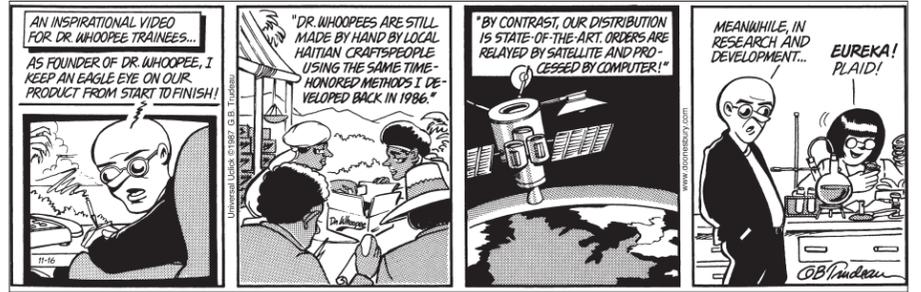
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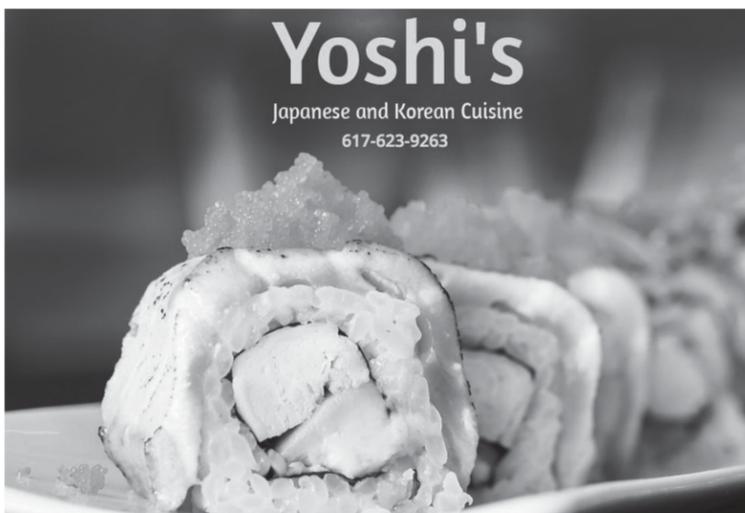
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By Bruce Haight

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FACULTY STATEMENT

A post-election statement from the Nov. 9 faculty group at Tufts University

In this post-election moment, we have witnessed increasing threats to the present and future safety and wellbeing of our community. As faculty members at Tufts University, we pledge to actively commit ourselves to social justice and principles of community, compassion, decency and protection. We commit to continuing the work of teaching, conducting research and encouraging civic engagement at Tufts and in our communities in ways that rise to the challenges of this moment. We are and we stand with black, Muslim, LGBTQ+, Latinx, Asian and Native American communities, people without papers, people who are differently abled, women and girls, immigrants and refugees – with all people working for equity and justice.

In the few days that have passed since the election, students and members of university communities have already been targeted with physical violence, threats and acts of racist or otherwise hateful speech. In this climate, and with an eye to the future, we call upon the university leadership and administration to reaffirm their commitment to Tufts's core principles of access and inclusion. Just as we state our commitment to diversity and social equality, as well as our opposition to discrimination, bigotry, sexual assault and violence against the vulnerable in the aftermath of the election, we ask that university leadership remain committed to Tufts's values of being a university that welcomes students, faculty and staff from many different races, genders, religions, sexual orientations, economic backgrounds and national origins. We invite them to state their absolute commitment that no forms of hate speech, bullying, harassment or intimidation will be accepted. We must protect academic freedom and ask the university to assure faculty that we will be able to express our views in the classroom and teach and communicate ideas without being disciplined or suppressed.

