

SIS Project continues through second phase

BY AUDREY MICHAEL
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The Student Information System (SIS) Project, a university-wide initiative to replace the current SIS with a new, more modern system titled Integrated Student Information System (iSIS), is proceeding on schedule and is currently in the second phase of its approximated three-year development.

As part of Phase Two of the project, titled "Development, Testing, Training and Rolling Go-Lives," the SIS Project team is going live with parts of iSIS and holding workshops to help staff and faculty learn how to use the new system.

"Many students will find their way through it, but for staff and faculty the interface is going to be quite different," Martha Pokras, executive director of planning and administration and chair of the SIS Project Steering Committee, said. "We have waves of moving into the new system before training programs for people using that system."

The project began in July 2011, and Phase 2 officially began in February 2012. The final phase of the SIS

Project is expected to begin in October 2013, which will include stabilizing and making adjustments to the final iSIS. Students can expect to register for fall 2013 classes through the new system.

In its most recent development, the SIS Project team released the first SIS User Experience Survey across all Tufts schools.

"The survey is being administered to students, faculty and staff to get a sense of everyone's perspective of the current SIS," Associate Provost for Institutional Research and Evaluation Dawn Terkla, a SIS Project Steering Committee member, said.

A total of three surveys will be released to evaluate both SIS and iSIS over the course of the next few years, according to SIS Project Communications Manager Christine Michael.

"By asking questions about current SIS, we have the opportunity to compare the user experience regardless of the specific system," Michael told the Daily in an email.

"This creates an opportunity for us to potentially optimize both iSIS and the user experience across Tufts."

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With first steps, divestment advocacy group weighs options

BY MARTHA SHANAHAN
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The Responsible Endowment Collective (REC), a student group advocating for the removal of fossil fuel companies from Tufts' investment profile, has begun meeting with the Tufts administration to discuss the specifics and feasibility of its campaign.

At a meeting with Executive Vice President Patricia Campbell in Ballou Hall on Friday, about 20 REC members asked that Tufts divest from the top 50 of Carbon Tracker Initiative's list of 200 publicly traded oil, gas and coal companies within three years and completely divest from the list within five years. The companies are ranked by the volume of carbon held in their reserves, the burning of which contributes to climate change.

REC presented a newly formed list of requests and 867 petition signatures from Tufts students at the meeting but came in with low expectations, Simon Metcalf, a senior and founding REC member, said.

"Obviously we knew we weren't going to walk in and have Tufts agree to divest from fossil fuels, and I wasn't



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Students from the Responsible Endowment Collective on Friday met with Executive Vice President Patricia Campbell to present a petition and requests regarding Tufts' divestment from fossil fuel companies.

expecting this meeting to yield any changes whatsoever," Metcalf said.

However, the group's requests were not immediately dismissed during their first meeting with the administration.

"I applaud this," Campbell said at the meeting. "I agree that this is something we need to be worried about and that the world had better get its act together and respond."

The first step in the progression of REC's campaign is for the group to convey the specifics of its message.

REC founder Dan Jubelirer, a sophomore, explained that the request is about Tufts setting an example with its investments, not about environmentally friendly policy on campus.

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International Relations Program to release open-access research

BY JENNIFER WHITE
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The International Relations (IR) Program on Friday will launch an ongoing seminar discussing research conducted in Indonesia by faculty and students, making the data

available for anyone at Tufts to study.

This open-access and interdisciplinary research project allows any interested students and faculty, regardless of their department, to use the data for their own analysis, according to Director of

the IR Program and Associate Professor of Economics Drusilla Brown.

"The idea is to give students the chance to be part of a cutting-edge piece of research," Brown said.

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The International Relations Program will this week release data collected from their first-ever open-access interdisciplinary research project, which looks at women's participation in the Indonesian workforce.

Student plan improves access to birth control

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The student health insurance plan, used by about 30 percent of Tufts students, has incorporated coverage of birth control without a co-pay in the wake of President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act.

The act's provision on birth control went into effect nationally on Aug. 1 and for students using Tufts' student health insurance provider, Aetna Student Health, on Aug. 31.

The policy eliminates the co-pay associated with generic contraceptive pills, NuvaRing, the diaphragm or intrauterine devices (IUD) for students on Aetna Student Health.

Other insurers will adopt the policy on a rolling basis.

"Sometime over the course of this year, your health insurance will be rolling over to follow the guidelines of the Affordable Care Act, and when that happens, you'll be able to have contraception without a co-pay," Medical Director of Health Service Margaret Higham said.

While Tufts' provider took up the policy at the beginning of this semester, students

insured through other providers may see the changes on their policies at varying times, according to Senior Director of Health and Wellness Services Michelle Bowdler.

"Plans cycle at different times," Bowdler said. "We are telling students to call ... their insurance company and find out when the new policy takes effect."

While it is too early to assess how the policy will affect the number of students who seek prescriptions for birth control and other forms of contraception, Bowdler said she hopes it will lead to better reproductive health on campus.

"The theory behind it is that it will improve health and reduce other collateral costs that are difficult and expensive," she said.

Members of the Tufts community can also access Plan B, or other emergency contraception, through Health Service in two ways, Bowdler explained.

One option, she said, is over the counter at the Health Service offices on Professors Row.

"If they do that, it's \$14 or \$15

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IR Program to hire more undergraduate researchers for project

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Over the course of the semester, the seminar series will present the data collected from research conducted last summer, according to Brown. The series is meant to invite multidisciplinary discussion on further development of the research, she added.

"We wanted to have a seminar to talk about issues [and] directions of analysis to take and to understand the data set," Brown said. "From these seminars, people get ideas."

Faculty collaborators in the project thus far span the Community Health Program and Departments of Economics, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology, she said.

The research, funded by the International Labor Organization and the Australian Agency for International Development, examine the reasons behind women's low workforce participation in Indonesia.

Assistant Professor of Political Science Nimah Mazaheri in June led a field team that included psychology Ph.D. Laura Babbitt (LA '11) and four under-

graduate students to East Java, where they conducted interviews of various members of the population, including unemployed and employed women, civil servants and families.

The team then used those initial field conversations to formulate a survey that was randomly administered to 1,000 men and women in Java, according to Mazaheri.

In preparation for the field investigation, senior Blair Read and three other undergraduates were hired in May and June to compile an extensive literary review of existing published studies related to this research topic, Read explained.

Senior Katherine Monson, who worked on the review from an economic angle, said the study of women's employment barriers lends itself well to interdisciplinary collaboration.

"You can look at it from a feminist angle, from the view of a labor organization, from a cultural perspective," Monson said. "It's about wanting to get that 360 view."

"I think there'll be a lot of interesting results that we might not be expecting, especially since there's the psychological perspective added to it," Read, one of two

undergraduates applying the research to a senior thesis, said.

While the complete scope of the collected data has yet to be analyzed, Mazaheri said preliminary findings indicate that men's traditional social dominance may have the strongest influence on women's low labor market participation in Indonesia.

"Some of the main barriers to women's employment in Indonesia were relating to patriarchy and cultural norms that would prevent the ability of women to work outside of their domestic responsibilities," Mazaheri said.

Other important factors to consider include high unemployment levels and a surplus of unskilled labor in Java, he said.

Associate Professor of Political Science Richard Eichenberg expressed excitement not only about potential implications of the research data, but also about the impact of the project on the IR community.

"The primary reason that it's exciting is that this is intellectual camaraderie—having students and faculty work as a team is great," Eichenberg said. "What has largely been an interdisciplinary teaching program is now an

interdisciplinary research program."

Monson said she has enjoyed the unique opportunity to work alongside faculty through this project.

"There's a different relationship that comes when you work with [faculty] as a research assistant," she said.

Brown said the IR Program is looking to hire more undergraduate research assistants this year to work on the project. Undergraduates have been involved in the project since its inception and will continue to play integral roles as the research develops over the next few years, she explained.

"This could be a project that as a community we use long-term," Brown said. "And if we're lucky there will be other opportunities to go into the field and students can get involved in that."

Brown said that this open-access, interdisciplinary project is the first of many that the IR Program intends to house.

"Hopefully within a year, IR will have four of these projects," she said, adding that the other projects in the works aim to attract students and faculty with focuses ranging from the natural sciences to literary and visual studies.

New insurance policy eliminates cost barriers to contraceptives

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and they can do that through a nursing visit," Bowdler said.

Alternatively, students on Tufts insurance can order their prescription through a pharmacy after seeing a nurse at Health Service and then collect it at the pharmacy for free.

The fee for collecting Plan B over the counter at Health Service is a continuing policy that is a necessary cost for maximizing convenience and privacy for students who do not want to go through a pharmacy to purchase Plan B.

"We want to charge students what it costs us, and the more that we can let students know that we have it, the happier I am," Bowdler said.

However, Higham said the new policy has lessened the importance of cost as a point of discussion when students consider their birth control options.

"We certainly prescribe lots of contraception, and people will often ask us what's the least expensive thing we can get," she said. "It hasn't changed how we practice ... but it does remove some cost barriers for people, and that's terrific."

Without a co-pay, Higham said, peo-

ple may have more choices than were previously available to them due to higher costs.

"We're particularly excited for the cost barrier being removed for things like the IUD, which is a really fabulous form of contraception," she said. "I think this will help make it more readily available to people."

Bowdler said the removal of barriers to accessing birth control will especially play a role in the choices that people make about their reproductive health while in college.

"Certainly [these choices are] important, especially if we can prevent pregnancy or [sexually transmitted infections]," she said.

Bowdler emphasized that Health Service is an important resource for students with questions about reproductive health.

"We want them to feel comfortable and safe discussing any issues with us," she said. "We want them to be aware that we offer emergency contraception and that if they have questions about whether they are considering becoming sexually active or if they want to consider the [contraceptive] method that they're on or make changes, this is something that ... we can help them with."



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In accordance with a provision of the Affordable Care Act, the student health insurance plan now offers coverage of certain contraceptives without a co-pay.

iSIS to offer university up-to-date technology

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The second survey will be sent out next fall to evaluate the early progress of iSIS, and the third survey will be sent out in fall 2014 to evaluate iSIS after it has been in use by Tufts students and faculty for a year, according to Pokras.

"We expect some things will be better, and some things will be worse," Pokras said of next year's survey results. "We expect some parts [of iSIS] won't be mature."

"Ultimately, with data collected over a three year period, we would like to compare where the student information system works for Tufts or for a school within Tufts," Michael added.

