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Erik Turtle Aurigemma, one of the creators of the rallying Facebook.com group, speaks at last night's town meeting.

Meeting takes on 'social life' concerns

BY DAVID POMERANTZ
Daily Editorial Board

Approximately 100 students and administrators gathered in the Sophia Gordon Hall multi-function room last night for a "Community Conversation on Social Life."

The conversation honed in on two main issues: Students spent the first hour of the meeting discussing a perceived increase in aggressive tactics by the Tufts University Police Department (TUPD). Most of the second hour was spent discussing the recent

Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate proposal of capitalizing on a planned renovation of Hotung Café to convert the space into a pub.

Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman and TCU President Mitch Robinson hosted the town hall-style event, which was open to the entire Tufts community and attended by representatives from the TUPD, Dining Services, the Office of Residential Life and Learning and several members of the TCU Senate.

The event was motivated by calls for dialogue during last week's

Town Meeting on Intellectual Life at Tufts. According to Reitman, frequent Viewpoints in the Daily and a Facebook.com group entitled "Bringing Back the Social Life at Tufts" also prompted the meeting.

More seniors attended than any other class, with some sophomores, juniors and only a handful of freshmen attending.

"To some extent, issues about social life are an annual event as our neighbors react to the return of Tufts students," Reitman said at

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Research crawling towards a soft robot

BY ASHLEY SEMLER
Contributing Writer

A group of Tufts researchers working on building a new type of robot is looking for help from an unusual source: caterpillars.

The goal of the project, led by Professor Barry Trimmer, is to build the world's first soft-bodied robot.

This robot would be able to move fluidly and do many things that machines today cannot.

"What we're trying to do is understand how to incorporate soft materials into machines," Trimmer said. This task has turned out to be very complicated.

Trimmer, who has a Ph.D in neurobiology, first started studying the biology of caterpillars three years ago to try to understand how the ones he has examined can control their fluid movements with a simple brain and how they can move without any joints.

He then hopes to translate these concepts into machines, with the help of engineers. The goal of the project is to make a robot that looks and moves like a caterpillar.

"No one has ever developed a robot made of entirely soft components before," said Michael Simon, a graduate student in biology who is working in the Trimmer lab. "It gets us excited."

There are many potential uses for soft-bodied robots.

Flexible machines could make many dangerous surgeries much safer and less painful. They could also be used to repair space stations by reaching places that astronauts can't, help in hazardous environments such as nuclear reactors, and squeeze into tight spaces.

Daniel Rogers, a Tufts senior majoring in



Dr. Barry Trimmer, pictured here, is studying the movement of caterpillars to aid his creation of a soft-bodied robot.

mechanical engineering, has spent the past two summers developing prototypes. He was one of the first students to get involved with the project.

He first learned of Trimmer's project through the Biomedical Research Experiences for Engineering Majors (BREEM) program, which gives undergraduate engineering and computer science majors the opportunity to

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TAST receives year-long suspension

The Taiwanese Association of Students at Tufts (TAST) was formally suspended Tuesday for the remainder of this year.

Yesterday, Judicial Affairs Officer Veronica Carter sent TAST President Justin Ho a letter confirming the club's suspension and revoking all Tufts Community Union Treasury funding.

According to the letter, TAST's one-year suspension is the outcome of an alcohol-related incident that occurred during the club's annual scavenger hunt.

"An underage first-year student ... became extremely intoxicated and required medical intervention because of the alcohol provided by [the club]," the letter said.

"We didn't know anything about it. To my knowledge, it happened after the [scavenger hunt]," Ho said.

The letter also stated that TAST "is not eligible to use the Tufts name or status as a recognized student organization and may not meet for any social or business function."

Ho and the club "do not condone illegal drinking," and the club announced that no one was required to drink at the event, according to the letter.

However, it also noted that the "stations" TAST set up for the scavenger hunt also served alcohol, which created a "dangerous situation."

"The fact that [TAST] stated to the first years before they visited the 'stations' that no upperclassmen would force them to drink does not discourage drinking nor lessen the club's responsibility," the letter said.

"Basically, we feel like what happened is really unfortunate, because people who know about TAST know that [the incident] isn't really representative of TAST," Ho said.

"We do other events without alcohol. We really hope that this isn't how the entire community views us. That's not what we're about."

The letter also stated that the actions of TAST could be considered "hazing," per the definition outlined in the Pachyderm student handbook.

Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman and Carter met with Ho on Sept. 29, prior to sending him the letter.

The letter said that TAST could resume its functions in the fall of 2007.

Although the club is not allowed to assemble for any reason, its members may still participate in other events on campus.

"I can't speak for the entire community, but I know that the board will still participate in Asian-American events," Ho said. "We're still part of the Asian-American community, and the Tufts community."

— Pranai Cheroor

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experiences."

Bacow insists that the administration is not at the root of the recent trend in fraternity suspensions, arguing that the blame lies with the Greeks themselves.

"My view of the fraternity system is that, if we're going to have one, it ought to be a good one. Take a look at what they stand for, at their charters. They say they're supposed to support 'fraternal values.'

"I interpret that at a minimum as not putting each other at risk ... My view is, be who you want to be. Don't think that being a member means having a party with 300 people every night."

"It's not as if I'm anti-party," Bacow continued. "I did my fair share of that as well. But that can't be all it is."

What may come as a shock to Tufts students, however, is that most fraternity leaders actually agree.

"It's unfortunate that AEPi and DTD are off-campus currently, but the problem is that they made mistakes that forced them off-campus," Ray Radovich, the President of the Inter-Greek Council and a brother in the ATO co-ed fraternity, said.

"The administration was not trying to shut them down. If the administration wanted to, it probably could find a way

to shut the system down. In actuality, the administration as a whole is supportive of the system in helping it to stay on campus."

Members of other fraternities echoed the feeling that the administration is not, in fact, out to get them.

"I don't think we're targeted," senior and Delta Upsilon member Matt Lanuto said. "They're not stricter on our parties by any means. If anything, they've been less strict."

"With DTD and AEPi, you could point to a couple of things they could have done differently," senior president of Sigma Phi Epsilon Kyle Hiatt said. "I don't feel like the administration was targeting them necessarily or changing the rules."

Even junior Ari Allen, who is president of the currently suspended AEPi fraternity, said that he has come to appreciate the administration's balancing act in trying to encourage "responsible drinking" while still having to respect the law, which makes it illegal for any student under the age of 21 to drink.

"I think I was a victim last year of the attitude that the administration was taking a hard line, but once you start to work with them and they explain their position, you realize they're between a rock and a hard place. And it's happen-

ing across the country, not just at Tufts," he said.

Nationally, fraternities and sororities have been on the decline. In the NESAC, only Tufts, Trinity and Williams still have active fraternity systems. Bowdoin, Colby, Hamilton, Middlebury and Amherst have all abolished or greatly altered their fraternity systems in the past 20 years.

At Tufts, the effort has been toward reform. Last spring, the university commissioned T. Jelke Solutions, a consulting firm that specializes in fraternities and sororities, to deliver a series of recommendations for change.

Still, Radovich said that the void left by the departure this year of former Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Todd Sullivan makes it difficult for the recommendations of the Jelke Report to be implemented in an active way. Sullivan's former position has yet to be filled.

In the meantime, while the Greeks feel secure that the administration is not targeting them, they're still trying to avoid the fate of DTD and AEPi.

"My main modus operandi has been, 'Make sure we don't screw up,'" Hiatt said. "We really have to be more careful these days."

This article is the second installment of a multi-part series about social life on campus.

Designs may take a while to perfect

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spend 10 weeks during the summer on biomedical research projects.

"I started off with a spool of wire and a desk," Rogers said. He is currently working on his second prototype, Softbot 2.

In the past two years, the project has grown tremendously. Now, an entire team of mechanical engineers is building on the research, and two students in the field are doing their senior design project on this topic.

A new facility has also been set up to house the project, under the direction of Professor Trimmer. Tufts Biomimetic Devices Laboratory is a new interdisciplinary lab combining tissue engineering, robotics and animal locomotion. Students and professors of both liberal arts and engineering are housed in this building at 200 Boston Avenue.

"The No. 1 thing is that it's interdisciplinary," Rogers said about both the project and the new facility. "It's a new trend that's going on, and Tufts is really leading the way with this."

It may be a long time before the robot is finished. According to Simon, the near future is reserved for making the different components of the robots and then trying to fit them together.

Even so, the rewards for success are tantalizing. "You'd end up with a whole new class of robotic machines," Trimmer said.

There's something about Medford

The Virgin Mary may have a penchant for the city of Medford.

Residents said she has appeared in their city on two occasions in the last three years, most recently in pictures taken by Medford resident Chris Capri.

On Sept. 22, Capri was photographing the newly bricked exterior of her house when she captured an unexplained image of a cloaked figure in her doorway, according to an article published in the Medford Transcript on Oct. 5.

"I looked right at the door," she told the Transcript. "I didn't know what it was, but when I brought it to work, everybody was saying it was the Madonna."

Capri said she thought it was a reflection of something across the street, but there are no statues in her neighbors' yards. "There is nothing across the street except for two new duplexes," she said.

She also dismissed the possibility that the sun was responsible for the image.

She said that she took the photo on her digital camera at 4:00 p.m., when the sun was not shining on her house.

She said that the memory card on her digital camera was full when she took the picture.

Many similar pictures she attempted to take that afternoon did not come out, she said, adding to the suspicion that the image is a sign from above.

Family, friends and co-workers who have seen the photo think that it is the Madonna or the pope, Capri said.

One person even went by the house and blessed himself, she added.

Capri is not as convinced as



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The 'mystery photo' that sparked speculation about the Virgin.

her neighbors. She said that, while the image doesn't appear in any of her other photos and isn't there now, she's not sure what to make of it.

"I'm hoping this is telling me that my house is blessed," she said to the Transcript.

"I don't think it's anything bad. I think it's something good."

Medford had its last visit from the Virgin on Feb. 9, 2004, when people reported witnessing a hand-painted statue of the Virgin Mary outside of Medford's Sacred Heart Church burst into tears.

According to many believers, the statue cried for over a month shortly before the Sacred Heart Church closed in 2004.

The statue reportedly received hundreds of visitors, many of whom left tokens such as Rosary beads, stuffed animals, prayer cards, flowers and candles.

Tufts University now owns the Sacred Heart Church on Winthrop Street.

—Jenna Nissan

Officials urge students to file complaints

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the beginning of the meeting. Still, he recognized that concern has been particularly high this fall and expressed his willingness to hear ideas from the student body.

He also made it clear that the meeting's title was something of a misnomer.

"If you look at the most broad definition of social life, there are tons of things to do at Tufts," Reitman said. "But I admit that all the conferences, films and lectures are passive social programming. It's different from partying. We're not talking about social life. We're talking about partying."

"Students continually say that they 'feel like they have no outlet,'" Robinson said. "The question I want to pose is – what can we do to improve the social life?"

Robinson's solicitation of ideas was not answered until the second half of the meeting. First, students raised the most contentious issue of the night, which involved perceived mistreatment from the Tufts, Somerville and Medford Police Departments.

"I wake up every morning and hear new stories about parties being broken up at 10 p.m. and people being kicked out of their own houses," senior Eli Cohn said. "The police, especially our police, must acknowledge that there are two sides to this conflict. They can't treat us the way we've been treated this year."

Cohn is responsible for a set of two Daily Viewpoints on this subject and for raising the issue at the academic town hall meeting last week.

Two more seniors, Aaron Miller and Ross Johnson, joined in Cohn's indictments of off-campus policing.

"I'm glad we brought up alco-

hol," Miller said. "That's what we're here to discuss, not the social life ... and there's a difference between responsible and irresponsible drinking." Miller described a situation in which he claims that a small barbecue he attended was broken up by the police by 8:30 p.m.

"That night, we were drinking responsibly. That should be respected, not punished," Miller said to applause.

"The delineation is not being made between responsible and irresponsible drinking," Johnson said. "Police officers are dropping f-bombs and calling us stupid. That wouldn't happen with my 56-year-old neighbors."

Tufts' Director of Public Safety John King stepped up to the microphone to address these charges.

"This duty is not fun," King said. "We don't enjoy being seen as restricting your social life or restricting some rights. The police officers should always treat the public professionally, courteously and to gain the respect of you or others."

"If our police officers don't do that, we want to know about it."

King said that the TUPD is always open to hearing complaints about officers, a statement reiterated by Captain Mark Keith, head of the Medford and Somerville campus' TUPD branch.

One of King's main points was that many of the complaints about police behavior may need to be directed to the Somerville and Medford Police Departments.

For the first five weeks of this semester, the Somerville Police Department asked the TUPD to work with the SPD in a new joint effort to be more proactive about shutting parties down earlier.

After the meeting last night,

King told the Daily that he has yet to conduct a full assessment of the program, but that "this type of feedback [at the town-hall meeting] goes into the evaluation process."

Senior Adam Nadolski expressed a desire to hold a similar type of meeting with the Somerville and Medford Police Departments, and King said that the TUPD would do everything in its power to help facilitate such a meeting.

After an hour of discussion revolving exclusively around the police, Reitman and Robinson made a point to turn the conversation to suggestions for improvement.

"We're looking for suggestions to draw people back to campus," Reitman said. "Are there suggestions for different types of activities? Would a pub help?"

The majority of students who spoke said that a pub would be a good idea, but the devil was in the details. Some students defended the Senate-endorsed idea of converting Hotung, while others said that Brown and Brew would be a better venue for a pub.

"Hotung renovations will begin in November," Robinson said. "This is a good opportunity to figure out what you want to see there."

Students suggested various ways for the school to use on-campus resources to develop a suitable social environment at Hotung. Robinson said that the Senate would conduct a survey of Tufts students to gather ideas.

Both Robinson and Reitman called the meeting successful, but only a starting point.

"Now it's the responsibility of the TCU Senate, and most importantly the student body, to get behind improving the social life," Robinson said.

MARKETS

Yesterday's close



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Today

Friday, October 13th

Mostly Sunny



Sunrise: 6:55 AM
Sunset: 6:06 PM

Mostly sunny skies. High: 57
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Saturday



Mostly Sunny
58/37

Showers
60/45

Sunday



Partly Cloudy
57/41

Rain
57/45

Monday



Partly Cloudy
58/42

Mostly Sunny
66/46

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We don't run the ball too bad ourselves. Who's the No. 1 rushing team in the league?"

