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theSkimm co-founders share stories, lessons at Alumni Lecture

by **Robert Katz**
News Editor

Approximately 160 alumni, students, faculty and community members gathered at the Breed Memorial Hall yesterday evening to attend the Lyon & Bendheim Alumni Lecture Series event, featuring theSkimm co-founders Danielle Weisberg (LA '08) and Carly Zakin.

Weisberg and Zakin discussed media company theSkimm's growth since its days as a start-up, as well as their own experiences as liberal arts graduates in the worlds of journalism and entrepreneurship. The discussion was moderated by Ronna Johnson, a lecturer in the Department of English who had previously taught Weisberg during her time at Tufts.

Weisberg and Zakin, self-professed "news geeks," primarily intended to impart lessons learned from their experiences both as interns for NBC News and other news organizations, and as co-CEOs of theSkimm.

Weisberg expressed appreciation for

her education, but noted that it is often helpful to hear from people who work outside the university setting to understand what is happening in different industries.

Throughout the discussion, Weisberg and Zakin reflected on both the anticipated and unexpected steps involved in founding theSkimm and launching the Daily Skimm, their flagship newsletter.

"We went to college thinking we were going to be on a particular track,



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see **SKIMM**, page 2 Co-founders of theSkimm Danielle Weisberg, (LA '08), and Carly Zakin speak at the Alumni Lecture Event on Oct 18.

Changes in TA system accompany growth of Computer Science Department

by **Natasha Mayor**
Contributing Writer

This semester, Computer Science Professors Mark Sheldon and Bruce Molay have implemented a new system by which Data Structures (COMP 15) teaching assistants (TAs) and students can interact.

According to Sheldon, creating an effective TA system has become increasingly more important to keep up with the growth of the computer science department.

New TA System

Sheldon and Molay created small teams of undergraduate and graduate TAs and assigned each team to two or three lab sections. The students in those labs attend specified office hours for help and can thereby form more substantial relationships by interacting consistently with the same TAs.

The head of each team is experienced and can help guide the younger TAs, Sheldon said. This structure aims to foster a sustainable system of passing on knowledge, according to Teaching Fellow Vivek Bilolikar.

"We also meet on a week-to-week basis to see what worked well this week and what we need to change for future weeks," Bilolikar said.

Previously, students sought help from TAs using Halligan Helper, a program created by Tyler Lubeck (LA '15), according to Sheldon. In Halligan Helper, which is still used for

other classes, students explain their problems and input their location, and TAs are assigned to find the students and help solve the issues, he said.

Sheldon said that one of the major problems with Halligan Helper is that students receive aid from a different TA every time. The variations in grading and helping with labs, he said, inevitably leads to inconsistency.

While Sheldon acknowledged that Halligan Helper is convenient for students, Sheldon said that having TAs move directly from student to student hurriedly solving problems created a short term solution, but was counter-productive in the long term.

"They were getting their problems fixed faster, but learning less in the bargain," Sheldon said.

Bilolikar, who is currently in his third year as an assistant, said that he has experience with both systems. He explained that quick problem-solving was ineffective in the long run and caused students to struggle in higher courses.

Sheldon explained that turning to an automated feedback system was not a feasible solution because every student's code is different and should get individualized attention.

"A program is a document that communicates to a human reader your solution to a problem," Sheldon explained. "In that sense,

a computer program is more like an English paper, with the added issue that it actually has to run on a computer."

Challenges of Computer Science Expansion

The new TA system in COMP 15 addresses just one of the challenges faced by the growing computer science department.

Computer science is one of the most popular majors at Tufts and attracts an increasing number of students every year, according to 2014-2015 data collected by the Office of Institutional Research and Evaluation.

The two main issues the department is dealing with as the program grows are a lack of space and a shortage of professors, according to Sheldon.

"Tufts has an issue with space, like many colleges," he said. "As a department, because we've grown, we're in multiple buildings. Because the department wasn't so big originally, we don't have any large teaching spaces."

Professor Kathleen Fisher, chair of the computer science department, said that change is inevitably slow at such a large institution because of financial constraints.

"Universities have a really hard time coping with relatively fast growth because it's really hard to move resources around a university," she said.

Nonetheless, Fisher praised her colleagues for all their efforts to accommodate

the spike in interest in computer science.

"People have been putting in Herculean efforts to make it work in the meantime, hoping eventually resources will come from the university. And they are starting to come," she said.

Across the nation, universities are struggling to hire computer science professors, according to Fisher. She explained that because young professionals with only undergraduate degrees receive plenty of appealing job offers, not many have an incentive to earn a Ph.D., Fisher explained.

At Tufts, the Department of Computer Science currently has four open positions it is looking to fill, according to Fisher.

Computer Science major Raina Galbiati has felt the negative effects of the shortage of professors.

"Both Comp 20 and Comp 40, actually, filled up way before the freshmen even got to register and well before a lot of the sophomores did, which just isn't ideal," Galbiati, a junior, said.

Despite the shortage of resources, Fisher and Sheldon said that they are committed to teaching anyone who wants to learn computer science.

"Our classes are hard, but we want everybody to succeed and we firmly believe that everyone can succeed," Fisher said.

Sheldon agreed.

"If you want to learn about computer science, I want you in my class," he said.



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and that's where we ended up," Weisberg said. "What we didn't think we'd do is start a business."

While explaining the duo's editorial process, Weisberg described their core philosophy of keeping readers knowledgeable about information relevant to their day-to-day lives.

"If you were at any event, would [a story] come up? Would people actually talk about this? It doesn't matter if it would come up on the evening news [for us to cover or not cover it]," Weisberg said.

Weisberg and Zakin also discussed theSkimm's female audience, which, according to Zakin, makes up nearly 80 percent of its total readership. She noted that the decision to market to women was largely economically driven.

"Female millennials are outnumbering men in paychecks and degrees," Zakin said. "They are becoming the breadwinners."

Still, Zakin said, she and Weisberg were met with skepticism for that decision.

"One of the first things we heard was, 'why are you going after a niche market?' which was so funny to us," Zakin said. "How can you say over half the population is 'niche?'"

However, Zakin stressed that their marketing toward women was a "pure business decision," and that male subscribers are still integral to theSkimm community.

"We do not make our news gender-specific," Zakin said. "We're really happy that over 20 percent of our readership is men."

The team also touched on their Skimm'bassador program, which allows Skimm readers to sign friends up to receive the Daily Skimm. According to Weisberg, over 15,000 Skimm'bassadors exist and have contributed to 18 percent of theSkimm's total user growth.

Weisberg and Zakin spent the second half of the discussion taking questions from the crowd, which included accusations of bias and questions about the

process of approaching investors during the company's early days.

The lecture event at Tufts was the last Boston stop of Weisberg and Zakin's campus tour, which will continue through Election Day at various campuses, Weisberg said.

The event also displayed theSkimm's Skimm the Vote 2016 initiative, a product of theSkimm's partnership with Rock the Vote. A voter registration table was available in Breed Memorial Hall before the discussion as a collaboration between theSkimm and JumboVote 2016 representatives from Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, according to JumboVote Coordinator Diane Alexander (LA '16) who tabled at the event for Tisch College.

Zakin described the Skimm the Vote campaign as being nonpartisan and having produced over 100,000 voter registrations.

"We don't care who you vote for, but you need to educate yourself about the issues and get out and vote," she said.

Tufts left largely untouched by Massachusetts drought

by **Mark Usatinsky**
Contributing Writer

As Massachusetts undergoes its most serious drought in decades, Tufts and many of the surrounding areas remain largely unrestricted in terms of water usage.

In its most recent weekly report released last Thursday, the United States Drought Monitor classified 98.03 percent of the state as being under drought conditions. More than a third of the state, including much of Greater Boston, currently suffers from extreme drought, depleting the water reserves of many communities, according to the Drought Monitor.

Many cities and towns in Eastern and Central Massachusetts have implemented emergency water restrictions, according to a map compiled by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). In those localities, some municipalities have restricted outdoor water use to once a week or have banned it altogether.

Meanwhile, Medford and Somerville, as well as many other Boston-area communities, are currently free of water-usage regulations, according to the DEP. This disparity is explained by differences in where the municipality receives its water. Many municipalities rely on wells or single-year reservoirs, Ria Convery, Communications Director for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), explained.

