

## DU house renovation nears completion

LAINA PIERA  
Daily Editorial Board

The possibility of moving back into their fraternity house may be on the horizon for the 21 members of the Delta Upsilon (DU) fraternity who have been without housing since the City of Somerville condemned their house following building inspections in July.

Extensive renovations to the house began in mid-August, and are scheduled to be done by Monday. Brothers should be able to return to their house at the beginning of next week pending the completion of the final building modifications and the approval of the city health inspectors and build-

ing inspectors, according to DU Vice President of Finance Anthony Ferlan, a junior.

On July 12, Somerville evicted the brothers from the house, which is owned by the fraternity's national alumni association, after they failed a city inspection to renew their lodging license. The brothers living at the house at the time were forced to find alternative accommodations, as were the brothers planning to move in at the start of the fall semester, Ferlan said.

DU President Thomas Castle, a junior, said that finding temporary housing has been challenging, particularly because other Tufts fraternities, including Sigma Phi Epsilon, are facing similar housing shortage challenges and have been soliciting the help of the Office of Residential Life and Learning (ResLife).

"It's been tough," Castle said. "I know ResLife can't supply housing to everyone. I know a lot of back-up housing is full, so ResLife hasn't been able to help out too much, which is understandable."

According to Yolanda King, director of ResLife, only two brothers have approached the University about finding alternative housing. The fraternity itself, however, did not officially approach ResLife.

"As the students have come in to request temporary housing, we have been meeting their needs," King said.

Renovations began last month to bring the house up to code with Somerville regulations and included changes to the fire escapes, the handrails on stairs and the gutter system,

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Three students applied to serve as community reps on the Tufts Community Union Senate for the seats representing the Africana Center and the Asian American Center.

## Community rep process continues to get low turnout

BY BRENT YARNELL  
Daily Editorial Board

Three students submitted applications for candidacy to run for the open community representative positions on the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate, according to acting PR Chair for Tufts Elections Commission (ECOM) Joel Greenberg. Applications for candidacy were due Monday.

The Asian American Center received two applications from potential candidates for its community representative position. One student submitted an application to represent the Africana Center.

The Daily is not able to name the applicants at this time because of ECOM regulations preventing candidate campaigning prior to validation of candidacy.

Each applicant will become a candidate pending his or her submission of a 50-signature petition by this evening and its approval by ECOM.

Community reps serve as representatives of four of the Group of Six cultural centers on the Senate. There are four com-

munity rep seats, which represent the Africana, Asian American, Latino and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Centers.

In last spring's community rep elections, there were no candidates for the Africana Center or Asian American Center community rep seats. The Latino and LGBT Centers elected representatives during last spring's elections.

Last semester's elections were the first to be held under the new rules regarding community rep elections, commonly called Ref 3, which the student body approved last year.

Under Ref 3, community rep candidates are approved internally by their respective culture centers, and then elected by the full student body. Community reps now also enjoy full voting rights on the Senate, including the ability to vote on financial matters.

Fielding community rep candidates for the Sept. 20 elections was difficult for some culture groups that have not yet

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The DU brothers may be able to move back into their house this weekend if the building passes final inspection.

## Somerville proposes new noise ordinance

BY GABRIELLE HERNANDEZ  
Daily Editorial Board

The City of Somerville is considering a new ordinance that would fine landlords for continual reports of public disturbances by tenants in response to the longstanding problem of rowdy parties near college campuses.

The ordinance, proposed at the end of August by Alderman Robert Trane, could saddle absentee landlords with fines between \$300 and \$500, as well as between 50 and 75 hours of community service.

The City of Medford passed a similar ordinance in August, fining landlords up to \$500 for each public complaint against their tenants, and the town of Brookline has also instituted similar policy, according to Tufts Director of Community Relations Barbara Rubel.

"One thing a lot of young people don't realize when they move off campus is how to be a good neighbor," Jack Connolly, Somerville's alderman at large, told the Daily.

Connolly emphasized that the biggest problem was with only a handful of repeat offenders, not the university com-

munities at large.

"The vast majority of off-campus residents around Harvard, MIT, Lesley, Tufts and the other campuses that border Somerville get along peacefully with their neighbors and cause no problems, but there are always a few that do," Connolly said.

Public disturbance complaints from neighbors in areas surrounding the Tufts campus have been a continual problem for many years, according to Rubel.

"It's definitely been a long-standing problem," Rubel said. "We've taken steps to try to create deterrents and teach students that there are better ways to live in the neighborhood, but so far we haven't been successful on our own."

According to Connolly, lack of involvement from landlords with loud tenants has been a continual problem.

"Many landlords will say, 'It's not my problem, call the police,'" Connolly said.

Landlords who actively pursue eviction proceedings against tenants with repeat offenses will not be held responsible for fines or community service.

The proposed ordinance also explic-

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## Campus post office branch considered for closure

BY MARIE SCHOW  
Daily Editorial Board

The United States Postal Service (USPS) is considering closing the Tufts University Post Office located at 470 Boston Ave. due to low activity, Dennis Tarmey, a communications specialist for the USPS Greater Boston District, said.

The Tufts USPS branch, next to Brown and Brew cafe in Curtis Hall, is one of over 3,656 post offices across the country, including 31 in the greater Boston area, that USPS will review for closure in the next four months, according to Tarmey.

The post office will come under consideration for closure based on the branch's revenue intake and proximity to other USPS offices, among other factors, Tarmey said.

The USPS has had to make hard decisions in the past few years because there has been a significant decrease in mail volume.

"We have to look at these things seriously. We're struggling," Tarmey said. Financial data on the post office will not be available until USPS' preliminary study is completed in early October.

The rent for the local branch comes cheaply, Tarmey noted: USPS pays \$1 to Tufts in rent each year.

USPS has placed other university post offices on the list, including post offices located at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University and Boston College.

Last year, the USPS shut down the post office at Boston University after failed negotiations to reduce costs, according to Tarmey.

The Greater Boston District of USPS will conduct a thorough investigation of the post office's revenue intake, individual expenses and operational costs, according to Tarmey.

The USPS will also collect community input before the Greater Boston District manager makes the official decision of whether to close the post office in Jan. 2012, Tarmey said.

Plans to solicit feedback include placing questionnaires for customers in the Post Office (PO) boxes at the Tufts post office as well as at the counter, Tarmey noted.

The USPS will also hold a community meeting for local residents to share

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The ups and downs of changing your major late in the game.



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The Jumbos look to up their defensive game.



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### A DIFFERENT KIND OF BEER

Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) officers at 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 8 spotted someone with what appeared to be an open can of beer while they were driving near Miller Hall. The officers approached the pedestrian and identified him as a Tufts student. The pedestrian claimed the can in question contained root beer. Upon further investigation, TUPD discovered the can did in fact contain beer. The officers confiscated the beer can and notified the Dean of Student Affairs Office.

### AN IRRESISTIBLE OFFER

A female student reported to TUPD on Sept. 9 that she had received a suspicious response to her TuftsLife post in which she requested a ticket to Fall Ball. She claimed that one person by email offered to give her his

ticket if the girl would remain by his grandmother's bedside for one to two days. The seller of the ticket wanted the purchaser to wait until his grandmother woke up to sign her will so he could receive an inheritance. The student did not accept the offer.

### BIKE, BIKE AS FAST AS YOU CAN

A student reported at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 12 that someone had stolen a laptop from 4 Colby St. TUPD received information that a person might have been riding a bike down the street carrying a laptop. TUPD along with the Medford and Somerville Police were able to identify and locate the laptop-carrying biker. Police placed him under arrest. The case is still ongoing.

— compiled by Brent Yarnell based on reports from TUPD

## DU brothers may be able to return to house soon as renovations finish up

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according to Castle. One of the biggest tasks was to fix water leakage in the basement, which had begun rotting the wood, he added.

The remaining building modifications to be made include placing full window screens in every window and replacing heating unit covers, which Ferlan expects to be done by Monday.

Construction has taken several weeks longer than expected and surpassed original cost estimates by \$10,000, acquiring a final price tag of \$70,000, Castle said.

Somerville regulations require a building owner to obtain signatures from the building inspector, the health inspector, the fire inspector, the electrical inspector and the Somerville Police Department in order to renew a lodging license, according to Ferlan.

DU has had to make unprecedented modifications to the house this year due to what Ferlan considers stricter enforcement of the housing code by the city.

"It seemed like, from what I've heard, the City of Somerville is cracking down hard on fraternities and sororities so their houses can't get away with as much stuff as they have in the past," Ferlan said.

He added that the fraternity had, however, understood that major renovations were going to be needed.

"We had a lot of issues with the house," he said, adding that the structure is over 100 years old and has not had any major renovations in the last 10 years.

"It was expected that we needed to do the renovations; we just didn't think it was going to take us this long to get them in," Ferlan said.

## Three students submit applications for two open community rep seats

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elected their leadership or held general interest meetings, according to Latino Center Community Rep Zoe Munoz.

The Pan-African Alliance has not yet elected its president or held general interest meeting, where it would have advertised information about running for the Africana Center's community rep seat, Munoz, a sophomore, said.

"The fact that the elections for community rep are taking place before those general interest meetings... is problematic," Munoz said. "Those are the spaces where we give people information about the Senate and being involved in campus life, about representing the community."

Greenberg said ECOM scheduled the community rep elections to coincide with the other TCU elections on Sept. 20 in order to maximize voter turnout.

"We find the more elections we have the worse the turnout is at the ones in the middle," Greenberg said. "Having the entire election process on the same day benefits everybody."

