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Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy wants the Occupier protesters out of Dewey Square.

## Occupy Boston's future in Dewey Square unclear

BY GABRIELLE HERNANDEZ  
Daily Editorial Board

The future of Occupy Boston's stronghold in Dewey Square, which began nearly two months ago, remains unclear as the Dec. 1 end of a court-ordered stay approaches quickly.

The stay, ordered by Suffolk

Superior Court Judge Frances McIntyre on Nov. 16, prohibits city officials from removing protesters in Dewey Square without a court hearing until the established Dec. 1 date.

To date, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino has made no plans to remove protesters from the premises after the first of the month.

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, the non-profit group overseeing the space where the Dewey Square encampment sits, has begun to press for the eviction of Occupy protesters.

In a Nov. 8 letter addressed to the mayor, Georgia Murray, chair-

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## Senator weighs in on criminal justice system

BY BRIONNA JIMERSON  
Daily Editorial Board

Massachusetts State Sen. Patricia Jehlen (D-Middlesex) was recently appointed to a commission aimed at studying the inner workings of the Massachusetts criminal justice system.

The commission will evaluate all aspects of the criminal justice system, including the state and county institutions' sentencing guidelines, in an effort to uncover the most effective and cost-efficient route to achieve prisoner rehabilitation.

"Prison costs are a growing portion of our budget," Jehlen told the Daily, "but we haven't looked at how to reduce those costs."

The committee will be comprised of the Secretary of Public Safety and Security, Senate President Therese Murray, two state senators, two state representatives and a host of representatives from the Boston and Massachusetts Bar Associations and others chosen by Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, according to Jehlen.

Massachusetts State Sen. Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) spearheaded the creation of the commission, Jehlen explained, and members were

appointed a few weeks ago. They met for the first time last week and divided work among themselves.

"We're looking most at pre-trial and post-incarceration and what happens during incarceration," she said.

The committee will consider ways to prevent prison overcrowding. The prisons operate at over 140 percent of their capacity, according to Jehlen.

Commission members will also work to address the high rate of recidivism, or return offenders, among inmates.

"One task is to make an analysis to how to be more effective to reduce recidivism and reduce crime without spending more money," Jehlen said.

One member, Rep. Daniel Winslow (R-Norfolk), hopes the commission will advocate for rehabilitation services in prisons, rather than allow inmates to continue to be warehoused. Winslow explained that there is currently a recidivism rate between 50 and 60 percent in the state.

"It costs \$10,000 a year to re-educate and train an incarcerated individual, and upwards of \$43,000 to re-incarcerate an individual," he said. "If we warehouse people and put

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## Visiting scholar demystifies Japan's stagnant economy

BY JOSH WEINER  
Daily Staff Writer

Assistant Professor of Economics at the National University of Singapore Tomoo Kikuchi yesterday presented his model which accounts for Japan's current stagnant economy and charts possible scenarios for its future.

In his talk, titled "Self-fulfilling Beliefs, Poverty Trap and Endogenous Cycles," Kikuchi analyzed his native Japan's recent economic his-

tory, which has fluctuated repeatedly over the past few decades and has stagnated in the 21st century.

Kikuchi, a visiting scholar at Tufts this semester, pointed to the dramatic decline in savings rates in the Japanese population as an oft-cited indicator of a fundamental shift in the Japanese economy.

He explained that beginning in the late 1990s, the savings rate shrank from 11.4 percent to 3.9 percent in only five years, and has since stabilized to the levels



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Japanese economic expert Tomoo Kikuchi presented his theory regarding the country's stagnant economic system.

## Inside this issue

Quakers on the Hill see many parallels between their religious beliefs and Tufts' tenets.



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'My Week with Marilyn' offers insight into the mysterious life of Marilyn Monroe.



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## Occupiers face possible eviction, consider future plans

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woman of the Board of Directors for the Conservancy, listed a series of grievances against protesters and asked that city officials take action to remove them.

"We believe that the current use by Occupy Boston is not compatible with our obligation to ensure that everyone may enjoy the Greenway, and with the spirit and letter of the rules governing use of the space," Murray stated.

The letter argued that the encampment has taken over the entire park, preventing general public enjoyment of the area. It also cites noise, incidents of drug sales and deteriorating sanitary conditions and interference with scheduled events as problems caused by the Occupiers.

Conservancy spokesperson Lisa Quackenbush said the Conservancy is unable to comment on the current situation given litigation with Occupy protesters.