Bill Samko

Tufts football head coach
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ABOVE AND BEYOND

'99' reasons Muslims should read comic books

BY CAMERON ARCHIBALD
Contributing Writer

Children and adults have had Spiderman and Superman as their favorite comic heroes for years. But now, thanks to Tufts graduate Naif Al-Mutawa (LA '94), people across the globe have a new set of heroes to admire.

Al-Mutawa, a native of Kuwait, launched a comic book series called "The 99" in September. It focuses on "the positive values of Islam, such as generosity, strength, wisdom and foresight — the attributes not seen of Islam today in [the] media," he said.

According to Al-Mutawa, the series will provide positive role models for Muslim children based on inclusive religious morals. The characters are Muslims from all over the world, not just the Middle East.

"The '99' gives kids something to look for today," Al-Mutawa said. "'The '99' has nothing to do with religion or the Koran. It's about how people interpret it. You can take good and bad even from the Archie comics."

Al-Mutawa explained that most North

American comic books stories are Judeo-Christian stories with orphan characters who received miracle messages delivered from spirits above. He used Spiderman as an example: Peter Parker's super-powers arrive via a spider that drops down from the ceiling.

"Religion has always been an archetype," Al-Mutawa said. "Japanese comics also reflect their society, where everyone works together. Japanese characters need each other to work together, and each has one power. Nobody has done this for Middle-Eastern culture."

In the Middle East, a region long torn by religiously motivated conflicts, Al-Mutawa hopes his series will provide a positive influence based on Islamic religious values. The series will focus on the stories of 99 superheroes representing different moral virtues.

"Allah has 99 attributes; each character embodies one trait and works within teams of three [to accomplish a goal]," Al-Mutawa said.

Al-Mutawa has already written several children's books, including "To Bounce or Not to Bounce," which was one of



COURTESY NAIF AL-MUTAWA

Al-Mutawa works on his children's book, "To Bounce or Not to Bounce."

three books honored at the UNESCO Competition for Children's Books in the Service of Tolerance.

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Should Tufts be responsible for students' on-campus social lives?



COURTESY CHRISTINE GARY

I don't think it's Tufts' responsibility to provide a social life for its students, but it behooves the university to be part of it and provide safe options.

Christine Gary
Senior

If the university held events where you can choose to drink or not to drink and still have fun, I think it would be beneficial to the community.

Michelle-Elissa Glaser
Senior

ARIANNE BAKER/TUFTS DAILY



ARIANNE BAKER/TUFTS DAILY

It's hard for Tufts to be responsible for students, because it's very much the students' decision about what they're going to do for fun. But Tufts should encourage a good social life — and that doesn't necessarily mean events that involve drinking.

Ricardo Schidlow
Sophomore

I always thought that the main problem is that there's no school spirit. Some schools have huge teams and huge sporting events that thousands of people go to, and that really brings people together. Tufts doesn't have that, so we miss out on that aspect of social life — we need something else to bring people together.

Trent Worrell
Junior

ARIANNE BAKER/TUFTS DAILY

JYLL SASKIN | FASHION INFORMER



How to become a jean-ius

Jeans: the essential all-American classic. Flared or fitted, high- or low-rise, jeans have been a wardrobe staple for decades. This season, denim styles have gone polar: super-skinny lowrise or wide-leg high-rise. In this edition of the Fashion Informer, I'll tell you how to find and invest in the perfect pair of jeans for you.

Let me begin by saying that if there is only one item in your wardrobe that you should blow the bank on, it's jeans. Think about it: What other article of clothing can be worn in any situation, matches with anything in your wardrobe and can be worn from the moment you wake up until the moment you go to sleep?

Going-out tops: be frugal. Fancy lingerie: be frugal. Trendy purse: be frugal. Jeans: invest.

While spending three digits on something as basic as jeans may seem ludicrous, when it comes to denim, you get what you pay for. Sure, the Gap and Abercrombie make good jeans at affordable prices, but if you want a pair that will be comfortable, hold its shape while allowing stretch, and still look good after being subjected to a year of industrial washing and drying, think about quality over quantity.

Would you rather own one pair of amazing jeans that fit you perfectly, make your rear look better than J.Lo's, and make you feel like a star, or three pairs of jeans that sort of fit and look okay? What a question!

I'm not saying you have to buy the most expensive pair on the market (which, according to "People" magazine, comes courtesy of Escada Couture with Swarovski crystals and a \$10,000 price tag) but a little extra dough goes a long way.

No matter how much you spend on jeans, they will never look good unless you purchase a pair that will flatter your body type and enhance your best features.

If you're on the curvier side à la Marilyn, a bootcut style is the way to go: It still grabs the skinnier silhouette that's hotter-than-hot this fall, but gives a little extra leg room which will highlight — not widen — your curves. Don't be scared of the skinny, however; just be sure that they fit properly, and wear them with boots and a more flowing top.

If your figure is more Mischa-esque, either play it up with super-tight stovepipe jeans that bunch slightly at the ankles, or add curves with a pair of wide-leg jeans. Only attempt the wide leg if you're tall, however, because this look will shrink shorter frames. To add volume to your rear, opt for a style with back flap pockets to visually add fullness.

For you long-waisted ladies out there (think Paris), jeans should sit near the waist to visually lengthen legs. For us short-torso folk, low-rise jeans will lengthen our middles — just don't go too low, or risk some major derrière faux pas.

This fall, a "new" color palette was introduced into the world of blue jeans: blacks and grays. After extensive observation and experimentation, I've found that a pair of medium-rinse gray jeans (like the color of Goddard Chapel) adds an

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Jyll Saskin is a sophomore who has not yet declared a major.

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Danish cartoon controversy brought attention to Al-Mutawa's comic series

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Al-Mutawa stopped writing for five years to earn a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Long Island University and two Masters Degrees in business administration and organizational psychology from Columbia University.

During a cab ride in 2003, Al-Mutawa's sister reminded him of his pledge to continue writing after he finished his schooling. It was then, he explained, that he began to envision the series.

"My sister asked the right question at the right time to give me an idea," Al-Mutawa said. Now, three years later, Al-Mutawa has 54 investors in eight countries, including classmates from Tufts, high school friends, and larger financial institutions.

Al-Mutawa agreed to write again, but only if he could create something that would have the potential for the success of the Japanese anime series *Pokémon*, which had been banned in Saudi Arabia.

Al-Mutawa was bothered by the ban, and decided to do something about it. Soon after, "The 99" was born. With help from a friend with connections to Marvel Comics, Al-Mutawa successfully introduced his series to the company. Now it is in the hands of the producers of comics like "Spiderman" and "The Incredible Hulk."

The comic received its first major publicity in a January New York Times article. Ironically, a slight difference in timing could have led to completely different results.

"I don't know if you would call it fate or luck, but we did an interview with the New York Times on Dec. 6 and hoped the story would run but it just kept getting pushed back and we didn't think that it would ever be published," Al-Mutawa said.

When the article was finally printed, it was just days before the controversy surrounding Danish cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed led to riots in Europe and the Middle East.

"If it had been a little earlier it would have not received much interest but if it had been a little later it would have looked like we were just trying to make a quick buck," Al-Mutawa said.

Instead, though, the timing allowed his comic to be "catapulted into people's vision



COURTESY TESHKEEL COMICS

The superheroes of 'The 99' reflect different aspects of the 99 attributes of Allah.

earlier than it would have normally." As a result, the series' success has opened up a wealth of licensing opportunities, including a potential hotel or restaurant with a "99" theme. He is supported with \$25 million from an Islamic investment bank and has been approved by many Islamic religious scholars.

"I have fulfilled my personal goals of writing and doing what I wanted with my life and what my parents wanted," Al-Mutawa said, but "goals on the business side keep changing."

Al-Mutawa said he didn't anticipate such rapid success. "The reaction has been pre-

dominantly positive, which was very surprising because I was expecting negative criticism," he said.

However, Al-Mutawa also noted that some readers are still skeptical. "I was talking to the leader of fundamentalist group in Kuwait and he said it was anti-Islamic," Al-Mutawa said. "I asked him how he could judge that and told him that's good thing about living in a democracy — I can think what I want and you can think what you want."

Al-Mutawa, who triple majored in English, history, and psychology at Tufts, said he enjoyed his time here, but that he wishes he

"had gotten advice to take a more practical angle and done more things like internships or projects, because even my summers were filled up with classes."

"If there's one thing that at Tufts education set me up for, [it] was a thorough immersion and appreciation of diversity," he said.

Al-Mutawa said that in spite of his success, he keeps his "degrees in drawers, not on the walls, because I don't want to influence my own children and make them feel like they're not doing enough."

"My biggest advice," he added, "is to do what you love."

Proportion is the key to good jeans

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instant dose of punk and of-the-moment credibility to any outfit.

Stars like Charlize and SJP have been photographed wearing light, stone-washed gray denim, but like white leggings, these pale shades visually add pounds, so proceed with caution. Black jeans are (obviously) slimming and easy to dress up, especially if they have subtle details like ankle zippers.

So now that you've invested in the perfect pair of jeans, what should you wear them with? The simple answer is anything and everything, but if you're looking for a bit more guidance, one word: proportion. Tight jeans should not be worn with tight tops, wide jeans cannot be worn with little flats, and low-rise pants should not be worn with high-rise belly tops. Come to think of it, belly tops shouldn't be worn at all.

But I digress. Skinny jeans look au courant when paired with pretty ballet flats, chunky platform heels, knee-high flat or platform boots, or ankle boots for those who dare. Top them off with flowing tees, grandpa cardigans, blazers, tunics, dresses or layers of all of the above. Add a belted waist and/or beret, and you're SoHo-bound!

Wider-leg jeans allow you to really play with proportions, but this also leaves room for fashion disaster. Balance the looser look with a fitted top, possibly something romantic with ruffles, lace or silk.

A vest or cropped jacket can be added for dimension, but bustier babes should opt for a low-slung belt instead. Shoes must be substantial to provide a foundation for this look, so no cutesy flats here; chunky platforms or casual Converse both work well.

So what has the Fashion Informer taught us today? The smartest thing you can do this fall is invest in a pair of quality jeans that flatter your body and make you feel sexier than Gisele.

No ideas yet, but outlook hopeful

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explained that one root of the problem is the U.S. drinking age itself. "Social life [in Mexico] is a million times richer, because everyone is of drinking age," he said. "You don't worry constantly about the cops coming and breaking a party up, because the cops never come."

So how much will a community discussion actually help? Some students said its effectiveness could be questionable, but that there is nothing to lose.

"Maybe the town meeting won't help a lot, but it definitely can't hurt," Schidlow said.

Worrell believes any innovation would be welcome: "I think we should be thinking of new ways to bring people together, but I don't know what exactly we could do," he said. "I think once everyone starts talking, we'll come up with ideas."

Glaser explained that Tufts' good name may depend on how the university addresses social life for students. "We're all adults; we should be responsible enough to offer safe options to each other. But we're all immature, and I think the university does need to help us find alternative social lives. We don't want to have these horrible things happen and sabotage our reputation as a school," she said.

Even though students doubt any university solutions could replace off-campus parties, they say that alternatives are always a good idea — even if they don't know what those alternatives would be.

"For students, the most obvious thing they want is parties, but for those, they go off campus. I think most students don't know what they want for on-campus social life — they just want something that works," Worrell said.

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By their powers combined, it is Climate Fest — go planet!



COURTESY AMANDA FENCL
ECO members senior Adi Nochur and Kyle Maxwell put up pinwheels last spring to promote April's wind referendum.

BY LAUREN HERSTIK
Contributing Writer

The organizers of Climate Fest, an event taking place on Oct. 14, agree: If you can't take the heat, get off your rump and

Climate Fest

Multipurpose room, Sophia Gordon Hall
Saturday, Oct. 14 from 7 to 11 p.m.
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do something about it. With the help of Tufts Climate Initiative (TCI), ECO, Tisch, the Tufts

Institute of the Environment, as well as some outside sponsors, senior Amanda Fencl and junior Carrie Jones are putting together a climate change-themed, performance-based extravaganza this Saturday.

From 7 to 11 p.m., the multipurpose room in Sophia Gordon Hall will be commandeered by a crew of environmentally-conscious students looking to spread the word about global warming and how students can help. A number of Tufts performance groups will be showing off their skills while acknowledging the issues of climate change.

Essence, HYPE!, the New Music Ensemble (NME), B.E.A.T.S., Adi Nochur (slam poet), Kiniwe (African drum-

ming ensemble), Mala Herba and The Fixations will all be taking the stage. They'll entertain and lighten the mood between sobering slide shows featuring images of the effects of climate change, and powerful statements about the environment.

Fencl sums up the event as a "really fun party where people can come and talk about climate change." She notes that the event is particularly timely, with the recent showings of "An Inconvenient Truth" on campus.

"People see the movie, and think, 'This is so terrible.' Now they can come to this big event and talk about what we can do,"

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CD REVIEW

Cold War Kids force you to push the button — the skip button

BY GREGORY CONNOR
Daily Editorial Staff

Maybe it's just the band's name, but looking at the Cold War Kids' list of influences (Bob Dylan, Billie Holiday and the Velvet Underground) on their MySpace.com page brings to mind

Robbers and Cowards

The Cold War Kids



Downtown Records

North Korea's crashing of the nuclear party.

There had to be some old-time Cold War holdover in the Pentagon pinning for the good old days of constant nuclear threat, but even a FOX News analyst could tell you that, with a nuclear bomb equivalent to a large firecracker and a leader that looks more ridiculous in real life than he does in "Team America," North Korea isn't exactly the ominous '50s-era USSR.

The current blogosphere flavor of the week, Cold War Kids, are to their influences what North Korea is to the

real Cold War: laughably delusional pretenders.

One listen to their debut album "Robbers and Cowards," released on Oct. 10, and these claims become as incongruous as "We'll Meet Again" played over the montage of atomic blasts that ends "Dr. Strangelove."

These assertions of their musical lineage make you question whether or not the band actually listened to their music of their so-called influences, or if they just picked names out of a hat that they thought would reflect good taste on their part.

The two contemporary bands that Cold War Kids do owe a large debt to are the White Stripes and Spoon.

Lead singer Nathan Willett often steals Jack White's bluesy, oddly accented howl that was especially prevalent on the Stripes' first two albums, while the band tries to emulate Spoon's rhythmically propulsive pop-rock.