Munoz also cited the more burdensome requirements for community rep elections as a possible deterrent for candidates.

Whereas previously, community reps were elected by individual student groups, under Ref 3, they must submit a 50-signature petition, participate in two forums and run on a school-wide ballot.

It was unclear whether the dearth of candidates in last semester's community reps elections did not merely reflect a lack of interest in Senate in general. All current regular senators walked onto their positions without elections due to a lack of candidates, according to TCU Vice President Wyatt Cadley.

Several students involved in the spring elections attributed the lack of candidates to confusion about the new voting process.

"Whenever you're instituting a new process for the first time there's going to be ambiguity in implementation," Cadley, a junior, said.

Under Ref 3, candidates must now first submit applications to their cultural centers. If more than two students apply,

then ECOM will oversee an internal election within the center to approve candidates for the general election.

If there are two or fewer applicants, then they are automatically approved and put on the school-wide ballot pending the verification of his or her 50-signature petition, Greenberg, a senior, said.

Since two students or fewer applied to run for the community rep seat in both the Africana and Asian American centers this year, all applicants will automatically be approved as candidates so long as they submit a verifiable 50-signature petition by tonight, Greenberg said.

The process of running the internal election has proved difficult in practice.

Junior Mike Borys, who served as ECOM's technician last semester, said Ref 3 rules do not clarify how to conduct the election process within the cultural centers.

"It's a very poorly written law," he said.

The Senate's bylaws do not clearly designate a specific group to review applications, instead allowing the "officers of a TCU-Recognized Group, or a group of student leaders from a Group of 6 Center, with the support of the Director of that Center" to oversee the review.

Munoz noted that the negative tone surrounding last year's debate about Ref 3 may have also deterred minority students from seeking the position.

"It's hard to want to get involved in something like that when you know that a lot of people don't like it and don't like what you're doing and are not going to take you seriously because they don't take the position seriously," Munoz said.

Munoz said the community rep position was poorly advertised. She learned of the election last spring only after the application deadline had passed at a meeting of the Association of Latin American Students.

"There really had been no advertising or anything at the Latino Center, I didn't see anything on TuftsLife, I didn't see any flyers or anything on campus," Munoz said. "It was really lazily put together."

— Amelie Hecht contributed reporting to this article.

## New ordinance targets landlords who do little to discipline rowdy tenants

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ity mandates that responding police notify the educational institution to which tenants belong of the disturbance, Rubel said.

Though Trane only recently proposed the ordinance, Connolly expects it will move quickly. "I think it's very likely it's going to pass," Connolly said. "It makes sense to make sure that landlords are accountable for rowdy students."

According to Connolly, a city committee is reviewing the ordinance.

The university presently imposes its own fines and punishments on students who are repeat offenders of noise violations, but the number of offenses hasn't changed significantly in recent years, according to Rubel.

"This ordinance could be a deterrent for students in the community because landlords could get involved and tell their tenants [that their behavior is unacceptable]. They could face eviction. That should be a pretty strong warning to students," Rubel noted.

Though the school year has just begun, there have already been a number of instances of public disturbance by Tufts students in the neighborhoods surrounding campus, according to Rubel.

Clinton Oxford, a senior, had numerous conflicts with neighbors regarding noise produced in his house last year, and felt that his housemates were treated unfairly by the local community.

"We never had a single party, they would call the police when our windows were open and we were talking too loudly," Oxford said of the experience. "A lot of residents around here who live next to students treat them like children, not as real neighbors paying rent."

"This is just furthering the animosity between the student population and the neighbors," Oxford said.



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# Tufts' USPS branch among 31 in the Boston area under review

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their opinions in the late fall.

Tarmey said it is not certain that the Tufts branch will be among those forced to close.

If USPS does decide to close the post office, however, they will post a notice 60 days prior to closing, he added.

Other nearby USPS offices include the West Somerville Post Office, the West Medford Post Office and the Medford Post Office.

Closing the post office would increase the workload for Tufts Mail Services, Ron Drauschke, supervisor of Mail Services, said.

"I don't think it'd be a good idea for the Post Office to shut down," he said.

Mail Services, which currently relies on the Tufts post office branch to purchase stamps and send specially handled packages, would instead have to go to Medford Square during the school year and to West Medford during summer months for such services.

Drauschke added that Mail Services would work to fill the gap created by the departure of the Tufts post office by offering increased shipping for students.

"We'll try to accommodate students as much as we can," he said.

Paul Kilduff, general president of Boston Metro American Postal Workers Union, said that closing the post office would drive customers to companies such as FedEx or UPS.

"We're going to actively do our best to stop this from closing," he said.

He added that it would negatively affect students, who typically do not have access to cars.

Tufts senior Michael Bai, who uses the post office twice a week to mail textbooks, agreed.

"It would be a major inconvenience if you don't have a car," Bai, said. "For my needs it would be nice to have a post office on campus."



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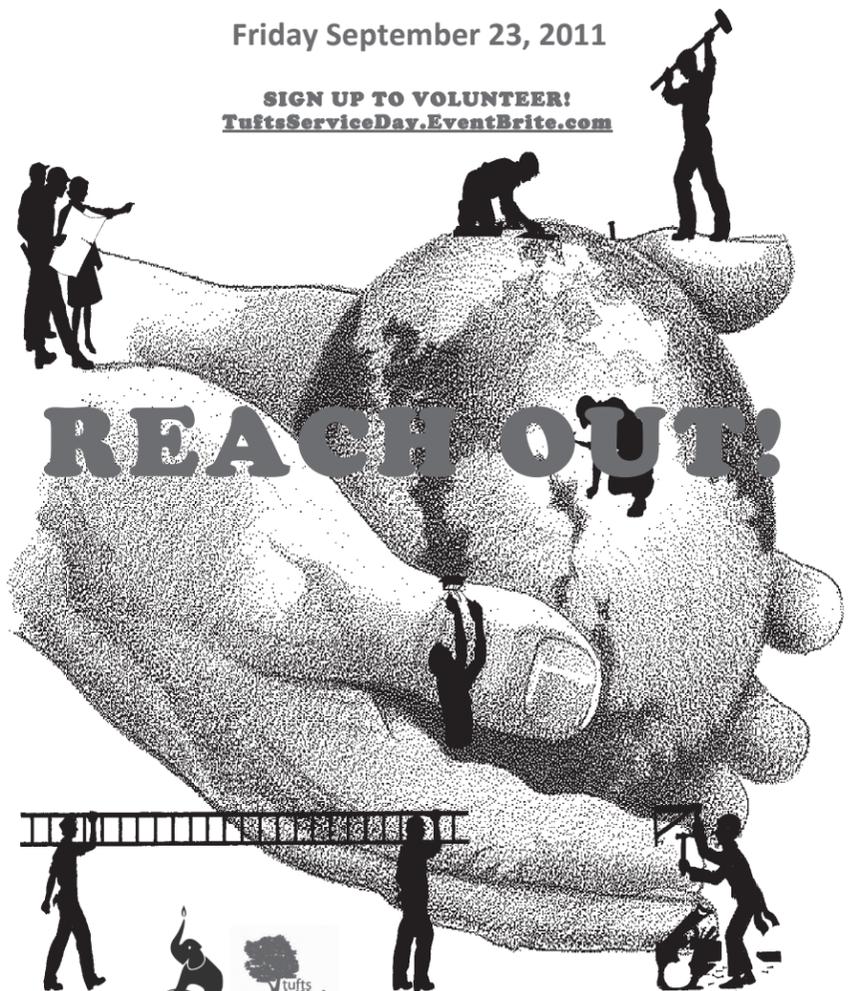
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# Making the switch: The art of major decisions late in the game

BY VICTORIA RATHSMILL  
Daily Editorial Board

The trip to Dowling Hall to turn in a Declaration of Major Form can seem as final as the decision to come to Tufts in the first place. Although the ultimate experience is underwhelming — it's as simple as tossing the deceptively flimsy piece of paper over the counter to the desk jockey with a quiet "thank you" — it's hard not to view the process as a major turning point in the typical four years that undergraduates spend on the Hill.

For some students, however, buyer's regret can often prompt a reversal on what once seemed like a permanent decision. It's a daunting decision, and one that has seen mixed results from the students who took the leap.

Senior Danielle Wilson switched during her junior year into the School of Engineering to pursue a degree in environmental engineering after she had initially declared a double-major in community health and engineering science the previous year.

Although Tufts students in the School of Arts and Sciences must declare a major by the spring of their sophomore year, and engineering students by the end of their freshman year, it is not uncommon for students, such as Wilson, to switch majors during their junior year.

The switch happens for many different reasons.

One, according to Director of Advising and Scholarships Laura Doane, is simply that more information about a specific major or department can lead to a change of heart.

"Some students will find that what they understood of a field before they came to Tufts does not match their understanding of the complexities of that discipline after a couple of college courses," Doane explained in an email to the Daily.

In particular, Doane said, four semesters can be insufficient time for some to make such a major academic decision.

"I have worked with a number of students who changed their major in junior or senior year because they had not met with faculty in a variety of departments or utilized resources like Career Services," she said. "They simply did not have enough information to make a strong major decision early."

Wilson changed her major because she felt an engineering degree would be better-received in the professional world. This was important as she began to consider her future after Tufts, she noted.

"It makes it much easier to become a professional engineer, and those programs are well-recognized," she said.

Dean of Academic Advising and Undergraduate Studies Carmen Lowe told the Daily in an email that while switching for this reason can feel right, pressure to secure a job after graduation shouldn't be a drive to switch.