Terkla hopes to see increased satisfaction with the new system after a year or two.

"The reason we're capturing data now about people's perceptions and feelings about old SIS is so that when we go back and survey students and faculty members after they've had new SIS, we can look at the differences," Terkla said.

iSIS is hosted by a software called PeopleSoft Campus Solutions, according to

Pokras.

"It's robust enough to handle our complex needs at Tufts," she said.

The university began planning for the SIS Project about four years ago, then began planning seriously about two years before starting the project last year, according to Pokras.

"We were aware that it was time for a change," she said.

Parts of the current system are 25 or 30 years old, according to the SIS Project website.

Pokras said that SIS' planned and unplanned downtimes were a major reason for the development of the new system. He added that the old system does not work well with tablet computers and is not conducive to creating mobile apps.

"People would come back from abroad or other universities and say our system [was much older] than other schools' systems," she said.

Pokras cited the need to protect students' information with the most up-to-date technology possible.

"We need to treat students' information with the utmost respect," she said.

Divestment hindered by trustee bylaws

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Because Tufts, like many other universities, does not divulge which companies it invests in, the group does not know how many of the 200 companies are featured in the university's portfolio, Metcalf said. The goal is not to single-handedly find a solution to climate change but to set a precedent, he added.

"The purpose of this campaign is not to strike a major blow to the fossil fuel industry, rather it is to take a political and moral stand on the issue of climate change and attempt to reintroduce it into the national conversation," he said.

The responsibility for directing the investments in Tufts' endowment lies with the Board of Trustees and specifically the Board's Investment Committee, Campbell said.

Campbell told the students that in the past the Board has been open to limited amounts of student input about investments, such as with the three-student Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility (ACSR) created by the Board in 2007. She encouraged the group to prepare a research document for presentation to

the Board.

"I think that the Board of Trustees is always really eager and happy to hear from students with well-researched points of view," Campbell said.

Yet regardless of whether the Board and the Investment Committee are open to hearing from REC, Campbell said there are legal limits on how much the Board can vary and control specific investments.

The limits written into the Board's bylaws include a commitment to protect the returns on the university's investments, she said.

"They take their decision about how we invest in order to protect that endowment and obtain the return that we need so that the endowment can be here forever," Campbell said.

In addition, the Board last year shifted away from direct investments in companies to entrusting fund managers with the endowment, Campbell said. The Board has signed a non-disclosure agreement with these companies that prohibits them from naming the companies in which the fund managers have invested.

"We don't buy directly in our

endowments," Campbell said. "It's a little hard, technically, for us to say, 'Stop doing that,' because in fact we don't do it. We do hire experts in different types of investments and hire the best in those areas to invest on our behalf."

At the meeting, Jubelirer cited research that suggests that socially responsible investing could be carried out without the university's endowment taking a significant hit. He told the Daily that REC plans to incorporate this evidence into a report to the Board of Trustees.

"We're going to be sending them a letter and meeting with them eventually," Jubelirer said. "We're going to make the case that we can do this and in the long run it can perform just as well. It's in Tufts' financial interest to divest."

Metcalf said that the meeting with Campbell was an important first step in spreading campus awareness about the issue of fossil fuel divestment.

"I believe that [Campbell] is genuinely sympathetic with our cause, and from her telling of it, other members of the administration are as well," he said.

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Complexity of women's rights issues in election provokes strong reactions across campus, country

BY EMILY BARTLETT
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Women have a huge stake in this election. With President Obama and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney taking such different stances on issues such as funding for women's healthcare, equalizing women's wages and abortion, an influential female demographic will be instrumental in the election's outcome.

In every presidential election since 1964, the number of female voters has exceeded the number of male voters, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. Moreover, the proportion of eligible female voters that hit the polls has surpassed that of male voters in each election since 1980. With this in mind, women will be paying close attention to the issues that affect them most directly.

These issues most recently entered the election's discourse during the Oct. 11 vice presidential debate, when Vice President Joe Biden and vice presidential candidate Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wisc.) faced off on the subject of abortion.

Ryan immediately made the Romney campaign's position very clear: "The policy of a Romney administration is to oppose abortions with exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother."

This is slightly different than Ryan's personal views — a fact Biden did not neglect to mention.

"In the past, he has argued that there was — there's rape and forcible rape," Biden said. "He's argued that in the case of rape or incest ... it would be a crime to engage in having an abortion. I just fundamentally disagree with my friend."

Associate Professor of Political Science Deborah Schildkraut commented on this disconnect.

"Ryan found himself having to say 'in this administration,' rather than 'this is what I would do,'" Schildkraut said. "He,

by being chosen as [the vice president] has to advocate for the policies that would be enacted by the president, rather than necessarily what he would do if he got the chance. So that puts the Republicans in a slightly more divided and awkward position than the Democrats."

Despite this rift, the differences between the two parties are clear: Obama supports the right for women to have an abortion, while Romney thinks this option should be available only in specific circumstances.

This is clearly outlined on both candidates' official websites, with Romney's stating that "he believes the right next step is for the Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*" — a historical Supreme Court case that removed many state and federal regulations on abortion — and "as president, he will end federal funding for abortion advocates like Planned Parenthood."

Although Obama's website does not directly mention the issue of abortion, it comprehensively states: "President Obama believes a woman's health care choices are

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personal decisions, best made with her doctor — without interference from politicians."

Sophomore Ruby Vail, head of Tufts Voices for Choices (VOX), maintains that a woman's right to choose is a fundamental viewpoint taken both by her personally and by VOX, which is an affiliate group of the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts.

"I think that everyone is entitled to the right to choose — that you should be able to decide when you're going to have a child

and become a parent," Vail said.

According to junior Aliza Gordon, the Planned Parenthood liaison for Tufts VOX, the group does not receive direct financial support. Vail does not think that a cut in federal funding to Planned Parenthood would be disastrous for the existence of the group on campus.

"If Planned Parenthood were to be shut down, the group would still be on campus because there's more than enough interest. But it would obviously be a different group," she said.

Director of the Women's Center Steph Gauchel described the possible implications of reduced funding for Planned Parenthood, not just in terms of abortion but other services as well.

"It seems important to think about the broad spectrum of resources and healthcare that Planned Parenthood can provide," she said. "It's not just going to nip abortion in the bud, but it's going to remove access for women in terms of healthcare needs."

According to figures compiled by Planned Parenthood in 2009, abortions only comprise three percent of all services provided. Beyond abortion, 70 percent of the services are for contraception and sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and treatment and 16 percent are allocated to cancer prevention.

Dean of Academic Affairs for Arts and Sciences Nancy Bauer expressed concern for the often-misinterpreted role of Planned Parenthood.

"Planned Parenthood is associated with being an abortion factory, but it's anything but. Many women rely on it for most of their gynecological healthcare," Bauer said. "A lot of young women rely very heavily on Planned Parenthood to help them through the confusing years of coming to understand their sexuality, especially if they are heterosexual."

About a third of Planned Parenthood's funding comes from federal, state and local governments, and it is against federal law for any government funding to be spent on abortion services.

Navigating the abortion issue becomes

difficult when considering unique opinions and situations.

"It's so hard because abortion is such a tricky issue. I'm not personally religious so I don't have that influence, but I definitely respect it," she said.

In fact, statistical evidence suggests that many Americans support Mitt Romney's stance concerning abortion, with 52 percent of American adult respondents in a 2012 poll conducted by Gallup supporting the notion that abortion be "legal only under certain circumstances." In a different question, 50 percent of American adults distinguished themselves as "pro-life," whereas a record-low 41 percent reported to be "pro-choice."

For those looking for a president taking a pro-choice stance, many feel that it was unlikely that Romney would truly take a strong stand against abortion upon taking office due his changing outlook over time.

"As governor, Romney was pro-choice, but he has changed his views for the sake of the national election as he's had to appeal to conservatives," Interim Program Director for Women's Studies Sonia Hofkosh said.

Bauer felt that this changing stance indicated a lack of conviction concerning these issues.

"I would be astonished if Mitt Romney, when he was elected, actually went after abortion laws," she said. "It's conceivable he would, but his heart wouldn't be in it ... there are a lot of other things to be worried about in this country right now."

Schildkraut echoed this sentiment.

"Some of this might be his genuine viewpoints now, I mean what [is] one person's flip-flop might be ... genuine evolution over time," Schildkraut said. "Maybe he really did start out as pro-choice and is genuinely pro-life now. Even if that's true, I just don't get the sense that it's the social issue that drives him to run for president."

Although abortion is one of the more contentious issues within this election, it is one of many that would have a significant impact on women.

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act is a piece of legislation that helps women receive equal pay rights within the work place. This was the first piece of legislation that Obama signed as president, while Ryan voted against the act.

"The Lilly Ledbetter Act ... was a very divided partisan vote, so at [the very] least the parties are split on this issue," Schildkraut said. "I think this stakes out a claim of one party in that issue being more of an advocate for women's rights in terms of pay."

Romney has not definitively stated whether or not he would have signed the bill, but Romney's aides have now made a clear statement that if Romney were elected, the act would not be repealed.

"Then there are these partisan debates about access to contraception ... which also stake out a pretty clear difference between the parties," Schildkraut said.