The Cold War Kids fail in both attempts. Willett's voice lacks the power to command a song like White, and the band seems unaware that, for a pop-rock song to be successful, it must have a hook to make it memorable.

Cold War Kids only succeed in inte-

grating their mimicry on "Hang Me Up to Dry" and "Saint John." Both songs owe a great deal to their bassist, who seems to have stumbled across two decent hooks, despite his best attempts to do otherwise.

"Hang Me Up to Dry" suffers a bit from "The OC" disorder of pleasant, but bland indie rock.

"Saint John" is probably the closest the band comes to achieving the Spoon-covering-the-White Stripes sound that they are striving for.

It's a standard blues tune about sitting on death row that works really well with the minimal drums/tambourine and slick bass line.

With the 10 other songs on the album, the band's formula fails to even scratch the surface of the listener's conscious.

The problems that plague "Hospital Beds," which has been inexplicably praised online, can be found throughout the album.

For the first 30 seconds, this actually seems like a very good song. Willett finally has an authority in his voice, and the pulsing bass and delicate piano chords do a very good job of complementing each other.

Despite its promising start, the song



DOWNTOWN RECORDS
The cut-and-paste, messy style of the cover provides a good impression of what to expect inside of Cold War Kids' 'Robbers and Cowards.'

goes nowhere. It turns into a drawn-out dirge with a barely existent chorus. Throughout the album, Cold War Kids seem to think that they can stretch a small sketch of a song for four min-

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TV REVIEW

Audiences should block '30 Rock' — and Tina Fey should've stuck to 'SNL'

BY ALEX LEONARD
Contributing Writer

Between reality TV, outdated game shows and nostalgic pop-culture flashbacks à la VH1's "I Love the '90s," view-

30 Rock



Starring Alec Baldwin, Tina Fey, Tracy Morgan and Jane Krakowski
Airs Wednesdays at 8 p.m. on NBC

ers sit back en masse to witness the stupidity and hilarity of people just like themselves. But there is something Americans enjoy laughing at more than themselves, and that's laughing at celebrities.

In this vein, "Saturday Night Live" has hit small-screen gold. Its universal appeal draws from the thrill of seeing the events of a celebrity's life being picked apart, mocked and rendered ridiculous every Saturday night.

This season, "SNL" has inspired two new NBC shows: a drama ("Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip") and a comedy ("30 Rock") the latter of which premiered



Alec Baldwin gets a 'Girlie Show' while he surveys his domain.

Wednesday night. Unfortunately, "30 Rock" doesn't provide the same brand of celebrity-mocking humor fans of "SNL" have come to expect. "30 Rock," is star Tina Fey's (formerly a writer and performer on "SNL") much-anticipated foray into the world of sitcom TV.

The show centers on the life of over-

mace. Gone are the days of the bubbly bespectacled brunette we've come to love; enter the depressed, cynical New Yorker. Starting from the opening scene when she yells at the man in line at the local hotdog stand, Lemon's grumblings continue throughout the rest of the show.

As with most sitcoms, "30 Rock" comes with the customary list of goofy, yet lovable characters: Jack Dugoutery, (Alec Baldwin) the suave 50-something studio exec, Jenna Maroney (Jane Krakowski), the token blond ditz, and Tracy Jordan (Tracy Morgan), the say-anything comedian. All three actors provide their usual brand of humor, but without many new twists and turns, leaving the viewer with the unsatisfying been-there-done-that feeling.

We've seen it all before, and we tire of the rehashed, contrived situations. How many times has fun-loving employee loosened up the obstinate boss or an inevitable romance occurred between a washed-up star and charming newcomer? While the idea of a show within a show seems appealing, it just provides two opportunities for unoriginal plotlines to plague the newest sitcom.

After following the antics of Fey and company, viewers are left wondering

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In Hollywood, it's bad boys who make really good movie subjects

BY JIM BECKERMAN
McClatchy Tribune

How to sum up George Washington: war hero, first president, father of the country, by common consent the most virtuous man in American history?

How about "box-office poison"?

In 110 years of movie history, Washington has probably made a cameo appearance in perhaps a half-dozen films. He also starred in two TV "event" films — a 1984 miniseries, "George Washington," and a 2000 TV movie, "The Crossing" (about the 1776 crossing of the Delaware). But as far as Hollywood goes, he's as absent from the big screen as he is ubiquitous on American currency.

Ed Gein — now there's a movie hero.

Psycho killer, necrophiliac, collector of body parts, a man who killed his victims, flayed them and wore their skins — that's what we like to see onscreen.

Which is why "Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning," which opened Friday, is at least the 12th film to be based, officially or unofficially, on the 1957 crimes of the nut job who inspired all the "Psycho" and "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" films, not to mention "Deranged" (1974), "Ed Gein" (2001) and "Silence of the Lambs" (1991).

Par for the course in Hollywood, where it's the bad boys who make the good movie subjects.

Don't think so? When did you see the movie about Buckminster Fuller? Isaac Newton? Jonas Salk?

Gandhi, Mother Teresa, Albert Schweitzer were all good for one film. Albert Einstein, 1 — counting Walter Matthau's comic turn in 1994's "IQ" (Sean Penn may appear in an Einstein movie next year). Martin Luther King Jr., probably the most lauded American of the past half-century, has rated a couple of TV movies (1978 and 2001) but no big-screen apotheosis.

Meanwhile, Adolf Hitler turns up onscreen every so often, in films ranging

from "The Hitler Gang" (1944) to "The Magic Face" (1951) to "The Desert Fox" (1952) to "Hitler" (1962) to "Hitler: The Last 10 Days" (1973) to "Our Hitler" (1980) to "The Bunker" (1981) to "Downfall" (2005), not to mention comedies like "The Great Dictator" (1940), "To Be or Not to Be" (1942) and "The Producers" (1968).

Al Capone has inspired, among other films, "Little Caesar" (1931), "Scarface" (1932), "Al Capone," (1959), "The Scarface Mob" (1962), "The St. Valentine's Day Massacre" (1967) and "The Untouchables" (1987).

Oh, and did we mention that there have been 39 films about Jack the Ripper?

"As someone once said, no one ever went broke underestimating the taste of the American public," says historian Thomas Fleming, who wrote about movies and history in the 1995 book "Past Imperfect."

Taste aside, Fleming has a pet theory as to why the popularity of historical characters in Hollywood seems to be in inverse proportion to their worth as people.

Bad guys, he says, get into trouble through their own misbehavior.

That's easier for the screenwriter to write — and easier for the public to understand — than a virtuous soul like George Washington, whose troubles are the result of outside forces.

"There's a problem writing about a very good person," Fleming says. "My definition of a narrative is a man in a hole. You feel if a man is in a hole, there has to be a personal flaw that got him in it. If he has no personal flaw, then it's hard to understand how he got there."

Fleming would dearly love to see someone make a full-scale historical epic about Washington. But he's not holding his breath.

"There's almost a total lack of interest in the Revolution," he says. "Those 18th-century costumes make them look like they're from Mars."

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"FRANCE AND THE U.S. TOGETHER IN A TRANSFORMED WORLD"

Jean-David Lévitte
Ambassador of France to the United States

Monday, October 16, 2006

4:00 - 5:30

ASEAN Auditorium

Ambassador Lévitte has had a distinguished career in French diplomacy, serving on the staff of two French Presidents and holding various senior positions in the French foreign service. He earned a law degree and is a graduate of Sciences-Po and the National School of Oriental Languages, where he studied Chinese and Indonesian.

Mr. Lévitte's first posts were in Hong Kong and Beijing in the early 1970s. In 1974, President Valery Giscard d'Estaing asked him to work on his staff at the Elysee Palace, where he stayed from 1975 to 1981. In 1984 he was assigned to his first position in the United States as Second Counselor at the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations in New York.

Upon returning to Paris, Mr. Lévitte was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary in the African Bureau. He was then assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Foreign Minister, a position he held from 1986 to 1988. In 1988, he was appointed to his first position as Ambassador and served as the French Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office in Geneva until 1990.

Mr. Lévitte returned to Paris in 1990 and held senior positions in the French Foreign Ministry, first as Assistant Secretary for Asia and then as Undersecretary for Cultural and Scientific Cooperation. After the presidential elections in 1995, President Chirac asked Ambassador Lévitte to be his Senior Diplomatic Adviser. He served in that position from 1995 to 2000. President Chirac then appointed him as French Permanent Representative to the United Nations in 2000. In New York, Ambassador Lévitte successfully handled several international negotiations, including resolution 1441 on Iraq.

Ambassador Lévitte presented his credentials to President Bush on December 9, 2002.

All members of the Tufts community are invited to attend this lecture.

A.R.T.'S "ISLAND OF ANYPLACE" ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL

If you're interested in children's theater and Traveling Treasure Trunk isn't performing, head down to Harvard Square instead!

The American Repertory Theatre (A.R.T.) in Cambridge presents the 15th anniversary of a production of a children's theater show called "The Island of Anyplace," closing this weekend on Saturday, Oct. 14. The show, written by Charles Marz and directed and choreographed by Thomas Derrah, features seven second-year A.R.T. and MXAT Institute for Advanced Theatre Training students. The show is written for young children and teaches them about theater, all while still appealing to their imagination. The main character, Jennifer, is a little girl whose father has forced her to go to the theater. There, she ends up enjoying herself, especially due to the fact that she finds herself in the role of playwright and director.

Through the adventure of a boy shipwrecked on a beautiful but lonely island, Jennifer teaches the audience about different aspects of theater, such as acting, directing, lighting, sound and costumes.

Several of the area's elementary and middle schools are bringing groups to watch the performances. This year, the show takes place at the Zero Arrow Theatre instead of the Loeb Drama Center. Weekend performances are Friday, Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. Tickets are available online.

OPENING NIGHT AT THE BSO FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Boston Symphony Orchestra opens its Custom Repartee series tonight at Symphony Hall, with special programming and discounts available to high school and college students for the Symphony's 2006-2007 season.

The Repartee series offers music enthusiasts ages 21 to 38 an opportunity to gather for pre-concert drinks, hors d'oeuvres and a preview of the evening's concert with a guest speaker specially selected by the BSO.

Tonight's opening event features BSO conductor Ludovic Morlot and acclaimed cellist Lynn Harrell, who will play Shostakovich's "Cello Concerto No. 1" in the evening's performance. Repartee series events taking place later this season feature guest artists such as violinist Joshua Bell and BSO conductor James Levine.

In addition to the Repartee series, the BSO is again offering its popular College Card Club program, which offers Boston-area college students the opportunity to hear up to a dozen concerts and three open rehearsals for a fee of \$25.

College Card Club holders can hear performances of works by a variety of composers, including Beethoven, Mozart, Schoenberg and Tchaikovsky. Students can also gain insight into the artistic process by attending open rehearsals with internationally renowned artists including Dawn Upshaw, Deborah Voigt, Anne-Sophie Mutter and André Previn. Tickets for BSO performances are available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the performance, and the BSO guarantees at least 100 tickets for College Card Club holders for each concert.

The Repartee series runs through May 2007, and the College Card Club offers concerts up through next April.

TUFTS GRAD 'NEVER SWIMS ALONE'

Recent Tufts graduate Daniel Balkin (LA '05) directs the Imaginary Beasts theater company's production of Daniel MacIvor's play, "Never Swim Alone," which opened last night and runs through next weekend in Lynn, Mass. Balkin fills the inaugural post under the company's Emerging Artists Project, whose aim is to foster promising young artists, while encouraging them to work locally.

Imaginary Beasts, formerly known as Iron-Rail Stage Co., was established two years ago under the auspices of LynnArts, and the company is currently part of an effort to vitalize Lynn's downtown arts district.

"Never Swim Alone," set over the period of one fateful summer, recounts the story of two childhood friends, Frank and Bill, who fall into deadly conflict over "the woman in the blue bathing suit."

The play runs from Thursday, Oct. 12 through Sunday, Oct. 15, and Thursday, Oct. 19 through Sunday, Oct. 22, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$12, with discounts for students. For more information call 978-555-5553.

— compiled by Julie Schindall and Leticia Frazao

Artists entertain and educate at Tufts' first Climate Fest

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Fencl said.

The clock may be ticking on climate change, but it's also counting down to a significant upcoming event in the near future: elections. Climate Fest falls at a crucial point for voters, as now is the time for them to make a decision and to translate these decisions into votes. One major goal of the event is to get people interested in environmental policy, both on the small and large scale. "Unless the national government is involved, local policy only goes so far," Fencl said.

Climate Fest is just one initiative that ECO is planning for the year. Another joint venture with TCI, "Get Clean, Power Your Room Green" is a dorm wind energy purchasing program. "It's basically giving students the chance to support last year's wind vote with a \$10-per-semester purchase of wind energy," said Fencl.

This \$10 roughly represents one person's carbon dioxide emissions per semester, on average. "It's a great way for students to take action on climate change," said Fencl.

ECO's programming, especially in terms of Climate Fest, has something for everyone. Saturday, performers should draw fans from a broad spectrum. Students looking for an amazing performance from their favorite Tufts group will be getting a whole new perspective on what those groups are about. This is an outlet for artists to use their talents for a cause and draw attention to an important issue.

It's not just about performance art—visual art aficionados can also feast their eyes on a wide array of aesthetically pleasing/environmentally minded artwork in the form of posters from a myriad of on- and off-campus groups. This is an avenue for visual artists to explore the duality of their craft: the exploration of aesthetics and the conveyance of a message. But regardless of the form, artists here express a very real, tangible message: Climate change is happening—we need to do something about it.

Climate Fest has more to offer than



COURTESY THE FIXATIONS

The Fixations will play ECO's Climate Fest this Saturday; judging by this picture, they're already used to doing it in the dark.

art in the conventional sense, such as environmentally friendly outdoor sportswear. EMS may be providing a showcase of new "green" products. This might appeal to Patagonia-clad outdoor enthusiasts who may be more familiar with the sleek look of a butterfly stove and the slim silhouette of a bivouac than the tone and timbre of a cappella group. Regardless of where

your artistic interests lie, Climate Fest will definitely fulfill your daily creativity requirement. Climate Fest aims to bring different kinds of people together to deal with a universal problem. The possibility of an annual Climate Fest relies on the success of this year's event. So if you've realized that it's getting hot in here, get over to Climate Fest and do something about it.