Students might discover after switching that they have little aptitude or interest in the subject, thus causing problems down the road.

Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education Karen Gould explained that some students feel like they need to begin planning for a career as soon as they get to Tufts.

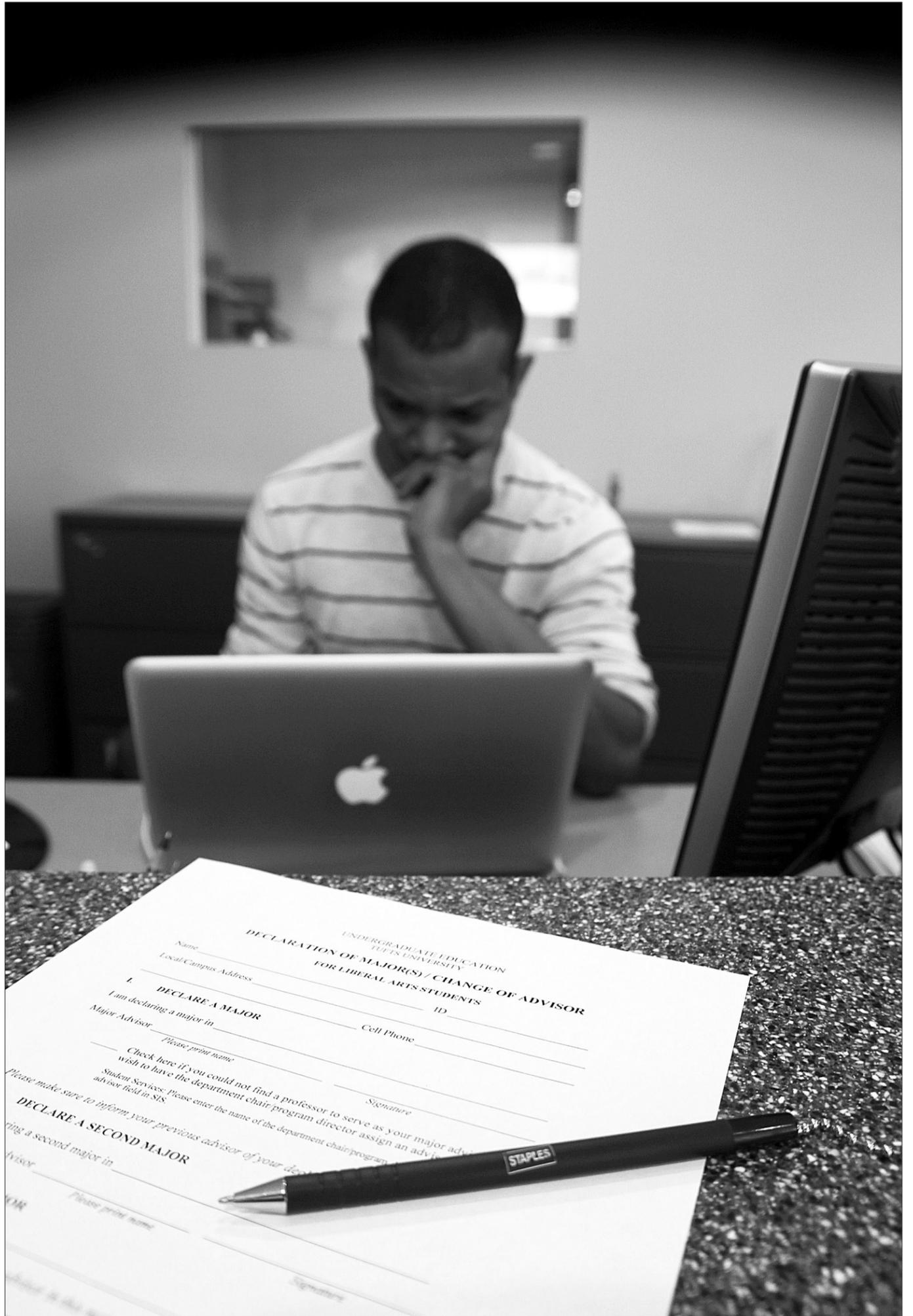
"It is given in the current economic climate that it feels that the only majors one should select are ones that have a job title attached to it," she said.

Some, Lowe said, are "pushed by their parents to major in something that sounds practical, marketable or lucrative."

An undergraduate degree in a certain field, however, isn't a guarantee of a path toward a career or graduate degree, and that decision should be based on a student's current interests.

"If you do your research, you find out that every major has the capacity to prepare you for a career or for graduate school," Gould said.

"Pursuing a strong interest in an area that plays to your strengths often leads to a happier, more successful career path than sticking with a major that does not appeal to you and in which you have no real talent, which may



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Reconsidering your major late in your Tufts career can be stressful, and is not always recommended, but for some it can bring relief.

lead to a career that does not appeal to you and in which you have no real talent," Lowe added.

Lowe said that some students may decide on their new majors too late and thus will not be able to graduate on time. While an extended stay on the Hill may seem tempting to some Jumbos, Lowe recommends waiting before deciding a change, should it necessitate an extra semester to complete the additional credits.

"Sometimes a student who has been concentrating in one area will suddenly discover a new-found passion in a completely unrelated area. My thought is, great; take classes in that area, but if it delays graduation... then the official switch may not be worth it."

Interest in a new topic can manifest itself in places besides on a diploma, she added.

"A student does not need an official credential to show they have a passion or an interest in the subject; this can always be added to a resume or an application letter, or discussed in a job

interview."

For students who are still willing to change their minds and make that trip to Dowling a second time, Lowe advises first finding a professor in their desired new major who is willing to be their adviser.

Gould advises that the student should also come to his or her academic dean to discuss the situation.

"If you find yourself in a major that doesn't fit, don't let hubris or fear get in the way. Come and talk to your dean or someone whose opinion you trust about what's going on."

Doane says that juniors or seniors need not feel anxious about asking for help if they find themselves questioning the decision they made during their freshman or sophomore years.

"Faculty want to meet with students. Staff [members] want to meet with students. The university's resources are for students, so everyone should be reading the department and concentration websites, and then meeting with faculty and staff in those areas to

discuss their interest," she said. "It is our pleasure to be of assistance, as well as our jobs."

Wilson dropped her community health major, and she didn't have too much logistical trouble switching into the engineering school thanks to some careful planning.

"I foresaw myself making the switch... to environmental engineering so I structured my classes to align with what environmental engineers took."

For Wilson, the most difficult part was internal. "I stressed out a lot when I was trying to figure everything out, but once I made the decision, things went smoothly," she said.

Although it was a source of stress, Wilson is happy with her decision.

"I learned a lot about myself and about what I want to do and do not want to do with my life. Changing majors late is not the end of the world. Students should really concentrate on studying what they want to study and should make sure that they are happy where they are."

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INTERVIEW | NICK SWARDSON

## Swardson exposes himself as 'Bucky Larson'

Comedian and actor discusses his latest starring role as an under-endowed porn star

BY ZACH DRUCKER  
Daily Editorial Board

Comedian and actor Nick Swardson has been one of Hollywood's rising stars of comedy ever since he was taken under the wing of Adam Sandler and his merry troupe of goofballs. The Daily got an opportunity to speak with Nick via telephone about his starring role in "Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star," which he co-wrote with Sandler and Happy Madison Productions coworker Allen Covert, as well as his whimsical experience playing an undersized porn star.

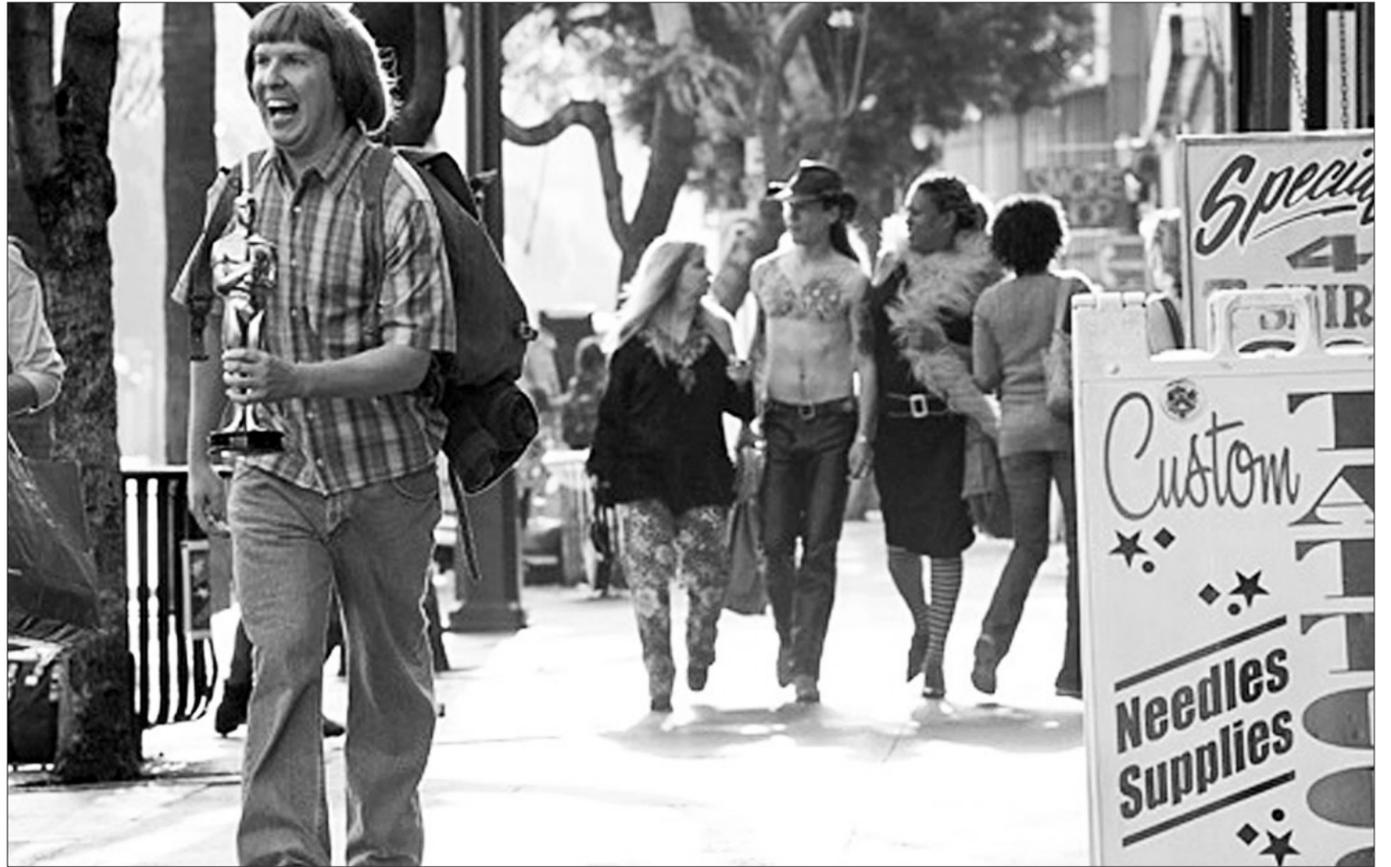
**QUESTION:** Could you describe how this idea was conceived and written?