The Boston Police Department (BPD) has seen some evidence of the Conservancy's cited grievances, BPD Spokesperson Officer Eddy Chrispin explained, including incidents of domestic violence as well as clothing and drug sales within the encampment. He considers the incidents understandable given the number of people in the encampment.

"We've made some arrests, none of late," Chrispin told the Daily. "There's a number of issues we have to attend to on a regular basis [at Dewey Square], but more along the lines of daily incidents you'd have to attend to when you have large groups of people living

with each other."

Junior Rachel Greenspan, a member of the Occupy movement, views these problems as no more pervasive in the Greenway than in any other place in the city.

"I don't think you can say that Occupy Boston has an issue with these things; these are things that are a problem with society as a whole," Greenspan said. "I don't think they're any more pressing in Occupy Boston than in any other group of Americans brought together."

Protesters have begun planning for the possibility of eviction after the court-ordered stay expires but hope to maintain their site at Dewey Square.

"I know that if it's evicted, I will be staying there; I'm hoping other people will as well," Greenspan said of the possible removal. "In our First Amendment rights, I agree to our right to peacefully assemble, and I think that those are rights that are fundamental to a working democracy, so that's something I'd be willing to put myself in a risky position in defense of."

If forced to move, Greenspan said that Occupiers would continue with the movement despite a lack of a fixed encampment site.

"I'm hoping to keep the physical presence, but if we're not able to do that because we're forcibly evicted, in no way does that mean that's the end of Occupy Boston," Greenspan said. "One of the best parts about the Occupy movement is that everything happens organically, so I can't really say what that next phase would entail yet, but I wouldn't say that it would be a weaker phase."

## Senate allocates \$160,000 toward campus events, including Spring Fling and WinterFest

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result of the large surplus the body has accrued over the past few years, according to Maciejewski. It made \$200,000 available in events grants to any interested student group this semester.

The Senate distributed an additional approximately \$95,000 to other student organizations for funds for upcoming events, according to Maciejewski. The body allocated upwards of \$15,000 toward Tuftonia's Day, WinterFest and the newly created Jumbo Stampede, events that Greenberg expects to help bolster school spirit.

"We're very pleased with the outcome of the allocations and we're very excited to be able to hold bigger and better events this year," he said.

There is still approximately \$40,000 available to allocate for a second round of event grants in the spring.

"I think the allocations were a great success, so I would encourage all student groups on campus to apply for that money," Greenberg said.

Maciejewski also recently uncovered an accounting error in the Senate's budget on Excel which had gotten through many rounds of reviewers last year, including last year's Senior Class Council, Programming Board co-chairs, Allocations Board and the entire Senate before she discovered it this year.



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In hopes of attracting big-name artists, Tufts Community Union Senate allocated an additional \$65,000 toward Spring Fling.

The error was \$24,000 that should have been allocated to the Programming Board's budget but wasn't, so the Senate took the money out of

its surplus account to return to Programming Board.

"Now that it's been fixed, everything's back where it should be," Greenberg said.

## Jehlen joins commission to evaluate rehabilitation of felons

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them back on the streets, we have definitely wasted our money."

Winslow hopes that the commission can help transform the criminal justice system into a successful individual-based rehabilitation environment.

"At one point, Massachusetts was the leading state in re-educating," Winslow said. "Massachusetts Correctional Institution (MCI)-Norfolk had a championship debating team. Their famous Norfolk Debating Society alum was an inmate named Malcolm Little, who came out as Malcolm X," he said.

Marcus Schwartz, a volunteer at both Pondville Correctional Center and MCI-

Cedar Junction at Walpole who provides religious counsel to inmates, supports the move toward a greater focus on prisoner rehabilitation.

"I can definitely see that the current prison system isn't focusing on rehabilitating," Schwartz, whose brother-in-law is an inmate at Bay State Correctional Center, told the Daily. "It seems hit-or-miss; many of these men sit and ferment on what they already know, and when they're released, without an institutional support system that's available, they relapse. It's all very automated and impersonal."

The commission committee originally planned to finish its business and submit a report detailing its recommendations to Patrick by

March 2012, but Jehlen is wary that the work will not be completed by that time.

"There's a lot to accomplish in that amount of time, we may need to ask for an extension," she said.

The commission will look toward grants offered by the Pew Charitable Trusts to carry out any proposals generated by the final report, Jehlen added.