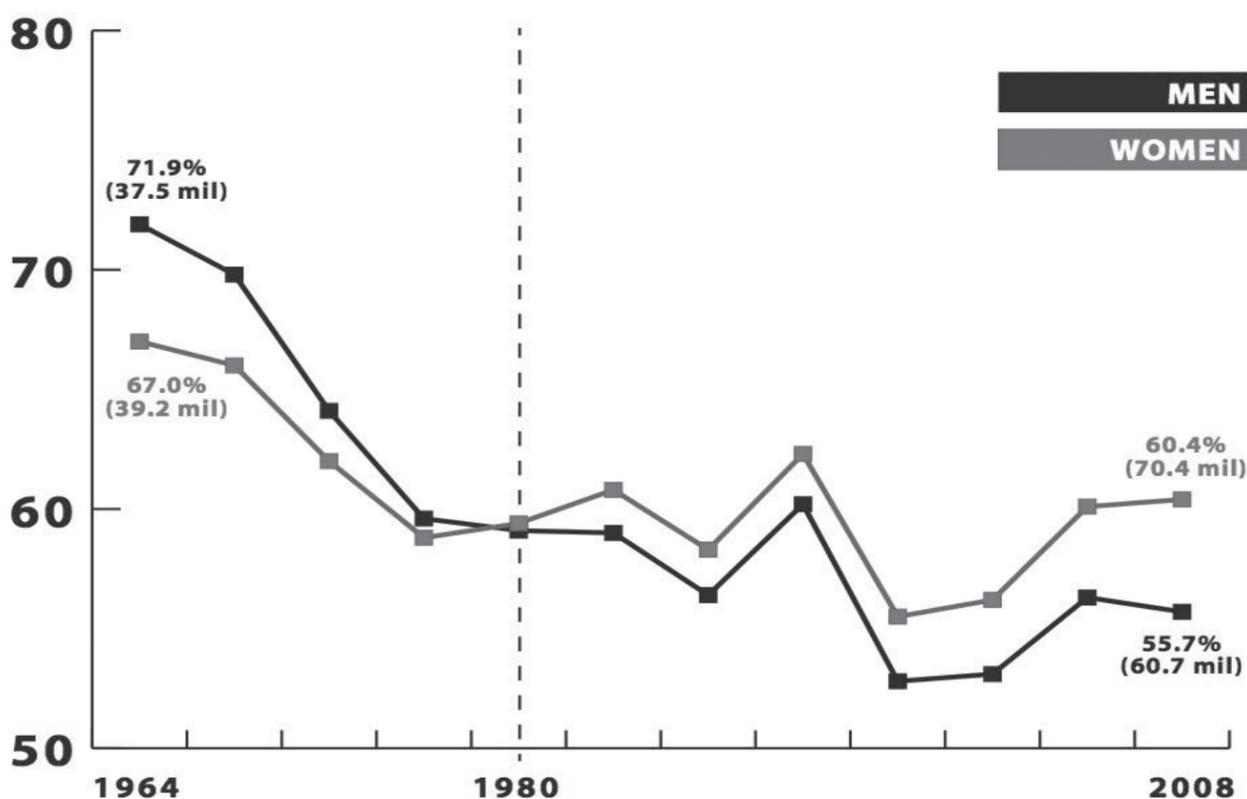
These debates on contraception are highly related to Obama's Affordable Care Act (ACA), and the differing parties' positions concerning this new legislation.

According to Obama's campaign website, the ACA ensures that women cannot be charged more for the same health insurance coverage and states that numerous insurance plans are starting to completely cover birth control — without co-pays or deductibles — as part of women's preventative care. Romney, however, states that he will appeal and overturn the Affordable Care Act upon being elected.

Bauer noted that preventative care in the ACA is an important underlying component.

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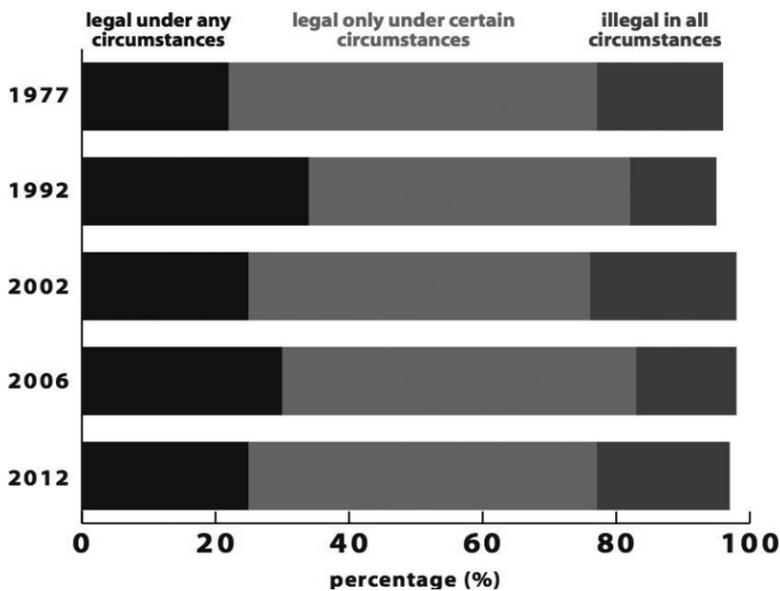
VOTER TURNOUT IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS



According to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University, female voter turnout has equaled or surpassed that of male voters in recent presidential elections.

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ABORTION



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A poll consistently conducted by Gallup asked American adults, "Do you think abortions should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances or illegal in all circumstances?" Respondents were given the three listed options, as well as "no opinion."

healthcare, and preventative healthcare is a way of controlling the cost of healthcare and preventing things happening down the line," Bauer said.

Preventative healthcare often concerns the provision of subsidized birth control, which emerged as an important topic during the vice presidential debate, as Ryan suggested that the ACA threatened religious freedoms.

"Look at what they're doing through Obamacare with respect to assaulting the religious liberties of this country," Ryan said. "They're infringing upon our first freedom, the freedom of religion, by infringing on Catholic charities, Catholic churches, Catholic hospitals."

This refers to the request of the Catholic Church to be exempt from providing birth control coverage to Catholic institutions — such as colleges and charities — a requirement that came into effect under the ACA. This exemption was officially denied, but the debate continues concerning religious rights.

Schildkraut discussed the potential implications for women if this act were to be repealed.

"There are provisions in [the ACA] that relate to women's health, that relate to mammograms, that relate to prenatal care and co-pays," Schildkraut said. "These provisions could be repealed. Issues like pre-existing conditions, where

being pregnant is considered a pre-existing condition ... could then allow people on the healthcare market to be denied coverage. These are things that uniquely affect women."

If these healthcare changes are repealed, young voters especially face a range of possible implications.

"In terms of Tufts students in particular, they are affected by having to pay for co-pays concerning various preventative health measures with their OB/GYN, their access to contraception and having their contraception covered," Schildkraut said.

Gauchel also drew attention to the fact that the current dialogue ignores concerns beyond those that are immediately obvious.

"It's interesting thinking about the conversations about birth control," Gauchel said. "There's been not enough conversation in the media about the reality of the use of birth control that's used [beyond its primary purpose] ... it's used as a hormone to regulate women's bodies."

Overall, Hofkosh emphasized that Tufts students, especially women, think carefully about their vote in this election.

"I think that this current generation of youth, and young people need to be very careful about preserving rights which have been fought for, and not just for women — for women and families for decades," Hofkosh said.

Accordingly, Gordon wants to see even more discussion of these issues within this presidential race.

"Women are 51 percent of the population, and we vote," Gordon said. "The whole presidential debate [was] on domestic issues. There was not one mention of women the entire time. I do think that with all the bills coming out, with all the discourse ... you can't avoid talking about this kind of stuff."

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Obam-memes and Rom-memes



Last Thursday, many good Americans tuned in to watch the vice presidential debate between Joe Biden and Paul Ryan. I, on the other hand, spent that night stimulating our economy by capitalizing on Thursday's Buffalo Wing Night and seasonal pumpkin ale.

The next morning I did my daily ritual of logging into my Twitter, Tumblr and Facebook accounts, and was barraged by memes covering the previous night's debate. One meme was an oscillating image macro of Biden's facial expressions during the debate, quickly shifting back and forth from stern-Joe to laughing-Joe. The juxtaposition of Ryan speaking and Biden giggling was a recurring theme; some of them portrayed Biden as blatantly rude and disrespectful, while others painted a jovial Biden laughing at a lie-spewing Ryan.

Other factoids I learned from the vice presidential debate memes: Biden might have elevated the word "malarkey" from being outdated slang to a somewhat cutting insult. And because everyone loves celebrity doppelgängers, Joe Biden apparently has an uncanny resemblance to Jack Nicholson's rendition of the Joker, while Paul Ryan looks like Batman's hooded junior counterpart, Robin.

Now before you get all judgmental on me, I did eventually watch the vice presidential debate, and was surprised to find that the memes were fairly accurate observations. I found truth to both representations of Biden in that he was making up for Obama's previous loss by being assertive and animated, but also aggressive and condescending toward Ryan. The "coverage" that the memes provided had well prepared me for what to expect from the debate, leading me to wonder whether memes are on their way to becoming a more permanent fixture in media.

Memes are an effective and easy way for the public to create and share its own commentary. Jonathan Zittrain, director of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society, appropriately describes them "as a response to the unfunny cynicism of mainstream institutions." Memes have the advantage of being extra tongue-in-cheek and getting away with it, a privilege that mainstream news outlets don't necessarily have. Sure, there are probably more cat-related memes than there are ones with political commentary, but the growing popularity of memes represents the democratization of who gets to decide what's newsworthy.

Both the Obama and Romney campaigns have recognized the power of memes and used them to reach out to younger voters. Romney's memorable comment in the first presidential debate about getting rid of Big Bird sparked an unconventional response by the Obama campaign: a photo of a distressed Big Bird with a caption reading "Mitt Romney's plan to cut the deficit: Fire this guy." On the other end, the Romney campaign posted a meme following the model of a popular joke that says: "After college I want to be forced to move back with my parents," — said no one ever."

Memes have become a new territory that campaign strategists have to learn how to maneuver and use to their advantage. This year's election has introduced memes that even require damage control. The use of the Big Bird meme raised criticisms that the Democrats were focusing attention on trivial and shallow issues. On the Republican end, meme-creators took TIME's goofy photos of Paul Ryan lifting weights and slapped on captions like "Cut Carbs ... And yo mama's Medicare."

I challenge those who argue that memes are too short-lived and too easily created to have cultural relevance. However, I fear that Internet users are increasingly relying on memes as their source for current events. Why sit through a long debate of two men talking when you can look at a slew of comical memes instead? As memes become more visible, we as media consumers have to be able to distinguish what is news and what is simply a JPEG.