**NICK SWARDSON:** Adam Sandler thought of the idea. He'd been kicking it around for a year or so and one day he called me up and said, "Look, I can't get this idea out of my head about this kid who finds his parents in a porno. Instead of being horrified, he decides that's his calling." Adam and I and our friend, Allen Covert, wrote the script and we didn't want to make it just filthy. It's actually a really sweet story about this kid trying to find his place.

**Q:** What's it like working with Adam Sandler?

**NS:** I've worked with Adam for eight years and it's great. Sandler is really creative, he works really hard; it's not like a super party atmosphere where we're high all day and doing beer bong and cannonballs into a pool. Now, I'm a workaholic in the sense that I'm always multitasking and always thinking of as many projects as I can. Adam's always thinking of fresh ideas and stuff people haven't seen before.

**Q:** How did you research your role as a bud-



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As Bucky, Swardson dons a goofy wig, prosthetic buck teeth and a sweater vest in lieu of female-repellent spray.

ding porn star?

**NS:** Obviously, I've watched 100,000 hours of pornography. It wasn't like I had to crack open a safe of knowledge I didn't already have. My character was way more naive and clueless.

**Q:** Do you have anything in common with Bucky?

**NS:** Not really. My teeth aren't that big, my hair is short, my penis is huge and I don't own a sweater vest.

**Q:** This was one of your first roles as the central character. Was there any added pressure?

**NS:** Yeah, there was a lot of pressure. Adam handed this movie off to me [because] he

couldn't be there every day. It was definitely nerve-wracking throughout the process: editing, promotions, marketing ... even now! But I'm proud of the final product.

**Q:** Were there any scenes that were the most fun to film?

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### BOOK REVIEW

## 'The Magician King' fills the fantasy book void for Potter fans

BY REBECCA SANTIAGO  
Daily Editorial Board

I'm just going to come right out and say what many of us have been thinking since "Harry Potter and the Deathly

**The Magician King**  
Lev Grossman  
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Hallows: Part 2" (2011) came out this summer: As the camera zoomed out to show one final panorama of Hogwarts, a gaping void opened in my life. It's not that I haven't read other enjoyable books since, but there's just something about a really good fantasy story — particularly a fantasy story that adults can't be mocked (too much) for reading.

The Harry Potter generation has a problem, and Lev Grossman has a solution. Two years ago, he published "The Magicians" (2009), a novel that follows Quentin Coldwater, a half-likeable 17-year-old math geek obsessed with magic tricks and a Narnia-esque children's book series. Though the story opens with Quentin en route to an interview with Columbia University, he instead gains admission into the far more elite Breakbills Academy, a secret school of magic. Readers, rejoice! What we have here is a boy-wizard story for grown-ups.

"The Magician King" is the sequel to Grossman's 2009 bestseller, and it picks up in the magical land of Fillory, the setting for Quentin's beloved kiddie books. It turns out that, to Quentin's



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Lev Grossman's new book, "The Magician King," is the sequel to the New York Times Bestseller "The Magicians."

initial delight, Fillory is real, and he and his fellow magician friends now rule the kingdom from a picturesque castle.

The royal life, however, turns out to be not as much fun as Quentin expected, so he and his friend Julia embark on an adventure, seeking a legendary key

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### MOVIE REVIEW



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Ciarán Hinds and Helen Mirren star in "The Debt," a remake of a 2007 Israeli thriller.

## 'The Debt' frees itself from the stereotypical espionage genre

BY ALEX KAUFMAN  
Daily Staff Writer

Films can easily succumb to melodramatic scripts and overdone performances, especially when the focus is on unearthing

**The Debt**  
★★★★☆  
Starring **Helen Mirren, Sam Worthington, Ciarán Hinds**  
Directed by **John Madden**

truths from the past. "The Debt," however, treats its plot and truths with a certain care, keeping the drama in check and the performances on par with the script. The film's ultimate downfall lies in its inability to create a seamless transition between characters in the past and present.

Famed director John Madden, of "Shakespeare in Love" (1998) fame, brings the 2007 Israeli thriller of the same name

— or "HaChov" in Hebrew — to American screens with an adapted script.

"The Debt" depicts three Israeli intelligence agents, Stephan Gold, Rachel Singer and David Peretz, as they complete a mission to capture one of the most notorious former Nazis still alive 30 years after the Holocaust.

In "the present" (1997) Helen Mirren plays Rachel, an ex-Mossad agent who became famous in 1966 for killing the nefarious Nazi known as "The Surgeon of Birkenau." As always, Mirren plays her role with care, class and deliberation. Viewers, however, should not expect this to be another Oscar-winning role for the acting veteran.

"The Debt" begins with some confusing flash backs, mysterious dialogue and a brutal murder that leave viewers on edge. In the first 15 minutes of the film, it becomes evident that Mirren's expertise and presence will carry the plotline, as her co-stars Tom Wilkinson, who plays former agent Stephan,

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## Australian artist and Harvard chair to converse about aboriginal culture at Tufts Art Gallery



Richard Bell, "The Peckin' Order" (2007), acrylic on canvas, 60 x 60 inches, private collection, Brisbane.

This Thursday from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., the Tufts University Art Gallery will hold an opening reception for its two fall exhibits, "Richard Bell: Uz vs. Them" and "Ken Gonzales-Day: Profiled." Attendees will be able to both view the new shows and take advantage of the night's special events, including a conversation between artist Richard Bell and Mark Dodson, visiting chair of Australian Studies at Harvard University.

The dialogue between Bell and Dodson, which will take place at 6:15 p.m., will address some of the most important issues in "Richard Bell: Uz vs. Them," and serves as a jumping-off point for further discussion. Bell and Dodson will be touching on many topics related to the show, with a focus on issues including the colonization of Australia and its repercussions for the local aboriginal community and culture.

The functionality of Richard Bell's works as both art and activism make them well suited to engage the audience. Bell mobilizes a large range of artistic media and styles to create a visual narrative of multiplicity and poignant commentary. These choices allow Bell to comment on artistic convention and create powerful social and political commentary through his work in visual activism.

"This will be an amazing opportunity to hear from an artist who has personally experienced the effects of racist public policy and social practice throughout his life, and, through his own artistic practice, has humorously and poignantly challenged white bias," Amy Ingrid Schlegel, director of galleries and collections at Tufts University, said about the night's events.

The multiplicity of narrative in Bell's work draws strength from a wide range of disciplines and interests: "The exhibition... should appeal to a cross-section of Tufts students who are interested in social justice issues as well as history, politics and postcolonial studies," Schlegel said.

The opening seeks to engage not only the Tufts community, but also representatives from the aboriginal community in Australia. Representatives from the Wampanoag homelands of Martha's Vineyard will be offering a welcome prayer and song at the exhibition as well as a special gift to mark its opening. The opening and the night's events ultimately aim to foster further dialogue on the variety of questions posed in the show.

— by Anna Majeski

## Latest entry in 'Magicians' series doesn't disappoint

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that, supposedly, winds up the universe. (Grossman, a TIME magazine book critic, offers perfect fodder for puns by including rampant clock imagery throughout this series.) In actuality, the key opens up a portal in midair — a portal that dumps Quentin and Julia in the decidedly un-magical suburbs of Chesterton, Mass. There, the real journey begins: Quentin and Julia's quest back to Fillory.

Though magic is certainly one of the components that makes "The Magician King" and its predecessor so much fun to read, Grossman's real triumph lies in the complexity of his characters. His anything-but-vanilla protagonists are more anti-heroic than not, and their nobility tends to shine through only in the moments that really count. Quentin can be selfish, callous and juvenile; Julia can be power-hungry, vacant and calculating. One character, Eliot, has a deformed jaw, alcoholic tendencies and a rarely discussed need to be sexually dominated. Oh, yeah, there's sex in this book — casual sex, at that.