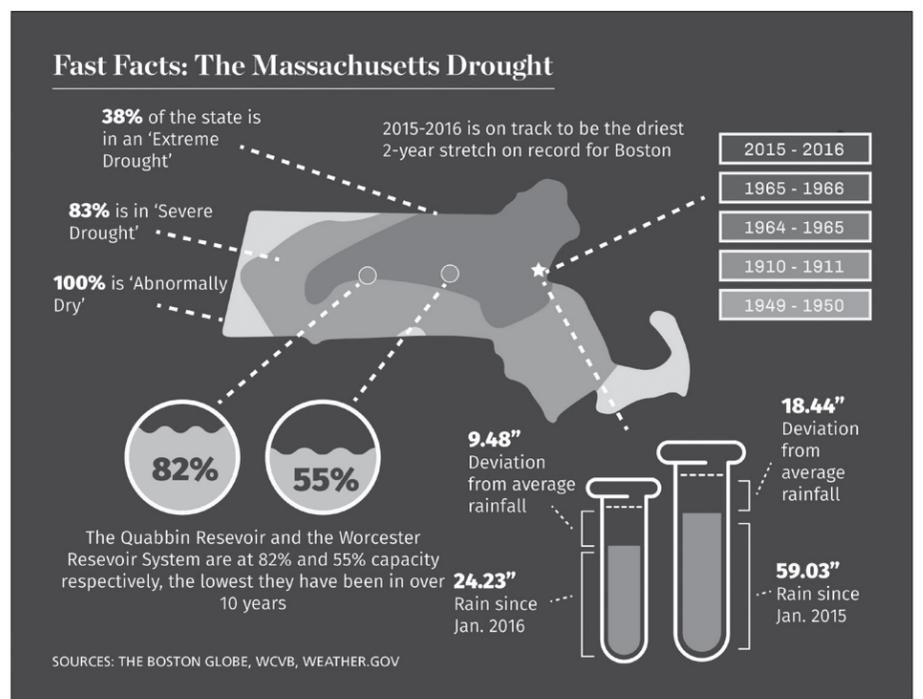
Medford and Somerville are two of the 51 communities which the MWRA hooks up to the Quabbin Reservoir, according to the MWRA website. The Quabbin Reservoir, a colossal, man-made repository holding six years' worth of water, serves as the water source for 2.3 million people, mainly around Boston. The MWRA sells water from the reservoir at a wholesale price to towns and cities, which then go on to sell the water to individual residents and businesses, Convery said.

As of Oct. 14, the reservoir was at 81.9 percent capacity, according to Convery, who noted that the reservoir's relatively larger size makes it so different from other water sources that it has a separate drought definition.

"We go to below normal when [the Quabbin Reservoir] hit[s] below 80 percent," Convery said. "We have to get down to 67.5 percent before we get to a drought warning."

Convery explained that the MWRA would begin implementing mandatory restrictions if the water level dropped significantly, but the reservoir has not reached a low enough level to even trigger a drought warning since the late 1980s, she said.

Neither Somerville nor Medford, which



Graphic by Peter Lam.

supply water to Tufts, has pressured the university to decrease water usage, Senior Director of Facilities Services Stephen Nasson said.

"We follow the direction of the state and the local municipalities," Nasson said. "Quabbin has a pretty decent reserve, and they're just saying 'do your best.'"

Although neither Medford nor Somerville has had to implement restrictions, Tufts takes active steps to reduce its water usage, Nasson explained.

Nasson noted that, in order to be more environmentally-friendly, Facilities Services has installed low-flow shower heads and timed sink faucets across campus, and it has partnered with the Office of Sustainability on several initiatives. According to Nasson, Facilities Services follows the MWRA's recommendation to water lawns early in the morning, which restricts water loss due to evaporation.

However, freedom from water usage restrictions has not allowed Tufts to completely ignore the drought, according to Grounds Support Services Supervisor James Doyle. Because of the low rainfall this year, Facilities Services limited new planting, taking on only a few small projects such as the addition of three memorial trees, he said.

"A lot of planting that I'd like to see done on this campus, I wasn't going to try to plant even late-summer because we wouldn't be able to get out and water it the way I'd like to," Doyle said. "It's not as easy to make sure you get things watered when you're getting no help from Mother Nature in that department."

According to Nasson, Tufts regularly waters several newly planted lawns, such as the ones by Lewis and Metcalf Halls, and several athletic fields. Otherwise, Facilities Services has worked to cut back on watering.

However with the seasons changing, Tufts' water usage will soon decrease significantly, Doyle said. Doyle explained that Tufts has shut off most of its irrigation because rain has increased and the nights have gotten cooler. He plans on shutting off the irrigation completely on Nov 1.

According to Convery, demand for water naturally decreases during the fall.

"If the water demand decreases and we get some rain," she said, "[Municipal water restrictions] will start to ease up a little bit."

Water conservation goes a long way toward maintaining the high levels of the reservoir, according to Convery. Over the past three decades, Quabbin Reservoir water usage has actually fallen, declining from around 340 million gallons a day in the 1980s to only 200 million gallons a day now, she said.

Last year, the City of Boston used the same amount of water as it had at the turn of the previous century. Convery noted that environmental awareness, increased water prices, fixed leaks and new plumbing codes all played into this rapid decrease.

However, Convery noted that if the drought reoccurs in the upcoming years, even the Quabbin Reservoir's levels could fall to levels that would call for mandatory restrictions.

"Even though the Quabbin is still in good shape, people should use water wisely," she said.

Tufts Gaming Hub subgroup encourages greater participation from women

by **Jessie Newman**
Contributing Writer

Three years ago, a group of present-day seniors merged multiple gaming groups into the umbrella gaming group, the Tufts Gaming Hub, which serves as a center for Tufts students who play video and electronic games competitively or casually. Despite the group's growth since then, senior Elizabeth Billings said she used to be the only woman who consistently attended the weekly meetings held by Tufts Gaming Hub.

According to Billings, who is the first woman to serve on the group's executive board, only three women attended the general interest meeting this year, next to the 60+ men that attended. Though the members of the group know that a large gender disparity exists within the Gaming Hub, she said many members also knew of women at Tufts who might enjoy joining the club.

Billings explained that in response to this, she has led an initiative within the organization to increase female participation.

"We were missing a lot of our target audience and with me graduating soon, I wanted to change that because I did not want to graduate and have this club turn into a 100 percent male club," Billings said. "My goal is to build up this community before I leave so we can transition into having more equal distribution within our club."

The disparity between female participation in Tufts Gaming Hub and the number of women with an interest in gaming at Tufts reflects larger trends in national gaming culture. While men and women are almost equally likely to have reported playing video games, gaming is still perceived as a male-dominated activity, and many prominent women gamers have reported facing sexism and harassment from other gamers online.

President of the Gaming Hub, Erik Poppleton, said he recognized the issue of underrepresentation of women in the club.

"Elizabeth is the face we need to extend our audience, because we definitely have a missing demographic," Poppleton, a senior, said.

With support from the other members of the group's executive board, Billings created a subgroup of the Tufts Gaming Hub on Facebook called "Women Who Game at Tufts" early on in the semester. At first, Billings said she was the only one posting in the group.

"[It has been] slowly growing and now members of the online group are interacting with each other," she said. "Even this past week, there have been more posts discussing gaming and more people are engaging with each other."

She added that as of now, there are more than forty members in the Facebook group. However, she stressed that the Facebook group, as well as any real-life interactions or meetings that come out of it, are still in their formative stages.

"We are in an initial planning phase of finding a balance between reaching out to women gamers, but not excluding our whole gaming population," Billings said. "There is a lot of looking



Senior Elizabeth Billings, the founder of Women Who Game at Tufts, poses for a portrait on the Academic Quad on Oct. 18.

for things and finding and engaging with other people who have similar interests."

Billings said she believes that fewer women identify as "gamers" due to stereotypes associated with the word. In fact, despite roughly equal gaming habits by men and women, the same Pew Research Center study showed that men are more than twice as likely to identify as gamers than women.

"Gamer" has a negative connotation," she said. "I purposely phrased the Facebook group as 'Women who Game' instead of 'Women Gamers' because a lot of people who only play games casually don't really associate with the label. Some people don't feel like it's part of their identity, [and] there is a disparity [among] who identifies as a gamer based on their gender."

Billings also emphasized that the Tufts Gaming Hub is evolving into a club where people of all gaming abilities are included and wanted. Poppleton spoke about this in relation to the nature of the group's weekly meetings.

"The meetings can be a little bit intense, which can be intimidating if you are not as familiar with the gaming scene," Poppleton said.

However, the club is excited about its efforts to include more people overall, and is hoping that more female members will join the club, he said.

In addition to the weekly meetings, Billings said she wants to host other events to promote the subgroup specifically for women.

"We are deciding if we want to have an open forum for women who game or perhaps a panel of women on campus who do things related to gaming," Billings said. "There are a lot of people who do stuff on the creative side of gaming. Some people do fan art for games they play. One person I know does voice dubs of things related to games. We want to be able to tie in all aspects of gaming."

Junior Meg Kenneally said she wel-

comed the creation of this group after describing instances and comments that originally made her feel alienated from the group, especially seeing as she was sometimes the only woman gamer in a room full of men.

"Women who game face a lot of discrimination issues in terms of games that they can access and games that are not harmful, so when I saw the group on Facebook, I said, 'Absolutely, add me to this group!'" she said. "Now, I can get together with other women who enjoy gaming."