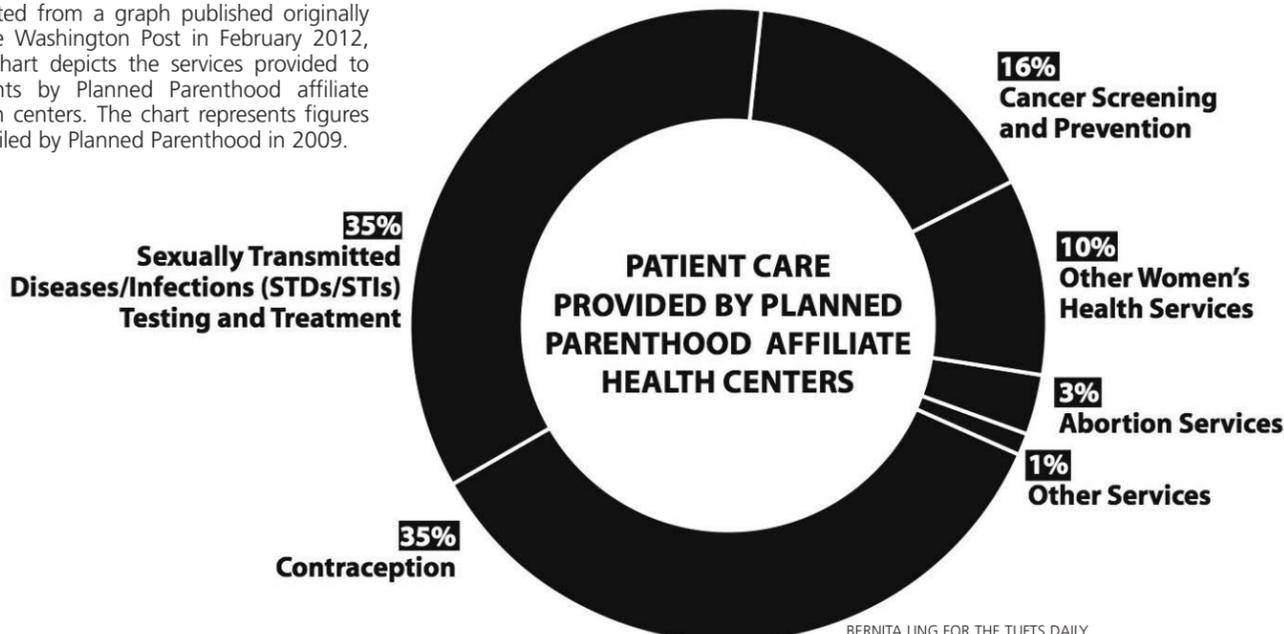
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Candidates took strong stances on the role of the federal government in funding Planned Parenthood.

Adapted from a graph published originally in the Washington Post in February 2012, this chart depicts the services provided to patients by Planned Parenthood affiliate health centers. The chart represents figures compiled by Planned Parenthood in 2009.



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GALLERY REVIEW

Senior Rashad Davis explores intersection of sci-fi, race through art

BY BRIONNA JIMERSON
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In his first gallery exhibit, Rashad Davis, a senior anthropology major, resisted the conventional boundaries of self-exploration.

Sci-Fi As Art and Protest: An Exhibition by Rashad Davis

At the Africana Center Gallery, through Nov. 15
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His exhibit features science fiction-inspired drawings with overtones of human struggle, race and introspection. It is also the inaugural exhibit of Gallery at the Center, a repurposed space within the Africana Center which will showcase student artwork.

As an only child growing up on Staten Island, Davis mused at the ease with which he became lost in art and reading. He found the science fiction and fantasy genres most exciting because of their inventive subject matter, but was disappointed by the stories' lack of imaginative exploration when it came to creating multidimensional characters of color.

"There was no dialogue about it ... I really felt like there was no place for black people and people of color in general. It was always blond hair and blue-eyed fictional lands," Davis said, reflecting on one of his favorite fantasy-themed shows, "Game of Thrones." He laughingly added that shows like the popular HBO series take place in "a fictional UK."

"I wanted to create a space where it was normal and okay for black people to be black people and physically considered beautiful — a space where it was normalcy," he said.

These goals led Davis, who is a completely self-taught artist, to parlay his artwork into a working novel with characters inspired by his own family.



A drawing styled after artist Davis' brother.

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While reading a news article about the modern-day enslavement of the Dinka people in South Sudan, Davis began his quest to flesh out the literary ideas that had been swirling in his head since high school.

"[The article] struck a chord with me. I hadn't thought of my own identity in terms of a global sense," he said. "That gave me

perspective to give black people a humanity I feel doesn't exist in mainstream art."

He referenced several stereotypical tropes in media: black characters as sexually aggressive, bitter and one-dimensional in their expression and abilities, along with the black

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MOVIE REVIEW

Affleck's 'Argo' perfectly blends historical fiction with action

BY LANCY DOWNS
Contributing Writer

It's safe to say that Ben Affleck is no longer a Hollywood joke. For all the missteps he made post-"Good Will Hunting" (1997),

Argo



Starring **Ben Affleck, Bryan Cranston, John Goodman**
Directed by **Ben Affleck**

Affleck has more than redeemed himself in his recent turns as a director of "Gone, Baby, Gone" (2007), "The Town" (2010) and now "Argo."

"Argo" is a political thriller based on true events surrounding the 1979 Iran hostage crisis. While 52 Americans are held hostage at the American embassy in Tehran, six manage to escape and find refuge in the Canadian ambassador's house. It's only a matter of time before the Islamic militants holding the American embassy discover the six are gone, and the CIA needs to find a way to sneak them out of Iran.

Affleck plays Tony Mendez, a CIA exfiltration expert who devises a plan to get these Americans — known as the "houseguests" — out. He will create false identities for everyone in the group so they can disguise themselves as a Canadian film crew heading to Iran to scout locations for a B-science-fiction film, "Argo." Mendez will fly into

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Star and director Ben Affleck deftly portrays the crisis of "Argo."

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ALBUM REVIEW

Muse takes step backward with 'The 2nd Law'

BY KATE GRIFFITHS
Daily Editorial Board

Five years ago, Muse was still fairly unknown. But the group has since skyrocketed to fame, becoming

The 2nd Law

Muse



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ing the first rock band to play at the new Wembley Stadium in London and releasing their fifth studio album, "The Resistance," in 2009. The band became still more internationally renowned when its song, "Survival," was chosen as the official song of this summer's London Olympic Games.

The forthcoming release of Muse's sixth studio album, "The 2nd Law," was therefore highly anticipated by fans and the curious public alike. What was produced, however, is an amalgamation of confused genres vying with each other to stand out. Opening song "Supremacy" is guitar-driven rock with an epic symphonic backing soundtrack. Yet even with all the extra bits Muse has piled on, the song still lacks the integral melodic

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Watch the throne

September saw the release of "Bad 25," a 25th-anniversary edition of Michael Jackson's classic album. The re-release included many demos that listeners can hear in their entirety for the first time, including Jackson's "Al Capone."

Song demos are a tricky thing to judge. They are meant to be a template for how the song will eventually sound and are not really made with the intention of ever being released as they are. This explains why on "Al Capone" Jackson's vocals are sometimes hard to understand and also why the verses don't smoothly transition into the chorus.

We can only guess if Jackson would have altered the instrumentation or added a verse if he had decided to continue with the track. It's also hard to tell how close he was to finishing "Al Capone" — was the song something Jackson messed around with for a few hours in the studio before lunch? Or was it just barely left on the cutting room floor? Despite this uncertainty and the song's incompleteness, numerous factors make "Al Capone" a compelling listen and a good conversation starter.

It's immediately apparent that "Al Capone" was the blueprint for Jackson's immortal "Smooth Criminal," except Jackson sings the "Annie, are you okay?" line of "Smooth Criminal" as, "I should have told her, nobody should be treated this way" on the demo. He even uses the same gorgeous, infectious falsetto. Still, the lyrical alteration on "Criminal" is a vast improvement over the demo's lyrics.

The repetition of "Are you okay?" makes it sound as if there is no possible way that Annie could actually be, well, okay. Jackson's high-pitched inquiries about her well-being also hint that she must be badly injured. The repetition of the line implies that he isn't getting an answer from her, which suggests that she is unconscious or unable to answer. Again, this lets the listener know that she is grave danger. While the "Should have told her" line is catchy, it doesn't have that same kind of dramatic punch.

It's unsurprising that Jackson would make such great improvements on the outlines left from the discarded "Al Capone" demo. Jackson was an absolute perfectionist. It is rumored that Jackson made literally hundreds of demos before finishing the 11 tracks that would make up "Bad" (1987). That kind of dedication and drive is something few people ever bring to their work. Jackson desperately wanted "Bad" to outsell his previous album, "Thriller" (1982), which was the top-selling album of all time. He considered "Bad" a commercial failure, even after it became the fifth best-selling album of all time. This proves just how big Jackson was and how much hype surrounded him, that he could feel let down even after selling tens of millions of records.

"Al Capone" has extremely aggressive verses that show how easily Jackson can not only command a track but also play a character. On the demo, he is supposed to be a tough guy going after a nefarious underworld figure. He quickly projects this machismo. Jackson was the King of Pop because he was one of the world's greatest performers. This showmanship added immensely to his ability to insert drama and depth into whatever he was singing about.

Most people have conflicting feelings toward Michael Jackson when they examine the different aspects of his complex life. Personal preference aside, it's hard to deny his greatness as an artist. "Al Capone" and the other recently released demos on "Bad 25" give a brief glimpse into his process and show off the man behind the curtain.

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Muse struggles for cohesion on 'The 2nd Law'

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aptness Muse displays on so many previous tracks. Lead singer Matt Bellamy sings the phrase "Greatness dies" during this song — a claim that could be applied to his band, although the lyric was probably not as self-referential as it sounds.

The next track and first single released off of the album, "Madness," is obviously Queen-inspired. Bellamy's obsession with Freddie Mercury was not clear until the first single off Muse's previous album, "United States of Eurasia," was released in 2009 to the confusion and disappointment of many fans.

"Panic Station" has elements of both '80s David Bowie and Prince, along with Michael Jackson and some bonus slap bass. Although it is a completely different sound for the band, it is one of the more appealing songs on the album. "Survival" is hardly worth mentioning since it received so much press over the summer. Its melodrama may appeal to some, but it hardly reaches the epic levels that Muse has reached before.

"Follow Me's" beginning features the heartbeat of Bellamy's newborn son, as recorded on Bellamy's iPhone. It was produced by dubstep/drum and bass connoisseurs Nero, and it marks the band's attempt to branch out into the electronic stratosphere. Oddly, the track is somewhat successful, likely because of Nero's input.

The song is an ode to fatherhood, a strange concept for a band that usually deals with themes such as the apocalypse and how the government has spies that record information on everybody. Hearing Bellamy sing, "You can trust in me / I will always protect you, my love / Feel my love" is pretty strange.

There are no memorable tracks in the middle of the album, and both "Animals" and "Explorers" are rather forgettable and uninteresting. Though both deal with incredibly pertinent and interesting topics — "Animals" is about the stock market collapse — the songs themselves don't hold enough weight. Still, the guitar solo towards the middle of "Animals" makes the song worth listening to.