'Robbers and Cowards' about as hot as the Cold War

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utes. The results are a set of songs that become instantly and utterly forgettable after their one-minute mark.

Cold War Kids seemed to name their album all too honestly, because "Robbers and Cowards" are exactly what they are. It is easy to peg them as robbers with their rampant pilfering from superior bands.

To call them cowards is not quite as simple: They may strike out, but at least they did so while swinging for the fences.

Their ambition and drive to be an important band is palpable under the surface of the lackluster songs.

They are cowards, because they are unsure of who they are as a band and unable to craft their own identity, preferring to hide behind their influences in the hope that some of the glory rubs off on them.

Imagining Cold War Kids roving across the country supporting this album seems a strange mirror image to Kim Jong Il waving to his "adoring" crowds.

Both have their chests puffed out, thinking they have what it takes to become great—but in the end, they just don't know how ridiculous this all really makes them look.



DOWNTOWN RECORDS

When Cold War Kids aren't out making bad records, they enjoy spending time in the yard playing ball.

Fey, Morgan have 'SNL' reunion, sadly sans Kenan

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what genius twist will salvage the fate of the tired show-within-a-show arrangement. The messy climax of too many cats, a blond in hysteria and a

random interjection to save the day just doesn't cut it.

Unless you can't get enough of the "SNL" gang and their brand of sketch show humor, skip "30 Rock." However, if a lonely Wednesday night

rolls around and you're in the mood for an "SNL" fix (i.e. Rachel Dratch as a rogue "cat wrangler," arguably the single memorable event of the entire show) and can't wait until Saturday, then watch with caution.

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EDITORIAL

Don't blame Bacow

Over the last 10 years, to hear the students tell it, there has been a steady decline in the viability of the Greek system at this university. One by one, fraternities and sororities have fallen prey to the destructive predilection of an administration that hovers over them like a pack of rapacious vultures.

This, of course, is bollocks.

While there is a tendency to blame the administration for shutting down fraternities, the truth is that University President Lawrence Bacow and his administration have always acted favorably towards Greek life on campus. Indeed, Bacow's own sons were brothers (and officers) in fraternities, and he himself is still close to the other members of the fraternity that he joined as an undergraduate at MIT. "Give me a little credit," he says. "If I wanted to kill the Greek system, I could."

It wouldn't be hard, either. In the last few years Zeta Psi, Delta Tau Delta, and (most recently) Alpha Epsilon Pi

have run into trouble with the authorities in various incidents ranging from the trivial (holding a formal while on probation) to the life-threatening (hospitalization of a pledge).

Chi Omega, a sorority, was also put on probation, proving that the departures from university rules were not limited to the sterner sex.

Fraternities play an important role at Tufts, not only because they throw rockin' parties, but because of their contributions to community. Last year, many Greek organizations took part in Relay for Life, a benefit to raise money for cancer research, and raised thousands of dollars for the cause. There is a large Greek presence yearly at Halloween on the Hill and Kids Day, and Greek Week always contains a service component.

Anyone who took part in Sigma Nu's Sausage Fest last year (a benefit for testicular cancer) will be able to attest to the fact that fraternities are extremely innovative in the way that they approach to service, and this

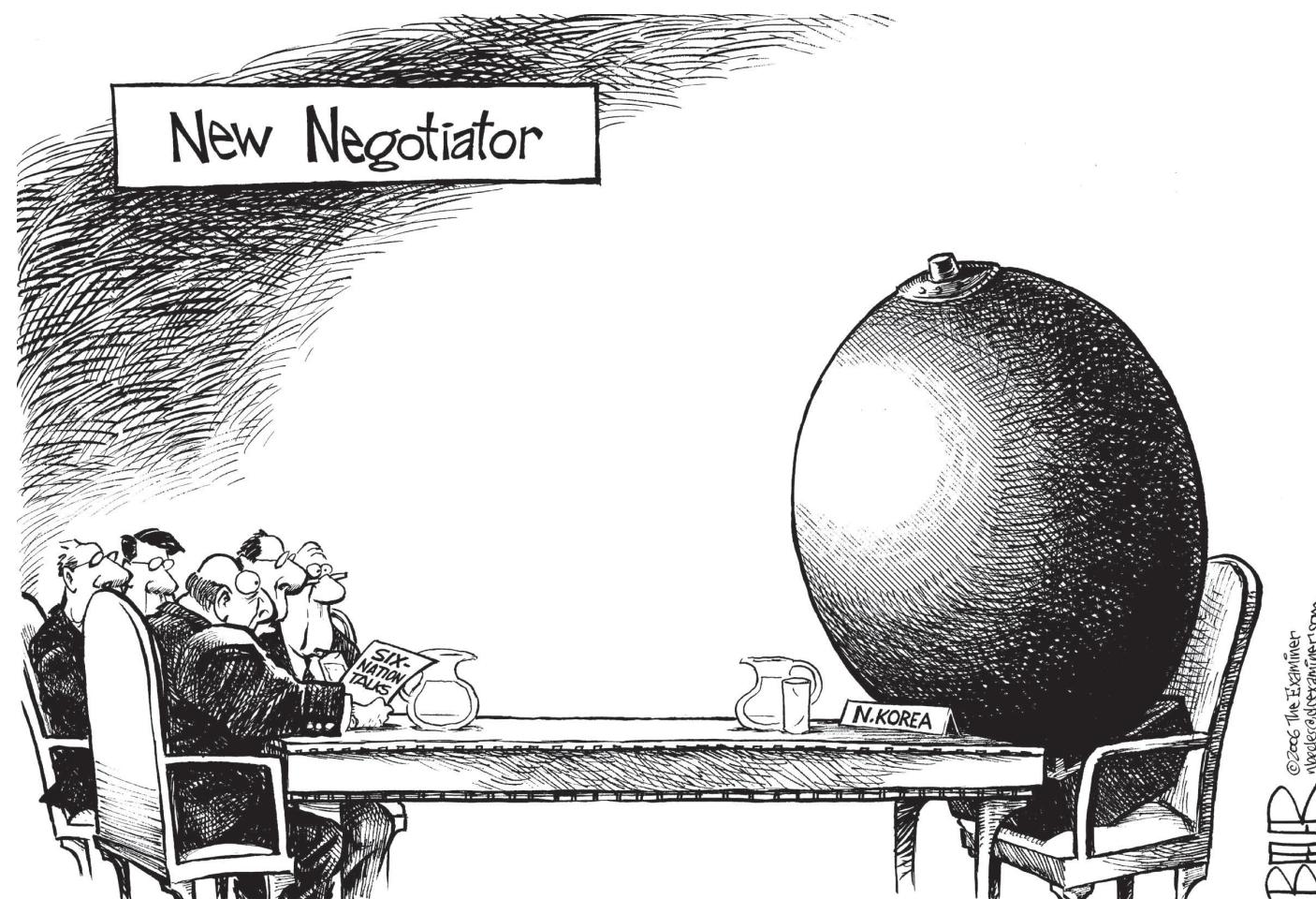
should be commended. The system does, of course, create social outlets for students in the form of parties, formals and smaller closed-door social events, but this is only a fraction of the impact that fraternities have on the university and the wider community.

Fraternity presidents and brothers all understand the risks and benefits of their activities, and many are currently reassessing their roles in the community. The most immediate effect of the perceived "crackdown" is that every house is seeking to raise its profile. This can only be a positive thing.

So go to the parties; eat, drink and be merry, but if you get a chance to wolf down a sausage for cancer or come by the house when they're entertaining kids at Halloween, they won't complain.

Greeks are giving a whole lot back to the community, and the administration is helping. Hopefully, they'll emerge from the latest developments better than ever.

NATE BEELER



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Newsworthy networks?

A recent study conducted at Indiana University found that the popular spoof news program "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart" contains as much substantive news content as programs that appear on major news networks.

How is this possible? The show itself states that it is the best fake news out there. Its Web page on comedy-central.com wryly proclaims that the show is "a nightly half-hour series unburdened by objectivity, journalistic integrity or even accuracy."

But if the results of this study are true, then a show that primarily functions as a parody of network news actually has as much news content as genuine news shows, and it is attempting to inform viewers. Before jumping to conclusions, we must examine the merit of the study.

Understanding what the study says is an important part of looking at its reliability. We do not believe the results imply that "The Daily Show" offers an immense amount of actual news, but rather that network programs are also increasingly emphasizing entertainment over news value.

The humor and outright untruths of "The Daily Show" are equal to much of the fluffy, feel-good stories and political hype that fill the evening news. In this regard, the study shows that both the Comedy Central program and network news are more concerned about ratings or getting across a certain political agenda than high journalistic standards.

In fact, network news might be even more clouded by bias and sensationalism than "The Daily Show." The University of Pennsylvania's National Annenberg Election Survey quizzed television viewers about the facts of the 2004 presidential election and found that 18- to 29-year-olds who viewed some form of late-night comedy show scored consistently higher on a political knowledge test than those who did not view such a program.

Specifically, those who watched "The Daily Show" had the highest scores, edging out four-day-a-week newspaper readers by 2 percent and beating those who watched network news at least four nights a week by an 8 percent margin. "Daily Show" viewers

were also more likely to follow politics closely than all but one group (consistent viewers of David Letterman) and the most likely to vote.

Participants who regularly watched network news or who watched no late-night comedy consistently had lower scores than those watching Jon Stewart's program. Together, the two studies provide credible data that show the news value of "The Daily Show."

We see these results not as an acclamation of "The Daily Show" but as a condemnation of network news. These studies should be a wake up call to network programs to change their reporting methods. Network news today needs to step up its coverage and begin to adequately inform viewers.

The networks are so caught up in political correctness and pleasing target audiences that they distort the truth. "The Daily Show" isn't real news, and it's not supposed to be. Don't blame Jon Stewart for making us laugh: It's his job. And guess what, big news networks? He's going to keep us laughing at you until you start doing your job and asking tough questions.

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Venezuela challenges U.S.-backed Guatemala for U.N. seat

BY PABLO BACHELET
McClatchy Tribune

Elections to seats on the United Nations Security Council are usually drab affairs, beyond the diplomatic chatter and a sense of international respect for the winners. But not this year.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is challenging U.S.-backed Guatemala for a seat, triggering what many analysts and diplomats are calling the hottest Security Council race in nearly 30 years.

The 192 U.N. member nations will vote at a General Assembly session Monday on which of the two countries will succeed Argentina for a two-year term in the council seat reserved for Latin America. A two-thirds vote is required to win. There's a chance that neither will prevail and another country will be chosen as a compromise.

Chavez's self-avowed campaign to forge a Third World bloc against Washington's "hegemonic tendencies" has transformed the race into a popularity contest between President Bush and the Venezuelan leader, who called Bush a devil last month during a speech to the General Assembly.

"In many ways, we can take this vote as a plebiscite on the U.S. position and how it's perceived within the U.N.," said Don Kraus, the executive vice president of Citizens for Global Solutions, a nonpartisan organization that advocates more cooperation among countries.

U.N. member nations also will vote Monday on council seats for representatives from Africa, Europe and Asia, but most of the attention will be on the Guatemala-Venezuela contest.

"I have never recalled so many media headlines" on a council election, said Heraldo Munoz, the U.N. ambassador from Chile. "The awareness has almost come to a man-on-the-street level."

To find a more contentious race, he added, one has to go back to Cuba's bids during the Cold War. In 1979, Cuba and Colombia went through 154 rounds of voting over three months—each failing to get the votes required for victory—before Mexico finally was picked as a consensus alternative.

Cuba ran again the following year, and after 23 rounds of voting in which several contenders rotated in and out, Panama emerged as the winner. Cuba eventually won a term, for 1990 and 1991.



JANET SCHWARTZ/MCT
President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela pauses during his arrival to the International Airport of Monterrey, in northern Mexico, on Jan. 12, 2004, for the Summit of the Americas.

A Chavez defeat would be a blow for his ambitions to become a leading voice of the underdeveloped world, while a victory would be an embarrassment for the Bush administration, which accuses the left-wing leader of everything from undermining democracy in Venezuela and around Latin America to failing to cooperate in the fight against drug trafficking and terrorism.

"This is about whether or not a state is responsible or simply wishes to have a constant struggle with the United States every day on every issue, thereby making the Security Council unworkable," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told The Wall Street Journal last month.

Chavez retorts that he's defending himself from U.S. plans to topple

him or invade his country and says Washington's policies are impoverishing people around the world. Each side denies the other's accusations.

Viewed as the world's premier multilateral conflict-resolving institution, the Security Council oversees 70,000 blue-helmeted peacekeepers worldwide and can slap sanctions on wayward nations.

The Bush administration fears that Chavez will use a Security Council seat not only as a platform to berate Bush but also to play an obstructionist role as the council debates hot-button issues such as Iran and North Korea. U.S. officials have complained that Chavez is using his oil wealth to expand his influence around the globe—and is looking for General Assembly votes.

The council's five permanent members—the United States, China, Great Britain, Russia and France—mostly call the shots, thanks to their veto power. But passing a resolution still requires at least nine votes in the 15-member body.

The presidency of the council is rotated among members for a one-month period, meaning that Venezuela could chair the body at least once during its term, serving as its representative and influencing its agenda.

Plus, the Security Council operates about a dozen committees, usually chaired by nonpermanent members, that monitor everything from sanctions against Sudan to counterterrorism and nuclear-proliferation issues.

Venezuela's candidacy has divided Latin America along its political and regional fault lines.

Central America, ruled mostly by conservative, pro-U.S. governments, is backing Guatemala. South America, run mostly by moderate leftist governments more critical of Washington, has tended to side with Chavez.

But there are exceptions: Colombia, one of the world's top beneficiaries of U.S. military aid, backs Guatemala. Peru, where a Chavez-backed presidential candidate was defeated in recent elections, plans to abstain.

The Caribbean Community—potentially benefiting from oil subsidies offered by Venezuela and opposed to Guatemala over its long-standing border dispute with Belize—has indicated that its 14 votes in the U.N. General Assembly might go to Venezuela.

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Childhood cancer survivors report problems

BY BONNIE MILLER RUBIN
McClatchy Tribune

At age 15, Loren LaFata was locked in an intense battle with leukemia that required a stem-cell transplant.

Seven years later, his cancer is in remission and he is studying to be an elementary education teacher. But that doesn't mean the illness isn't still part of his life. He deals with skin irritations and joint stiffness, and routinely has to get his esophagus dilated. He struggles to put weight on his lanky 5-foot-11 frame. At school, he has trouble with his memory.