Kenneally pointed out that many times the games that are played do not realistically portray women, and that many people's identities are pushed to the periphery when it comes to character representation. She hopes that this sub-group will become a safe place where people of varying identities can feel heard when it comes to their opinions on gaming and how they want to see gaming progress in the future, not just as a hobby but also as a professional field.

"Women who Game at Tufts opens up a community where women can come and talk about their problems with current games: whether these games are truly representative of who women are and how they feel," Kenneally said. "This can be a forum where other people can ally with you, and we can discuss which companies are moving forward and which ones are not. People can discuss hopes of being game writers and their internships with gaming companies."

The creation of the sub-group has already provided hope for many women on campus that there will be a place for women to game together and for women to discuss the hardships and drawbacks of the male-dominated gaming world, Kenneally explained.

"Women Who Game at Tufts will help gaming appeal to more audiences and will bring [together] a community that is very much present, yet limited in its voice," she said.

Kevin Lawson

The Tufts Daily Show



Trumped-Up: Yes I did, no I didn't

Hey, everyone! It's Oct. 19, and today's column is about how our potential next president may have sexually assaulted numerous women — yeah, one of those days I guess. So before I get started, I'd just like to say: RUN, RUN RIGHT NOW. PUT THIS PAPER DOWN AND GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE. NO, WAIT, pick this paper up. Read the rest of this column AND THEN RUN. RUN ALL THE WAY TO MEXICO. DON'T YOU DARE LOOK BACK. IF YOU'RE LUCKY YOU CAN GET THERE BEFORE THE WALL GOES UP. IT'S NOT TO KEEP MEXICANS OUT, IT'S TO KEEP US IN. MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT WALL BY JAN. 20. IF WE ELECT CLINTON, WE'LL SEND WORD FOR YOU TO RETURN, IN WHICH CASE, PLEASE BRING AVOCADOS, AS THEY ARE DELICIOUS AND CALIFORNIA HAS NO WATER.

Now, before I get on to completing this column and letting you make your way to Monterrey, I'd like to elucidate the fact that sexual misconduct is a serious issue that should not be taken lightly, and while satire is well and good, it should never be intended or interpreted as belittling a serious issue. So now, to segue from serious to satirical, here's a transitional joke: Why did the chicken cross the road? BECAUSE MEXICO IS THAT WAY. DON'T JUST QUESTION HIS DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, FOLLOW THAT CHICKEN TO MEXICO.

The story is that Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has been accused by numerous women of sexual assault. The episode started when a leaked tape showed Trump bragging about kissing and groping women without consent.

Trump responded to the leakage of the tape by bringing three women who accused Bill Clinton of sexual misconduct to the second presidential debate two days later, thus flipping the script and getting on the attacking foot. It's like they say — the best defense is a good sexual offense. At the debate, both candidates faced many questions, including one from Kenneth Bone, a red-sweatered, mustachioed man that the Internet immediately decided was adorable. BUT REMEMBER, Donald, his name might be Ken Bone, but that doesn't mean you ken without consent.

Since the debate, nine women have come forward alleging that Trump sexually assaulted them. It reminds me a lot of the recent Bill Cosby scandals. Do you remember how everyone liked Bill Cosby until those women came forward, and now everyone hates him? It's like that, just without the liking him before the allegations part.

To recap, the order of events looks something like this:

Trump: I kiss and grope women, haha!

Response: Yes actually he does, in fact, he did it to me.

Trump: What?! I would never kiss or grope women, since I respect women the most. Get a load of these ugly, lying broads!

On the plus side, PolitiFact is expected to give Trump's leaked comments that he kisses and gropes women without consent a rating of Definitely True, his first positive rating from the organization this election cycle.

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ALBUM REVIEW ★★☆☆☆

Is it 'Too Little Too Late' for JoJo on first album in a decade?



COURTESY ATLANTIC RECORDS

JoJo's new album, "Mad Love," released on Oct. 16, shows promise for a strong return for the singer.

by **Justin Krakoff**
Executive Arts Editor

Signed to a major music label at only 12 years old, singer-songwriter JoJo was poised to be one of America's next great teen pop stars. Capitalizing on the popularity of R&B at the height of its Top 40 radio dominance, JoJo scored two massive hits with the 2000s classics "Leave (Get Out)" (2004) and "Too Little Too Late" (2006) off her debut and sophomore albums, respectively. However, JoJo's promising career took a dark turn as her record deal with Blackground Records, the acclaimed label of R&B legend Aaliyah, proved to be her undoing.

Following the release of her sophomore album in 2006, JoJo's career entered into purgatory as her label lost its distribution deal with Interscope Records and continually barred her from releasing new material or signing with another label. Despite her career effectively being held hostage, JoJo managed to release some of the best work of her career on the mixtapes "Can't Take That Away from Me" (2010) and "Agáp" (2012). Both showcased how far she had evolved as an artist since her early pure pop days.

In early 2014, JoJo's seven-year legal struggle officially ended, leading her to promptly sign with Atlantic Records. With the promise of new material finally arriving in August of 2015, JoJo appeared to be back on track for pop stardom, yet none of the songs from the ill-fated "III." (2015) succeeded in catching fire on the radio. Forced to go back to the drawing

board once more, the success of JoJo's third album, now ten years in the making, depended on this.

It is worth a sigh of relief, then, that JoJo's "Mad Love." was finally released this past Friday. Featuring a return to her R&B roots while simultaneously continuing to explore current musical trends such as house, trap and dancehall, JoJo's third studio album largely succeeds in providing her with the musical rebirth she has been seeking for so many years. The angsty girl who used to sing about teenage boys is long gone; instead, the listener is introduced to a weary but thankful 25-year-old who has found her place in the world.

Nowhere is this more apparent than on album opener "Music.," which beautifully captures JoJo's undying love of music despite her struggles over the years. The simple piano ballad narrates her struggles and triumphs as she contemplatively sings, "Everyone's scared, everyone's scared / Everyone spends some nights alone / But every high, every low / You never left me on my own." The powerful reference to her recently deceased father near the end of the track adds a second meaning to these words, since "Music." is not only an ode to her craft, but also serves as a tribute to her father and his struggles.

However, the lead single "F*** Apologies." is more indicative of the overall musical direction of the record as "Mad Love." is, by and large, intended to be a big pop album. The Wiz Khalifa-featured track wholeheartedly embraces the more downtempo, restrained pop of The Weeknd and Rihanna, yet

it also showcases the unfiltered emotion JoJo showed on her debut. Icy guitar licks keep the track strumming along, and punchy lines like "What you want from me? / I would say I'm sorry if I really meant it / F*** apologies" leave little room to question the song's intentions.

Other highlights off the LP include "FAB." and "I Am." The former highlights JoJo's fiery personality once more as she bluntly calls out "Fake-a** b*****s / When they smile in your face, but behind you, it ain't well wishes" and is aided by an equally biting verse from Remy Ma. The ballad "I Am." bookends the album and serves as a proper companion to opener "Music." by reminding the listener of the value of self-love.

Unfortunately, "Mad Love." is plagued by a plethora of generic tracks, which inhibit the record from being a knockout comeback. "I Can Only." features a dull guest spot from Alessia Cara of "Here" (2015) fame and lyrics that can be best described as cliché in their attempts to inspire. "Vibe." attempts to co-opt dancehall to poor effect and wastes its refrain on "Boy, don't be killing my vibe."

In spite of its flaws, "Mad Love." means JoJo is finally back in action, which can only be beneficial simply because she has one of the best voices in pop from the past decade. While her third LP does not quite hit the mark, JoJo proves she has the personality and technical chops to be a star. Here's to hoping that album four does not take nearly as long.

**Emily Friedlander
and Ana Antolin**
Runway Roundup



Justin and the popcorn

This week was a very special week because we had our boss and the Daily's Executive Arts Editor, junior Justin Krakoff, as our guest judge. (Hi Justin, we love you. Please let us keep our column forever.) Justin is the ideal guest judge: he is hungry, not only for two whole bowls of popcorn, but also for opportunities to make the snarky quips that basically write the column for us. Our mighty exec used to watch this show with his family when he was younger and was shocked to find that not much has changed since it first aired, remarking, "Has Tim Gunn doused himself in formaldehyde? Because he looks the same. Like he has not aged in 10 years or whenever it was that I stopped watching the show."

Episode Five is a team challenge sponsored by Mary Kay cosmetics. The designers are split up into two teams that are tasked with creating their own mini collections of four looks each. The first team, Team Unity, is made up of the cliquy mean girls in middle school who huddle together and let that extra girl tag along because their moms make them. The team members are Alex, Cornelius, Rik, Nathalia and Roberi. The extra girl is poor Mah-Jing. Brik, Dexter, Erin, Laurence, Jenni and Tasha fill out the self-described "really fun and really badass" House of Bouton (formerly Team Button Bag). In a first for "Project Runway" (2004-present), the designers are tasked with coming up with a design concept to pitch to judges Heidi, Nina and Zac for funding. Each judge has \$1,000 that they can split between the teams however they like. After Alex's lackluster speech, Team Unity is awarded only \$800, while Dexter successfully snatches \$2,200 for House of Bouton.