At this time, we ask for the following:

- A university statement confirming core values of respect, compassion, equality, accessibility and academic freedom.
- Robust and ongoing provisions for the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and faculty who are Muslim, undocumented, female, disabled, black, Latinx, people of color, immigrants, refugees and LGBTQ+ in the post-election climate,
- Continued support for the six student centers and their directorships, the University Chaplaincy, as well as for The Consortium of Studies in Race, Colonialism and Diaspora (RCD), The Center for the Study of Race and Democracy (CSRD) and related departments and programs,
- Commitment to strengthening the role of the Diversity Council at the highest administrative levels and to replacing the departing Chief Diversity Officer in an expedited manner,
- Ensuring that the entire campus is a space where all students may congregate without threat,
- Specifically declaring Tufts a sanctuary campus and pledging to protect undocumented students and faculty from deportation; more generally declaring Tufts a sanctuary for any individuals subject to threats or harm on the basis of their identity or political beliefs.
- As a first step, we ask university leadership to hold a public forum to listen to post-election concerns of the Tufts community, as well as to call for ideas regarding ways that the university may best proceed in responding to present and future challenges to our core values.

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IFC Statement

Dear Members of the Tufts Community,

On behalf of all fraternities on Tufts campus, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) would like to issue an apology. The issues highlighted by the recent articles regarding Greek life have impacted everyone in a variety of ways. This news has disgusted our classmates, marginalized groups on campus and hurt our very own Greek community members. For this, we are deeply sorry. We recognize the variety and seriousness of the issues facing our Greek system. In an effort to address these issues, each organization has come together to agree upon a list of actions that will be put in place immediately:

All fraternities have agreed to suspend their social operations through the end of the Fall 2016 semester.

All fraternities that took new members this fall have agreed to initiate them immediately, ending the new member process.

All fraternities have agreed to have each member Green Dot certified in an effort to combat sexual assault.

All fraternities have agreed to implement a Diversity Inclusion Chair in order to make our homes safer and more welcoming to groups that have been marginalized, the details of which will be determined as we work together in the coming weeks.

All fraternities have agreed to avoid pledge processes that promote violence and hazing. Instead, processes will focus on bonding through positive experiences.

This list is not complete, as there is more work to be done. During this time, chapters will be working with each other as well as the other Greek councils to create programming and new member processes that are transparent, socially progressive and acceptable to the entire community. Most importantly, chapter presidents have agreed to meet every Wednesday to create a detailed IFC Code of Conduct. This document will provide, for the IFC, a mechanism to maintain internal accountability. Furthermore, this code will incorporate guidelines for the behavior, safety and culture of fraternal life. Fraternities will be expected to comply with these standards that will be agreed upon by every member of the IFC. We have set a deadline of Dec. 12 to present these plans to the community.

Finally, we acknowledge the work that both the Dean of Student Affairs Office and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life do to keep this campus safe. You have worked with us unconditionally over the years and we apologize if we have betrayed your trust. We hope to continue to work with you and other administrators going forward in order to rebuild our relationships and reunite our campus.

Respectfully,

The Interfraternity Council Executive Board

OP-ED

Why people want America to be ‘great again’

by Justin Hudson

Last Tuesday, this year’s bizarre election season drew to a close. With a slew of controversy and drama emanating from both major parties, the election resembled more of a reality TV show than a political event, ushering in a wide array of name-calling and stereotyping.

I’m from Evington, Va., a small rural locality located in the state’s South Central region. A read through the Wikipedia page for Evington will reveal that it exists and not much else. And while my house is roughly 635 miles away from where I live on campus — about halfway from Massachusetts to Florida — it is the opposite end of the spectrum from Tufts, politically and ideologically.

Evington is located just outside of Lynchburg, Va., a medium-sized city near the center of the state. Odds are if you’ve heard of Lynchburg, then you’ve heard of Liberty University, the world’s largest Christian University, known for its more than 110,000 students (between on-campus and online enrollment). Liberty is an extremely large university, and with this massive size comes massive influence. The university was founded in 1971 by Pastor Jerry Falwell Sr., who is well known for his founding of the Moral Majority, a prominent Christian political organization, in 1979. The Moral Majority played a key role in establishing evangelical conservative Christians as a major political force in this country and endorsed presidential candidates Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. While the organization officially dissolved in 1989, the ideas it supported are still extremely strong where I live.