"I try to find ways to not have the disease affect me," said LaFata, of St. Louis. "But, in some ways, I guess it always will."

LaFata's experiences are confirmed by a new study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* examining the long-term effects of childhood cancer.

The Childhood Cancer Survivor Study Group tracked more than 10,000 survivors—

the largest group ever followed. Some experts said the sweeping data are expected to do for childhood cancer what the Framingham Heart Study did for cardiovascular disease.

Among the findings: Almost one-quarter of the survivors reported having three or more severe or disabling conditions, including joint replacement, heart failure and cognitive dysfunction. Two-thirds of the patients reported at least one continuing illness.

"What we know is that even if you received treatment years ago—and may have felt fine—some of the effects of the therapy can lead to significant health problems down the road," said Dr. Robert Hayashi, co-founder of the Late Effects Clinic at St. Louis Children's Hospital and one of LaFata's physicians.

He is also a member of The Childhood Cancer Survivor Study, run by a consortium of 25 pediatric oncology treatment centers that put out the new findings.

The study underscores how

tricky it can be to manage the transition from pediatric patient to adult cancer survivor, according to the researchers.

"There's a dark side to being cured of cancer as a young person," Dr. Phillip Rosoff, an associate professor at Duke University School of Medicine, wrote in a commentary in the journal.

But there's also an upside: Until the 1980s, pediatric patients rarely lived long enough to develop such conditions. Nearly 20,000 U.S. children under age 21 receive a cancer diagnosis each year, of which 15,000 will join the ranks of long-term survivors.

"Not that long ago, the idea that we would even have kids living this long would have been unthinkable. But it's become a very active and important part of our research," said Hayashi.

When 10,397 survivors (mean age: 26.6 years) were compared to their brothers and sisters, the investigators found "cancer sur-

War takes toll on Army Humvees

BY JAMES JANEKA
McClatchy Tribune

The Army Humvees wait forlornly, lost in acres of damaged war machines with blown engines, missing hoods and scavenged parts. Grease pencil scrawls turn windshields cracked in Iraq and Afghanistan into gripe lists. Soldiers' complaints about breakdowns are stuck with duct tape.

All around are Humvees choked in Kuwaiti dust, trucks that succumbed to the weight of armor welded on by soldiers, and broken-down Bradley fighting vehicles from Iraq, their motorized ramps held up by industrial-strength bungee cords.

With the U.S. military critically overextended in manpower and funding, this crowded repair yard is yet another sign of the strain on the Pentagon—barely enough equipment to go around on the battlefield and not enough to train units back home. A

backlog of hundreds of vehicles awaits repairs in one lot alone, a testament to extraordinary wear and tear on U.S. military equipment.

"Half of it is in Iraq or Afghanistan, the other half of it is in the shop. Whatever's not in Iraq or Afghanistan is in pretty bad shape," said Michael O'Hanlon, senior fellow in Foreign Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

Primarily, training is hampered by the backlog, but the margins for equipment availability have rarely been so narrow for the U.S. military. If the nation doesn't have another war, O'Hanlon observed, "I think we'll scrape by."

For a glimpse of the stress on equipment produced by wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, look no further than East Patrol Road at the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, a sprawling former cotton farm on the Texas border with

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Backlog of damaged vehicles another sign of military's overextension

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Arkansas where contractors rush to rehab military vehicles as more arrive all the time.

As the cost of two wars pushes past \$500 billion and the death toll for American troops reaches more than 3,000 in Iraq and Afghanistan, repair backlog have meant equipment for anything other than fighting has been increasingly hard to repair in a timely manner.

In the partisan climate gripping Washington, the military depots have increasingly demanded attention in budgetary battles. Late last month, Congress gave the armed forces a supplemental appropriation that included an additional \$23 billion to fix or replace damaged vehicles. About \$18 billion of it will go to the Army, some for places like the Red River depot.

Here, the problems are as simple—and as serious—as tearing vehicles apart and rebuilding them from the ground up, fast enough for units to train with them before shipping out again.

The five depots in the Army Materiel Command face a backlog of 24,000 pieces of gear worn out in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Army says.

That includes radars and radios, Abrams tanks and the ubiquitous Humvee. Part of the pileup comes from 6,500 pieces of sand-pitted equipment the Army shipped home since January, almost twice what it sent back for overhauls the entire year before.

Another 7,000 pieces of damaged gear from Iraq was added to that number and awaits shipment home from Kuwait, as a cost-cutting program to overhaul and reuse damaged equipment gains momentum.

Officials say the latest approach

priation will pay to fix what is broken now but scarcely be enough to make headway with what overseas contractors and military contacts tell them is coming in the next 12 months.

"Our wheeled vehicle fleet is carrying armor on it that they were not designed to. Many of our wheeled systems are carrying hundreds, thousands of pounds more of payload than what they were initially designed to do," said Brig. Gen. Bob Radin, deputy chief of staff for logistics and operations at Army Materiel Command.

That added weight strains engines, weakens suspensions and bends frames, he said. Dust makes abrasives of lubricants that grind vehicles from the inside out. Worse, every vehicle sent overseas is driven far beyond anything it has been asked to do before.

"You could argue that our fleet is aging five times faster. Our aircraft fleet is aging twice as fast (as before the wars)," Radin said.

The strain has meant ambitious production schedules—and ever-higher demands for funding—for the Humvee, Bradley and 5-ton truck lines at the Red River depot and for the M1 Abrams tank line at Anniston Army Depot in Alabama.

Much of the best working equipment is left in war zones as a pool for replacement troops, the military says.

But new or rebuilt equipment goes to those forces as well, forcing a pinch on training options for units at home as they prepare to redeploy.

"It doesn't change the way guys in Iraq are operating so much, but ... units that deploy are the ones that are in the best shape. The problem is when you look under the carpet and you see the units that



Mechanic Robert Watson installs a new hood and windshield on a Humvee at the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, Texas, in September. The depot refurbishes equipment for use in Iraq and Afghanistan.

are not deployed," said Thomas Donnelly, senior adviser in the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington-based think tank.

These units often lack trained soldiers and their full set of equipment, he said, and "it's only when you're in the last six months or so before you're shipped off to Iraq or Afghanistan that you come up to a decent level of capacity."

Driving that reality is the crushing strain placed on military equipment in the Middle East, where it is used hard, caked repeatedly in dust and jostled heavily, said David May, who heads the Humvee production lines at Red River.

"They are wore and tore, real

bad," he said.

Borrowing tools and techniques from Detroit automakers, May's contractors rebuild a Humvee in Texarkana every 23 minutes for a total of 23 a day amid the clang of hammers, squeal of power tools and clatter of torque wrenches.

Hundreds more wait in lots around the base—a piecemeal pool that mechanics can work on between larger orders from beleaguered units. Unavailable to Army units, the stockpile of broken vehicles amounts to a backlog as they wait for repair.

It is not for lack of effort. Like racing pit crews, teams of workers in overalls pull apart the dusty Humvees. Worn out or obsolete parts are heaved into dumpsters to be hauled

away. Salvageable parts are tossed into smaller wire baskets to be power washed and passed to production lines.

The armored Bradley Fighting Vehicles nearby are more complicated to rebuild.

It takes 35 work days to do it, said John Moore, chief of Red River's combat division; 125 Bradleys were rebuilt for the Army on his line last year and hundreds more were sent on to contractors in Pennsylvania. The fiscal year that began last week saw 112 Bradleys on Moore's books already, he said.

The effort to step up Bradley overhauls has been "real big," he said. "And we're probably going to be busier this year than we were last year. And we were busy last year."

Amish schoolhouse is demolished

BY MELISSA DRIBBEN
McClatchy Tribune

The one-room schoolhouse is gone.

At 4:45 a.m. Thursday, under a misty gray dome of artificial light that could be seen for miles hovering in the ink-black sky over this Lancaster County farmland, bulldozers grunted up to the small building where five girls were murdered last week and, in minutes, reduced it to a pile of rubble.

"This community is so ready to try to get back to as normal as possible," said Sam Fisher, whose sons were among the volunteer demolition crews. "We need time to heal. I hope we get closure now that the school is down."

Twin backhoes bit into the remains of the one-story, stucco building, scooping up the splintered wood, dirt and concrete in their spike-toothed jaws. Silhouetted against the predawn darkness, the machines looked like long-necked dinosaurs, feasting on the wreckage. Four corrugated container trucks, as long as railway cars, carted the debris to a landfill.

"I don't know where," Fisher said. "And I'm glad I don't." He said he feared that fortune hunters might go searching for pieces of the building to sell on eBay.

About 50 volunteers, two-thirds of them Amish, worked steadily at the site for seven hours Thursday. While the heavy machinery clattered alongside them, men tore down fencing, removed a seesaw and backstop for the baseball field, and hauled away salvageable plywood.

One of the men had helped construct the school 30 years earlier. "It was like a dream," said one worker, who asked that his name not be used. "I was thinking, is this really happening? It's hard to grasp that this was the school. But it's a relief that it's gone."

Before noon, the site was completely

cleared and the scarred earth smoothed and planted with grass.

Fisher said that the surviving children from the Nickel Mines school had already gone back to classes elsewhere and that the group was composed of about 10 boys and one girl.

By Thanksgiving, the site of the massacre will be a memory in a meadow guarded by the two massive shade trees that stood on either side of the school.

All of the equipment, labor and material was donated, Fisher said. Reports that money from the more than \$1 million in donations to help the victims of the shooting would be put toward the demolition and reconstruction of the school are false, he said.

"I understand the land has been donated for a new school, and we will be building it ourselves, so there will be no cost for that," he said.

After the deluge of national attention that has been focused on this small village of mostly Amish farmers and laborers for more than a week, this religious, very private community had hoped to level the school behind the curtain of night, outside the public view.

Some news organizations arrived as early as 2 a.m., but were diverted by constables. By 4 a.m., members of the fire police and volunteers had set up yellow police tape and sparkling red flares to block the road that runs in front of the school.

Although the media presence has fallen dramatically, news-gathering operations have been here virtually nonstop since Oct. 2, when milk-truck driver Charles Carl Roberts IV shot 10 Amish girls in the classroom, killing five and then himself.

One of the most oppressive aspects of all this public scrutiny, Fisher said, has been the portrayal of the Amish as somehow sainted.

Nine of 15 votes are needed for seat

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Guatemala beat Venezuela in a vote earlier this year for a seat on the U.N.'s Human Rights Council, but Chavez has since traveled the globe in search of support, including trips to a vote-rich summit of 116 nonaligned nations in Havana last month and a July summit of 53 African Union countries in Gambia.

Venezuelan officials say they've secured the votes of most African nations and the 22-member League of Arab Nations plus China and Russia, among others. U.S. officials expect Guatemala to win the votes of many European and Asian democracies.

Observers think that Venezuela will

receive more votes than Guatemala on Monday but will fall short of the two-thirds threshold. Already, news reports in Latin America are suggesting that the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Uruguay or Panama may step forward as alternatives.

Guatemala has tried to shake off the notion that it's simply doing Washington's bidding. The country argues that it launched its election bid in 2002—well ahead of Venezuela—and that despite being a founding member of the United Nations and a contributor to some of its peacekeeping missions, it's never sat on the council.

Venezuela has had four previous stints on the Security Council, all before Chavez was elected president in 1998.

Childhood survivors more likely to develop medical conditions later on

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Survivors were eight times as likely as their siblings to have severe or life-threatening chronic health conditions.

Those with bone tumors, nerve cancer, brain cancer and Hodgkin's disease—which affects the immune system—were at highest risk.

Survivors were 54 times more likely to need a major joint replacement and 15 more times more likely to have a second malignancy and congestive heart failure. The investigators expect the adverse effects to only increase as this population ages.

Hayashi attributed the joint problems to steroids, which are commonly used to treat certain types of leukemia and lymphomas. In the case of bone tumors, the issue can be a result of surgery or the tumor itself.

Cardiac problems and subsequent malignancies may come from exposure to chemotherapy and radiation, he said. "But often there's such a long interval between treatment and symptoms that people don't make the connection."

And then, there are the psychological effects. "Cancer forced me to grow up faster," said LaFata, now 22 and a student at St. Louis Community College. "I have a totally different perspective than other people my age."

One out of every 640 adults between the ages of 30 and 39 is a cancer survivor, a number expected to increase as medicine advances. Until now, only small studies have been available to look at long-term effects.

"This group is clearly the standard by which all future studies should be measured," wrote Rosoff.

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Yuan T. Lee, background, wearing glasses, Susumu Tonegawa, second from right, and Walter Kohn, right, at a Nobel laureates forum in Tokyo on Wednesday.

Nobel laureates push for global cooperation

COURTESY YOMIURI SHIMBUN
McClatchy Tribune

Scientists must work with experts in a variety of fields to solve urgent problems faced by humanity, such as global warming and energy crises, panelists of a Nobel laureates forum said following the forum's opening this week in Tokyo.

The forum at Tokyo University's Yasuda Kodo hall inaugurated this year's "Creativity in the 21st Century with Nobel Laureates" forum series, organized by The Yomiuri Shimbun and NHK. The theme of the first session was "How Can Science Solve the Problems Man Faces in the 21st Century?"

"We must begin to realize society's current patterns of development are unsustainable," said Yuan T. Lee, winner of the 1986 Nobel Prize in Chemistry and President of Taiwan's Academic Sinica. "It's not enough for scientists to collaborate globally on scientific research. What we really need is for scientists to take the lead in removing national boundaries to solve global issues."

Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Susumu Tonegawa, who won the 1987 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, stressed the importance of basic research.

Tonegawa said: "Too much

importance is being attached to social contributions scientific research could provide. But some that does not prove immediately useful now may be important 10 or 20 years from now. It's important that society better understand this and becomes more willing to invest more in it."

In response to Tonegawa's comments, Walter Kohn, professor emeritus at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and winner of the 1998 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, said he believed the social importance of research projects was decided based on an economic viewpoint and that should be reconsidered.

Human rights court holds Russia responsible for Chechen massacre

BY ALEX RODRIGUEZ
McClatchy Tribune

The European Court of Human Rights ruled Thursday that Russian forces were responsible for the summary executions of a pregnant Chechen woman, her year-old son and three other family members during a military operation in 2000 that human-rights groups have called one of the worst single-day massacres in the separatist conflict in Chechnya.