Winslow is hopeful that the commission will produce tangible results.

"I would like to see actual legislation result from this commission that is enacted into law," he said, "and I want to see executive and judicial branches adopt the policy, and make it a system worthy of the people of Massachusetts."



A Massachusetts commission will evaluate the county and state criminal justice system.

## Kikuchi says there is hope for future of Japanese economy

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a Japanese economist who now teaches at Northwestern University.

Matsuyama argues that the economy is highly impacted by "sunspots," or periods in which the market may vary in ways unrelated to economic fundamentals.

"It seems that in order to explain the decline in savings rates, you have to analyze preferences, business cycles, demographic and institutional factors," Kikuchi said.

Kikuchi added that for years, Japan's population has been steadily aging, while its birth rate has decreased, which affects its economy because older Japanese citizens are less inclined to invest as much of their savings in the market, and younger generations have become discouraged by low profitability and borrowing constraints.

According to Kikuchi, changing economic expectations in Japan can lead to a cycle of alternating low and high economic levels.

"A cycle emerges if beliefs switch indefinitely," he said, adding that such a switch has occurred in Japan's recent history.

"The economy jumps from a low steady state to a high steady state when you have cycles."

Self-fulfilling negative expectations can lead to a poverty trap in which growth remains low, he added.

Kikuchi explained that this model accounts for Japan's varying economic performance over the preceding decades, as well as the current

"low steady state" it has been in for much of the 21st century. However, he stressed that there was hope for the future of the Japanese market.

"The model presents a scenario in which the Japanese economy could jump back to a high steady state," he said. "The problem is this model tells us nothing about the growth rate of the Japanese economy."

He added that the economy is too often subject to "changes in institutional, social or cultural characteristics, which are formed outside of the market," for any predictions about Japan's economic future to be reliably established.

Two Tufts professors attending yesterday's event praised Kikuchi for the economic model presented in his lecture.

"The tools he was using in his arguments are very standard tools," Professor of Economics Yannis Ioannides said.

"Even if you weren't an expert in economics, you would still be able to think about his general logic. He presented his model in a way that made sense and was easy to follow."

Associate Professor of Economics Edward Kutsoati agreed, noting that Kikuchi's model could be extrapolated more generally to other economic systems.

"There were a few things he could have fixed in his model," Kutsoati said. "But he did a good job in establishing how an economic setting may function at large, not only in Japan. His story could be well applied to a much broader global scene."

# Features

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## Faith on the Hill: Quakers

BY KEVIN CRISCIONE  
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"If your life could speak, what would it say?"

This essay question, based on a Quaker phrase, is familiar to those Jumbos who chose to answer it on their Undergraduate Admissions applications. The reference, however, is no coincidence. The Religious Society of Friends, more commonly known as Quakerism, hold central tenants that Tufts Quakers say are compatible with ideals and spirit of life on the Hill.

Although the community of Quakers and Quaker high school graduates boasts a solid constituency on the Hill, there are no organizations or networks for Quaker students in recent Tufts history. Recognizing this lack of community, freshman Dan Jubelirer decided to bring together students of the Quaker faith as well as any students who might be interested in attending Quaker meetings.

Jubelirer's first initiative began with the organization of an informal meeting, publicized through a post on TuftsLife.

"I'd been told that several years ago there was an informal Friends meeting [at Tufts], and I was talking with some Friends who went to Quaker school, and we were all sort of a little bit sad that there wasn't a group or a meeting," Jubelirer said.

During the first meeting on Nov. 20, about a dozen students showed up to participate in the silent reflection and community, guided by a sheet made by Jubelirer that outlined the main points of a Quaker meeting as well as ideas for what to think about during the meeting. For about 45 minutes, the students sat in silence, with a student occasionally standing up to share a thought about some aspect of faith or life with the rest of the group. Mostly, though, the group basked in the kind of deep silence that is all too often missing on a busy college campus.

Jubelirer said that this first meeting was both a relative success and a testament to the need for such an organization.

"A lot of the people I've talked to who [said they would be at the meeting] went to Quaker high schools and had a silent meeting as part of their week," he said. "It was cool and I really enjoyed it. I didn't realize the value it had to me until I left and I didn't have it anymore, and that's similar to a lot of people, where they miss having that time."

The religious movement that resulted in the Religious Society of Friends first began in England, sophomore Alex Goodhouse explained, where preacher George Fox held that within everyone there is an inner light and voice of God that can be heard through deep reflection and focus. People associated with the faith are called Friends, and the term Quaker was a term initially only used outside the group.