The administration and leaders of Liberty University were — and continue to be — avid supporters of Donald Trump, even well before he entered the campaign spotlight. Throughout the campaign, both Trump and Pence made frequent visits to the university and associated themselves with its mega-church. Much like Liberty University, the surrounding localities fea-

ture mostly working-class whites struggling to make ends meet, who strongly supported Donald Trump in his bid for the presidency. Their support of Donald Trump has associated them with the negative stereotypes that the man himself has come to represent. Throughout the election, people from the regions that strongly supported him were cast as uneducated simpletons who hate women, minorities and social progress of any kind. While I won’t deny that there are elements of the Trump political base that hate women, despise non-white Americans and oppose social equality, such a faction does not represent the whole.

Back home, I know hardworking people who, since even before the Great Recession, worked hard just to make ends meet. And with the economic upheaval, they’ve had to work even harder just to get by. Many people where I’m from supported Barack Obama in his 2008 campaign. However, when the economy faltered, so did southern Virginia. With jobs in manufacturing and construction disappearing since 2008, many more people have become disillusioned with the economic growth plans of the Democratic Party, leading to Hillary Clinton’s receiving less than 25 percent of the vote in my county. Where I live, Liberty University became the economic mainstay that kept people employed and the economy running. People came to view Liberty, its ideals and Donald Trump as what this country needs to get back on track.

But for the people of Evington and Lynchburg — as in many other parts of the country — despite living in the shadow of Liberty University, college isn’t always viewed as an attainable or important end goal of secondary education. Because of this, many people there feel as if a Democratic government, which focused on technical jobs and college education and routinely shunned them in their time of need, was attacking their way of life. People who work lower wage jobs in manufacturing, construction and other industries that are becoming increasingly dominated by large firms (oftentimes foreign or multina-

tional ones), feel as if their lives are threatened by globalization, international politics and distant politicians who know nothing of their daily lives. With Donald Trump promising to combat these very things by “draining the swamp” in Washington and renegotiating trade deals to benefit the working class, he is effectively promising to combat their fears and worries. This is exactly why these people have flocked to Trump and why they have ignored his many discriminatory remarks. It is not necessarily because they are racist or sexist themselves, but because, in an increasingly complex global world, they feel as if their way of life and all they know is being threatened.

I’m not writing this because I voted for Trump — I personally voted for Hillary — or because I believe that his victory is ideal. I’m writing this because I feel as if many great, hardworking people are being generalized when in reality they are simply trying to defend their livelihoods. Having been fortunate enough to attend Tufts, I have seen so much more of the world than I ever would have if I stayed in Virginia. I have met people from around the country and the globe who have an array of diverse political ideologies and thoughts, and through this I have opened my eyes to many things I never would have even thought of before. For this, I am eternally grateful. One of the most important things I have learned here at Tufts is the value of another’s perspective. So, before you judge people who support Donald Trump as racist or sexist, try to remember their perspective.

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

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Daniel Lewis
The Echo Chamber



On the Electoral College

Hillary Clinton is the fifth presidential candidate in American history to have won the popular vote but lose the election. This is due to the Electoral College, a system that many see as a slight toward democracy and a sign of its brokenness in America. But are those feelings justified? Is the system truly broken? To find out, we need to take a step outside The Echo Chamber.

Our presidential electoral system consists of 538 electors. Each state is allotted a number of electors that is equal to the number of its representatives plus the number of its senators. But since every state has two senators, each state receives an extra two electors no matter their population. This skews the electoral college toward smaller states who get a minimum of three electors even if their population is much less than 3/538ths of the country.