At least 60 Chechen civilians were killed Feb. 5, 2000, during a mop-up operation by Russian federal forces in a suburb of Grozny, Chechnya's capital, just days after Russian troops had retaken the city. New York-based Human Rights Watch interviewed several witnesses who said Russian soldiers stormed into Novye Aldy, shot Chechen villagers point-blank, burned homes and raped at least six women.

Five of the villagers summarily executed were members of the Estamirov family, including Toita Estamirova, who was eight months pregnant, and her son, Khasan, 1. All were shot to death, and some of the bodies were partly burned.

The Russian government conducted cursory investigations into the killings but never charged anyone. In August 2000, surviving relatives brought the case to the European Court of Human Rights, which can order governments to pay restitution to victims of human-rights abuses.

Russia falls under the court's jurisdiction because it ratified the European Convention on Human Rights in 1998. The court criticized the Russian government for failing to properly investigate the Estamirov killings.

"The court notes that the investigation into

the deaths was never completed and that the individuals responsible were not identified or indicted," the ruling stated.

Officials with the North Caucasus military prosecutor's office declined to comment on the case, and a spokesman for Russia's North Caucasus military district could not be reached for comment.

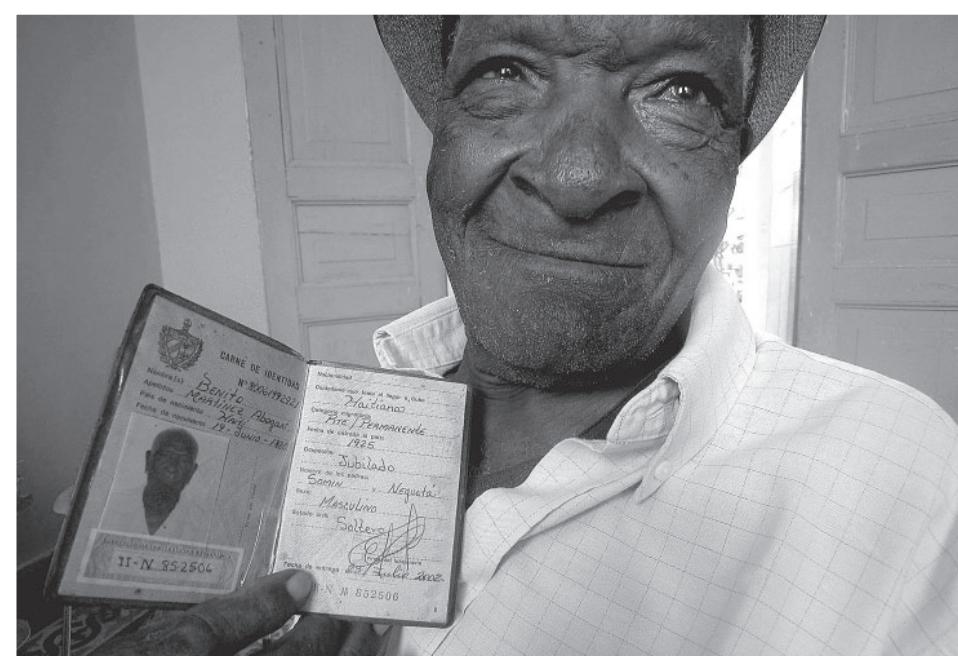
Russia has a long history of covering up abuses committed by its troops in its battle against separatist rebels in Chechnya, a small mountain province in Russia's North Caucasus region.

Many of those abuses have occurred in mop-up operations in which Russian troops or pro-Moscow Chechen forces conduct sweeps through villages to root out separatist fighters. Human-rights groups have documented numerous cases in which civilians were rounded up and tortured to extract information, and at times killed.

According to the court ruling in the Estamirov family case, Russian special police force units dispatched from St. Petersburg and the city of Ryazan conducted a house-to-house sweep through Novye Aldy in search of rebel fighters. At the time, the Grozny suburb had a population of about 2,000.

Witnesses told Human Rights Watch that the soldiers went on an all-day rampage through the streets, demanding money and jewelry from villagers and shooting at close range people on the street, in courtyards and in their homes.

A relative of the Estamirov family arrived at their house to find five of his relatives dead, Human Rights Watch reported. Khasmagomed Estamirov, 67, and his son, Khozh-Akhmed, 37, were lying near each other in the yard, both shot to death and burned.



GARY MARX/MCT
Benito Martinez claimed to be the world's oldest man. He is shown on June 3, 2005 holding his Cuban identity card that lists his birth date as June 19, 1880.

Cuban man, possibly 126 years old, dies

BY DOREEN HEMLOCK
McClatchy Tribune

The man considered Cuba's oldest—and perhaps the oldest in the world—has died at what is believed to be the age of 126.

Benito Martinez, who claimed he was born in Haiti in 1880, died in a hospital in Ciego de Avila in central Cuba after suffering from heart problems, the Communist Party newspaper Granma reported Thursday.

A former farm laborer, Martinez was the subject of a government campaign to promote healthy living.

He had attributed his long life to hard work, eating fresh vegetables, and smoking

completed recently and that 28 checkpoints manned by Iraqis now controlled the entrances to the city.

But he said death squads continued to operate in the capital after dark even in neighborhoods that U.S. and Iraqi forces had swept. He said he saw no way for American troops to stop that violence until Iraqis tired of the slaughter.

"You cannot have enough men under arms 24-7 to stop the hatred killings," he said.

In Baghdad, Caldwell said the increase in attacks on U.S. troops as well as Iraqi soldiers, police officers and civilians might be the result of the campaign to root out armed insurgents and death-squad supporters in the capital. He said the operation, which involves as many as 15,000 American troops and more than 40,000 Iraqi police officers, was exposing more troops and police to attacks.

Caldwell didn't tie the attack statistics directly to casualties, but the number of Iraqis killed in Baghdad also has risen. Nearly 2,700 Iraqi civilians were killed in the city in September, according to the Iraqi Health Ministry, 400 more than in August and nearly as many as died in July, when deaths reached a record high.

At least 40 U.S. troops have been killed in combat so far this month, according to iCasualties.org, a Web site that tracks the numbers of dead and wounded coalition troops in Iraq from defense department releases.

or drinking in moderation. He never married or had children, media reports said.

Martinez has said he came to Cuba from Haiti by steamship in 1925 to seek work as a laborer. He reportedly worked on a ranch owned by Fidel Castro's father.

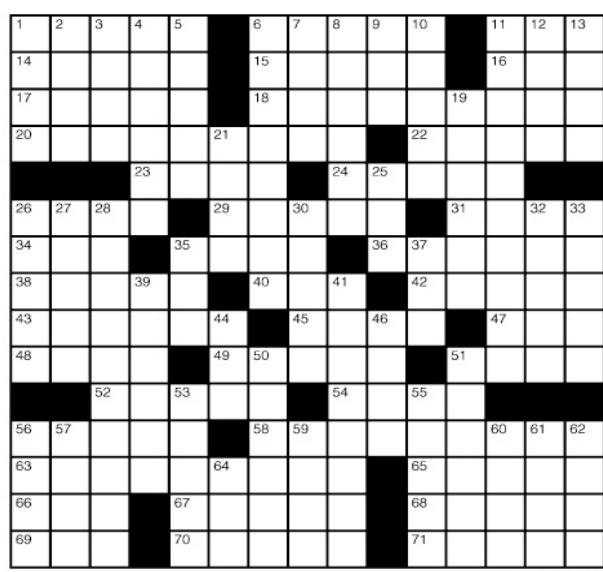
In his later years, he enjoyed tending the garden outside his one-room house and spending time at a senior center. He preferred to be active, even occasionally dancing, rather than sitting at home, media reports said.

Martinez's age was never authenticated because he lacked a birth certificate or baptismal record. But the outgoing man friends called Avion, or "Airplane," claimed to have turned 126 on June 19.

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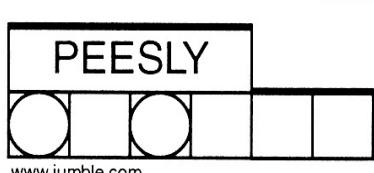
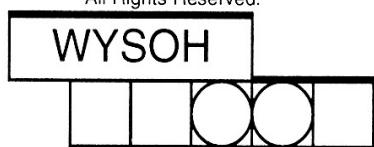
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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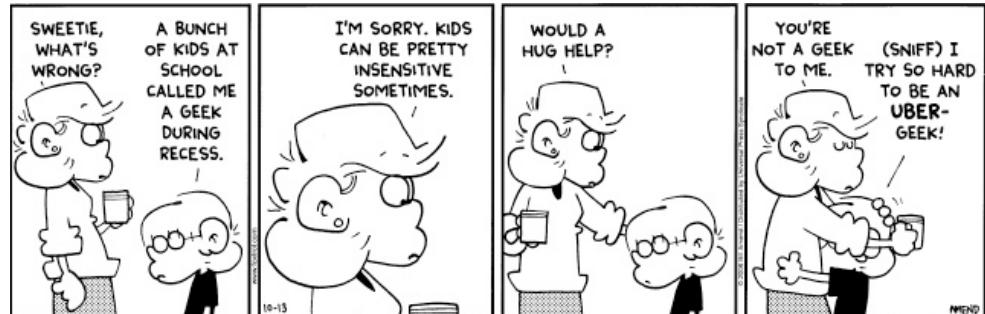
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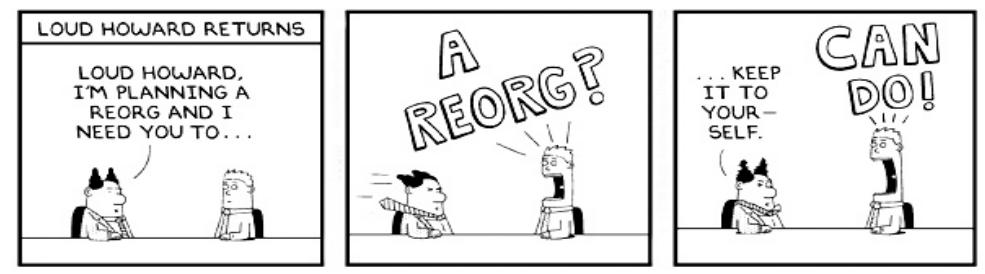
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Solution to Thursday's puzzle

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Flyers, Coyotes lead list of potential

NHL

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applicable to the competitive sport of hockey, which is not an integral part of outdoor life. Additionally, the channel is making an effort to air more games and not make the NHL second-string to other sports' reruns.

More importantly, hockey is quickly becoming the most competitive league in the sports world. There are close matches and dramatic finishes. It makes for an exciting show, thus boosting the NHL's viewership. Case in point: the NFL is the most popular American sport at the moment because on any given Sunday, the Tennessee Titans can come within a single point of beating the Indianapolis Colts. Plain and simple—close call games make good television.

This year's NHL is a veritable crapshoot and will likely remain so for many years to come. This is the logic behind a low salary cap—no one team dominates, and competition reigns supreme. In this environment, playoff predictions are notoriously difficult to make.

The bandwagon favorites last year were the **Ottawa Senators** and the **Detroit Red Wings** because of their star players and great records. Instead, the final four teams in the playoffs were the **Anaheim Ducks**, the **Edmonton Oilers**, the **Buffalo Sabres** and, the Stanley Cup Champion **Carolina Hurricanes**.

So who's the bandwagon pick for this year? Nobody. Every team has a legitimate shot. Even the **New York Islanders**, whose money management has everyone scratching their heads, thanks to their signing of mediocre goaltender Rick DiPietro to a 15-year contract. Though the Islanders' playoff chances are remote, anything is possible.

That said, there are certain teams that have a better shot at beating the odds.

The Ducks are well on their way to recreating the magic that led them

to the Western Conference Finals last year. The team is one of several lucky squads with two great proven goaltenders in Jean-Sebastien Giguere and Ilya Bryzgalov, who should each top the 25 win mark this season. Last year, the Ducks resurrected the career of star forward Teemu Selanne who now captains the young team.

In the East, the **Philadelphia Flyers** look good on the ice, despite their current 1-2-1 record. Superstar center Peter Forsberg was elected captain this year, following the retirement of eight-year captain Keith Primeau, and leads a plethora of talented young players such as Simon Gagne, Mike Richards, Jeff Carter, RJ Umberger and Jodi Pitkanen.

Like the Ducks, the Flyers also feature two great goaltenders in Robert Esche and Finnish sensation Antero Niittymaki. Philly's Finest have also solved some defensive riddles, ditching Kim Johnsson and Eric Desjardins in favor of faster defensemen Nolan Baumgartner, Randy Jones and Freddy Meyer. With any luck, they'll also get the memo that the oafish Mike Rathje should be chopping lumber somewhere back in Alberta. The biggest shock this year could come from the **Phoenix Coyotes**, coached by the great Wayne Gretzky. Gretzky spent the off-season signing veteran talent that his team desperately lacked last year, such as defenseman Ed Jovanovski. He will join former **Boston Bruin** Nick Boynton as addition to a blue-line corps that has four talented players under 25. The highlight reel will most likely be monopolized by star left-winger Ladislav Nagy, who, despite still recovering from a knee injury, intends to turn a lot of heads this year.

Will hockey re-emerge as a power-house of the sports world, as it once was? The jury is still out. But one thing is certain: NHL is the most competitive league in America, and no one can say with any confidence who will be holding Lord Stanley's coveted prize come June.

Defense logs fourth shutout in five

MEN'S SOCCER

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whistle, but Plymouth dictated play in the second half as the weather played a role.

"There's an old cliché in soccer about it being a game of two halves," Coach Ralph Ferrigno said. "The wind and rain was always going to make it a game of two halves. We had the wind and rain at our backs in the first half, and we absolutely tore them to shreds. In the second half, they had the wind and the rain, and they pushed up on us. We did a good job of keeping them out."

The Jumbos shuffled their starting 11 at the beginning of this match in part to compensate for injured tri-captain Greg O'Connell and usual starter sophomore Sam James, who is still recovering from injury as well and played a substitute role in the game. Freshman midfielder Ari Koburn and junior Alex Botwinick stepped into starting positions.

"Every time Alex Botwinick has come in the game, he's produced," Glass said. "He had a phenomenal game against Bowdoin. He was playing well, so coach decided he deserved to start."