As a result, they're interesting — sometimes even more so than Harry, Hermione and Ron. After all, when is that famous trio ever seriously in the wrong? Sure, their hatred for Snape is misplaced, Ron runs away for a few weeks, blah, blah, blah. When have they really succumbed to hubris and felt its consequences? In J.K. Rowling's world, Voldemort is the only character with those repugnant qualities, which suggests an extremely definitive line between good and evil. Grossman's characters traverse a blurrier divide, and

they are more realistic for their moral ambiguity.

In a way, it's unfortunate that Grossman's novels must be examined alongside the Harry Potter series, but that necessity seems intentional on the author's part. Both "The Magicians" and "The Magician King" refer directly to Harry Potter, as well as the fictional Fillory books, which are reflections of C.S. Lewis' "The Chronicles of Narnia" series from the 1950s. Julia studies the origin of magic, which entails deep readings of ancient mythologies.

In a way, "The Magician King" serves as a commentary on adventure reading itself, and the way adventure novels cause young readers to form unrealistic assumptions about heroism and nobility. Though Quentin and Julia are in their early twenties, this novel is a coming of age story that highlights the very real sacrifices both make in pursuit of childish dreams.

Of course, that means the book is occasionally depressing. Fortunately, Grossman's razor-sharp wit will help you whistle in the dark. There's some serious snark in these pages, ranging from snobby banter between Quentin and his elitist Breakbills friends to some legitimately risqué situations.

The humor is as down-to-earth as the characters are, and it will satisfy the part of you that rudely wished Ron and Hermione might do more than snog, or that Harry would drop the f-bomb just once in his final chat with Voldemort.

Time will tell if Grossman's series will become anything near a worldwide phenomenon, but his books are certainly worth a read for fans of magic, adventure and whip-smart wisecracks.

## Haunting memories, unique plot and strong characters make 'Debt' thrilling

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and Ciarán Hinds, in the role of former agent David, fall short of her level of performance.

The film begins to gain momentum when the true stars of "The Debt," the younger Mossad agents, begin their journey. Rachel (Jessica Chastain), joins two other spies in Berlin to find, capture and bring the doctor to trial in Israel: Stephan (Sam Worthington) and David (Marton Csokas). Together, they bring life to the film with their more youthful roles.

The film becomes really engrossing as the past begins to merge with the present. Madden successfully creates sympathetic characters, making each spy a driven, one-person army. The film also humanizes its characters because they suffer from very raw emotions, tragic pasts and obvious flaws.

But like a spy with an assignment, this movie never loses sight of its plot. Jesper Christensen plays the calculating, evil surgeon, now acting as an OB/GYN in Berlin. Once the spies find their target, they devise a plan to kidnap him and send him to Israel to stand trial. However, this plan goes awry, and its aftermath forms the crux of the movie.

"The Debt" is not an archetypal espionage flick in the slightest. Audiences are spared from tired plotlines, including the stereotypical spy who has been wanted since losing his post in intelligence, or the womanizing spy with plans to steal a precious artifact or save the world from a madman.

Instead, "The Debt" is a spy movie with a purpose: Rachel, David and Stephan are fighting for the many innocent victims of the Holocaust. The film takes on a greater sense of personal significance when viewers learn that both David and Rachel lost family members to the genocide.

However, while the mission, so to speak, of the movie is honorable, the cliched spy-movie music and the choppy editing are out of place. These elements detract from the film's intensity in moments when the viewer would otherwise be emotionally gripped.

Ultimately, "The Debt" successfully brings Rachel to life, and adeptly captures her struggle later in life when she finds herself plagued by an old lie that, if revealed, would turn her fame to infamy. Overall, though, viewers will enjoy the action sequences and the reflective message that "The Debt" has to offer.



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Though "The Debt" struggles to reconcile different time periods, it successfully eschews spy movie clichés.

## Star of 'Bucky Larson' hints at potential adult film career

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**NS:** My stuff with Kevin Nealon — he plays my roommate. Those scenes are really funny because he [plays a] really abusive character and my character is so innocent. It was this extreme juxtaposition of different temperaments and sensibilities.

**Q:** What was the most challenging aspect of this film?

**NS:** There were emotional moments in the movie. One of the hardest things for me was to try to stay in the moment, knowing that I looked so ridiculous. There were scenes with Christina Ricci where I would cry!

**Q:** Were there any scenes that were particularly awkward?

**NS:** Nothing was awkward. I'm completely fearless. Nothing intimidates me, nothing scares me. In "[I Now Pronounce You,] Chuck and Larry" (2007), I married Ving Rhames! Comedy is about commitment. I wanted to put everything I had into this movie, so I went in with no fear.

**Q:** For the record, who's your favorite porn star?

**NS:** Male or female? Jenna Jameson's probably my favorite female. Ron Jeremy's my favorite

male because he's almost Bucky-esque in the sense that he does not look like a porn star. He looks like a guy who works at a gas station, and he had great chest hair.

**Q:** If you were really a porn star, would you have called yourself "Bucky Larson?" Do you think this movie will affect your love life?

**NS:** It's going to be huge for my love life, no pun intended. Bucky's penis is probably half of a Skittle, [whereas] mine's at least five Skittles. And, no, I would not choose "Bucky Larson." I would choose "Meryl Streak."

**Q:** If there were one thing you could say to convince people to see this movie, what would it be?

**NS:** It's unlike anything you're going to see. It's the same people who created "Grandma's Boy" (2006). It's funny, it's different and it's the weirdest assortment of comedy you'll ever see in your life.

**Q:** Is this movie a message to guys: Size really doesn't matter?

**NS:** Yeah. If you have a violently small penis and you see this movie, you will feel better about yourself. Even if you have a medium-to-small penis, you'll feel like a stud. If you have a huge penis, you'll feel like an alien because your penis is so gigantic.



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## EDITORIAL

## Campus post office should stay open

For the second time in two years, the United States Postal Service (USPS) is threatening to close its Tufts branch.

The proliferation of electronic media has led to rapidly declining revenues for post office branches nationwide over the last several years, so we are sympathetic to USPS's need to cut costs. Still, we believe the agency has too little to gain by closing the campus branch to justify the inconvenience it would pose to the community.

The first time USPS considered closing the campus post office, in the fall of 2009, the campus branch was still profitable. This no doubt contributed to USPS's decision then to leave the branch open, as it recorded a net loss nationwide of \$297 million in the last three months of 2009. Closing a branch that turns a profit made little sense

then, and it makes little sense now.

More recent financial data on the Tufts branch will not be available until next month, but it seems unlikely that the outlook could have worsened enough in that time to warrant its closure — especially when one considers that the university continues to charge USPS only \$1 per month for rent.

In the event that the campus branch has joined hundreds of other branches nationwide in posting losses, its closure would be disproportionately inconvenient compared to the potential closure of other post office branches nationwide.

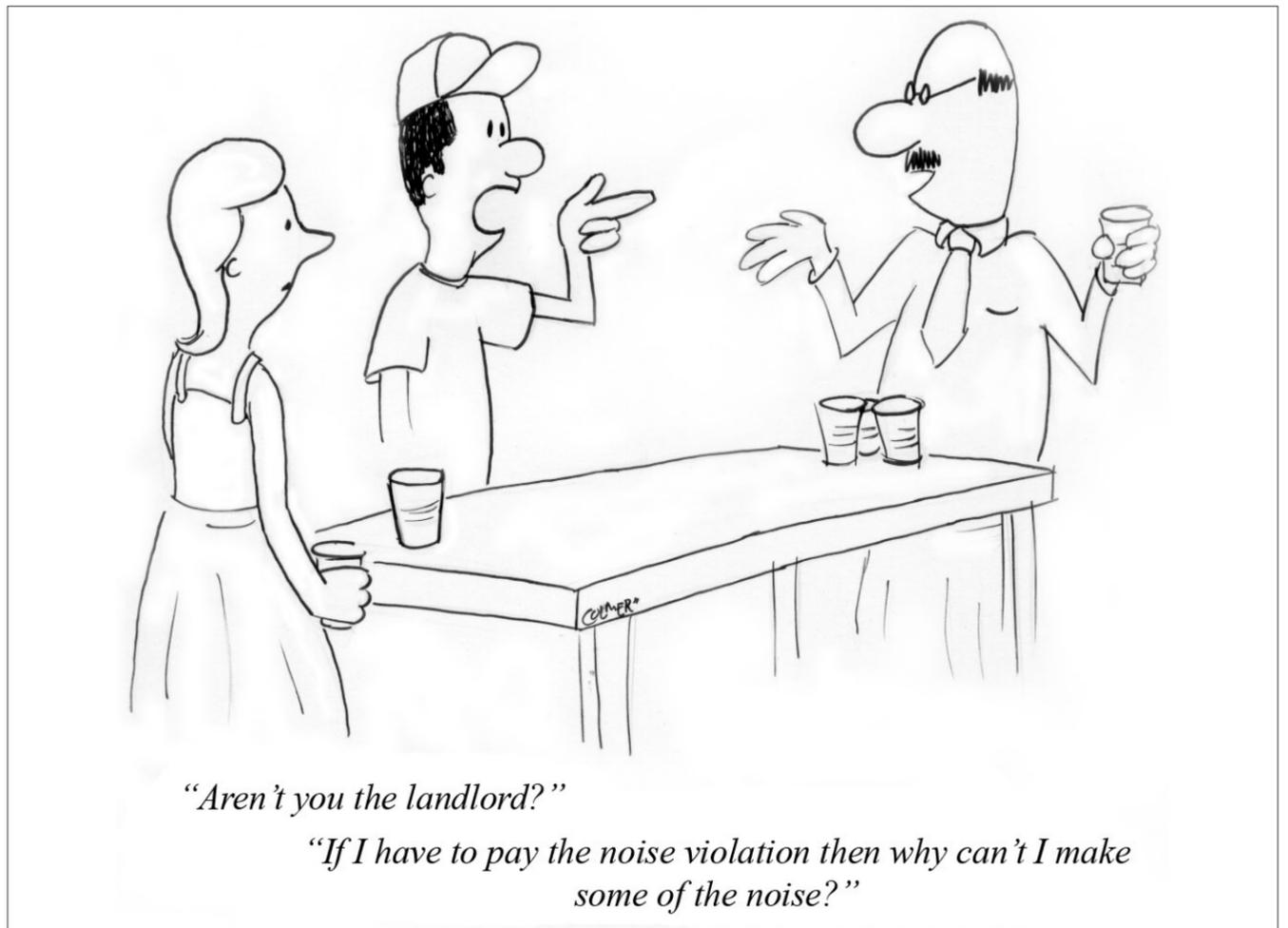
The three nearest branches — one in Davis Square, one in Medford and one in West Medford — are each a mile or more from campus. Most Tufts students don't have cars on campus, and there