In a pure democracy where one person always equals one vote, Texas, with its nearly 27 million citizens, would not have the same senatorial representation as Vermont, with just over 600,000. The question of whether or not the Electoral College is a good system is less a question of democracy and more of who should decide on the next president, the people or the states? Most Americans tend to agree with the former, with 63 percent in favor of getting rid of the Electoral College according to a 2013 Gallup poll.

Even with the overwhelming opinion against it, some argue that the Electoral College gives a voice to the voiceless by inflating the value of small, rural states. In this regard, the Electoral College fails spectacularly. Rather than incentivizing candidates to focus on a broad slew of states, candidates focus on four or five swing states where, due to the winner-take-all nature of the Electoral College, a single vote can swing up to five percent of the entire electoral vote. All of Florida’s 29 electors were decided by a mere 537 votes in 2000. This winner-take-all system is at the core of the “states versus the people” divide. Is the will of a state-entirely more important than the will of the people at large? To address its consequences, we must look at potential alternatives.

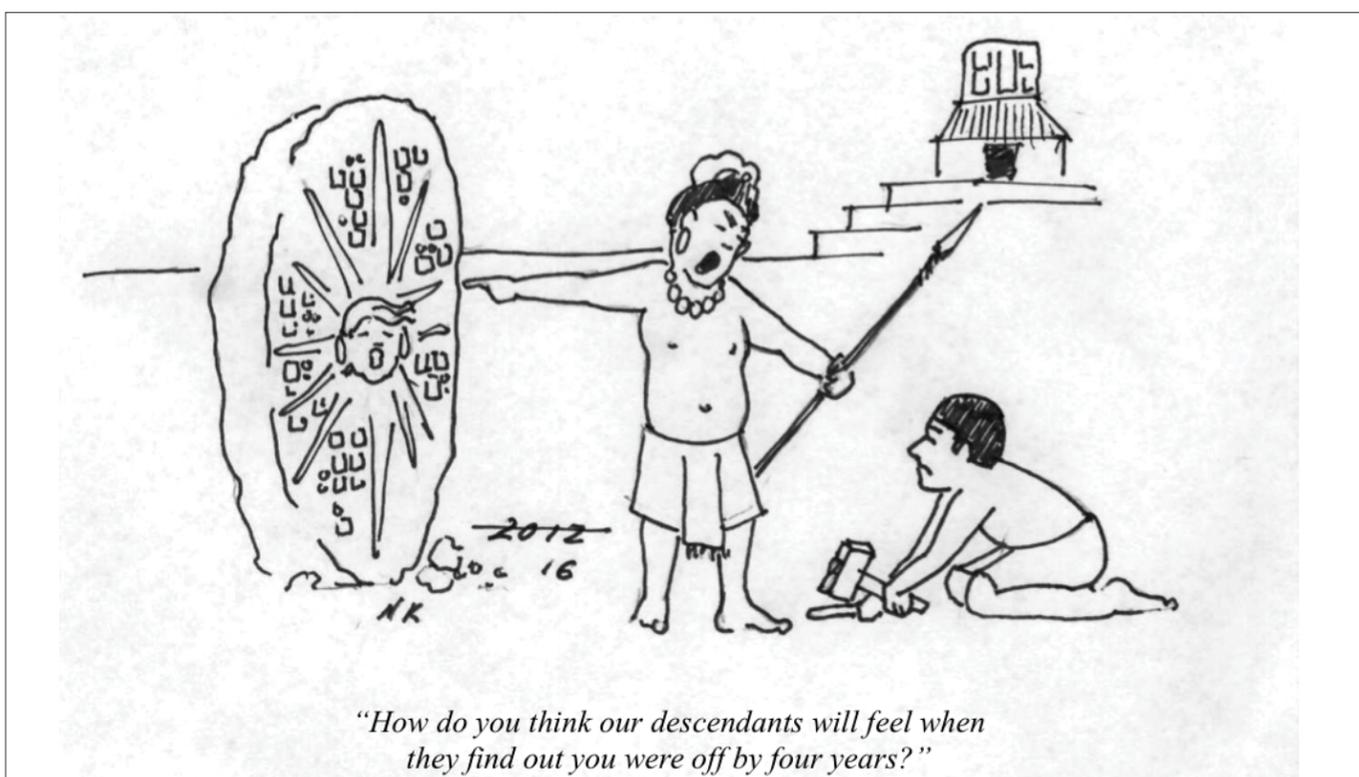
A national popular vote (NPV) is another option, but it is not without its faults. An NPV could create a logistical nightmare with a nationwide recount and it could enable a candidate to win the presidency with just a small plurality of the vote. The NPV could also lead candidates to focus solely on large urban centers, leaving a huge portion of the population behind.