Tufts had a fast start against Plymouth State and soon capitalized on the disorganized Panther defense when Jumbo sophomore midfielder Peter DeGregorio headed in a gorgeous long-ball from junior defender Alex Bedig over the hands of Panther sophomore goalkeeper Tyler Shute for a 1-0 lead.

Just 34 seconds later, junior forward Dan Jozwiak further deflated the Plymouth team with a header to the upper 90. Jozwiak and Botwinick worked a beautiful give-and-go play on the left-hand side, leading to a Botwinick cross for Jozwiak's fifth goal of the season.

Tufts has discovered a newfound productivity in front of the net and has scored 20 goals in its last five games, compared to a dismal six goals netted in the team's season-opening five winless matches.

"Confidence certainly is a key factor in finishing," Ferrigno said. "Early in the season when things weren't falling our way, I knew we had players who could score goals. You're just waiting for something to click or build some confidence to get involved in the process [of scoring]. As it's panning out right

now, we have both forwards and midfielders scoring goals. So far, we haven't looked back."

Tufts senior forward Mattia Chason added another to the Tufts tally at the 30:51 mark with a header off of senior Bob Kastoff's corner kick, the first of three goals that would come in the next 10 minutes.

James continued the scoring trend seven minutes later and slid the ball past Shute off an assist from DeGregorio for 4-0 lead. Chason, the team's leading scorer with seven goals, capped off the Jumbos' scoring run at the 39:29 minute mark, converting on a through ball from freshman midfielder Bear Duker. Tufts finished the half with 13 shots compared to Plymouth's three and eight corner kicks to the Panthers' two, indicating the Jumbos' complete dominance of the first 45 minutes.

The second half was an entirely different story. Plymouth controlled play and topped the statistics, logging 13 shots to the Jumbos' six and five corner kicks to Tufts' three.

"We should have definitely played just as hard [in the second half], but it was a non-conference game, and we were just trying to keep the shutout and not trying to get hurt," Glass said. "We weren't trying to run up the scoreboard."

Although the Panthers menaced several times, few of their shots came close to net, and freshman goalkeeper Pat Tonelli needed to make only three saves in the game. Earning its fourth shutout in five consecutive victories, the Tufts defense continuously frustrated the Plymouth attack, leading to three yellow cards against Panther players in the second half.

Senior Aaron Nass, who had returned after being sidelined last season with a blood clot in his lung, has anchored the Jumbo defense this season.

"The reason we were struggling so badly in our first four games is because he wasn't there," Glass said. "The moment he was a starter, we started winning. He's one of the most underrated people in the league, but we know how important he is to the team."

The Jumbos are in action on the road tomorrow against NESCAC opponent Trinity and look to improve upon their current 2-3-1 conference record.

Editors' Challenge | Week 6

Another week gone by, and the rankings remain almost unchanged as the distance between the top five pickers is slimmer than Deli Select ultra-thin lunch meat. Alex "Flowers in" Bloom managed to catch with Andrew "Lay out for it!" Silver at 43-17, courtesy of a 12-2 week. The biggest surprise is Rachel Dolin's "it out," who dished out a 13-1 record, perfect through Sunday's games, to pull even with the leaders. Evans "Tim McCarver is a god" Clinchy and Davey "Crockett" Pomerantz stayed knotted one game behind the top three with matching 11-3 weeks, although that doesn't really count, because Dave never sent in picks and instead piggybacked on Andrew Silver's 11-3 clip. Cheating, I say! Andrew "Male

Pattern" Bauld "ness" finished the week at 40-20, falling behind the leaders with a 10-4 week.

Tom "Still a Deadskin fan" Eager went 10-4 to even up with Liz Hoff "the wall," who had the second-worst record of the week at 9-5, paying dearly for picking against her hometown Eagles. Kelley "the Rhino" Vendeland saved Hoffman from dead last with a 8-6 record that did little help her on the road to .500. A long road it is, Kelley. We've got faith in you.

Week 6 offers a bye for the Pats, two in-state match-ups (Houston at Dallas and San Diego at San Francisco), and at least six games not even worth watching.

OVERALL RECORD LAST WEEK	Rachel 43-17 13-1*	Andrew S. 43-17 11-3	Alex 43-17 12-2	Evans 42-18 11-3	Dave 42-18 11-3	Andrew B. 40-20 10-4	Liz 37-23 9-5	Tom 37-23 10-4	Kelley 30-34 8-6
Buffalo at Detroit	Buffalo	Detroit	Buffalo	Buffalo	Detroit	Buffalo	Detroit	Buffalo	Detroit
Carolina at Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Carolina	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Carolina
NY Giants at Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	NY Giants	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta
Houston at Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Tennessee at Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Tennessee
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati
Philadelphia at New Orleans	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Seattle at St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	St. Louis	St. Louis
Miami at NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	Miami	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets
Kansas City at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
San Diego at San Francisco	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego
Oakland at Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver
MONDAY NIGHT									
Chicago at Arizona	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Total Points	42	85	37	51	47	43	40	42	24

MEN'S TENNIS

Team takes to the court for the final action of fall season

BY EDDIE MISHAN
Contributing Writer

The men's tennis team has had a full plate this fall season.

The Jumbos, who only played in three tournaments in last year's first-ever men's tennis fall season, have shifted their focus, participating in six tournaments this year in order to thoroughly prepare for the spring season. Coach Doug Eng intended to use this fall to strengthen his roster and fine-tune the team for the longer, tougher, more important spring season.

"The fall season is more of a tournament format," Eng said. "It provides relatively easy matches and is good for individual play and acts as a springboard for the spring season. We try to win on effort. We try to work harder than anyone else."

"We want a more athletic team with more agility. Our players need to get more natural at the net."

Doug Eng
coach

Eng's philosophy of hard work was evident in his decision to enter his team into the Dartmouth Invitational on Sept. 15-17 against more challenging Div. I opponents. Despite falling short on the scoreboard, the Jumbos were able to identify weaknesses in their game early in the season and work to remedy them.

"[The fall season] puts an emphasis on doubles points," Eng said. "And we are really pushing our doubles and volleying skills."

The Jumbos have stumbled in their tournaments this fall, and currently hold a 3-14 singles record in tournament play and a 0-11 record in tournament doubles. However, despite a lack-luster tournament performance, the Jumbos have won both of their non-tournament matches thus far with a 6-3 win over Salve Regina and a 7-2 win over Babson.

Today, the Jumbos will participate in the Wallach Invitational at Bates, their final tournament of the fall season. The Jumbos

have a precedent of success in the tournament, having sent several players to the finals in the 2005 season.

"Traditionally we do very well at the Wallach Invitational," Eng said. "We think that we can do very well this year. Not like the Dartmouth tourney, which was Div. I."

"It's always a really good tournament," said senior tri-captain Sean McCooey, who is currently sidelined due to a hand injury. "I'm really bummed that I can't play this [fall] season. But based on how the team has done so far, I think they'll do great."

As the final tournament of the season draws closer, the team has discovered a new asset in the spectacular performances from their freshman. The fall's play has allowed freshman members of the team to get a good feel for collegiate level tennis, boding well for the competitive spring season.

"The freshman group is very solid," Eng said. "They greatly add to the depth of the team. Their mental game has certainly increased."

This year's freshmen include Jon Trott, who was unstoppable in the matches against Salve Regina and Babson, winning all of his singles and doubles matches (6-0, 6-1, 6-0, 6-3 in singles and 8-5, 8-4 in doubles) and Andrew Rosen, victorious in both his matches so far. Untested Daniel Landers and Bryan Wilner, both of whom have not yet played, round out the freshmen lineup.

"It's looking really promising for the spring," McCooey said. "We've got some really talented players."

Eng noted that several seasoned players have made great progress this fall. The coach described sophomore Vinh Tran as a very solid player at the baseline but as one who still needs to get stronger at the net. Senior Corey Keller has also grown as a player throughout the duration of the fall season.

"[Keller has] had a very streaky up and down career, but I feel that his game has taken a few big steps forward in the past couple of weeks," Eng said.

Eng feels, however, that the team could still use some basic improvements.

"We want a more athletic team with more agility," he said. "Our players need to get more natural at the net."

STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Field Hockey (6-3, 3-2 NESCAC)			OVERALL		
CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	W	L
Williams	6	0	1.000	10	0
Middlebury	5	1	.833	8	1
Bowdoin	4	1	.800	7	1
Trinity	3	2	.600	6	3
Tufts	3	2	.600	6	3
Wesleyan	2	3	.400	5	5
Bates	1	3	.250	4	3
Conn. Coll.	1	4	.200	4	5
Colby	1	5	.167	2	6
Amherst	0	5	.000	2	6

Individual Statistics

	G	A	Pts
Ileana Casellas-Katz	3	6	12
Michelle Kelly	5	0	10
Marlee Kucher	3	1	6
Stacey Watkins	2	2	6
Tess Jasinski	1	3	5
Brittany Holiday	2	0	4
Kathleen Martin	1	1	3
Corey Green	1	0	2
Emma Kozumbo	0	1	1
Jennie Williamson	0	1	1
Katie Pagos	0	0	0
Goalkeeping	GA	S	S%
Marilyn Duffy-Cabana	11	58	.841

Women's Soccer (5-2-2, 3-1-2 NESCAC)

CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
W	L	T	Pct	W	T
Amherst	4	0	.900	7	1
Williams	4	1	.750	7	1
Middlebury	4	2	.667	6	2
Tufts	3	1	.667	5	2
Colby	2	1	.583	6	1
Bates	3	3	.500	7	3
Wesleyan	3	3	.500	5	5
Bowdoin	1	4	.250	3	5
Conn. Coll.	0	4	.100	2	6
Trinity	0	5	.083	2	7

Individual Statistics

	G	A	Pts
Lauren Fedore	5	1	11
Martha Furtek	3	3	9
Fanna Gamal	3	1	7
Rebecca Abbott	1	2	4
Whitney Hardy	1	0	2
Jessie Wagner	0	1	1
Joelle Emery	0	1	1
Abby Werner	0	1	1
Kim Harrington	0	1	1
Jen Fratto	0	0	0
Annie Benedict	0	0	0
Goalkeeping	GA	S	S%
Annie Ross	7	41	.854

Jumbos look to cage Bantams, move to 4-0

FOOTBALL

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interception in 2005. "We needed that win, so we came out and played really aggressively and just tried to keep it close. Unfortunately we couldn't quite come away with the win."

Then-junior Gennaro Leo led all rushers in that game with a net gain of 58 yards on the ground for the Bantams. Now a senior, Leo has proven himself to be the NESCAC's elite running back, leading the conference in both yards (267) and touchdowns (three).

"Gennaro's a very talented runner," coach Bill Samko said. "We're going to have to play our best to stop him."

If any league defense can stop the Trinity senior, it's the Jumbos', who already have six players in double-digits in tackles. Sophomore linebacker Tyson Reynoso has a team-leading 23, including 13 in the Bowdoin game, while senior quad-captain Chris Decembrele has 21 as a defensive end. The Tufts unit is second in the league in scoring defense, averaging just six points allowed per game.

"I think we have a very talented D-line and talented linebackers," McDavitt said. "I think if we do what our coaches have been telling us to do all week, we'll be fine."

Leo was a preseason All-

American and is the reigning NESCAC Player of the Week, thanks to a 110-yard rushing effort in the Bantams' 13-0 win over Hamilton last week. However, Trinity's strategy of relying on a single dominant running back isn't the only way to run an offense, and Tufts has proven that this season.

"We don't run the ball too bad ourselves," Samko pointed out. "Who's the No. 1 rushing team in the league?"

The answer would be the Jumbos, who have gained a total of 495 yards on the ground this season to lead the league. Junior Brendan Georges leads the way with 237 of those yards, good for third-most in the NESCAC. But Georges is just one of nine Jumbos who have carried the ball at least once in the team's first three games.

Another is sophomore Will Forde, the leading rusher in last weekend's 16-6 win over Bowdoin, who had 12 carries for 70 yards. Meanwhile, two others, juniors Matt Gaylord and Chris Guild, have each recorded a touchdown for the Jumbo offense. The multi-faceted running game has worked well for Samko so far, and that shows no signs of slowing.

"That's the plan," Samko said. "It keeps people fresh. Plus, they all have a bit of a different style. So that's been the plan all along, and I don't see

that changing, to be honest."

The passing game, meanwhile, is in the hands of senior quarterback Matt Russo. Russo has been an accurate passer in the Jumbos' first three games, going 32-for-52 with zero interceptions. His quarterback rating sits at 143.1, the second-best mark in the league.

"I think it's shown in the first three weeks that he's very composed and very talented," McDavitt said of Russo. "If he continues to do what he's been doing, we'll have a great shot Saturday."

While Trinity is definitely recognized as the league's powerhouse team, Samko stressed the importance of not obsessing over just one game.

"I said to our team on Monday, 'How many guys think this is the biggest game we've played this year?'" Samko said. "Ninety percent of them raised their hands. And I told ninety percent of my team, 'No, you're wrong—every game's the biggest game.' This is no more significant than any other game." We're just going to take it one game at a time."

But a win would be a huge step forward for the Jumbos, who haven't beaten Trinity since a 9-7 win exactly five years ago today, on Oct. 13, 2001. Their next chance will come at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, as the two teams square off in Hartford, Conn., at Jesse/Miller Field.

SCHEDULE | October 13 - October 18

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
Field Hockey	@ Trinity 11 a.m.				vs. Wesleyan 4 p.m.	
	Football	@ Trinity 1:30 p.m.				
	Men's Cross Country					
	Women's Cross Country	Plansky Invite @ Williams 12:15 p.m.				
	Men's Soccer		@ Trinity 12 p.m.		vs. UMass Dartmouth 4 p.m.	
	Women's Soccer	@ Trinity 11 a.m.		@ Keene State 5 p.m.		
Volleyball	vs. Bates 8 p.m.	vs. Colby 12 p.m.		@ Conn. College 7 p.m.		
Jumbocast	Volleyball	Volleyball, Football				

Men's Soccer (4-4-1, 2-3-1 NESCAC)

CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
W	L	T	Pct	W	

VOLLEYBALL

Jumbos will strive for consistency in NESCAC weekend

BY JEREMY STRAUSS
Contributing Writer

When the volleyball team took the court in 2006, it had top-notch talent, a strong program history coming off the 2005 NCAA run, and all the tools for a NESCAC title. But for coach Cora Thompson, those pieces will not add up to a banner without one key ingredient. "We're still looking for consistency," Thompson said. "With volleyball it's hard to keep that consistency. We have to create new momentum for every match."