Tufts' Quakers join a long tradition of Quakerism in Massachusetts.

"The term Quakerism came from other people calling them that because when they were moved to speak in their meetings they would physically start shaking," Goodhouse said.

Quakerism, a sect of Christianity, differs from the more dominant forms of the religion through its emphasis on the complete equality of all humans, its disregard for formalities and complicated dogma and its silent reflection-based meetings. Quakerism also emphasizes peace and simplicity and focuses on individual spirituality.

"It's about seeing the light inside of everyone," Goodhouse said. This approach to worship, he explained, is widely attractive to those who do not wish to align with a hard-line faith.

"Especially with young people, it's really appealing to kids that will say, 'I'm spiritual but I'm not religious.' So you can take it as the light of being alive."

For some, being a Quaker is less a matter of faith and more a lifestyle that can be followed by people of any religious beliefs.

"Quakerism is more of a practice and a set of philosophies," Jubelirer said. "It's an individual process, so for some people it very much is their religion and their faith, but for others it can be just a lifestyle or sort of a set of beliefs that you hold."

Although the focus on community is an important part of Quakerism, it implies no rigid structure within the organization of each community. In addition, Quaker meetings stand out from the sermons and prayer sessions of other religions because of their distinct informality.

"Central to Quakerism is a sort of non-hierarchical worship setting," Jubelirer said.

"So there's no priest who leads a service, but members sit at a circle, and members sit in silence. If you feel moved to speak, you can say something, and there's no dogma. It's light on rules and commandments and heavy on reflection and community."

Not all meetings are held in silence. Occasionally, a prompt or query is given in order to give people something to talk about. For the most part though, Jubelirer said, meeting attendees simply sit in contemplative silence for long stretches of time, occasionally standing up to share a personal thought, feeling, insight or prayer with the group.

Quaker students are hoping to start up a regular meeting group on campus. If enough consistent interest is shown, Jubelirer said, he hopes to help out in the creation of some type of Quaker student organization. He stressed that all students would be welcome to attend the Quaker meetings, and that if there were to be a student organization for Quaker students on campus, it would be open to all.

"It's not just for people who would call themselves Quakers," Jubelirer said. "I think that anyone of any particular faith would be welcome to come to a meeting, and I guess my biggest hope is that it can be a place of reflection for people who want to have that in their week."

Jubelirer and Goodhouse agreed that part of what drew them to Tufts in the first place was how the atmosphere on the Hill seemed to be consistent with their Quaker beliefs.

"Tufts is sort of known — or markets itself — as being very humanistic and caring about turning knowledge into action and all that,

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## As the Commonwealth's longest-serving mayor, McGlynn continues to impress Medford

BY MINNA JACOBSON  
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When Medford Mayor Michael McGlynn was a small boy, he would follow his father everywhere — even to political functions. McGlynn recalls meeting President John F. Kennedy on Jan. 9, 1961, 11 days before Kennedy's inauguration, when Kennedy addressed Boston in his "City on a Hill" speech. McGlynn, then a second-grader, listened intently to the entire speech on his godfather's lap.

"I want to be mayor of Medford," McGlynn recalled announcing when he returned home that night. In the subsequent years, McGlynn began gathering Kennedy collectible cards rather than the baseball cards that most other boys collected.

Since then, McGlynn has come a long way from those cards. As a senior at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, McGlynn began campaigning to be a state representative. That next fall, in 1977, McGlynn was elected to the

House of Representatives. His second-grade declaration came true when he was elected mayor of his hometown in 1987.

Twenty-four years later, McGlynn was this month elected to serve his 13th term in office — a win that preserved his status as the longest-serving mayor in the Commonwealth.

Over the course of his tenure, McGlynn has overseen the renovation of all of Medford's parks and the rebuilding of every Medford elementary and middle school. McGlynn has conserved land at Shepherd's Brook and River's Edge and has placed restrictions on land development on over 40 acres on the Andrew and McGlynn schools.

In addition, McGlynn has put an emphasis on trying to make Medford a more environmentally friendly place. Under his leadership, the Medford City Hall earned the Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR rating. The town is also a member of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, an associa-

tion of over 1,220 local and regional governments who have made a commitment to sustainable development.

"We are very environmentally conscious in Medford," McGlynn said.