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Lead singer Matt Bellamy dedicated the track "Follow Me" to his newborn son.

The biggest change on this album is that bassist Chris Wolstenholme sings on two songs, "Save Me" and "Liquid State." Both songs deal with his recovery from alcoholism and show a hugely different side of the man who usually just headbangs along with his awesome bass riffs.

The album takes a sudden turn on the last two tracks. "The 2nd Law — Unsustainable" delivers elements of dubstep with Bellamy's unique operatic

vocals soaring over the top of a recording of Channel 4 news reporter Katie Razzall robotically stating, "All natural and technological processes proceed in such a way the availability of the remaining energy decreases an economy based on endless growth is unsustainable." This is a small taste of the progression in lyrics Muse has gone through since earlier albums such as "Absolution" (2003), the band's first addressing of pseudo-apocalyptic themes.

The second part to this song, "Isolated System," is reminiscent of the three-part symphony that Muse tacked onto the end of its last album, "The Resistance" (2009) and it followed the same sparse instrumental buildup until the bass and other instruments hit the apex.

There are moments of grandeur which make this album worth listening to once, but in comparison to what Muse has previously been capable of, "The 2nd Law" is a step backwards.

'Argo's' supporting cast keeps the film surprisingly funny

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Iran, and with any luck, they will all fly out together. It's an absurd idea, but as Mendez's boss, Jack O'Donnell ("Breaking Bad" star Brian Cranston) reluctantly acknowledges, "It's the best bad idea we have."

Leaving behind the smoky rooms and pinstripe suits of Washington, D.C., Mendez jets off to Los Angeles to recruit a Hollywood team that will help him make his fake movie. The film juxtaposes the boozy opulence of LA, the epitome of American self-obsession and insincerity, with grainy footage of angry Iranian mobs and the quiet, suffocating tension inside the Canadian ambassador's house.

"Argo" does a masterful job of weaving together the unfolding stories in Washington DC, Los Angeles and Iran. There are several sequences that cut quickly between all three plotlines, and Affleck utilizes this technique to nail-biting perfection in the film's finale. But perhaps the most skillful use of this device comes with a glimpse of the Islamic militants marching hooded captives in front of a firing squad. That moment melds with a reading of "Argo" at a Hollywood costume party and with scenes from the Canadian ambassador's house, where the houseguests play Scrabble in front of a TV showing President Jimmy Carter. As the fate of the houseguests becomes inexorably entwined with the triviality and mindlessness of Hollywood, viewers are reminded of what's at stake.

Yet for all the tension and anxiety it loads on the audience, "Argo" is smartly punctuated with humor. To make his fake movie, Mendez collaborates with a surly producer, Lester Seigel (Alan Arkin), and John Chambers (John Goodman), the "Planet of the Apes" (1968) costume designer who was integral to the plan in real life. They bring much-needed lightness and laughter to the

film, and Arkin makes himself indispensable with snappily delivered lines like, "You want to sneak 007 over here into a country that wants CIA blood in their breakfast cereal, then you're going to walk the Brady Bunch out of the most-watched city in the world?" Still, Affleck never lets us forget the gravity of the situation. Even in moments of levity, the outside world intrudes, like when characters watch televisions that show reporters discussing the ongoing crisis in Iran.

Even though "Argo" is successful in many respects, it fails to give us insight into the houseguests themselves, as very little time is devoted to their character development. We get only a glimpse of houseguest Mark Lijek's (Christopher Denham) personality when he refuses to sign on to Mendez's outrageous plan. The others remain solemnly fearful. Yet Affleck manages to invest his audience in their survival by focusing on Mendez's character.

Although he first appears as a disheveled CIA operative, we soon learn Mendez is separated from his wife and no longer lives with his son, Ian. Affleck's sad-puppy-dog expression is most heartbreaking when he calls his son as he is about to leave for Iran. The phone rings in an empty kitchen, and as a crestfallen Mendez hangs up the airport payphone, we realize he may never speak to his son again. The life-and-death reality of the mission hits home sharply.

Of course, the film also hits home for another reason: We are still terribly familiar with the dangers American men and women face overseas. Affleck includes snippets of 1970s news broadcasts, and the solemn reports from unsmiling anchors are unmistakably similar to those we see on television screens today. As the film opens nationwide a month after Ambassador Chris Stevens was killed in Libya, "Argo" serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices Americans continue to make.

Senior Davis exhibit at Africana Center

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characters that are "the exception to the rule." These are but a few of the numerous damaging and grossly inaccurate portrayals perpetuated by the media, he explained.

"There are very rarely, in the genres of art I like, representations of black people that are holistic and show a complete human picture," Davis said.

The eight mixed-media pieces in the gallery are comprised of pencil, ink and various digital techniques. Each of the pieces begins as a penciled sketch, which Davis then inks in using micropens on a digital tablet. He then Photoshops the images, washing the original vibrant colors in sepia tones. In some drawings, this melding of digital and pencil media, combined with minimal contrast between light and dark, has a flattening effect. However, Davis combats this issue in his later drawings in the series, which use crosshatching to create depth.

Davis said his work is meant to be accessible by all, but he hopes it especially speaks to black women and works to counter negative and critically damaging public claims about their worth.

"This is the community I'm trying to meet with my art," he said. "The message is about self-appreciation, since we aren't often the ones who control our images. Others don't have our best interests at heart."

The artistic focus of the drawings lies in Davis' research on the states of Nigeria and his personal disconnect with his family's own history.

"Folks tell me I look Ibo, they've said I look South African, a host of things," he said. "I know my folks are from West Africa — a likely result of the transatlantic slave trade — but if I had to attach myself to a place, it would be Nigeria."

The drawings are based on portraits of Davis' siblings, as these same individuals are



COURTESY BARBARA FLORVIL

Two of Davis' drawings, collectively entitled "Nanu," represent the artist's expectation compared to the reality of his sister's appearance.

the basis for many of his characters.

"Those pictures capture what they are as people and give [whoever's] looking at them their essence," he said.

One of Davis' standout works is based on the likeness of his brother. Two pieces that portray a Nigerian-Nubian woman, collectively titled "Nanu," represent Davis' expectation upon meeting one of his older sisters just recently and the reality of her appearance.

Davis' creations work on several levels of depth and introspection, and they encourage viewers to consider alternative narratives about black characters in both real-world and science-fiction scenarios. They also urge audiences to dare to imagine, conceptualize and create multi-faceted portrayals of beings — flaws and all, with an emphasis on "all."



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EDITORIAL

2012 election: Time for women's participation

The economic and political state of the U.S. has seen recent changes for women at many different levels, including higher education participation rates for women and a higher rate of women maintaining employment through the slow economic recovery. Add on the divisive and serious issue of providing for women's health care, and the stakes are high for American women in 2012. It is imperative that American women vote in this election, no matter whom they choose to support.

What exactly makes this an important election for women? The ascendancy of politicians looking to balance the federal budget by cutting government spending has spawned a movement to defund Planned Parenthood, an organization that has been criticized by those who are anti-abortion as a body that subsidizes abortions nationwide. As described in today's Features article (pages four and five), Planned Parenthood provides a number of services for women of all ages, from contraceptives to check-ups, screenings and other less-controversial forms of healthcare.

Mitt Romney has expressed his personal

opposition to a number of policies that greatly affect American women. His plans include the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and the repeal of the American Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, which illegalizes discrimination in insurance based on a pre-existing condition. This has been a problem for women in the past, as insurance companies often raised premiums for women's coverage simply due to their sex.

The Obama campaign has pushed for the protection of these policies and the continuation of funding for Planned Parenthood as fundamental rights for American women. Today's News article "Student plan improves access to birth control" examines Obamacare's impact on Tufts' student healthcare; birth control is now covered without a co-pay.

Economic and educational issues are also major topics for women in this election. The recession saw women retain jobs better than men, and college-aged women are now the majority in American higher learning. Therefore, this election holds a great deal of importance for women in the career force and universities, demonstrat-

ed by a national dialogue that has included student-loan debt as well as women's roles in the workplace.

Despite a tepid economic recovery under the Obama administration, the President signed the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which sought to close the gender gap in the workplace, at the beginning of his term. Romney has stressed the importance of getting all of America back to work, cutting the debt and improving the overall economy. Romney has said that he believes that a pro-growth strategy is good for all of America, women included. The Romney campaign, particularly Congressman and candidate for Vice President Paul Ryan, has stressed the importance of cutting the national debt before its severity reaches detrimental proportions.

As discussed in today's Features article, women have become, as 51 percent of the population, a crucial voting bloc in American elections. Regardless of her political stance on women's access to healthcare, the economy or women's positions in the workplace, every woman should exercise her right to vote.

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HPV vaccine not just for the sexually active

BY NORA IBRAHIM
The Daily Illini

Most people remember when their folks tried to give them the "sex talk." It was extremely uncomfortable, awkward and felt unnecessary. Maybe your parents split up the "talk," one covering the hairy emotions associated with sex and the other talking straight-up anatomy. Maybe your parents were like mine, who cracked open their physiology textbooks from their schooling years: "And here's the ovum, which undergoes oogenesis. The corona radiata is the layer of cells surrounding..."

Sex is a tough subject to be open about, and as a result, it is usually hushed, its meaning lost in between the lines. But no matter how hard it is to be serious about sex, it's even harder to hold an open dialogue about sexual health — and specifically, the human papilloma virus, otherwise known as HPV.

Last week, Gardasil, one of two vaccines protecting against many forms of HPV, was given the OK in a study conducted by the Kaiser Permanente Vaccine Study Center. The study followed about 200,000 subjects after having been administered the HPV vaccine and determined that it is safe for use. At most, the vaccination could result in a skin infection or same-day fainting — a preferred alternative to cervical cancer.

This is a fantastic step forward for cancer prevention, and hopefully, it will drive down

the death rate due to cervical cancer, which is one of the most fatal cancers observed in women.

However, the study won't dispel the controversial nature of the vaccine. In the six years since the Food and Drug Administration approved the vaccine, Gardasil has undergone so much scrutiny for a vast number of reasons — but all of them come back to society's discomfort with acknowledging the nature of sex.

I was with my roommates and their friends when we started talking about the vaccination. It seemed that several people we knew had received the first vaccination (out of three). But a few years after Gardasil was approved by the FDA, many began to worry that the newness of the drug meant there was still a possibility of a side effect that was yet to be discovered. It doesn't make much sense because it's a preemptive sort of worry. Nonetheless, it effectively stopped girls from receiving the rest of the vaccinations.