At times, the Jumbos have looked unbeatable, coming up with key defensive digs and head-spinning kills. And yet at other times, unprovoked errors and inconsistency within matches have hampered the team. The two losses on the Jumbos' 2-2 NESCAC record—a 3-1 loss to Wesleyan on Sept. 15, and a 3-2 loss to Amherst last Saturday—were both comebacks that fell short after Tufts rallied to tie the score.

But heading into the second NESCAC weekend of the season, the Jumbos seem to be starting to find this consistency. Tufts lost a tough match to Amherst last weekend but quickly bounced back to beat Middlebury 3-0 and Brandeis 3-1. While Tufts started off on the wrong foot against the Judges, dropping the first game with some weaker play, the momentum from the three straight game wins could carry over into this weekend.

"We're still looking for consistency. We have to create new momentum for every match."

Cora Thompson
coach

"We're all pretty excited about this weekend," said junior Katie Wysham, who led the team offensively against Brandeis with 18 kills on 35 attempts. "Every win is a boost. We're excited to keep our undefeated home record."

This weekend, in their fifth and sixth league games of the season, the Jumbos will face the Bates Bobcats and the Colby Mules, both at home. Currently, Tufts' 2-2 record places it sixth in the NESCAC.

"It's still pretty early, but I think both teams are a concern," Thompson said.



The volleyball team celebrates its 3-1 win over the Brandeis Judges at Cousens Gymnasium Tuesday night. The team now stands at 15-5 on the season going into its second NESCAC weekend of the season.

"Both are very important games in the [league] standings."

The Jumbos have not played either the Bobcats or the Mules this season. With that said, Tufts does have a history with Colby. The Jumbos suffered three 3-0 shutout losses at the hands of the Mules last season, one of which ended their hopes at a league title and the final one in the NCAA Tournament's Round of 16. Against Bates, Tufts managed shutout wins in both matches against the Bobcats last season.

"[Bates and Colby] are both equally mysterious," senior co-captain Kelli Harrison said, who also posted a strong offensive outing on Tuesday night with 16 kills. "We don't know much about either team [this season]."

Thompson emphasized the importance of playing cleaner volleyball in the league games this weekend. The Jumbos had 35 attack errors against the Lord Jeffs last weekend and five serving errors, with many coming at the worst possible moments.

"We need to minimize our errors," Thompson said. "It absolutely killed us with Amherst. We're beating ourselves. In a sport like this, it's rally scoring, so if you have six errors, you give them six

points. It can be pretty frustrating."

"If we don't play as a team we don't play well," junior Katie Wysham said.

The Jumbos are hoping for solid performances this weekend from Harrison, Wysham, and sophomore Stacy Filocco, the three strongest forces on at the net this season. Sophomore Maya Ripecky is quickly becoming a hot defensive commodity; she posted a season-high 25-dig performance on Tuesday, following 21 against Middlebury and 20 in the team's loss to Amherst. Freshman Brogie Helgeson contributed eight kills on Tuesday, and senior Cecilia Allende came up big at several key points against the Judges.

"[Harrison, Wysham, and Filocco] have been very consistent, but it's hard to pull out players," Thompson said. "It's such a team sport."

The Jumbos now have a chance to double their league win total and raise their standings in the NESCAC. This weekend will also give Tufts an opportunity to prove some consistency in league play.

"We have a pretty good vibe right now," Harrison said. "We had a really solid practice, and we're excited to get back into NESCAC play. We have a good feel against the NESCAC."

INSIDE THE NHL

Competition is the name of the game on the ice

BY PATRICK MANAHAN
Senior Staff Writer

The NHL is on strike again! Just kidding.

But it begs the question: Would anyone have cared? Would anyone even have noticed?

Despite record attendance numbers last season and higher TV ratings than expected, the NHL still suffers from the same ailment that plagues Major League Soccer and Major League Lacrosse: marketability.

The TV bidding war last year over hockey seemed to be a good omen, as theoretically networks would not bicker over a broadcast that had no commercial viability. Apparently this was wrong. Comcast outbid Disney and stuck the NHL on the Outdoor Life Network (OLN), the equivalent of ESPN 8, the "Ocho". They proceeded to sideline hockey broadcasts for reruns of last year's bull riding championships and low budget white-tailed deer hunting programs, showing hockey games only twice a week.

However, there's some good news in the hockey corner this year. OLN changed its name to Versus, more



Teemu Selanne of the Anaheim Ducks and Sergei Samsonov of the Edmonton Oilers go head-to-head in Game Two of the Western Conference Finals last May. Selanne has resurrected his career, and looks to captain the Ducks' return to the playoffs in the 2006-07 season.

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MATT MERTENS | FREELANCER

South Beach needs a cup of Joe

Miami Dolphins head coach Nick Saban made headlines during the preseason when

he declined a dinner invitation from President Bush. His rationale for snubbing the leader of the free world: getting his team ready for training camp.

Though it was certainly a gesture of commitment (some might say myopia), given the woeful play of the Dolphins thus far, Saban probably could have taken a night off to eat with Dubya—all that preparation hasn't exactly translated to the field.

Miami was a trendy preseason pick to challenge the Patriots in the AFC East, and Sports Illustrated even said that the Dolphins would go to the Super Bowl, but they have started 1-4, with their sole win coming over equally terrible Tennessee. Former Pro Bowl quarterback Daunte Culpepper has looked like a shell of his formerly dynamic self, and the offense has struggled to move the chains.

But fear not, Dolphins fans! Waiting in the wings is the nonpareil Joey Harrington, ready and able to hop on the field, take the reins, and ride this team to victory! I sense a similar situation brewing in Miami to that which occurred in Foxboro in 2001: Drew Bledsoe suffered a severe injury, there was much wailing and rending of garments, and then backup quarterback Tom Brady jumpstarted the Patriots' mini-dynasty by leading the team to a Super Bowl win.

I can hear the scoffing from the readers now. "Matt, surely you cannot be suggesting that Joey Harrington, Detroit Lions first-round bust, the guy fans booed out of town, is the next Tom Brady?"

That is precisely what I am suggesting, readers. I realize that the Patriots just beat the Dolphins, which is not an auspicious start for the Joey Harrington Era, but he was probably just nervous from playing against his idol Tom. In fact, I'll even offer four reasons why Joey Harrington is bound to be an excellent NFL quarterback very soon.

1. *Joey was a great college quarterback.* He was 25-3 as a starter, a Heisman Trophy finalist his senior year, and a first-team All-American. No quarterback that successful in college will be a total flop in the pros: just look at Eric Crouch, Tim Couch, and Ryan Leaf, all of whom were great in college and bound to blossom into NFL QBs any day now.

2. *Joey is a concert-caliber pianist.* It is virtually impossible to reach that level of excellence without a lot of hard work; being a top-flight quarterback requires dedication. Thus his musical experiences have prepared him well for his future superstardom. In addition, gifted piano players must be skilled and graceful in the movements of their fingers. Try throwing a football without moving your fingers: it's not pretty. Fingers are a vital part of being a quarterback, and Joey has excellent ones.

3. *Joey is ruggedly good-looking.* This is an often-overlooked aspect of football. Joey's firm gaze and chiseled jaw infuriate the defense, so they'll pursue him all over the field. Offensive coordinators can exploit this tendency in their play-calling: for example, roll Joey to the right and then throw a cross-field screen pass to the left side. Defenders will be so eager to unload on Pretty Boy Harrington that they'll be drawn out of position and Miami will waltz in for the touchdown.

4. *The Law of Averages.* Joey hasn't been very good in the NFL—yet. The average starting quarterback completes roughly 60 percent of his pass attempts, but Joey has a career completion percentage of less than 55 percent in his first four seasons. The law of averages suggests that he will break out to complete 65 percent of his passes over the next four seasons to bring his career mark to an *average* of 60 percent! Numbers don't lie, folks. Only a true star can throw the ball with such deft accuracy.

The Fish might be floundering now, but Joey Harrington will be a franchise life preserver. When Joey leads Miami to victory in Super Bowl XLI, his first of several championships, Nick Saban had better just hope that he'll still receive an invitation to the White House for the awards ceremony.

Matthew Mertens is a sophomore who has not yet declared a major.

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Saturday showdown with NESCAC titan Trinity looms

BY EVANS CLINCHY
Daily Editorial Board

Going into this weekend's contest against the Trinity Bantams, the Tufts football team knows exactly what it's coming up against—one of the greatest dynasties the NESCAC has ever seen.

Trinity has won the past four NESCAC championships, dating back to 2002. That year also marked the beginning of the nation's longest winning streak, a 31-win run that began in October 2002 and that lasted until Sept. 30 of this year, when the Bantams finally fell to the Williams Ephs. The Bantams are now 2-1 on the season and looking for their third win. Three teams—Tufts, Williams and Middlebury—have surprised the conference by starting off 3-0, and this game will be the Bantams' chance to work their way back to the top of the standings. Trinity needs this win to have a shot at their fifth consecutive NESCAC title.

But the 2006 Bantams are not the same team they were during most of their undefeated 2005 season. Coach Chuck Priore has moved on to coach Div. I-AA Stony Brook University, and new coach Jeff Devaney has lost several key players from last year's team, including Michael Blair, one of the league's top defensive ends, and Bill Schweitzer, his starting quarterback.

"Obviously they're a different team," said senior safety Bryan McDavitt, who was a key player in last year's 7-0 loss to the Bantams. "They graduated a lot of



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The football team bowled over the Bates Bobcats on Homecoming Weekend, coming back from an early 9-0 deficit to win 21-12. The Jumbos now take on the Trinity Bantams on the road tomorrow afternoon, as they look to improve to 4-0.

seniors. But it's not an easier game this time; we're definitely not approaching it like that. We haven't beaten them in the three years that I've been here; I know that. We've got to play our best football."

The Jumbos did just that against Trinity last season, and it was almost enough to snap the historic winning streak. On Homecoming 2005, the Jumbo

defense held the Bantams to just seven points, their lowest total all season, but in the end, Tufts was dealt a crushing 7-0 loss.

"We had just come off a frustrating loss against Bowdoin, so we were 2-1," said McDavitt, who stifled a third-quarter Trinity drive into Tufts territory with an

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A touch of (bad) luck?

Beware, young Jumbos. Today, the perfect storm of spooky and superstition collide: Friday, the 13th of October. We decided we couldn't let this opportunity for bad puns and general obnoxiousness pass. Plus, it got us thinking: is there anything to it? How unlucky is the number 13? Behold, our completely unscientific assessment.

But first, a little history:

On Friday, Oct. 13, 1307, King Philip IV of France ordered the mass execution of the Knights Templar. In 1791, the HMS Friday was launched on Friday the 13th (appropriately enough, she was captained by one Jim Friday) and was never heard from again. While the origins of the superstition are unknown, it has been reinforced over the years, turning up in odd hotel construction and cheesy horror flicks.

Famous sufferers of paraskvidekatriaphobia (tuck that one away, Boggliers: it means an irrational fear of Friday the 13th, and according Dr. Donald Dossey, who coined the term, it may affect as many as 21 million Americans) include Napoleon Bonaparte, Otto von Bismarck, Mark Twain and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. (We thought the only thing we had to fear was fear itself?)

And now onto the world of sports, where the number 13 carries its own superstitious baggage. Here are a few who have dared to put it on their jerseys:

Ralph Branca, a pitcher with the Brooklyn Dodgers, surrendered Bobby Thomson's "shot heard round the world" home run in the 1951 playoffs. Houston Astros reliever Billy Wagner missed time in

the 1998 season when a line drive struck him on the left side of the head. Jeff Fassero wore No. 13 with the Chicago Cubs in 1999 and went on to a 5-14 mark and a 7.20 ERA, the worst major league single-season ERA since 1937.

Dan Marino, the famed Miami Dolphins quarterback, holds the NFL records in single-season passing yards, career touchdowns, and career passing yards. He had it all except the Super Bowl ring, and with an arm like that, you can only chalk it up to bad luck.

However, a little closer to home, some of Tufts' best athletes have laughed in the face of superstition. Volleyball kills leader Kelli Harrison, softball ace Erica Bailey, and field hockey points leader Ileana Casellas-Katz all don #13 when they compete. [Editor's Note: the Sports Department apologizes in advance for jinxing these players.]

But Courtney Bongiolatti (LA '05) wore #13 as a freshman before switching to #7 ... and hitting a New England record 14 home runs during her senior season. Dan Jozwiak, who is currently second on the men's soccer team with five goals, has found considerably more success in #11, after sporting #13 during his freshman and sophomore seasons.

There's really no consensus here, as our haphazard and entirely unscientific shuffling of the numbers proves. So enjoy your Friday, young Jumbos, and don't let yourselves get mired in superstition. And for all you competing in #13 this weekend, break a leg.

— by Liz Hoffman and Tom Eager

MEN'S SOCCER

Dangerous Jumbos keep on rolling



Junior midfielder Alex Botwinick slide-tackles an opposing player during Wednesday night's game against the Plymouth State Panthers. With an assist in the Jumbos' 5-0 win, Botwinick now has eight points on the season, good for third place on the team.

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Fives all around.
The Jumbos defeated the Plymouth State Panthers, the fourth-

MEN'S SOCCER
at Bello Field, Wednesday
Plymouth St. 0
Tufts 5
Scoring: Chason (2), DeGregorio, Jozwiak, James
Saves: Tonelli (3)

ranked team in New England, in a

5-0 rout on Wednesday night, following up on Saturday's 5-0 shutout against NESCAC foe Bowdoin, pushing the Jumbos' record to 5-4-1 on the year and extended their winning streak to five games, a streak that began with a similar 5-0 trouncing of Salve Regina on Sept. 26. And just for good measure, the Tufts win ended Plymouth State's own five-game winning streak in emphatic fashion with five goals in the game's first half.

"We can't ask for more than five goals, in one half especially,"

senior tri-captain Jon Glass said. "It's easy to come in after the streak we've been on and get a little over-confident and come out a little flat. I think, though, that we still have a chip on our shoulder after our slow start."

The match, played in a continuous downpour, was a physical contest, with 14 cumulative fouls and four yellow cards. The Jumbos excelled in the first half, scoring all five goals prior to the halftime

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