is limited public transportation to the three nearby branches. This poses a greater inconvenience than, say, closing post offices in Boston, where branches are much closer together and public transportation between them more accessible.

Many nearby Medford and Somerville residents benefit as well from having easy access to the campus post office. Like Tufts students, many local residents do not own cars, and having to travel over a mile to mail packages could pose a frequent inconvenience, particularly for the elderly, for whom such a trip might be arduous.

USPS officials will likely solicit community input over the next few months on the potential impact of the closure. When they do, we urge you to tell them that the costs of closing the campus branch would outweigh the gains.

## DEVON COLMER



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## Starbucks CEO embodies America's rage

BY ANDREW BORST  
 Washington Square News

The ideological stone wall that has long separated Washington, D.C. from the rest of the country may have finally met the force that will lead to its fall. While most of America may be more familiar with Howard Schultz's company than with the man himself, many politicians, their finance chairmen, bundlers and political action committees have become quite familiar with the CEO of Starbucks. In the tumultuous debate over deficits and debt, Americans saw firsthand the polarization of the nation's capital and the inability of the highest tier of government to confront this paramount issue of our time.

While Americans called their congressmen and senators at the behest of the president — declaring in a manner that is best summarized by this quote from the movie "Network" (1976): "I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!" — there was a movement forming, unique in its paradox but effective nonetheless. This movement is grassroots, but instead of being started by the ordinary plumber, nurse or stay-at-home parent, it was started by the presidents, CEOs and chairmen of this nation's corporations.

On Aug. 15, Schultz sent an echoing message to Washington saying, "We today pledge to withhold any further campaign contributions to the president and all members of Congress until a fair, bipartisan deal is reached that sets our nation on stronger, long-term fiscal footing."

This call for a political boycott is potentially devastating for the political class, especially since the 5-4 Supreme Court ruling on Citizens United v. FEC allowed corporations to support candidates through media advertisements and other forms of support, protected as freedom of speech by the First Amendment. While many Americans were concerned about the corrupting influence that this ruling class could have on a political climate already obsessed with the number of digits following a dollar sign, people of power like Schultz have taken a position of ethics and of patriotism to defend the country from itself and force the United States government to act in the interests of the people, not of political parties.

With the upcoming races for the presidency and seats in the Senate and House of Representatives, both sides of the aisle will need as much capital and support as possible. For example, Obama will most likely have to defend the traditional bat-

tleground states like Pennsylvania, Ohio, Florida and Virginia, but with his lackluster approval ratings hovering in the low 40s, he will be forced to defend states that have gone democratic for years, such as Michigan and Wisconsin. This is just one aspect of the 2012 election.

When one looks at the next few months from the Senate's perspective, there is an equally dismal picture. Senators [Claire] McCaskill (D-Mo.), [Scott] Brown (R-Mass.), [Ben] Nelson (D-Neb.), [Dean] Heller (R-Nev.) and [Bill] Nelson (D-Fla.) all face difficult re-elections. Their access to capital may have an impact on their seats and political futures and, if the president is forced to defend what would traditionally be called true and blue, he may need as much help as he can get.

So just what has Schultz done? He has embodied the rage of the American people and he has done something about it. If money and campaign support is what politicians want, they can have it, but they need to work for it first. Until then, this country needs people like Schultz who will stand up for the average citizen when only money can be heard. The next time that you walk into Starbucks to order your venti soy-white-mocha-peppermint Frappuccino, take a second and give a quick thanks to Howard Schultz.



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## Before condemning the scalpers

BY SETH RATTAN

Fall Ball seemed like business as usual at Tufts: People were unhappy with the ticketing process while hospitalizations crept toward a mass-casualty incident. Some of the problems students and faculty have with the implementation of this year's event do need to be fixed. Some, like the bottleneck, were a temporary inconvenience which need not concern coordinators in the future. Others, like the ticketing system and our collective inability (or refusal) to drink responsibly, need a good deal of work. Scalping tickets, however, is an issue on which I think most of the voices in our community are completely off base.

The moral condemnation of scalpers and the calls to place restrictions on scalping in the Code of Conduct or to add "harsh language" on future tickets ignore a few basic economic realities.

Admission has been free in the past, but the physical process of waiting in line to reserve tickets acted as a deterrent. Students who showed up a little late and saw the long line for tickets turned away and thought to themselves, effectively, "Fair is fair. I'll show up earlier next time." Students who were on the fence about attending didn't show up for lines at all. For those students it wasn't even worth it. But with tickets now available instantly, the disincentive of waiting in

line has vanished. Students who were on the fence clicked "Order" and received a ticket they might not even really have used or wanted. Students who might have turned away at the prospect of lines also clicked "Order" and drained the supply of tickets even faster. What resulted was a situation in which some who had tickets didn't plan on using them, and others who really wanted to attend Fall Ball had no tickets. In that situation, no one's best interest was served.

Enter the scalper. Someone who, intentionally or not, decided to buy a ticket he or she wasn't going to use. Someone who then saw an entrepreneurial opportunity. Someone who decided to sell his or her ticket. There were students who valued a chance to attend Fall Ball. They bought a lot of tickets. That much is obvious.

Those who see a moral quandary in the resale of tickets ignore the fact that each transaction they condemn — each scalped ticket — represents a voluntary association between two people. Voluntary association and exchange are the foundational mechanisms which power every free economy, free society and free nation. I would go so far as to claim that voluntary association is the single purest moral interaction possible between two parties. Students who purchased tickets valued attending Fall Ball more than they valued the money they parted with for that chance. Students

who sold tickets valued the money they received more than the experience they passed up. The interests of both parties were served, not perfectly, but as efficiently and fairly as was possible in the situation.

There are probably still countless members of this community who will self-righteously denounce scalping as immoral. The idea of profiting from the sale of property one owns, whether by merit or by chance, will remain in the minds of many unclean, dirty and among the most base of the human desires. No amount of discussion or debate will dislodge that sadly mistaken and ignorant dogma.

But even attacking the problem more broadly and examining rationally the incentives to scalp reveal the methods proposed by both faculty and students to be woefully inadequate. The core problem, the lack of a simple deterrent for those who did not really want a ticket, created an active incentive to scalp after tickets were inefficiently allocated. The solution must be a simple, enforceable deterrent. Laws regulating, limiting or banning the resale of tickets exist in almost every country in the world, yet those laws do almost nothing to prevent widespread scalping and resale of tickets at almost every performance or sporting event. The position that an addition to the student Code of Conduct will make any difference in the scalping of free tick-

ets is, frankly, absurd. The moral elitism behind the calls to prevent the scalping of tickets has, bluntly, no place in the conscience of anyone studying, teaching or working at a free university.

If we really want to decide for individuals other than ourselves what they can and cannot buy or sell, if we really want to decide for others how they can and cannot conduct their private financial lives, then the solution is obvious. Moralizing and brow-beating simply do not work on "greedy" entrepreneurs. Disincentives do. Charge \$5 per ticket, and put the funds toward solutions to Fall Ball's other problems or even more free student events. Students who don't want to attend as much as others will be deterred by the fee and the inconvenience of an online transaction. A majority of the entrepreneurs, who I don't accept as in the wrong, will be deterred by the prospect of losing \$5. The game is no longer win-win for the seller. Students who really want to go to Fall Ball will live with the price. The financial disincentive would serve the same practical purpose as waiting in line has served in the past.

Best of all, we won't be dictating how members of our community conduct their private financial and personal lives.

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## This is your invitation

BY BRIAN PILCHIK

Raise your hand if you know how Tufts Mock Trial performed last year. Seriously, go ahead, put your hand up; the dining hall is too crowded for anyone to notice.

When people think about Tufts University, they may consider our recent rankings in U.S. News & World Report (#28) or Forbes (#34) for top national colleges. They may recall the story of our heroic mascot, Jumbo, the very source of that now-commonplace adjective. Perhaps they may even realize that our graduates have gone on to found eBay, Blogger and Victoria's Secret. What they would fail to notice, however, are the rankings of our school teams, the heroism of our undergraduate competitors and the successes of our students who still have yet to graduate.