While I was in high school, I remember the administrators encouraging the student body to get vaccinated. But the girls I knew made fun of each other if they did end up receiving the vaccination because that must mean "she's a whore." Some parents even looked down on their friends for getting their girls vaccinated because she must have been somehow "tainted."

And, even in the political arena, nega-

tive attention surrounded the HPV vaccine when, in 2007, former GOP presidential candidate Rick Pery issued an executive order to vaccinate every schoolgirl. He received a huge backlash from the Republican Party and other candidates for having government meddle in an issue so personal as vaccinating one's children.

I doubt those who took part in the backlash, both on the community and political levels, understood that cervical cancer is directly caused by HPV, and that the vaccine would prevent transmission of the virus. I also doubt they understood that the vaccination is most effective if administered prior to being sexually active.

It's this lack of understanding about the vaccine that puts people off from promoting it. There may be a general understanding that Gardasil can lower your chances of developing cervical cancer, but people have still stigmatized the vaccine: Those who receive it must be sexually promiscuous — why else would they need to be vaccinated?

The medicine behind prevention has made great strides in progress within the past decade. We have the power to make cervical cancer virtually non-existent.

But we need to catch up psychologically. We need to put aside our fears for being considered socially tainted because risking a cancer diagnosis isn't worth fitting into social standards.

CORRECTION

In an editorial published on Oct. 10, the Daily wrote that the Supreme Court began deliberating *Fisher v. Texas* and would make a ruling within days. In fact, the court only heard oral arguments that day and a ruling will likely not be announced for months.

Let's talk about butts

BY MICHAEL ROGOVE & SAM ZOLLMAN

The Tisch Library patio has a history of agricultural planting. In the summer of 2011, New Entry Sustainable Farming Project (NESFP) planted an intensive small-scale vegetable garden in the space, producing plentiful eggplants, corn and herbs. This impressive proof-of-concept installation not only showed the Tufts community what could be grown in such a small space, but also successfully helped publicize what NESFP is all about. NESFP just finished running "World Peas," a well-subscribed to, successful summer Community Supported Agriculture project that they delivered to Tufts Institute of the Environment. There were no plans to continue planting crops in the space for the summer of 2012.

This past spring, the area was slated for replanting with only ornamental flora. Wanting to maintain the urban agricultural theme that had made the patio an attraction, the student group Tom Thumb's Student Garden (TTSG) cooperated with individuals from Facilities Services and Tisch Library to gain access to the raised beds.

In exchange for the space, TTSG agreed to cultivate the soil there to produce a thriving herb garden and make the beautification of the library patio both functional and aesthetically pleasing. In the spring, many members of the club planted, and a rotation of four or five students maintained the garden during the summer months. Plantings included basil, oregano, thyme, sage, scallions and some errant tomato and tomatillo plants that didn't find a home. Tom Thumb's actual garden is located beside the community garden between South Hall and Latin Way. Work during the summer included regular watering, thinning, weeding and trellising.

However, a menace lurked. An invasion of foreign, poisonous cigarette butts took root in the soil among shoots of intrepid basil and sage. The raised beds



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soon became riddled with these butts. A growing heap of cigarette refuse now clutters the space, despite the efforts of Tom Thumb's gardeners and other community members to occasionally clean it. Smokers who choose to sit or stand near the gardens — perhaps while appreciating the vegetative glory — sometimes choose to simply dump their butts on the spot, rather than walk the seven or so steps required to reach the cigarette receptacle that is provided for their convenience.

Tufts' official policy completely bans smoking indoors. The Office of Residential Life and Learning enforces this rule, but also states that smoking may not occur within 20 feet of residential halls. This guideline is in place in order to protect the health of residents by ensuring that smoke does not waft into open windows. As Tisch is not a residential space for most students — except during midterms and finals periods — this rule does not apply there. To accommodate smokers and reduce litter, Tufts supplies cigarette disposal containers by the front

doors of Tisch, which may be the most popular smoking spot on campus.

Like any form of littering, cigarette butts are detrimental to the health of the environment and to the beauty of our surroundings. To throw butts around so recklessly shows disrespect to the community that we all strive to improve. Somebody planted the seeds, watered the shoots and staked the full-grown plants to maintain order in the beds. The gardens there represent student work, supported by Tufts. Persistent butts have overwhelmed sporadic efforts to clean the space. Give Tom Thumb a break. Stick butts where they belong.

Think of the oregano.
Seriously, we're running out of thyme.

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CRAIG FRUCHT | ROAD TO NOVEMBER

Stopgap Joe



At one point in last week's vice presidential debate, Joe Biden threw back his head, laughed, and interrupted Paul Ryan to denounce one of the latter's answers as "just a bunch of stuff."

And that pretty much summed up the night. Biden spent most of the debate acting like he was Ryan's personal fact-checker, using an entertaining array of nonverbal strategies to convey disbelief, including laughing, sighing, smiling, eye-rolling and head-shaking.

Regardless of whether you found Biden's style off-putting or engaging, he unquestionably won the debate on substance. He came across as far more experienced and knowledgeable than Ryan, who relied mostly on Republican platitudes when discussing the Obama administration, especially its foreign policy. And when pressed by moderator Martha Raddatz to give specifics, Ryan's answers were completely incoherent — although the fact that he couldn't get through a sentence without being interrupted may have added to that impression.

Overall, Biden did a great job of taking Ryan to task for an economic platform built on impossible arithmetic and a foreign policy consisting entirely of chest-thumping bluster.

But don't expect it to shake up the race. Even if Biden had scored the same kind of knockout victory that Romney had the week before — and he didn't — there probably wouldn't have been much poll movement. Vice presidential debates just don't factor that much into voters' decisions. The only person who can reverse the gains Romney made last week is President Obama, and he'll have his chance in tonight's debate.

That isn't to say Biden didn't have any impact, however. He succeeded in getting the media to talk about something other than Obama's cheerless showing the week before. Self-feeding narratives are dangerous, and the one Obama has endured for the last two weeks was probably more devastating to his candidacy than the debate itself.

Democrats typically and predictably panic at the first sign of trouble. When things look bad for Republicans, they accuse the messenger of being a left-wing conspirator and stay the course with a renewed sense of urgency. When Democrats get bad news, they declare all to be lost and behave as though the new, grimmer state of affairs is hopelessly irreversible.

This shows up in poll numbers. Depressed voters are not likely voters, and that has amplified Romney's recent gains. But Democrats may feel more motivated to turn out after watching Biden's lively performance — especially women voters, who were likely very sensitive to Ryan's implication that Roe v. Wade should be overturned. Biden's job was not to convince independents; it was to energize Obama's deflated base, and he did so magnificently.

So to you Democrats out there predicting doom and bemoaning the cruel nature of electoral politics: Stop it. You're annoying, you're not helping, and you're playing right into Romney's hands. Yes, it's disconcerting to see Romney pull even with Obama in the national polls. Yes, it is now within the realm of possibility that Romney will become president. But to say that Romney is ahead right now simply isn't true. Obama still leads in most polls in Ohio, and by four to six points in three of them. If his numbers don't deteriorate any further, he should take the state, and then he only needs one other swing state to pull out an electoral college victory — most likely Nevada, which has a large Latino population and where Obama has not trailed in a single survey all year.

Let's not lose sight of the big picture, however. Biden may have stopped the bleeding, but Obama absolutely must make a stronger case for himself if he is to put any distance between him and Romney before Election Day. That means tonight may be the most pivotal moment of the entire campaign. For Obama's sake, it had better be.

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Bloody, bloody Israel

BY ADAM ASHER
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Down the street from each other in Jerusalem lived two families, both named Harel, both with sons named Yuval. Though both Yuvals were the same age, their families didn't know each other, and as a result they didn't know that both were fighting with the Israeli Defense Forces in the 1982 Lebanon War.

One day, two military officers came to the door of one of the Harel families with the devastating news that their son had been killed in battle.

However, the next day, during the shiva — the seven days of mourning customary under Jewish law — there was another knock on the door.

It was the IDF again. They had made a mistake. Their son was still alive, and in actuality it was the other Yuval Harel who had been killed.

After a day of grim relief, knowing that their son was, amazingly, still alive, the Harels were visited by the IDF once more.

Their son — the first Yuval Harel — had also been killed in battle. Today, the two Yuval Harels are buried in the same row of graves in Mount Herzl Cemetery in Jerusalem.

The Harel family's story is the history of Israel. Its people know war and the tragedy it brings in its wake in a way we, as university students in the United States, don't and hopefully never will.

Few of us know any members of the Armed Forces, and fewer still have lost someone close to them in war.

Even within that small subset of people, most will never visit Iraq, Afghanistan or any place U.S. soldiers

are or recently have been actively engaged in combat.

Like the Malabar Front in George Orwell's "1984," our theaters of war exist only in the abstract and are shown — when they are shown to us at all — in nicely produced segments in between announcements about the new iPhone and Paul Ryan's work-out regimen.

Not so for Israelis. For them, war is such a part of the fabric of regular life that complete peace is a dream for them in the way an economy free of fossil fuels is a dream for many in the United States.

Military conscription is mandatory for all Israeli citizens at the age of 18 — university comes after.

From Haifa, Israel's third-largest city, to Beirut, a major center of Hezbollah activity, is approximately 80 miles.

To put that in perspective, that's about half the distance from Providence to New York. When you live under a more or less constant threat of attack — from that close proximity — there's nothing abstract about war.

Even Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has extensive special forces experience, having taken part in raids along the Suez Canal and leading a commando team into Syrian territory during the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Perhaps most importantly, though, is that in the same cemetery as the two Yuval Harels, a few plots away, lies his brother Yonatan "Johnny" Netanyahu, who was killed in a special forces raid rescuing Israeli hostages at Entebbe Airport in Uganda.

Say what you will about his policies,

but Prime Minister Netanyahu has no illusions about war and its costs.

This is not a call for arms, but for empathy. Not to excuse unnecessary violence, but to try to help people understand why to many Israelis, it might not seem so unnecessary.

If we ever want to have a real shot at bringing about lasting peace in the region, it has to start from a place of true understanding of both sides.

What we see is a wall being built between Israel and the West Bank — what we don't see as often are the pictures of buses in Tel Aviv going up in flames with children on board that prompted such drastic action.