Another series first is that, in spite of the difficulties both teams faced, no one backstabs each other. In typical fashion, Erin guides House of Bouton toward a yellow-themed collection and crafts a precious canary and mauve ("mow-ve") coat. Laurence makes an amazing leather jacket that we would buy in a heartbeat and Jenni and Dexter create a slenderizing but boring-ish dress that we seem to enjoy more than the judges. Over on Team Unity, Mah-Jing makes a cool vest that goes underappreciated, and the group works with a black print accented with neon green and blue that Justin described as looking like "someone threw up tie dye at Crafts House" – later clarifying, "No shade, I love the Crafts House."

During the judging portion of the show, tears flow from almost every designer's eyes. The winning team is so happy that they cry. The losing team does the opposite. And to make everything more emotional, Alex rightfully takes full responsibility for his team's loss and is sent home by a bleary-eyed Tim Gunn who commends Alex for his "statesman-like behavior," telling him "you're an inspiration." It is so sentimental and genuine on a show that generally is the opposite that we didn't know how to feel about this ending.

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Drag merges into internet culture with 'RuPaul's Drag Race'

by Eran Sabaner
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When "RuPaul's Drag Race" (2009–present) alum Jasmine Masters uploaded a video entitled "RuPaul drag race f**** up drag," fans of the reality-competition show raised their eyebrows. After all, Jasmine Masters was notoriously eliminated for her lackluster performance in the season seven "ShakesQueer" challenge, where she had the worst comedic timing in the show's *herstory*. Yet Alaska's controversial crowning on "RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars" (2012–present) as well as drag star Phi Phi O'Hara's interview with *Vulture* suggest that Jasmine Masters' comments hold some validity. With a substantial increase in ratings and significant internet attention, Logo TV's number-one show on air is shaping queer culture, for better or worse.

Before RuPaul's Drag Race, the word "drag" was largely associated with gay club entertainment and the provocative films of the drag superstar Divine. RuPaul herself redefined drag when she premiered her dance hit "Supermodel (You Better Work)" in 1992 and had a moderately successful career appearing on TV shows and sponsoring MAC cosmetics. That being said, drag was still predominantly claimed by queer culture, even in the '00s. Inspired by successful reality-competition series like "America's Next Top Model" (2003–present) and "Project Runway" (2004–present), "RuPaul's Drag Race" aired on a LGBT network targeting LGBT viewers.

The show wasn't a hit in the ratings until season four, in which winner Sharon Needles shook the drag community. Sharon Needles was neither a

"pageant queen" nor a "comedy queen," and she refused to be associated with conventional drag labels. Eerie, fashion forward and funny, Needles' drag aesthetic was awfully refreshing and allowed a younger audience to follow the show.

Then came season six and its frontrunner Adore Delano. A past contestant of "American Idol"

(2002–2016), Adore Delano was the ultimate underdog of her season and launched her singing career after the show. Active on social media, Adore Delano currently has over 840,000 followers on Instagram, mostly consisting of teenagers.

"RuPaul's Drag Race" never found success with the mainstream; instead, it cleverly shifted its focus to be a part of Internet culture somewhere along season six. Today, World of Wonder productions, which produces the show, owns the YouTube channel "WOWPresents." In addition to posting bonus clips from the show, the channel produces original content with Drag Race alumni. The popularity of the "WOWPresents" network has allowed drag queens to have multiple titles in their Instagram bios. Now, alumni of the show aren't simply drag performers but also vloggers (Alyssa Edwards, Katya, Trixie Mattel), fashion



The cast of the second season of "RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars" poses. COURTESY LOGO TV

critics (Raven and Raja) and makeup artists (Miss Fame). In addition to fitting the standard Drag Race criteria (charisma, uniqueness, nerve and talent), contestants today have to have a decent online following to snatch the crown.

The integration within internet culture had a major effect on the world of drag. Now drag culture is about artists and performers in a variety of fields rather than simply "men in wigs." Season eight frontrunner Kim Chi is an example of how loose the definition of drag has become. A makeup artist, Kim Chi is barely able to walk in heels, yet her intricate looks tell beautiful stories. With growing Internet popularity, the competition itself has become more rigorous. There's a stark difference between the lowbrow entertainment of season three and the competitive atmosphere of All-Stars 2.

Critics can also claim that the latest

seasons feel more fabricated. From Adore Delano's departure from the show to RuPaul's feud with PhiPhi O'Hara and the manipulated "Rolaskatox" drama that will surely affect winner Alaska Thvnderfuck's career, the latest installment of Drag Race felt more like the Lifetime show "UnREAL" (2015–present) than a show that celebrates self-acceptance. The drag world today is much more diverse, yet old-school drag queens like Jasmine Masters argue that it is losing its authenticity as well as its inclusiveness.

It's difficult to blame a show that ends each of its episodes with its host chanting, "If you can't love yourself, how the hell you gonna love somebody else?" for being hostile, yet the show must acknowledge its potential effects on queer culture while producing drama. The rising Internet presence of the show has reinvented drag, yet it also put the community in a vulnerable situation.

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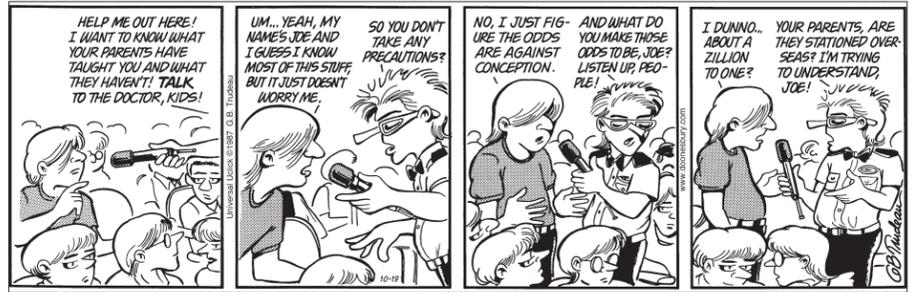
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Tuesday's Solution

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OP-ED

Mental health and America's juvenile detention centers

by Ashrita Rau

Two weeks ago, cities across the United States held rallies and teach-ins advocating for freeing Bresha Meadows, a 15-year-old black girl from Ohio who allegedly killed her abusive father. Despite the fact that the killing was claimed to be in self-defense, prosecutors are determined to try Bresha for "aggravated murder," which means they believe the crime was premeditated. Currently, Meadows is being held at a juvenile detention center in Ohio.

Meadows' case is a prime example of the racist nature of America's justice system. In this country, people like George Zimmerman can get away with murder thanks to a "stand your ground" law, but black girls and women, such as Meadows and Marissa Alexander, can be tried and imprisoned for self-defense against abusive family members.

Meadows' case also illustrates the way juvenile detention centers across America are threatening young adults' mental health. For a portion of her time in the juvenile detention center, Meadows was on suicide watch. Supporters from the Free Bresha Meadows Campaign recently wrote

in a Facebook post, "We continue to worry about her mental health and wellness as long as she continues to be jailed." Fortunately, Meadows is currently no longer on suicide watch — but her situation is still precarious.

Juvenile detention centers are one of the breeding grounds for mental health issues and suicide. According to a report titled "Stop Solitary" from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), one of the major problems is the fact that juveniles are placed into solitary confinement. This can lead to days of isolation, where prisoners who are already forced to be far away from their support bases have no one to turn to. Isolation has drastic consequences. Sixty percent of youth who committed suicide in juvenile detention centers had previously been held in isolation — being in solitary deprives youth of the "social stimulation" that they rely on and can harm their development.

Another problem with juvenile detention centers is that they cause high levels of depression. Research published in a study on "Depression Among Incarcerated Delinquents" states that for "one-third of incarcerated youth struggling with depression, the onset of depression occurred

after they began their incarceration." These mental illnesses often go without receiving effective treatment while juveniles are at the detention center.

Detention centers' main purpose is to hold juveniles who committed a crime and are likely to either miss their trial or are deemed too dangerous to be in public while waiting for their trial to occur. However, juvenile detention centers often tend to make the situation worse, not better. A report from the Justice Policy Institute established that juveniles who are placed in detention are more likely to commit a crime once again after they exit the system. In fact, a prior commitment in a detention center was a greater indicator of recidivism than carrying a weapon, membership in a gang and poor parental relationships.