Maine and Nebraska have devised a second way, dividing electors proportionally to their internal popular vote. This system retains the inflated representation of smaller states so that they are not outshone by urban centers, while ridding the country of the winner-take-all swing state problem. States would split their electors, and the millions of democratic votes in Texas would finally be made worthwhile.

The Electoral College is an incredibly flawed system, but is it truly an affront against democracy or merely a different interpretation of what our democracy should be? And if it must go, what are the best alternatives? That’s for you to decide. For now, I just hope that you’ve enjoyed some time outside The Echo Chamber.

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THE END OF THE WORLD



“How do you think our descendants will feel when they find out you were off by four years?”

BY NOAH KULAK

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Shaughnessy said. “We didn’t want to be pulled into playing a rushed style, we wanted to stay relaxed and calm.”

The Jumbo defense held on until the final whistle and the bench cleared to rush the field. Tufts finished the game with a 19-4 advantage in shots and a 7-1 lead in corners, but the stat line belied how even play became towards the end.

Saturday saw a similar story, though Tufts’ somewhat more comfortable lead prevented the level of late-game drama in Sunday’s contest. UNE actually got the first scoring opportunity of the game in the early minutes but couldn’t put a shot on goal, and Tufts quickly took over the rest of the first half.

The Jumbos got the scoring started on a series of three penalty corners, starting in the 15th minute. Travers, junior midfielder Celia Lewis and Arata tested Nor’Easter senior goalie Holly Smith with five shots in a minute and a half, but Smith made several early saves in an impressive performance despite the loss.

The Jumbos broke through on their third corner, with Travers inserting to junior midfielder Erin Sanders who rocketed a shot home to put the hosts up by one just after the 17-minute mark.

The Jumbos continued to pressure the Nor’Easter defense and made it tough for the visitors to clear balls out of their end.

“Against UNE, we did our normal offensive press, but we did a more tilted

press [that] kind of deterred the transfer in their backfield, so we weren’t running as much,” Tutoni said.

The press worked, as Travers picked off a UNE clearance attempt roughly five minutes after Tufts’ first score and charged the net for a shot. Smith saved the first attempt, but Travers collected her own rebound and sent it back in to pad the Jumbos’ lead.

The first-half stat line was even more lopsided than on Sunday, with the Jumbos holding a 15-1 advantage in shots and a 5-0 advantage in corners. Smith made nine first-half saves to keep the Nor’Easters within striking distance.

The visitors came out stronger in the second half and play evened up. But the Jumbo defense refused to allow possessions in their end to translate into shots on goal, and the Nor’Easters still only managed to get off two shots in the second period. Tufts reclaimed the momentum as the clock wound down and coasted to the victory.

Tufts now will head to the campus of Hobart and William Smith Colleges in upstate New York this weekend for a semifinal showdown with NCAA rival Salisbury. The Jumbos have faced the Sea Gulls three times in the past decade in the NCAA postseason but have fallen short each time.

Salisbury knocked Tufts out in the second round in 2007 in a 2-0 win, prevailed 1-0 in the 2009 semifinal and most recently got the better of Tufts in a 1-0 second-round game in 2013. The Jumbos’

three seniors, Arata, Zarrella and forward Annie Artz, still remember the pain of the 2013 loss and are looking for revenge.