"The environmental awareness that exists in Medford is to his credit," Director of Community Relations Barbara Rubel said. "[He] has really looked for opportunities to make the city greener." She cited the installation of a 100 kW wind turbine at McGlynn Elementary School — a project that provides 10 percent of the school's electricity needs as well as an opportunity for students to learn about renewable energy resources — as an example.

According to Rubel, McGlynn's policies have not only helped shaped Medford into the New England city with which we are familiar, but they also directly affect campus life.

For example, she explained, the Medford government must grant Tufts a yearly housing license and even a per-

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## A Hill of troubles



Happy late Thanksgiving, readers! I hope you've all enjoyed your short break from classes before, unfortunately, the crunch of finals sets in. Today I'm going to be complaining about something very trite, yet close to home. My topic this week is The Hill.

By the hill, I of course mean this campus. And no, readers, I'm not taking this time to complain about everyone who resides here — I'm about to complain about the physical hill itself. Don't get me wrong: I love walking, I love running, I love exercise! I spent the entire summer strength training — for no reason other than personal health — and I love to sneak in an extra workout whenever I can. But this whole hill thing gets old sometimes, especially in the snow and rain — or after an intense workout when my legs are so sore I can barely walk on a level surface, never mind up a steep incline.

I'll discuss a few solutions to this problem. One would be to actually cancel classes when it's really snowing, for the safety of everyone involved. If I can't even walk up the hill without slipping and nearly landing in a snowdrift, I doubt my professor is having an easier time navigating the roads. Yes, missing class sets everyone back a day, but let's be real here: How many people are actually paying attention during class when it's snowing outside, anyway?

Another solution, one which my roommate still continues to champion, is the creation of a ski lift that would take students up and down the hill. There are some obvious drawbacks to this plan, though — what if the line to get on the lift gets too long, and students are late to class? What if the lift gets stuck halfway through its journey? What if — and this, inevitably, would be me — someone fell off? Clearly the lift has more drawbacks than redeeming qualities, but it's a nice idea. In addition, I'm pretty sure we'd be one of the only universities out there with an on-campus ski lift, which would give us ample bragging rights.

One last suggestion I'd make is, to save us all the trouble of wearing eight layers of clothing on our respective treks up- and down-hill, that Tufts turn off the heat in its buildings on days where the outside temperature is going to be 60 degrees or higher. Walking up the hill can, at times, be a workout, and I don't want to be dripping sweat all throughout class because someone decided it would be a good idea to leave the heat set to 80 when it's perfectly warm enough outside. I actually cringe to think about how much money the university spends on heating buildings that are stifling already. It's not easy, nor is it pleasant, to dress for a hill-walk in 10-degree weather and 80-degree weather simultaneously. If turning down the heat isn't going to happen, at least install coat racks in the classrooms, because we need somewhere — besides our chairs — to store our five layers of winter-weather clothes while we're in class.

All joking aside, the hill really can be annoying sometimes. I think all of us have slipped down the sidewalks after a snowstorm at least once; some of us have even lost our cell phones or iPods in snowdrifts. As amusing as this is to watch, it's markedly less amusing to be the one falling down.

So, Tufts, maybe you should think about adding that ski lift to your list of random campus "beautification" projects. Just saying. In the meantime, all you lazy campus-goers will just have to be satisfied with taking the Joey up- and down-hill.

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## Tufts Quakers let their lives speak

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which actually sounded similar to a lot of the ways that my Quaker high school marketed itself, too," Jubelirer said.

Jubelirer added that being open to new ideas is an important part of Quakerism, and that this attitude fits in perfectly at Tufts.

"There's the quote, 'The truth is continually revealed.' You have to sort of be open to hearing other opinions and open to change, and that's a big part of it to me," he said.

Raised under the Jewish faith, Jubelirer now identifies as Quaker after graduating from the Quaker Carolina Friends School in Durham, S.C. Goodhouse, who does not identify religiously as a Quaker but went to a Quaker high school, says that he sees parallels between the style of his education at Tufts and the Quaker line of thinking.

"There's a real practical pragmatic aspect of Tufts, and that fits in with the Quaker ideas about integrity, about living what you do and not just saying 'we're going to learn about stuff,'" he said.

"Tufts has a lot in common with the mindset, it's a really good fit," he added.

Parker MacClure, a freshman who also attended a Quaker high school, echoed these sentiments.