We walk from class to class every day without realizing the unbelievable talent of each and every student we pass. With an admissions rate of now 22 percent (congratulations, Class of 2015, on setting a new record), we can safely assume that everyone on campus has something incredible to offer.

As freshmen, we are encouraged to experience as much of it as possi-

ble. We watch student performances during Orientation Week, we give our email addresses to far too many groups at the Student Activities Fair, and we begin to find our little niche in the grand scheme of extracurricular activity on campus.

But then classes pick up, as does the snowfall. We become less inclined to go to a football game if we aren't on the team or attend a concert if we don't know the performers. Upperclassmen move off campus, farther away from the hub of activity, and before long everyone is doing their own separate thing.

When this happens, we stop paying attention to the successes of our peers. We fail to notice the girl in philosophy who's been practicing every night for her musical debut in the Balch Arena Theater, or the guy on the Joey who received the "Player of the Year" award over the weekend. We somehow miss the fact that our mock trial team came back from Nationals with a third-place trophy, or that our equestrian team took back the region for the first time in 11 years.

Sometimes, a particular success appears suddenly on our radar. We know that when Glee's "Teenage Dream" (2010) topped iTunes charts, it was the

Beelzebubs singing, and we take pride in our second-place finish at the Quidditch World Cup last fall. We shouldn't need a national television show or a sport from a best-selling fantasy series to grab our attention, however. We should already be captivated by the amazing abilities of our fellow Jumbos.

In his op-ed welcoming the incoming class, Tufts Community Union President Tomas Garcia urged freshmen to "attend other clubs' events on campus." That ought to be chalked all over the place like a campaign slogan; they should be selling T-shirts. There is so much to do here and so many peers to go support that it's a wonder we find time for classwork at all.

Go on TuftsLife and look under the events for today: registration for a trip overseas, auditions for an upcoming show, 13 general interest meetings — perhaps more by the time this paper finds you. You don't need to join them all, but find the time this year to go see what they do.

Not in the theater community? Go see a show. Never heard of mock trial? Drop by the Mumbo Jumbo tournament. Not sure what people do at Hillel? Walk in and find out. Experience firsthand our teams' victories and our

students' talents.

We're not a football school, but that doesn't mean we don't have a football team. It means that we also have a fencing team, a debate team and an Irish Dance team. We have comedy groups, literary magazines and culture houses.

When you hear that we have "something for everyone," it doesn't mean that we have one thing for each student; it means that what we have is there for every student. Take it.

Give it, too. Make sure your friends know how to support you, how they can come see what you do. Don't be shy; invite everyone. Make them come, make them notice. We go to school with some of the most incredible people in the country. Don't you want to see what they can do?

Raise your hand again. This time, try to get noticed. Notice others around you. They may not be raising their hands, but they certainly have something amazing to show you. If you're waiting for an invitation, here it is: You're at Tufts. Go.

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## FOOTBALL



JOSH BERLINGER/TUFTS DAILY

Defensive coordinator Scott Rynne is confident that his squad can overcome the loss of several prominent upperclassmen.

## Defense moves forward without three starters

BY BEN KOCHMAN  
Daily Editorial Board

Defensive coordinator Scott Rynne makes no excuses for the way his unit performed last season, when the football team lost its final seven games after a season-opening win at home against Hamilton.

The Jumbos let up 269 points in their eight games, the most of any NESCAC team since 2005. Their defense was particularly porous in the second half of games. Tufts actually outscored its eight opponents 53-41 in the first quarter and 93-91 in the second quarter — as the team was routed 137-51 in the latter two periods, perhaps gassed by a no-huddle, spread offense that put up record-breaking numbers but left the defense on the field 61.5 percent of the time.

“The way we played in the second half was a disappointment,” Rynne said. “It’s something we’ve tried to work on in the offseason, [figuring out] how we can be better conditioned.”

What was already a tall order got even more difficult when the team lost three of its upperclassman defensive starters: senior defensive lineman Donnie Simmons, senior linebacker Ferras Albitar and junior defensive back Sam Gardner.

Albitar, the team’s leading tackler from last season and an All-NESCAC second team honoree, is not on the Tufts roster after reportedly enduring several concussions during his career. Simmons, last year’s sack and tackles-for-loss leader and a physical force on the defensive line, left the team for undisclosed personal reasons and Gardner is reportedly taking some time off from school.

The Jumbos are moving forward with the players they do have, taking more practice reps under interim head coach Jay Civetti and setting a physical tone in practice, heading into this Friday’s scrimmage against Bowdoin and the season

## Welcome to the Blue Zone

BY ALEX PREWITT  
Daily Editorial Board

The football team’s defense really enjoys inserting its practice-jersey color into nonsensical phrases. Blue kids on the block. Blue cross, blue shield. Everything usually ends with “baby,” so “Blue zone, baby; it’ll leave

you feeling sick” is also popular.

“We just scream random things that don’t make any sense,” senior tri-captain Nick Falk, a linebacker, said. “That’s just us getting pumped up to play with high adrenaline, high tempo every single play.”

The defense has good reason to be amped this year, and maybe even shout a few ridicu-

lous slogans. Even with notable losses in major statistical categories, a veteran linebacking corps is leading the way for a unit that experienced its fair share of struggles during last year’s 1-7 season.

In 2010, Tufts’ defense ranked last in

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## FIELD HOCKEY

# No. 8 field hockey rebounds with 5-0 win over Babson

BY CLAIRE KEMP  
Daily Editorial Board

Though the No. 8 field hockey team took a two-spot skid in the national rankings after Saturday’s loss to then-

**FIELD HOCKEY**  
(0-1 NESCAC, 1-1 OVERALL)  
Bello Field, Tuesday

Babson	0	0	0
Tufts	3	2	5

No. 10 Middlebury, it didn’t play like a team down on itself in a 5-0 rout of Babson on Tuesday.

The Beavers, who have forced Tufts to struggle in 2-1 victories during the last three seasons, did not look ready for the obviously win-starved Jumbos squad, which gladly notched its first victory since Nov. 6 of last year. Tufts scored 53 seconds into the game and it seemed to already be over.

“I think we went into the game knowing what had to be done today,” junior defensive midfielder Liza Wetzel said. “We came out and scored the first goal right away which set the tone for the rest of the game. Everyone on the team played a major role today and I think that not only helps to boost our team morale but also really speaks to the cohesive dynamic of our team this year.”

That cohesive dynamic was definitely on display against the Beavers. While

Babson tends to play a smash-and-run style, the Jumbos were able to control the pace for most of the game with their signature composed passing.

Further, Tufts was finally able to capitalize on its well-hyped advantage: the fact that there is no single scoring threat on the team. Eight different players across all grades and positions notched points for the Jumbos with no single player recording more than one. And, encouragingly, two goals came off earned corners — a relief after Saturday’s frustrating 1-for-18 performance on those pieces.

“Our passing patterns and communication are crucial to our style of play,” junior forward Lia Sagerman said. “The earlier we get comfortable playing together, the more successful we will be. People were much more settled on the ball [yesterday], which was great to see.”

It was easy for the Jumbos to be calm, though, as they racked up goals and Babson managed just one shot all game. Junior forward Missy Karp started the scoring, before senior co-captain midfielder Lindsay Griffith slammed one in for a 2-0 lead 10 minutes later. Just over three minutes before the half, freshman midfielder Maggie Chapman found sophomore forward Chelsea Yogerst in front of the net to make it 3-0.

“We always say, ‘Let’s score in the



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The Jumbos peppered the Beavers’ net on Tuesday, putting 22 shots on goal.

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## Football players fill big gaps

### DEFENSE

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opener at Hamilton on September 24.

"I think the focus of the team, it hasn't been a negative one, like 'Oh, those guys aren't here,'" Civetti said. "It's been 'Who's here now?' A conversation about those guys hasn't come up. It's opened opportunities for other guys, and they've taken them."

One of those guys stepping into a larger role is senior tri-captain linebacker J.T. Rinciari, who will be responsible for more tackles than he was last season.

Other players expected to fill the gaps include junior Chris Toole, a defensive lineman returning from injury and senior linebacker Zack Skarzynski, whose 57 tackles were fourth on the team last season.

"I think we're doing pretty well," Skarzynski said. "Obviously last year Ferras was a huge part for us. From the standpoint on the defense missing him, it's more of him as a personality, but still I think we look pretty good."

Rynne has installed a slightly different system this season — with a bit more zone coverage than man-to-man, and a few new blitzes, for example — but said that the front line packages are pretty similar to last season's.

There are also a few former defensive backs converting to linebacker, including senior Carlo Cervini, who is competing with Rinciari at the same linebacker spot.

The defense scrimmaged against the Tufts offense last week, and will get its first taste of NESCAC competition when Bowdoin comes to town. The unit is excited to start with a clean slate, and to make its presence felt early and often.

"We want to make a statement on the first play of the game," junior defensive lineman Zak Kline said. "Punch them right in the mouth, and set a physical tone."



Senior tri-captain J.T. Rinciari is moving back to linebacker, after spending the 2010 season as a defensive back.

## Skarzynski, Rinciari, Falk bring experience

### FOOTBALL

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the NESCAC in points allowed, coughing up 33.6 points per game — the most of any conference team since Hamilton allowed 36.9 per game in 2005. Opposite a high-speed, no-huddle Jumbos offense that shattered school, NESCAC and New England passing records, the defense gave up 457.1 total yards and 221.4 rushing yards per game, by far the worst in the conference.