Tufts looks to be in good shape with one of the top defenses in the nation.

“We always say our defense starts with our forward line and extends down the field all the way to our goalie,” Shaughnessy said. “I think having that mindset, going for all the 50-50 balls and having strong [defensive] sticks all contribute to that.”

There is room for improvement offensively, as the Jumbos managed just three goals this weekend on 39 total shots. Tutoni noted that it’s too late in the season to make any major adjustments and that at this point, it all comes down to attitude on game day.

“It’s not so much skill-wise what we need to work on,” Tutoni said. “[Salisbury is] a super athletic, super-skilled team, but at the end of the day, we’ve come so far this season that [none of the teams left] are going to improve very much. So it’s just a mentality thing — we need to go into the game believing we can win, and we have to give it our all.”

If the Jumbos take down the Sea Gulls on Saturday, they move on to the national championship game on Sunday to face the winner of the No. 1 Messiah versus No. 7 Babson semifinal matchup. The last time Tufts field hockey traveled to Geneva, N.Y. in Nov. 2012, they came home with a national championship trophy. The Jumbos will be looking to do that again this weekend.

Bradley Schussel

The Coin Toss



Multi-sport madness

Welcome to The Coin Toss, where I make some bold, unlikely predictions every week about some of your favorite professional sports. First, let’s recap last week’s predictions.

I had the Golden State Warriors defeating the Dallas Mavericks by 20 points. This was correct, as Golden State won by 21. I correctly predicted the Seahawks defeating the Patriots in Foxborough, as Seattle’s defense led them to a win on a dramatic goal-line stand. So two of my bold, unlikely predictions were correct, and I was oh-so-close to a perfect week. I had the Saints beating the Broncos, but Denver blocked an extra point and returned it for a 2-point conversion, stealing the win from New Orleans. That makes me two for three last week. Now, let’s get into some more NBA and NFL predictions...

Defending champion Cavaliers fall to Pacers

Believe it or not, the Pacers have the tools to make this happen. They have a point guard (Jeff Teague) that can keep pace with the Cavs’ defense, a power forward (Thaddeus Young) that can stretch the floor and exploit Kevin Love on the perimeter and a lockdown defensive small forward (Paul George) that can stifle LeBron James. The Cavaliers have one of the league’s best records and, of course, are the defending champions of the league. Indiana comes into this game with a losing record, but they should be particularly motivated by the chance to face Cleveland at home. Hopefully this prediction isn’t too crazy, but I have the Pacers over the Cavs on Wednesday night.

Vikings and Cardinals combine for 24 points or fewer

Minnesota and Arizona are both great defensive teams that are streaky on the offensive side of the ball. They’re second and third respectively in total defense, so this game should be a defensive slugfest. NFL teams have scored an average of 23.1 points per game this season. A game where the teams combine for less than 24 points is fairly rare and quite difficult to predict. The Cardinals participated in such a game this season when they tied with Seattle, 6-6. That was a defensive game and this one should be as well. Hence, I predict a low-scoring game; 24 points or less combined between the two teams.

Buccaneers Prevail Over Chiefs

Tampa Bay has been very inconsistent this season. They tend to win a game, lose a game, win a few, then lose a few. This has them sitting at 4-5, and they face a tough challenge in the 7-2 Chiefs this week. Don’t let the record fool you though; the Chiefs are not an elite team. The teams they’ve beaten this season include the Chargers, Jets, Saints, Colts, Jaguars and Panthers, who have all been mediocre or worse. Their only impressive win came against the Raiders. The Chiefs are weak on offense but can stifle a team on defense. The Bucs have the potential to explode offensively and they’ll need to if they want to beat KC. They certainly can, and I think they will. *The Coin Toss*’ pick is in: Bucs over Chiefs.