"At Tufts, they have the entire 'Global Citizen' thing, and it's very outward thinking, which I feel like went along very well with a lot of what I learned in high school at my Quaker school," MacClure said. "I was just really drawn to Tufts because I really like that active citizenship, because that went really well with what I believed and what my school taught me."

MacLure says he was eager to incorporate a weekly Quaker meeting back into his life.

"I did appreciate it when I was in high school, but I didn't realize how much I appreciated it until I didn't have it," he said.

"It's nice to sort of have that time for personal reflection and reflection on other things going on."

## Medford's McGlynn is Massachusetts' longest serving mayor

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mit to sell milk. Medford oversees new building projects on the Tufts campus; they regulate the number of feet between buildings and require that buildings be set back a certain distance from the street.

Rubel, who has served in her post at Tufts for over 30 years, praised McGlynn for maintaining an "open relationship" with the university throughout his tenure, even when there have been rough patches or disagreements between Tufts and the City of Medford.

She recalled that in the late 1980s, when McGlynn was a fairly new mayor, Tufts sued Medford for imposing discretionary requirements that were "impossible" for Tufts to meet in full. Medford and Tufts navigated the sticky situation, Rubel said, partially thanks to McGlynn's commitment to open communication with Tufts during this time.

McGlynn also has a Guinness World Record under his belt — he was the co-chair of Medford's Jingle Bell Committee's Caroling Festival, an event that in 2004 attracted over 3,500 people and broke the record for the largest group of carolers. In fact, another 1,500 people showed up for the event but were unable to enter the designated caroling ground as the planners had not anticipated such crowds.

This event, McGlynn said, was a highlight of his career.

"[It was] one of the greatest community events I have ever been involved in," McGlynn said.

Looking toward the future, McGlynn said he has many plans for the city's development.

He envisions a water taxi that will ferry passengers across the Mystic River. If taken on as a city initiative, he said, such a ferry would provide an opportunity to tie Medford with nearby cities that are otherwise accessible only indirectly through the T or via heavily-trafficked roads.

The taxi, McGlynn said, would increase local business sales as people would be



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able to shop on different sides of the river without needing to drive through city traffic. Furthermore, McGlynn envisions that businesses could promote themselves on the back of taxi tickets.

As he enters his 13th term, McGlynn said he plans to build on the commitment to make Medford greener. "I want to] improve the connectivity of the green space from one end of the community to the next," he said. There is a lot of greenery already in Medford, which has continuously been named a "Tree City USA" by the Arbor Day Foundation, but as of yet, McGlynn said, the green spaces are not linked.

As a city administrator, McGlynn said he is worried by threats of large budget cuts to local governments from Washington.

"The budget cuts will affect every city dramatically," he said. He expressed

worry over the fact that Washington has not yet announced which funding will be cut, making planning for the necessary adjustments to the cuts difficult. To cushion the blow of a trimmed budget, McGlynn said, he anticipates emphasizing the increasing importance of public-private partnerships.

For all of his hard work and numerous accomplishments, Rubel said that McGlynn makes the best of a small support system and modest means.

"[McGlynn] has done a great job of managing a city with limited resources. There aren't a lot of people who help him run the city," Rubel said.

"He has politics in his blood. He loves politics," she added. "I have to believe that one of the reasons Mayor McGlynn runs for mayor again and again is because he loves people and making things work better for them."

## Facing AIDS

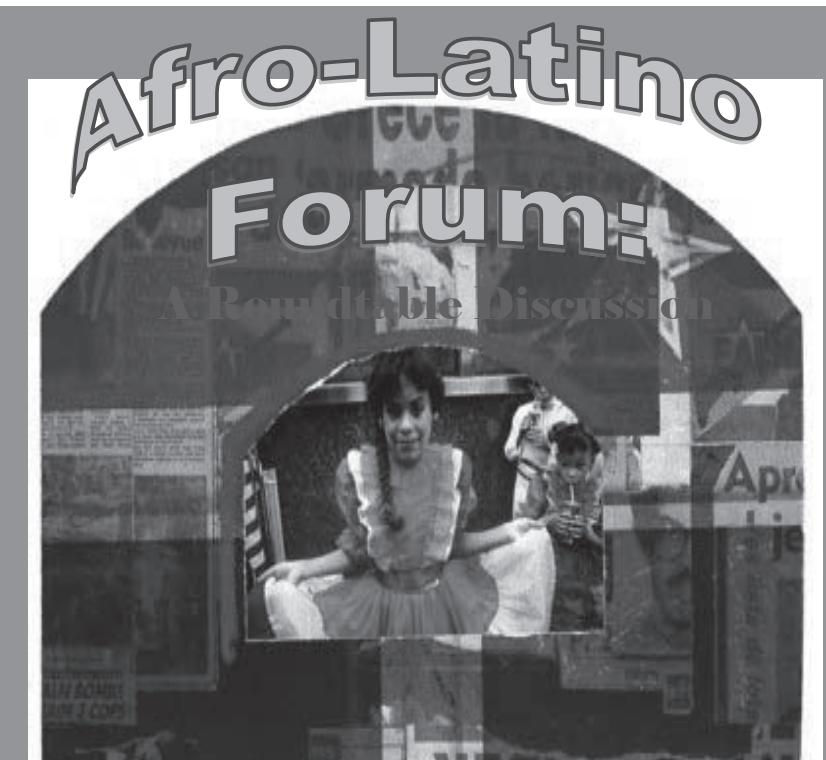
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## MOVIE REVIEW