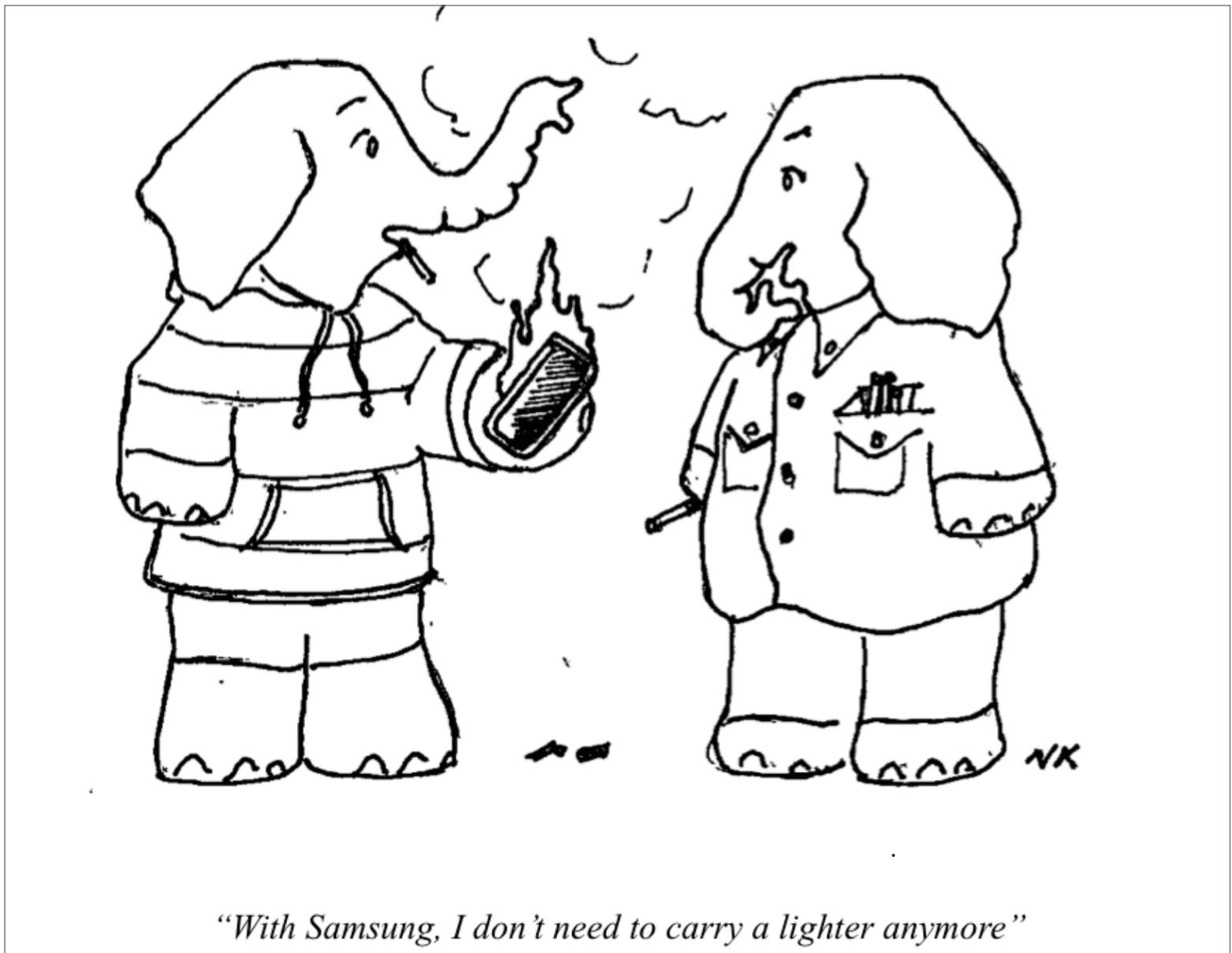
Much like adult prisons, another problem with juvenile detention centers is that they punish people of color at a much higher rate than whites. Meadows' case is one of the examples of the fact that 61 percent of youths trapped in detention centers are people of color, despite the fact that people of color make up only about a third of the youth population and the

fact that white youths and youths of color engage in delinquent behavior at about the same rate.

It is clear that juvenile detention centers are doing much more harm than good. They are greatly endangering the mental health of the youth in America who are already suffering. As the ACLU says, a necessary first step to take is going to be eliminating solitary confinement of youths. States such as New York have already done this. New York instituted instead the "Sanctuary Model," which "emphasizes trauma-informed care in lieu of punitive responses to youth misbehavior."

Juvenile detention centers are traumatizing America's youth, but there are things that you can do to help. You can sign this ACLU Petition to stop solitary confinement of juveniles. You can also sign this petition to free Meadows and help one of the many individuals unfairly trapped by America's "justice" system.

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EDITORIAL

Sexual assault reform: A step in the right direction

Most of us are familiar with the statistic: One in five female undergrads are sexually assaulted on college campuses. The fact that sexual assault is present, let alone rampant, on any college campus is disturbing and unfair. While there is still much that needs to change, it is also important to recognize how far we, as a university, have come.

In November 2011, Tufts hired a Title IX Coordinator after going without one for two years in a row — a major indiscretion. In April 2014, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced that Tufts had not been offering adequate support to students filing sexual assault reports, putting the university at risk for losing federal funding. But the OCR and Tufts finally came to an agreement in May 2014, in which the OCR laid out several requirements including enhancing student outreach, offering regular Title IX training and providing timely and effective support for victims.

Obviously, this was not an automatic fix. Results from the Tufts Attitudes About Sexual Conduct Survey (TASCS), which was administered in spring 2015, shows that 30 percent of the undergraduate student body completed the survey, and of that sample pool, approximately 25 percent had experienced either non-consensual intercourse or other non-consensual sexual contact since enrolling at Tufts. Most of the incidents occurred in residential spaces, and most of the time, the victim knew their perpetrator. Additionally, 63 percent of students across the university reported an incident of non-consensual sexual intercourse thought that their experience was not "serious enough to share," and 74 percent did not want to take legal or disciplinary action.

In response to this data, University President Anthony Monaco wrote a letter to the Tufts community, calling for further reform. This reform took place through the Sexual Misconduct Prevention Task Force, which Monaco chairs. Now, prevention is taught before students even set foot on campus. Prior to Orientation, first-years are required to complete an online Haven training, which aims to educate students on preventing sexual assault, creating safe communities and supporting assault survivors; during Orientation Week, first-years attend "Speak About It," a presentation that uses aspects of performance to discuss consent and healthy relationships; and during the fall semester, first-years are also required to attend an Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) policy session. There is no denying that Tufts has been moving towards reform. Discourse surrounding sexual assault is put into place immediately for students, initiating further conversation and activism.

Other universities around the country are also seeing positive change. In 2014, federal campus safety data reported that both Brown University and the University of Connecticut had the highest number of reported rapes of any college in the United States. Both schools reported 43 incidents that year. While this statistic may seem disconcerting, it's indicative of positive reforms: more students are beginning to feel comfortable reporting sexual assault. On a national level, reports of sexual assault on college campuses increased by more than 1,000 between 2004 and 2012. In the Greater Boston area alone, 22 of the largest colleges in the area had an approximately 40 percent increase in reports of "forcible sex offenses" between 2008 and 2012. This is a sign of progress, especially in the face of the fact that nationwide, 88 percent of

students who experience sexual assault go without reporting it. The sheer number of occurring assaults remains a great injustice, but with more people feeling comfortable enough to report, there is increasing potential for cultivating safer environments.

These changes can be attributed to activism among students, campus organizations, increased education surrounding sexual assault and better systems of support being put into place. Schools like the University of Michigan have acted as models for combatting on-campus sexual assault, implementing programs such as "bystander education" and consent role-playing. Dartmouth College implemented a bold change in 2015, requiring education on sexual violence all four years of college. University of California, Santa Cruz now dedicates a whole week in April, "Consent Week," to discussions including rape and sexual violence.

Just this week, Tufts sent out an invitation for students to join a focus group to revise and review the TASCS. This is an admirable demonstration of both the university's continual efforts to improve sexual assault programming and its dedication to hearing student feedback and suggestions. Involving students in the awareness and prevention effort is the best way for administrators and students to open up a positive dialogue and work together to make the Tufts community a safer, more proactive environment.

All college campuses, including Tufts, still have a very long way to go when it comes to eliminating sexual assault. But as reports rise, discourse is widened and training is increased, great strides are being taken towards what should be the norm on college campuses: an environment of living and learning in which safety is never compromised.

Daniel Lewis
The Echo Chamber

*On Snowden*

Edward Snowden, definition: Hero? Traitor? Whistleblower? What has made the name so controversial? And what did the 33-year-old former NSA contractor really do? To find out, let's take a step outside The Echo Chamber.

Snowden stole over 1.5 million documents while working as a private NSA contractor. He leaked selected files to The Guardian in 2012 and to The Washington Post in 2013, all while seeking asylum in Hong Kong and eventually in Russia. These publications are what would make Snowden the infamous name it is today. But what did the leaks reveal?