It is often said that Israelis are oppressing the Palestinian people — for examples of this line of thinking I would refer you to a thoughtful piece written by [sophomore Brown student] Mika Zacks ("Suffering on the path to freedom," Sept. 26 [in the Herald]).

But why can't the converse be true as well? And while innocent citizens affected by the violence in the Palestinian territories unequivocally deserve our attention, Israelis in cities like Sderot and Ashkelon live in constant fear of rocket barrages from Gaza.

The Second Intifada and the threat of a third loom specter-like over Israeli communities near the border of the West Bank.

Citizens of Haifa know they are one flare-up away from a repeat of the 2006 Lebanon War in which the city was hammered with Katyusha rockets.

In Brown's hyper-liberal political atmosphere, it is often overlooked that in Israel and the Palestinian territories, brutality is a two-way street. Our discourse needs to start treating it as such.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Men's soccer downed by Williams, left to fight for home postseason game

BY MATT BERGER
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Although the Jumbos dominated their match on Saturday at Williams — especially in the first half — and gener-

MEN'S SOCCER (6-2-3 Overall, 3-2-3 NESCAC)

at Williamstown, Mass., Saturday

Tufts	0	0	—	0
Williams	0	1	—	1

ated more shots on goal than the host Ephs, Tufts was unable to finish any of its chances while Williams struck in the 65th minute and held on for a hard-fought 1-0 win.

With the loss, the Jumbos fell to 6-2-3 overall and 3-2-3 in the NESCAC, putting them in fourth place in the conference standings with two league

matches to play. At the end of the season, the top four clubs in the NESCAC host playoffs matches. According to coach Josh Shapiro, finishing in the top four was one of the team's stated goals at the beginning of the season and is still well within reach if the team continues to play up to the level that it did against Williams on Saturday.

"The focus going forward is to not only put good performances together, but we also need to get results now," Shapiro said. "We'll probably need to win out to get a top-four seed and host in the NESCAC tournament."

The Williams goal came in the 65th minute when sophomore midfielder Michael Madding won a loose ball and found sophomore forward Zach Grady open at the top of the box. Grady only had time to take one touch, but he sent a perfect pass to the far post to senior co-captain midfielder Peter Christman. Christman ran on to the ball and fin-

ished the play, beating junior goalkeeper Wyatt Zeller for what would end up being the game-winning strike.

It was the Jumbos, though, that produced the majority of dangerous scoring opportunities. Tufts finished with six shots on goal, including three from sophomore forward Maxime Hoppenot. Williams' back line, led by senior goalkeeper Than Finan, held strong and handled every chance that the Jumbos could muster.

"I think more than anything, the loss was a product of us not taking our chances because I was generally pleased with how we played," Shapiro said. "But I think we were pretty unlucky as well. There were maybe four balls cleared off the line, and their keeper did very well with every shot that we took."

Tufts has been plagued by its inabil-

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OLIVER PORTER / THE TUFTS DAILY

Tufts controlled much of Saturday's action, but could not find the back of the net. Pictured is senior defender Pat Bauer in a game earlier this year.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tufts battles Williams, falls

BY ZACHEY KLIGER
Daily Editorial Board

In what was perhaps their toughest test of the season thus far, the women's soccer team went toe-to-toe

WOMEN'S SOCCER (3-6-3 Overall, 1-6-1 NESCAC)

at Williamstown, Mass., Saturday

Tufts	1	1	—	2
Williams	2	1	—	3

with Williams on Saturday, ultimately falling to the No. 22 Ephs in gut-wrenching fashion, 3-2.

On paper, Saturday's game, which featured the NESCAC's top team facing off against the conference's cellar dwellers, might have appeared to be a lopsided affair.

Williams has pounded NESCAC opponents all season long and deserved to be a heavy favorite heading into the match.

But the Jumbos, riding high, not having lost a game in their previous four contests, came into the event knowing they were better than what their record might suggest.

"There has definitely been a lot of

frustration about our record this season, the injuries we faced in the beginning, and the restructuring process we had to go through," sophomore mid-

fielder Nikki Blank said. "Despite our record, everyone still has such a great

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Tufts could not pull off its comeback against Williams Saturday. Pictured is freshman forward Allie Weiller in game earlier this season against Amherst.

AARON LEIBOWITZ | THE FAN

The Yankee blues



Confession: I'm jealous of Yankee fans. Have been my whole life. As a Mets fan from New York, the feeling is natural — their team wins a lot, and mine does not.

Over the years, this envy has manifested itself in an abhorrence of all things Bronx Bombers: their stupid nickname, their joke of a stadium, their faux-classy image, their incompetent announcers, their entitled attitude, Roger Clemens, Alex Rodriguez, Nick Swisher.

"Hate" is a strong word. I hate the Yankees.

And yet, this past weekend, something strange happened. I still hated the Yankees, but I felt something toward their fans that I'm not sure I ever had before: pity.

No, not because the almighty Derek Jeter got hurt — Mets players could miss three months in their sleep. And no, not because the Yankees fell behind 2-0 to the Tigers in the ALCS — honestly, I hope they get swept.

I pitied Yankee fans because they're never happy.

The Yankees are the most successful franchise in sports. They are playing in the postseason for the 17th time in 18 years, and this season they finished first in a division with three 90-win teams. Last week, they won a thrilling divisional series against the Orioles thanks to a pitching staff that allowed just 10 runs in five games.

If my team did all of those things, well, it wouldn't be my team.

I know the pinstripe response: "We hold our team to a higher standard. It's championship or bust."

This approach is admirable, and it's certainly hard to argue with 27 rings. But it's a mindset that leads to frequent disappointment and an inability to cope with failure, both of which have been on display over the past few days.

On Saturday, as the Yankees were making a breathtaking four-run comeback in the bottom of the ninth, entire sections of their stadium had been vacated by fans trying to "beat the traffic" — or, in other words, fans convinced the Yankees didn't have a comeback in them.

Now, with the Bombers down 2-0, my Facebook and Twitter feeds are littered with cries that the Yankees' season is over, that they can't do it without Jeter, that they're miserable to watch, that their offense stinks, and that they're getting screwed by the umpires.

In reality, the Yankees are a good team that's going through a rough patch offensively. It happens, and it's not the end of the world, let alone the season. They can still come back — they're the Yankees. You shouldn't need a Mets fan to tell you that.

After the New York Giants won the Super Bowl in February, I sat down to watch their victory parade on TV. As local reporters interviewed the fans there, I noticed two distinct types of attitudes. One was the I-can't-believe-we-won-I'm-gonna-soak-this-all-in attitude. The other was the hooray-we-won-now-let's-repeat-babyyyy attitude.

The former were Mets fans. The latter were Yankee fans.

Just days after the Giants had won their second title in five years — both against the Patriots, no less — only a Yankee fan would have the nerve to think about a repeat. A Mets fan — and anyone in their right mind, for that matter — would stop and appreciate the moment. After all, winning a championship is rare: even the Yankees have done it just once in the last 11 years.

And so, yes, I feel kind of sorry for Yankee fans. The jealousy will never go away, nor will the frustration of rooting for the less successful baseball team in New York.

But if I ever catch myself wishing I were one of them, I'll just remind myself that success doesn't always amount to happiness.

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Jumbos cruise to easy victory at Conn. College Invitational

BY MATT RAND
Contributing Writer

The final regular season meet presented two opportunities for the women's cross country team: run a fast time on a quick course and notch a convincing victory that was sure to boost the confidence of the squad heading into championship season.

The squad certainly seized those opportunities. Outpacing runner-up Plattsburgh State by 37 points, the Jumbos' score of 51 was the best of the day.

Keene State placed third with 151 points and SUNY Oneonta and Southern Connecticut State finished fourth and fifth with scores of 157 and 158, respectively.

On the individual side, Bridgewater State junior Molly Roulliard ran to an individual victory. Her time of 21:44 over the six-kilometer course bested the 244-runner field.

Several Tufts athletes clocked impressive times en-route to the landslide victory, as racing conditions were nearly perfect on the waterfront course. For the third time this season, freshman Audrey Gould led the way, placing fourth overall with a time of 21:58. Her performance was encouraging considering she sat out the previous race with an injury.

"I can barely feel the tendonitis anymore," Gould said. "So I think it's safe to say it's basically healed."

Next across the line for the Jumbos was junior Abby Barker. Her time of 22:11 was good enough for eighth overall. Junior Laura Peterson and junior tri-captain Madeleine Carey finished back-to-back in 11th and 12th with times of 22:29 and 22:30, respectively.

Peterson's stellar performance so far this season has not gone unnoticed by her teammates.

"Laura Peterson has made the biggest impact on the team this season," Carey said. "Every race she gets stronger and more sure of herself. She has a wicked kick, which will be essential to scoring well in big postseason meets like Nationals."

Closing the scoring for Tufts on Saturday was senior tri-captain Lilly Fisher, who placed 19th with a time of 22:41. Crossing the line immediately after Fisher with an identical time was freshman Olivia Beltrani. Rounding out the Jumbos' top seven was junior Molly Mirhashem. She clocked a time of 22:57, which qualified her for 27th place.

Much like Peterson, Mirhashem has demonstrated consistent improvement from week-to-week, and is currently in position to be a key contributor for the team.

"I feel like I'm in the best shape I've ever been in," Mirhashem said, "I'm just going to try to continue doing what I've been doing, and keep putting in what it takes to contribute as much as I can to the team."

The team's impressive performance on Saturday was just what the squad was looking for heading into championship season.

"We knew we had a good shot at winning," Gould said. "I think we all went in planning on running aggressively to achieve that goal. Winning that decisively should give us some confidence going into the championships."

Carey echoed that sentiment, saying the victory was a huge confidence-booster heading into the postseason.

There is, however, still plenty of work to do over the next few weeks in order for the squad to be at its best when it matters most.

"Train hard, eat well, rest plenty, get hyped," Carey said. "We still have over a month until nationals which is our ultimate goal for the season, so over the next two weeks we will be putting in some hard work."

The first postseason test is the NESCAC Championship on Oct. 27, a race in which the Jumbos have good reason to believe they can make an impact due to their stellar depth.

"NESCACs should be a great race for us," Mirhashem said. "We can showcase the fact that we have twelve girls who can compete seriously, not just seven."

"We have the potential to run very well in the postseason," Carey added. "We just need to show up on race day and get it done."