### Film proves Marilyn will never go out of style

BY MELISSA MACEWEN  
Daily Editorial Board

It has been said that even Marilyn played Marilyn Monroe. After all, beyond that one picture, a rendition or two of "Happy

#### My Week with Marilyn



Starring Michelle Williams, Eddie Redmayne and Dougray Scott  
Directed by Simon Curtis

Birthday" and a conspiracy theory, how much do you really know about the actress synonymous with sex appeal? Probably about as much as Colin Clark, before he became Monroe's go-to during filming in London.

The outcast of his over-achieving family, Colin Clark (Eddie Redmayne) has always used movies as a means to escape reality. He considers running away to the circus before, through perseverance alone, he wrangles a job as a third assistant director gofer of "the lightest of comedies," "The Prince and the Showgirl" (1957). With his candor and boyish good looks, Clark ingratiate himself with his co-worker and becomes a popular confidant. When Arthur Miller (Dougray Scott) returns to New York after a fall-out with his wife, '50s it-girl Marilyn Monroe (Michelle Williams), Clark has a brief semi-romance with Monroe that gives him a peek beneath the veneer of her public life.

As corny as its plot may sound, director Simon Curtis' "My Week with Marilyn" is surprisingly—and poignantly—well done. Marketed as a true story, the film draws from two books based on journal entries Clark wrote during the filming of "The Prince and the Showgirl." Those books were adapted to film by writer Adrian Hodges. The movie provides an unusual glimpse into Hollywood filmmaking at the height of Monroe's acting career and is, at heart, a classic tale of love's perils.

Williams puts in an admirable performance as Marilyn Monroe, managing to project just the right blend of an erotically appealing but emotionally damaged diva.

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## MOVIE REVIEW



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In 'A Dangerous Method,' Keira Knightley portrays a neurotic woman embroiled in a complicated affair with Carl Jung.

### 'A Dangerous Method' plumbs emotional depths

BY MATTHEW WELCH  
Daily Editorial Board

Biopics have always been a difficult genre. Making a film about the life of a famous figure is a balancing act. Bad

#### A Dangerous Method



Starring Viggo Mortensen, Michael Fassbender, Keira Knightley and Vincent Cassel  
Directed by David Cronenberg

biopics do little to expand on the figure's established reputation, often coming off as stuffy or obsequious in their celebration of his or her character. Good biopics, like David Cronenberg's "A Dangerous

Method," look at the person in the context of his times and probe beneath the veneer of his legacy to reveal genuine aspects of his persona.

"A Dangerous Method" is a nuanced portrayal of the lives and careers of pioneering psychoanalysts Carl Jung (Michael Fassbender) and his elder mentor, Sigmund Freud (Viggo Mortensen). Keira Knightley plays Sabina Spielrein, a hysterical woman who transitions from Jung's patient to his colleague and lover, all the while complicating the relationship between Freud and Jung. Knightley's febrile performance captures the violent outbursts and caged sexuality that made Spielrein an object of unwholesome appeal for Jung and an ideal subject for Freud's overtly sexual

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## TV REVIEW

### 'Big Bang' implodes in its fifth season

BY JOSEPH STILE  
Daily Editorial Board

For a show about highly intelligent people, CBS's "The Big Bang Theory" requires viewers to use very few brain cells. The show

#### The Big Bang Theory



Starring Jim Parsons, Mayim Bialik, Kaley Cuoco and Johnny Galecki  
Airs Thursdays at 8 p.m. on CBS



MICHAEL ANSELL/WARNER BROS

'The Big Bang Theory' began as a promising show, but has started to fall back on tired material.

characters individually.