The Bush administration, following 9/11, significantly expanded the government's intelligence gathering and surveillance capabilities with the Patriot Act. Snowden's leaks pulled back the curtain and helped reveal the true extent of these expansions. The leaked documents shined a light on a massive amount of private governmental activity: the NSA's mass collection of American phone records; its spying on foreign intelligence agencies, institutions and citizens; its XKeyscore program, which allows the NSA to search through internet users' activity; its hacking of data centers; its Boundless Informant for searching through the heaps of metadata collected worldwide; and finally, its PRISM program, which is designed to collect private data from major internet services like Gmail and Facebook. But hero? Traitor? Whistleblower? After all this, who is Edward Snowden?

Snowden is a bit of everything. As a hero, Snowden's leaks posed a minimal threat to national security, with the NSA exaggerating its claim of thwarting over 50 terrorist plots with its snooping tactics. Snowden the hero performed a national service by exposing what many claim to be immoral and unconstitutional breaches of privacy. As a hero, he, and others like him, are considered to be necessary checks on the government — without him, we might still be completely unaware of the NSA's spying activities. But while heroes are supposed to be celebrated, only one third of U.S. voters believed that Snowden deserved a presidential pardon by August 2015 — why?

As a traitor, Snowden posed an incredible threat to security. He handed over classified information to independent news organizations, giving private companies jurisdiction as to what material was acceptable for public viewing. His actions were reckless and led to The New York Times accidentally revealing the identity of an NSA employee. His acceptance of Russian asylum only further proved his malfeasance — but what other options did he have?

Snowden the whistleblower resides somewhere along the lines of a moral yet illegal activist. As a whistleblower, Snowden chose not to pursue the legal whistleblowing route because protections pertained only to government employees and not contractors. But still, Snowden deemed his moral imperative to be greater than the threat of American exile — his leaks, while somewhat reckless, were a sacrifice. As a whistleblower, his actions were illegal, but his reasons were just. Not a hero, but no villain either.

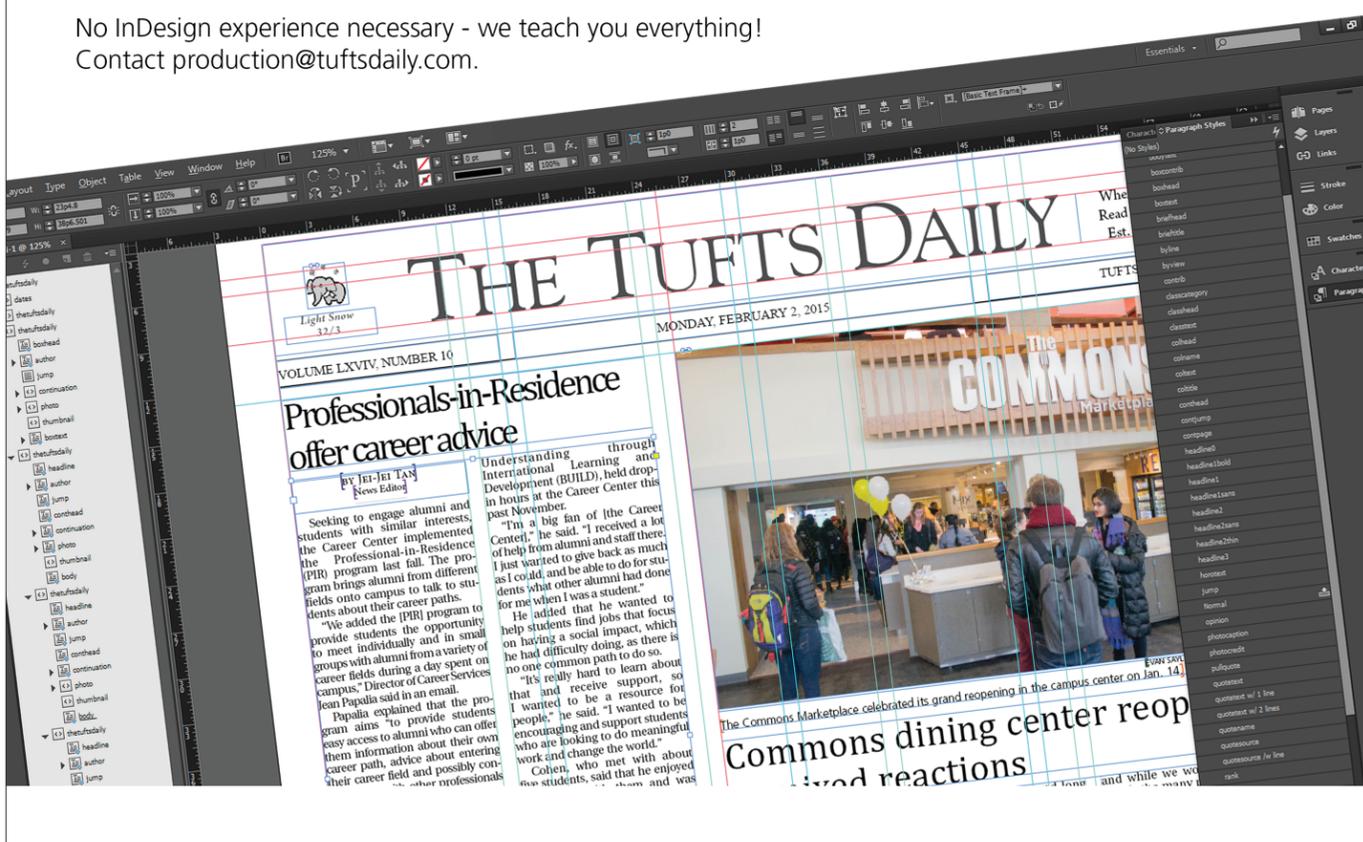
Without Snowden and others like him, we would be completely unaware as to how our government is spying on us. But was he in the right? Who gets to decide what is leak-worthy? And how much should our government be spying on us and the world around us? These questions are for you to decide. I just hope that you've enjoyed some time outside of The Echo Chamber.

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MEN'S CLUB SOCCER

Club soccer earns regional tournament bid, contends for return to nationals

by **Josh Steinfink**
Contributing Writer

With its win against Babson on Saturday, men's club soccer capped off yet another stellar regular season and cemented its prime position heading into this year's regional tournament. Finishing with a record of 9-1, the Tufts University Football Club (TUFC) fell only once on Sept. 17 to Boston College.

Under the leadership of senior tri-captains David Heim and Jeremy Goldsmith and sophomore tri-captain Henry Stevens, TUFC finished second to Boston College in the Boston South division of the National Intramural-Recreational College Sports Association (NIRSA). Though TUFC often plays in the shadow of the varsity team at Tufts, it is making plenty of noise in NIRSA. Among all of Region I, which is comprised of the mid-Atlantic and New England, TUFC ranks fourth in power rankings behind only Rochester Institute of Technology, Penn. State and the University of Connecticut's B team. TUFC's position as number four in the region qualifies the team for a bid to the regional tournament at Kirkwood Soccer Complex in New Castle, Del. on Oct. 29-30.

"This would be the third time in the past four seasons that TUFC has gone to regionals, and we're hoping for a repeat of 2014, when we qualified for the national tournament in Memphis," Heim said. "All that, I think, goes to show that our club program

has become one of the best in the northeast, and we certainly have high expectations going into the regional tournament."

From its founding in 2006 up through 2011, TUFC struggled to gain a foothold in the league, posting a string of losing records. Since the 2012 season, however, TUFC has finished top three in its division each year. This season, TUFC took down local rivals Harvard, Northeastern and Boston University.

Much of its success can be attributed to a surging player pool, with upwards of 60 students now attending tryouts annually, with numbers breaking 100 in some years. Once a no-cut team, the increasingly intense level of play has slashed the tryout acceptance rate down to roughly 10 percent. Nearly all played high-level club soccer throughout high school.

"The team seems to get better every year, and certainly the quality of our freshman class continues to improve," Heim said.

The team featured an especially promising first-year class this season; the captains invited eight to join the team despite planning for only four. Among this year's newcomers are first-year Jeremy Nartey and Dillon Knight. Nartey, an aspiring varsity walk-on, exploded onto the club scene as a standout defender who has played significant minutes and maintained a critical role in the rotation thus far.

"Going into the season, honestly I didn't know what to expect and I didn't

know how intense the competition of the club atmosphere would be, but now that I'm in the thick of it, it's really changed my mind," Nartey said.

Knight, TUFC's starting goalkeeper, has also proved himself to be a key contributor to the team's successes. Due in large part to his efforts and the strong core of defenders around him, TUFC allowed just three goals over all 10 regular season games, a number that they hope to keep just as low against the higher level of competition in Delaware.