ANDREW MORGENTHAUER / TUFTS DAILY ARCHIVES

The women's cross-country team dominated the Conn. College Invitational.

QUIDDITCH



ANDREW SCHNEER / THE TUFTS DAILY

Junior Nick Hill battles for position. The Tufflepuffs as a whole are 3-1 on the season.

Tufts Quidditch tops Emerson, plays well to start season

BY ANDY WONG
Daily Editorial Board

In 2010, the Tufflepuffs nearly found themselves atop the Quidditch world, announcing their loud and proud presence in the community by finishing second at the World Cup.

Following a gap season that saw a number of upperclassmen graduate and the team's early exit from the 2011 Cup, the Tufflepuffs have been poised and looking forward to starting a promising season.

With their play this weekend, it looks like that promise may be fulfilled, thanks to flawless pool play and a rugged semifinals match in the Massachusetts Quidditch Conference's season-opening tournament held this past Saturday at JFK Memorial Park.

Attending the event were eight conference teams from seven schools, including Tufts, Emerson, Brandeis, Smith, Boston University, Harvard, the Boston Riot — a second team hailing from Emerson — and UMass Boston. The teams were split into two pools of four, and the Tufflepuffs began testing their mettle with round-robin play against Emerson, Brandeis and Smith.

The large participation in the tournament is a harbinger of the increased popularity of "Muggle Quidditch," as the sport is known, which was invented in 2005 at Middlebury College.

As implemented in the Muggle world, the sport's rules incorporate many changes compared to the sport found in J.K. Rowling's book series. For example, catching the snitch — a golf ball in a sock in the waistband of a gold-clad cross country runner — is worth only 30 points, making it so that the team that captures it does not automatically win the game.

Tufts' first opponent for the day was Emerson, coincidentally one of their historically most formidable opponents in the conference. Early on the odds looked grim, as Tufts went down 20-50 to start the match.

"Every year we get a whole new group," senior co-captain Howard Levine said. "We knew Emerson would be difficult, so we told them to try not to treat this as a measuring stick for where we are."

In the blink of an eye, this measuring stick went up a notch, when senior seeker David Meyers surprised

Emerson by collecting the Snitch, earning his team the 30 points it needed to end regulation and tie the game, sending the game into overtime and giving Tufts a chance to overcome a team that has had their number recently.

"We emphasized playing smart, focused Quidditch," Levine said. "Our beaters were really great at neutralizing their best players."

In the extra period, freshman seeker Nicholas Ryder sealed the deal for the Tufflepuffs with a second snitch capture, securing the win in the team's toughest challenge out of their three-game pool play.

"They're one of the best teams out there, so it was a big win for us," Meyers said. "We've played them several times in the past, and they've beaten us often. To beat them back, and, as a young team, really felt great."

The rest of pool play went as well as the Tufflepuffs could have hoped, with a dominating 170-0 victory over Brandeis and an almost equally dominating performance over Smith, at 140-30. Meanwhile, Boston University came out of pool B with a matching 3-0 record, and moved into the semifinals along with the Tufflepuffs, Emerson and Harvard.

In the next round, Tufts played against a tough opponent in Harvard. Keeping pace with the talented squad, Tufts ultimately fell when, with the game tied at 50, Harvard caught the snitch, ending the game and giving the Crimson a final 80-50 edge. Emerson overcame Boston University 80-60 and won the tournament overall, beating Harvard in the finals 110-40.

But the young Tufflepuffs are content nonetheless.

"So far we're 3-1 for the season, which is a good way to start off the year," Meyers said.

"We're really happy with the way things went, and we played a great game to the very end," Levine added. "Our team was very good. We have more depth than earlier years, especially with our talented freshman and sophomore core."

The team has earned a temporary reprieve, with its next tournament taking place Nov. 3 at UMass Boston before attempting to qualify for the World Cup through the Northeast Regionals meet held Nov. 17-18.

After loss to Ephs, Jumbos drop to 1-6-1 in NESCAC

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energy right now, and we will continue to play with heart and dedication until the last whistle of the last game."

Sure enough, the Jumbos came out of the gate with a fire and intensity that has not been seen yet this year.

In the first ten minutes, Tufts kept the ball on Williams' side of the field, pounding the box and keeping the Ephs' defense on their heels.

Their first real opportunity came in the 13th minute when a beautifully lofted corner kick deflected off of a few players in the box before landing in at the feet of freshman forward Allie Weiller.

Weiller set herself and rocketed a strike past the outstretched grasp of Williams keeper Hannah Van Wetter and into the back right corner of the net. The goal — Weiller's third in the last four games — gave Tufts an early 1-0 advantage.

"We were all mentally prepared to have a tough game,"

sophomore defender Catharine Greer said. "We came out very strong and it was an exceptional feeling to have scored the first goal of the game. It gave all of us great motivation to keep up our intensity and not back down."

But good teams respond when faced with adversity, and that is exactly what Williams did after falling behind early. In the 22nd minute, Williams freshman Abby Morss capitalized on a mistake made by Tufts junior keeper Kristin Wright.

Attempting to fall on a ball that was rolling around in the box, Wright lost control of her grasp and Morss promptly made her pay, sticking her foot at Wright's feet and depositing the ball into the back of the net to knot the game up at one apiece.

Less than six minutes later, Morss found herself in the right place at the right time yet again.

A corner kick that was initially blocked by Wright was deflected around in the box by a few players before land-

ing at the feet of Morss, who was standing just a few feet in front of the net.

Morss calmly tapped the ball in, scoring her second goal in a span of roughly five minutes in similarly easy fashion.

The tally gave the Ephs a pivotal 2-1 lead, an advantage that they would take into the halftime break.

After a back-and-forth start to the second half, the Ephs appeared to put the game out of reach in the 78th minute, when sophomore forward Alison Magruder got behind the defense and finished a breakaway opportunity, giving Williams a commanding 3-1 lead.

But Tufts would not go down without a fight.

In the 86th minute, the Jumbos capitalized on their only corner kick opportunity of the second half.

Freshman defender Nicole Campellone served a perfectly lofted ball into the center, where junior forward Anya Kaufman was able to get a head on it and put the ball

in the back of the net for her fourth goal of the season, pulling the Jumbos to within one.

"Our team can put up a good fight regardless of what our record is," Greer said. "We now are just working together more as a unit and capitalizing on each of our players' strengths."

With their newfound life, the Jumbos picked up the ball and rushed it back to the center circle. Unfortunately, the late surge of momentum proved to be too little too late, as Williams was able to play keep-away for the last few minutes and the Jumbos walked off the field with a hard-fought, yet disappointing, 3-2 loss.

"We're obviously disappointed with the loss, but it was great to see the team play with urgency," Blank said. "To be able to put two goals away against a team that's leading the league is always a good feeling. We need to take the energy and excitement from that game and bring it with us to play Hamilton."

"I definitely think that the game against Williams was a good game for us, despite the outcome," Greer added. "We still want to prove to every team in the NESCAC that we can compete with each team and that we do have the ability to win."

Tufts fell to 3-6-3 on the year, and their record against NESCAC opponents dropped to a dismal 1-6-1.

But despite the disappointing mark, the Jumbos still have an opportunity to climb up the standings before all is said and done, as they close out the regular season with two home games against conference opponents Hamilton and Bowdoin.

"It's definitely frustrating to have things come together a little bit later in the season," Blank said. "But we're still very optimistic with our ability, and the way that we've been playing shows that we can win these next two games against Bowdoin and Hamilton to get a spot in the NESCAC tournament."

Matchups with MIT, Hamilton loom as Tufts looks to bounce back

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ity to finish scoring chances for the last several matches. Besides a four-goal performance against Bates, the Jumbos have only scored two goals in their last five conference matches. In four of those matches, however, Tufts produced more shots on goal than its opponent, demonstrating that the team is playing well but just not taking advantage of its offensive opportunities.

Defensively, the Jumbos have been solid all season. The Jumbos rank fourth in the league in goals allowed per match, giving up less than one goal per game

in both NESCAC and non-conference matches. Still, Shapiro stressed that the entire team could play at an even higher level defensively at the end of the regular season and in the conference tournament.

"I think any team that concedes less than a goal per game is doing a good job," he said. "We have been giving up a goal in most games, and that's certainly not ideal, but I don't think it's attributed to poor defense in general."

Zeller echoed his coach's statement.

"You can never lose a game if you don't get scored on," he said. "But the defensive players are all 11 players on

the field. If everybody is not pressuring effectively, then the other team can get a break at the net. I think everybody has not adopted the mindset that it has to be defense first."

The Jumbos take on MIT, one of the top teams in New England, on Wednesday in a game that could have major NCAA tournament implications for both squads. After Saturday's strong performance and disappointing result, the team is anxious to get back on to the field against a quality non-conference opponent.

"MIT is a very talented team. Especially after Saturday's loss, our

attention and focus will definitely be on MIT," Zeller said. "I think the team needs to get a big mid-week victory to continue to build our confidence after Saturday's performance."

Four days later, Tufts will be in action again at Kraft Field against Hamilton. Last season, the Continentals rallied late to beat the Jumbos in a match that cost the team a home playoff match. Tufts will therefore need a strong performance on Saturday to make sure that history does not repeat itself.

"We lost a very tough game there last year," Shapiro said. "I'll be reminding the boys of that this week."

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STATION HOUSE CHILI FEST
MENU**

Wednesday, October 17, 2012
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Carmichael Dining Center, Tufts University

Fire House Style Chilis
Cincinnati Chili ★ Chunky Chicken Chili ★ 5 Alarm Chili
Vegan Black Bean Chili ★ Carmichael Firehouse Chili
Served with White Rice, Spaghetti & Holster Potato Skins

Station House Pizzas
Jalapeno Pepper ★ Pepperoni ★ Ham ★ Sausage
Bacon ★ Black Olive ★ Veggie & Cheese

Mini Sliders & Wrap Sandwiches
Mini Slider Fire Marshall Burger
Steak Sauce, Caramelized Onions, Mushrooms, Swiss Cheese & Bacon
Mini Slider Smith and Wesson Burger
American, Swiss & Cheddar Cheese, Ham & BBQ Sauce
Firehouse Chicken Wrap Sandwich
Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Olives and Ranch Dressing

Bourbon Glazed Chicken Thighs

Chicken & Penne in Cajun Cream Sauce

Meatballs in Bullseye BBQ Sauce

Felony & Smokin' Fries

Blue Light Sandwich Bar
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