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Nichols top runner at regionals, O’Connor third

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A sophomore trio filled out Tufts’ top five, as Brain Reaney finished third for the Jumbos and 37th overall with a time of 25:32.98, and sophomores Christian Swenson (25:47.68) and Dylan Jones (26:00.14) came in just behind. Reaney was two spots shy of receiving All-Region honors, but reveled in the experience and the support his team supplied nevertheless.

“Regionals is an exciting meet every year. A hundred of our cross [country] and track teammates are running half-naked around the course and screaming at us, and we get a chance to put all our training into one race. This year was especially intense because of how tight the team battle was between us, Middlebury, Colby and Amherst,” Reaney told the Daily in an email.

One of the biggest surprises of the season came on Sunday when the Jumbos found out that due to the NCAA’s new manner of allocating bids for the National Championship, their fifth place finish at Regionals was not enough for them to qualify for Nationals on Nov. 19. It is the first time since 2010 that Tufts will not be competing at the meet as a team. The only two runners competing at the Lake Breeze Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. are Nichols and O’Connor. The duo believes

that they will be running for something bigger than themselves.

“Every time you step onto that line, you know that there’s a group of people that have been training hard and have been working their butts off to do as well as they can and just because things didn’t shake out the way we wanted doesn’t mean we’re not still a team and we’re not still representing Tufts University,” O’Connor said. “It’s the group that gets us through.”

This will be O’Connor’s and Nichols’ fourth time at Nationals. Last year, Nichols finished 19th, earning All-American honors, and O’Connor finished 74th overall in a field of 278 runners.

“It’s sort of like we’ve had three times to practice and this meet is the one that actually matters the most,” Nichols said. “I feel like I can manipulate the race a bit more. I have more control. Thinking back to my freshman year, I feel like I have more say in how the race will play out this year than in any other year that I ran.”

They feel their experience gives them a leg up in what will be the final cross country meet of their careers.

“I would say based on how we’ve been performing and how we’ve performed in years past, I think just having the experience of being there gives me confidence in knowing what I’ve done throughout the years has been what I need to do and I don’t need to change things up just because it’s a

national meet,” O’Connor said.

Though they will be the only men running for Tufts on Nov. 19, they expressed that they could not be more proud of the rest of the runners and the strides the young team has made this season.

“One of the things I’ve found very surprising, which I feel like I’ve been talking about a lot, is that our team is very young,” O’Connor said. “What’s really surprising for me is the jumps people have made and how much ownership they take as a team, which is something I really enjoy.”

After the two captains graduate this spring, along with fellow seniors Chris Warren and Michael Caughron, the team will look to its young core of sophomores for leadership. Reaney in particular has been a frequent finisher in the Jumbos’ top-five this season, ranking in the team’s top-three four times this season.

“Next year, we’ll have a different team for sure without such a strong top two,” Reaney said. “I just hope I can stay healthy enough to keep training and putting down fast times. Without Tim and Luke, the weight is going to be more evenly distributed among the rest of us, and I think we’ll work more as a pack rather than relying on two strong runners. Especially with such a big junior class next year, we have a lot of bullets in our gun.”

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FIELD HOCKEY

No. 3 Tufts punches ticket to NCAA Final Four

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Four years after winning a national championship, Tufts field hockey is back in the Final Four. After earning a first-round bye for winning the NESCAC Championship, No. 3 Tufts hosted second and third round NCAA tournament action on Ounjian Field this past weekend. Tufts knocked off No. 19 University of New England 2-0 on Saturday and No. 11 Skidmore 1-0 on Sunday to advance to the semifinals against No. 2 Salisbury this weekend in Geneva, N.Y.

This will be the Jumbos' fourth Final Four appearance in program history and their first since they won the 2012 national championship, also held in Geneva, N.Y.