"Both Jeremy Nartey and Dillon Knight have locked down our back line since day one of the season, needing barely any transition time," Stevens said. "Dillon makes an insane save every game, and Jeremy wins literally every header every game."

If TUFC co-wins regionals or is the next-highest ranked team after the tournament, it earns an automatic invitation to the National Championships tournament. There are also six at-large bids if TUFC fails to secure one of the automatic three. The National Championships will occur in Foley, Ala. from Nov. 17-19. Including 96 teams and over 2,000 players, staff and officials, the tournament in Alabama would be an opportunity for the team to compete against some of the best non-varsity soccer players the nation has to offer. Unlike varsity, TUFC has the opportunity to play NCAA Div. I schools that boast much larger student populations and therefore a greater pool of athletes to select from.

As a club team, TUFC relies on its captains to coordinate with Tufts Athletics and the NIRSA league as well as schedule practices and help guide the younger players. Stevens, the team's sole sophomore captain this year, hopes to pick up where Heim and Goldsmith will leave off after this year.

"It's more responsibility being a captain, but I love every bit of it. I'm extremely proud of all of the freshmen and am excited to see where they can bring the club in three years. They all have the talent to compete with any team in our league," Stevens said.

Through the players' responses, it's clear that the captains' hard work has paid off both on and off the field. Nartey particularly appreciates their efforts.

"The upperclassmen have made my freshman transition as well as all the others on the team a smooth one, and I'm grateful to have met these guys," Nartey said. "From basic tips to anything school related, they've made me feel way more at home here at Tufts."

Only time will tell if the team can extend its regular season success into regionals, but TUFC is certainly riding high, and Heim is taking it all in one last time.

"In the end, it is a club program, so the goals and aspirations are really dictated by us, the players," Heim said. "The success that the team has had and continues to have is a great testament to the commitment, both to the team and to the game, of all those involved."

Becherano scores three, earns NESCAC Player of the Week

MEN'S SOCCER

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Weatherbie and Becherano lauded their ability to bring order to the midfield over the weekend.

"When we lost Jason [Kayne] and Rui [Pinheiro] we said, 'who's going to be like them, Kevin Halliday, [junior midfielder] Dexter [Eichhorst] and [first-year forward] Brett [Rojas] who have come in and played in that spot,'" Weatherbie said. "At first we would say 'This is what Rui would do,' or 'Kayne would always do that,' but instead they have stuck to who they are and haven't tried to be like anyone else, which our team has adapted to. I would also say that even when Zach [Halliday] gets hurt, we have people like Jackson [Najjar] and Zazzali step in and be vocal leaders in that role."

The 2-0 win over the Bantams moved the Jumbos to 5-1-2 in NESCAC play. They are now in second place, just behind the Amherst Purple & White (6-1-1).

The Trinity win followed a 1-0 win over

Conn. College on Saturday in a hard fought battle. The Jumbos took the lead just over four minutes into the game, when Trevorrow received a pass overhead that he controlled and sent to Becherano, who simply chipped the ball past the goalie.

The next 85-plus minutes were tense, as the Camels applied heavy pressure on the Jumbos. The ball was in the Jumbos' half of the field much more than they would have liked, but the defense pulled through, mostly to the credit of senior goalkeeper Scott Greenwood, who made five impressive saves to preserve the one-goal lead.

"Against Conn., it was different because we were always turning our backs and having to run towards Scott [Greenwood] because they played a lot of through balls and didn't try to get it wide, it was mostly just balls between our center backs and outside backs," Weatherbie said. "When that happens a lot of times we would start to boot it out just so that we could get a two-second break instead of doing what

we should have done which would be to play it out of our midfield and then play it to our strikers."

Becherano's standout weekend earned him the NESCAC Player of the Week award for his performance. He is now the NESCAC's second highest scorer with nine goals, behind Conn. College senior Pat Devlin.

"It's a combination of playing a different position — in the past I've played out wide — and having the confidence of the team and the coach to allow me to play up top," Becherano said. "It's been about the team giving me the chances to score the goal. I can get the credit for the nine goals but it's really their assists that allow me to get the goals."

Greenwood has also had a standout season, leading the NESCAC with a 0.914 save percentage and with a 0.32 goals against per game average, having conceded just three goals all season. All of Tufts' wins this season have been shutouts, a testament to both Greenwood's strong goalkeeping

and the defense's success in preventing many scoring opportunities.

The team plays Keene State at home today but is also looking ahead to its final two conference games against Williams and Bowdoin coming up on Saturday and Tuesday respectively. So far this season, the Jumbos' longest win streak has been three, but they hope to extend that in their final three matches.

"In the past we've gotten caught up with the momentum of our wins and have lost track of the mentally disciplined attitude that we've had going into the games that we've won," Becherano said. "In the games that we won against Brandeis, Amherst and Middlebury we've had this disciplined getting-ready-for-the-game attitude that we didn't have against smaller, weaker sides. Now, people will be ready for any game. More guys on the team have felt more comfortable contributing their voices throughout the season."

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The men's cross country team starts its race at the Connecticut College Cross Country Invitational at Harkness Memorial State Park on Oct. 15.

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

One-two punch, Nichols and O'Connor net Jumbos fourth at Connecticut College Invitational

by Marc Weisglass
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The men's cross country team entered the Connecticut College Invitational Sunday hot after finishing second at the James Earley Invitational last week. With senior captains Tim Nichols and Luke O'Connor racing, the team looked to further its recent success heading into championship season.

The senior dynamic duo delivered for the Jumbos at the invitational as the team's top two scorers. The Jumbos finished fourth out of 20 teams with a team score of 114. Connecticut College placed third with 105 points, No. 22 Middlebury scored an 84 for second and No. 14 Claremont Mudd Scripps won the tournament with a 79. Nichols led the field of 241 runners, finishing the 8-kilometer course in 24:11.1. O'Connor came in just behind him in second at 24:37.7.

Rounding out the Jumbos' top five scorers were sophomores Dylan Jones in 26th place and Andrew Doherty Munro who finished 42nd, along with first-year David Ng'etich right behind in 43rd. Jones' time of 25:41.2 and Ng'etich's time of 26:06.3 were both personal records.

The scoring spots after Nichols and O'Connor have consistently been filled this season by underclassmen, a phenomenon noted by coach Joel Williams.

"Every time I think about how talented our youth is I get excited," Williams said. "It's exciting to watch them race and watch them develop, especially the sophomores. Every week someone else has stepped up. I think we've got a lot of good guys in that freshman and

sophomore class."

For the senior captains, a one-two finish was familiar territory. At the first race of the season on Sept. 17, Nichols and O'Connor placed first and second respectively at the Bates Invitational, where the Jumbos finished second overall. Nichols has been putting up record numbers for the Jumbos this season. His time of 23:58 at the 8-kilometer Paul Short Invitational was a program-best.

"Watching how well he ran this weekend, and how fast he ran, his ceiling is higher than anything I could have anticipated," Williams said. "I really think he's got a lot left in the tank and can surprise a lot of people at Nationals, knock on wood, if we get there."

Before the Jumbos can focus on Nationals, they must travel to Colby for the NESCAC Championships on Oct. 29. Here they will take on some familiar rivals, its higher-ranked opponents No. 8 Amherst and No. 3 Williams.

"On an individual level, I'd say our biggest threats are Mohamed Hussein from Amherst and Peter Hale and Ben Decker from Williams," Williams said.

Senior Hale and juniors Decker and Hussein accompany Nichols and O'Connor as the NESCAC's top five runners. Determining which team is the league's top, however, is much less cut and dry, due to the high level of talent all around.

"There [are] a lot of really strong teams in the conference," Williams said. "When you look at the regional ranking, eight of the top 10 teams are from the NESCAC."

According to Williams, the teams' biggest test may be the new Colby course.

"We actually don't know anything about the course," he said.

Assistant coach Mike Schmidt added that the course remains a mystery for most teams participating in the race.

"Really nobody but the Colby coaches know what the course is like," he said. "A lot of the other NESCAC coaches have asked for a video of the course and they have given nothing away, so it's going to be a surprise."

Williams and Schmidt said they are confident that Tufts' recent success puts it in a good place for championship season. With success coming from various runners, they are excited for what the future holds.

"These past competitions have definitely set the tone and the expectation," Williams said. "We have a lot to do in the next two weeks, but I think it gives the guys some confidence. We've had different guys running in our top seven, running really well at different times and hopefully that success as a team will carry out into NESCACs and everyone will run really well."

And at the helm for Tufts next week will be none other than Nichols and O'Connor who look to win their first NESCAC title, the team's first since 2012. According to Williams, a win on Oct. 29 would confirm for the rest of the world that they are a championship-caliber team.

"I think it would be a nice stamp on what our goals are and what our expectations for the program are. Everyone within the walls of Tufts knows and expects that we can challenge, we can contend for NESCAC titles and regional titles, and if we can do that this year, it would be our stamp declaring 'we're here,'" Williams said.