"We're sick of losing. It's terrible to think about yourselves that way," said senior linebacker Zack Skarzynski, the lone returning starting linebacker. "In a way you forget about the past week to week, but as a motivator and a chip on your shoulder, I don't think we have. We've changed so much, but you look up 'Tufts Jumbos' and it still says 1-7."

Gone from the middle three in defensive coordinator Scott Rynne's 4-3 scheme are Matt Murray (LA '11), the team's leading tackler the past two seasons, and senior linebacker Ferras Albitar, forced to sit out the season due to concussions.

The Jumbos taking their places have hardly missed a beat.

"I think they've worked [very] hard to stick together and get better as a team, and when that happens, you can only focus on the guy to the left and the guy to the right of you," said interim head coach Jay Civetti, echoing the mantra preached during a Marine-run Judgment Day session. "It wasn't the guy to the left of you, the guy to the right of you and then the guy who's outside the fence. And it's a credit to those players. When it comes to football, they're focused on each other."

Falk, a lifelong defensive back, shifted to linebacker this year, joining Skarzynski, his former prep teammate at Fenwick High School in Illinois. Falk and Skarzynski were second and fourth on the team in tackles, respectively, last season.

J.T. Rinciari, a senior tri-captain along with Falk and senior offensive lineman Luke Lamothe, also switched from playing defensive back in 2010 to linebacker, though he played his first two seasons at the latter position alongside Skarzynski.

Any physicality lost from Murray's and Albitar's departure — "Ferras was an absolute animal," Falk said — has been compensated by the overwhelming returning leadership stacked at a position crucial for closing gaps in the run game and dropping back into pass coverage.

"We're a little undersized, from the standpoint of the league," Skarzynski said. "I'm about 205 [pounds], J.T.'s 210, Falk's maybe 180, but the seniority and leadership we have make up for any problems there. It's just about trying to create camaraderie of the defense so we can fly around and make plays together."

Skarzynski, Rinciari, Falk and Albitar all live off-campus together, which created what Skarzynski called frequent "stress and pissed-off-ness" at seven straight losses. With Albitar — who Falk said has still been helping him adjust to linebacker — sidelined, the remaining three are carrying a heavy chip on their collectively broad shoulders into 2011. Football is all they talk about these days in that household.

"We're more worried about the conscious decisions we have to make on the field than what the hell happened last year," Falk said. "With our schedule this preseason, we haven't had time to even think. It's football five to six hours a day, and we have class and other commitments, so we can't afford to look into the past."

Instead they'll just nonsensically scream themselves into the future.

# Elephants in the Room

	Childhood imaginary friend	Fantasy football team name	What I'd name Beyonce's kid	Favorite party theme
 <b>Taylor Dyer</b> Senior defender Field hockey	I didn't need one. I had [twin sister] Tatum.	The Founding Fathers	Milton	A Day on the Farm
 <b>David Lloyd</b> Senior tackle Football	Captain Billy Bob	Can't say. It's a bad name.	Mine	Jock Jams
 <b>Jamie Love-Nichols</b> Senior forward Soccer	A poodle with the neck of Big Bird	Beta Tau	Maeve Stewart, after the biggest diva I know.	Masquerade
 <b>Luke Booth</b> Soph. defender Soccer	Which one?	Lobstahs	Gucci Mane, if it's a girl.	Vinny Chase and the Boys

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## INSIDE NFL



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Ray Rice of the Baltimore Ravens is the only player to rush for more than 100 yards against Pittsburgh in the last 51 games. He has done so in two games.

## Riced and diced: Baltimore Ravens rout rival Steelers

Team emerges from NFL's Kickoff Weekend as the AFC North favorites

BY MATT BERGER AND KATE KLOTS  
Daily Editorial Board

During the NFL's Kickoff Weekend, no team made a louder statement than the Baltimore Ravens. By decimating the Pittsburgh Steelers, 35-7 on Sunday, the Ravens served notice to the rest of the league that they have big plans for this season, and even bigger hits in store to make them come to fruition.

Facing their bitter AFC North rivals for the first time since blowing a 21-7 halftime lead in last year's AFC Divisional Playoffs, the Ravens led Pittsburgh by that very same margin at halftime on Sunday. Unlike last year, however, Baltimore turned a 14-point advantage into a win, rather than a nightmarish blown-lead.

The Ravens, who did not turn the ball over in the second half, channeled aggressive play-calling by offensive coordinator Cam Cameron and first-year defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano to quite literally pound Ben Roethlisberger and the Steelers. Baltimore showed a marked advantage both at the skill positions and in the trenches.

Sunday's result provided the Ravens with their largest margin of victory over Pittsburgh in the 16-year history of the franchise, and marked the first Baltimore win over the Steelers in a

game where Ben Roethlisberger has started at quarterback.

In addition to a strong statement and valuable momentum, the weekend's dominant performance also gave Baltimore a crucial first win against a divisional opponent, something that will almost certainly come into play when playoff seeds are decided late in the season.

But, more significantly, Sunday's result in Baltimore may have signaled a longer-term changing of the guard in the AFC North.

For years, Pittsburgh has seemed a step ahead of their rivals from Charm City. The Steelers are 3-0 against the Ravens in the playoffs and 14-9 overall since 2002. In the last 10 seasons, Pittsburgh has won the division five times while Baltimore has only won it twice.

Time and time again, Ravens fans have watched their team match the Steelers for most of the 60 minutes, only to see Pittsburgh make a crushing play at the crucial time to steal a late win.

In what many call the meanest and most physical rivalry in football, both teams were bloodied and battered, but most often, it was the Ravens who walked into the locker room beaten on the scoreboard.

The story could not have been any

more different on Sunday.

Baltimore's offensive line controlled the Pittsburgh front, keeping quarterback Joe Flacco upright for nearly the entire game, and allowing him to feel comfortable in the pocket.

The line also opened up massive holes for running backs Ray Rice and new addition Ricky Williams to run through. The pair rushed for 170 yards, while Flacco, who was sacked only once, looked assertive, throwing for three touchdowns and no interceptions.

Pittsburgh's menacing outside linebacker duo of James Harrison and Lamarr Woodley spent more time on the ground than they did in the Ravens' backfield, after offensive tackles Bryant McKinnie and Michael Oher repeatedly stymied their rush attempts.

The Ravens' defensive line was even more impressive. Defensive end Terrell Suggs made an early statement for Defensive Player of the Year, recording five tackles, including three sacks, and two forced fumbles.

Pittsburgh tackle Willie Colon seemed to give up late in the game, realizing that he simply lacked the speed or power to control Suggs's blitzing on the edge.

Veteran end Haloti Ngata proved once again why many consider him to be the best defensive tackle in the

league. Ngata looked nearly unblockable at times, even though Pittsburgh double-teamed him on almost every play.

Unlike most defensive tackles, Ngata is more than just a 330-pound bowling ball in the center of the line. A former rugby player, Ngata possesses unusual speed and athleticism for a man his size and gives the Ravens a unique pass-rushing option.

In recent months, analysts and fans alike have questioned why the Ravens released so many veterans who have had significant recent success in Baltimore. Derrick Mason, Todd Heap, Kelly Gregg, Le'Ron McClain, Josh Wilson and Willis McGahee were all dumped in favor of younger, albeit unproven, replacements.

Sunday's game, however, presented a stark contrast between the Ravens who look younger, faster, and more motivated, and the Steelers, who look older, slower and perhaps complacent following last year's AFC Championship.

That's not to say that Pittsburgh won't get right back into the thick of the AFC North race; history suggests it will.

But, for now, Ravens fans can rejoice in the fact that they appear to finally be division favorites, and the rest of the NFL must heed warning of this revamped Super Bowl contender.

## Jumbos look ahead to Wesleyan for first NESCAC win of 2011

### FIELD HOCKEY

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first five minutes," Sagerman said. "We went out there and scored in the first minute. But more importantly, we had goals from five different players and really showed our depth as an offense."

The whole roster continued to contribute after halftime when senior co-captain defender Taylor Dyer scored only her second collegiate goal off a clean corner feed from junior forward Kayla Murphy to make it 4-0 at 24:40 to play.

From there, Tufts began to rotate in the bench to relieve the starting lines, but the reserves kept the pressure on and would strike one more time.

Sophomores Stephanie Wan and Emily Cannon combined for the fifth and final goal. Overall, it was a long overdue blowout for a team that seems to have revived the element that brought them to the national championship in 2008: teamwork.

But Tufts will need to improve on one thing before

this weekend — its scoring percentage. Though Babson's starting goalkeeper, senior tri-captain Jess Pashos, was arguably the best player on the field for the Beavers, Tufts racked up 48 shots in the match but put just 22 of them on cage.

The Jumbos' fitness also continues to be tested after an exhausting week, as they prepare for a conference slate that includes two Saturday-Sunday NESCAC doubleheaders because of the addition of Hamilton into the schedule.

And NESCAC play is sure

to be a completely different ball game. On Saturday, Tufts will host Wesleyan for its second league game of the season. While the Cardinals have never made much of a statement in the league, they can't be discounted. Wesleyan took the Jumbos to overtime last year and on Saturday held defending national champion Bowdoin scoreless until the 69th minute.

"I think playing [these past] two strenuous games so close together will really work to our advantage this year," Wetzel

said. "We are improving every day and really starting to hit our stride as a team, and we're all looking forward to the great competition the NESCAC provides."

"It was great getting the win today and I think the energy is going to carry us through to Saturday," Sagerman added. "Every NESCAC team is really strong this year and I know our team is looking forward to our first league win after [this] weekend's result. A big NESCAC win always feels a little better."

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