The Jumbos appear to have made the most of their week of rest after winning the NESCAC Championship and came out strong by taking early leads in both games. The story this weekend mirrored much of the team's season overall, as Tufts capitalized on just enough scoring opportunities and relied on its strong defense to prevent opponents from taking too many shots on goal to earn its 11th and 12th shutouts of the season.

"I think [coming out strong] starts with preparation," sophomore midfielder Fallon Shaughnessy said. "We had a big focus on practicing very hard going into the game, and practicing like we play. So in our practices leading up to this weekend we really focused on having a mentality that we have to bring our all, with it being single-elimination. And I think going into the game our mindset that morning — our mindset going into warm-ups — was focused on the game, and [we had] high confidence."

On Sunday, the Jumbos dominated the opening minutes and scored the eventual game-winner just 3:30 into the contest. Junior forward Mary Travers earned Tufts' first penalty corner at the 1:29 mark and she added two more corners in the next two minutes, peppering Thoroughbred sophomore goalkeeper Elizabeth Coughlin with shots on each play.

On the third corner, Travers inserted to senior co-captain defender Nicole Arata and Coughlin saved Arata's direct shot on goal. In the ensuing scrum in front of the net, junior midfielder/forward Mary Kate Patton slapped the ball towards the goal and sophomore forward Gigi Tutoni was in position to tip it in.

"It all happened so fast," Tutoni said. "But our coach [Tina McDavitt-Mattera] told us to be ready for rebounds with our sticks down, so that's what we did and it worked."

The Jumbos kept the pressure on after the score, but the Thoroughbred defense limited the damage and made it through the Jumbos' nine shots in the first 10 minutes, conceding just the one goal. Coughlin made four saves over that span.

As Skidmore settled in, play began to even out over the remainder of the first



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Sophomore forward Gigi Tutoni boxes out a Skidmore player in the NCAA Championship Quarterfinal victory against the Thoroughbreds on Nov. 13.

half. The visitors got their first shot off almost 16 minutes in, but the Jumbos still maintained a dominant 13-3 advantage in shots and a 5-0 advantage in penalty corners over the first period.

Neither team was able to get much momentum going through much of the second half, especially with the referees being strict on foul calls. With the game clock — and the clock on Skidmore's season — running down, the visitors started battling with more intensity and started putting more pressure on Tufts' defense.

The Thoroughbreds got their lone corner of the game with eight minutes to go but were unable to get a shot off. Despite

the ball staying in their defensive half for much of the final 15 minutes, the Jumbos limited the Thoroughbreds to just one second-half shot.

With six minutes to play, Skidmore pulled Coughlin out of the goal for the extra fielder and then shortly after that Tufts senior co-captain forward Dominique Zarrella received a green card that gave the visitors a two-man advantage.

"We were definitely looking to maintain possession of the ball and keep our control [in those final few minutes],"

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Nichols, O'Connor prepare for national championship following Tufts fifth-place finish at Regional championships.



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Sophomore Brian Reaney sprints to the finish line at the Connecticut College Cross Country Invitational at Harkness Memorial State Park on Oct. 15.

by Marc Weisglass
Staff Writer

The Jumbos entered the New England Regional championships with the hopes of finishing off what has been a very successful season on a high note. They traveled to Westfield, Mass. on Saturday, where they raced earlier this season at the James Earley Invitational. Tufts finished fifth overall on the strength of first and third place finishes from senior co-captains Tim Nichols, who ran the course in 23:54.58, and Luke O'Connor, who ran it in 24:32.45. MIT tri-captain Matt Deyo finished second with a time of 24:28.38. MIT won the meet, beating out Williams in a tie-breaker.

For his efforts, Nichols received his third NESCAC Men's Cross Country Performer of the Week honors this season. He also set a course record for the NCAA Regional championships, outrunning the 14-year-old record held by Trinity's Ryan Bak ('02) of 24:21.0. Nichols also set the NCAA course record at Stanley Park, previously held by Mike Biwott ('15) from American International College, a Division II school.

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