Bradley Schussel

The Coin Toss



NFL Week 7

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 NFL games.

I said that the Chiefs would beat the Raiders, and they did not disappoint. Kansas City's defense propelled the team to a 26-10 win. My second prediction was that the Eagles would lose for the second week in a row. The Redskins won the NFC East matchup against the Eagles, 27-20. I got the first two calls right, but Tom Brady showed me up. He threw for 376 yards, busting my call that he'd throw for fewer than 300. Still, another two-for-three week for The Coin Toss. Now onto this week's NFL predictions...

Browns top their season-best game in total offense with 431+ yards

The Cleveland Browns sit winless at 0-6 going into their game against the Cincinnati Bengals this weekend. Many point to their tumultuous quarterback situation as the reason for their failure. However, quarterback Cody Kessler played decently against Tennessee last week, and it was the team's defense that let it down in its best chance so far at a win. The team's defense has been a glaring issue, as it ranks 29th in the league in yards allowed. I'm not betting on the defense — or the Browns' ability to win for that matter. However, I think the Browns' offense will have a big game this week. Cleveland had 430 yards of offense in Week 3 against Miami, and I predict it will top that total this week. The Bengals' defense has been statistically worse than those of the Titans and Ravens this season, so Kessler has the chance to repeat his solid game from last week and make my prophecy come true.

Vikings record seven sacks against Eagles

This prediction would not be so bold had the Eagles not been one of the best offensive teams so far this season. The Vikings' defense has been remarkably great this season, but only once have they recorded seven or more sacks. That was against the Panthers, whose offensive line has been atrocious, tied for the sixth most sacks allowed by any team. Philadelphia's line is normally good, but the team let up five sacks on quarterback Carson Wentz last week against Washington. I predict that the Vikings' defense will be so overpowering that they'll get seven sacks on Wentz and the Eagles.

Lions defeat Redskins at home, move above .500

I've correctly picked both of these teams to win in the past. In this matchup, the Redskins have a better record and come in as the favorite. This year, the Redskins have been better statistically on both sides of the ball. However, quarterback Matthew Stafford has proven he can will his team to win with his passing. The Lions' defense may not be stellar, but the Redskins also rank in the bottom half of the league in terms of total defense. If Stafford can muster up a good game, I think he can outlast defensive back Josh Norman and the Redskins. The Coin Toss' pick is in: Lions over Redskins.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Jumbos shutout Camels and Bantams, move up in NESCAC



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Junior Kevin Halliday kicks the ball in the game against Wesleyan on Sept. 27.

by Maddie Payne
Sports Editor

The Jumbos were on the road this weekend for a pair of conference match-ups against the Conn. College Camels and the Trinity Bantams. Tufts extended its win streak to three games with two clean sheet victories, 1-0

and 2-0 respectively, with senior forward Gaston Becherano netting all three of Tufts' goals.

Against the Bantams, Tufts applied pressure early, as junior midfielder Kevin Halliday and senior midfielder Kevin Lawson unleashed a pair of shots within the first few minutes. The first goal came in the 27th minute, when first-year midfielder/forward

Gavin Tasker sent the ball from behind the halfway line all the way to junior defender Conor Coleman. Coleman made a short pass to Becherano who caught his defenders sleeping and, despite having three defenders on him, chipped the ball over Trinity senior goalkeeper Domenic Quade.

For the remainder of the first half, Tufts continued to threaten the Trinity goal, with Tasker taking three shots, two of which were on target and forced saves from Quade. Senior co-captain forward Nate Majumder also forced Quade to make a save in the final few minutes of the half. Trinity only managed two shots on goal in the first half, both of which senior goalkeeper Scott Greenwood saved.

The second half involved more back and forth play compared to the first 45 minutes, as the opening minute of the half saw the ball travel end-to-end and both teams get a shot on goal. Tufts earned two early corner kicks in succes-

sion, but neither resulted in a goal.

Both teams made numerous substitutions starting in the 60th minute and for the Jumbos it paid off, as Becherano and first-year midfielder/defender Zachary Trevorrow came off the bench to gift their team a second goal. Sophomore defender Sterling Weatherbie came up aggressively and won a ball in a dangerous position in the Bantams' half. He sent the ball in front of the goal to Trevorrow, who tipped it to Becherano to put the ball in goal.

"Trevorrow had an amazing weekend, he was the main reason why I got two of the goals this weekend," Becherano said. "He's a very unselfish player with a great attitude on the field and just tries to work hard. That's the attitude that the entire freshman class has had. They also never complain, and that has allowed the entire team to feel comfortable with them right away."

A notable absence for the team was senior co-captain midfielder Zach Halliday, who was sidelined with a hamstring injury. Zach Halliday has led the midfield this season after the team graduated two of last year's most experienced starters, Jason Kayne (LA '16) and Rui Pinheiro (LA '16). But his absence allowed sophomore defender Jackson Najjar and junior midfielder Christian Zazzali a chance to step up into his role and anchor the midfield. Both of them were more than up to the task, and both

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Jumbos outlast Camels, held scoreless in loss to Bantams

by Liam Finnegan
Contributing Writer

Women's soccer traveled to Connecticut College on Saturday and won 1-0 on the road in a hard-fought victory. On Sunday

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(6-4-3 Overall, 4-3-1 NESCAC)

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Tufts	0	0	0
Trinity	1	1	2

at Trinity College, the Bantams defeated Tufts 2-0. The Jumbos boast a 4-3-1 record in the NESCAC and are 6-4-3 overall.

The Jumbos fell 2-0 to their NESCAC rival Bantams in the second game of the Jumbos' double-header away weekend. The Bantams acted fast in the first half of the game and snatched an early goal on 6:53. Trinity senior, tri-captain and midfielder Kendra Lena crossed the ball into the box from a corner kick and found her classmate, tri-captain defender Sheena Landy, who headed the ball into the back of Tufts' goal. The Jumbos generated a handful of chances during the first half, outshooting their opponents 6-4 with five of their six shots on target. Five different players, including junior midfielder Chandler Quintin and senior forward Jess Capone, forced Trinity junior goalkeeper Julia Pitino to make saves. Nevertheless, Tufts was unable to capitalize on its chances.

The second half started similarly to

the first half, as the Bantams scored in 52 minutes. After some confusion inside the Tufts box, Trinity sophomore midfielder/forward Taylor Kirchgessner passed the ball to first-year midfielder Tricia Pollock, who fired a shot past Tufts sophomore goalie Emily Bowers from the 18-yard line. The Bantam defense held strong for the remainder of the half, only allowing two shots, and shut out the Jumbos 2-0.

"Trinity is a great team, it was a really hard-fought game and I think that we played well enough to win, but I think that Trinity had that little extra something, and they were able to score a couple of goals," coach Martha Whiting said. "I don't think we played poorly, I just think that they were a good team and deserved to win on that day."

In the Saturday game against the Connecticut College Camels, the Jumbos dominated the first half. The team played as a cohesive unit and spread the field, giving the wide midfielders a lot of opportunities to whip in dangerous crosses. Tufts' attacking presence created seven shots in the first half and possessed the ball in Conn. College's territory for the majority of the period. The Camels were only able to get off two shots in the half.

In the second half, the Jumbos' wide style of play allowed them to break through in the 62nd minute. Sophomore defender/forward Alessandra Sadler played a cross from the right side of the field into senior midfielder Sarah Pykkonen, who headed the ball over Camels' senior goalkeeper Bryanna Montalvo and into the back of the net. The Tufts defense held solid, and Bowers only had to make four saves the entire game. The

Jumbos sealed out the Camels in the second half to win the game 1-0.

Capone said that the Jumbos' high-intensity style of game was decisive in getting the victory over the Camels.

"I think what we focused on most was playing our style of game," Capone said. "We focused on playing well and not really focusing on the scoreboard at the time. We stuck to our game plan of possession and high pressure. Their backs were getting flustered with our high pressure, so I really think that helped us get the win."

Whiting said that the teamwork was what made the difference in the game.

"We put everything together on that day, and I think we played really well defensively," Whiting said. "Our midfield-

ers did a really great job moving the ball, and I think overall our attacking players were dynamic and created a lot of good chances. Overall, it was a really great group effort."

After the Trinity and Connecticut College games, Tufts now rests at fifth place in the NESCAC, and the team is eager to improve its standing against conference leader No. 2 Williams in their upcoming match.

"It's just a matter of how we come out, and if we can put a complete game together like we did against Connecticut College, we will be in good shape," Whiting said.

Tufts plays Williams at home on Kraft Field on Oct. 22 at 12:00 p.m. and travels to Bowdoin on Oct. 25 for a 3:00 p.m. kickoff to finish its regular season.



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Then sophomore midfielder/defender Chandler Quintin kicks the ball to keep it from a Middlebury player in the homecoming game on Oct. 10, 2015.