Jim Parsons quickly broke out as the show's star in its early years, and for good reason. Parsons has been able to earn huge laughs despite the show's lackluster writing and pacing. His Emmy-winning performance as Sheldon finds a human center for the character's absurdity and awkwardness. Parsons is also able to find the perfect balance for Sheldon's intellectual brilliance and social stupidity.

Parsons' effortlessness in the role makes it easy to forget how difficult it must be to keep

a character like Sheldon consistently funny and likeable. We see another side of this struggle in season four, with "Big Bang's" addition of Mayim Bialik as Amy Farrah Fowler. Amy is essentially the female Sheldon, and yet her character, unlike Sheldon, is consistently boring and off-putting. Bialik hasn't been able to portray the mild insanity and fragility that comes with such a high intelligence.

While Sheldon is often mean to his friends, it is also very clear that he cares deeply about

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## ALEXANDRIA CHU | HIT LI(S)T

### Hollywood devastation



It's not often that you are completely pulled into a piece of literature and left wishing there were more pages to lose yourself in. This novel I'm writing about today does just that with its terse sentences and poignant voice. In fact, TIME included it on its list, "100 Best English-language Novels from 1923-2005."

**Author:** Joan Didion

**Title:** "Play It as It Lays" (1970)

**Number of Pages:** 214 in the 2005 Farrar, Straus and Giroux Edition

**Reminiscent of:** Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald

Hollywood is the pop-cultural center of America. It is where our fantasies are enacted, our idols worshipped and our dreams manifested. At the same time, Hollywood has a dark side. Go to the Walk of Fame and witness panhandling costumed citizens as well as rampant tourist-driven consumerism. Read the stars and note just how few of them you recognize—the flash of fame fades faster than those lasting emblems on the street. And how many Hollywood postcards, T-shirts and shot glasses does one need?

"Play It as It Lays" captures the dual nature of Hollywood and the people who move in its circles. Focused on Maria Wyeth (pronounced Mariah), a 30-something actress, Didion's novel tracks her life and move from Nevada to Los Angeles. From rags to riches, one could say it reflects the lives of countless actresses, models and musicians.

The fiction bounces from the twisted lives of Hollywood rich and elite to topics tied to the true human condition: dead parents, suicides, ill children and broken families. "Play It as It Lays" balances all aspects in a composed manner of short chapters and intriguing scenes.

Didion has inspired so many modern writers, including Bret Easton Ellis from my first week's column, and is currently one of the most eloquent and prolific novelists. At the same time, she relates to novelists of a bygone age, tracing Hemingway and Fitzgerald as her own inspirations. In truth, her strong and simple sentences are reminiscent of Hemingway, while her choice to tell the tragic tales of the elite reflect Fitzgerald. In this way, she is a literary linchpin, binding together the past to the present.

In addition, although Maria's life begins spiraling out of control in her early 30s, her youth was the impetus for her unraveling. It's just not until later that the effects really begin to settle in. This shows the subsequent consequences of youthful temptations.

"Play It as It Lays" is one of my all-time favorite novels. It undertakes heavy questions like the meaning of life and consequences of wrong choices. For example, in a beautiful quote, Maria asks, "I mean maybe I was holding all the aces, but what was the game?" What a question.

Didion has also recently come out with a new book, "Blue Nights" (2011), which documents her relationship with her own daughter. To date, she has written five fiction books, 13 non-fiction books and five screenplays. Born in California, Didion began writing when she was five years old and was always an avid reader. Graduating from University of California, Berkeley, with an English major, Didion won a competition and was given a job at Vogue as the prize. She married a writer, John Gregory Dunne, and began her literary career in 1963, pioneering a field of new journalism, or literary nonfiction. Didion and her husband co-wrote many pieces before his tragic and sudden death in 2003, followed by Didion's daughter's death in 2005.

Didion's stories reflect the incredible sadness of her own life, but also her hope, which prevails even in the darkest of times. That duality—the dark and the light—of Maria, Hollywood, Didion and even every one of us is captured in "Play It as It Lays."

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# 'My Week with Marilyn' strikes an apt balance

## MARILYN

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Williams is sensitive to Monroe's neuroticism and desperate loneliness without making her seem artificial. Her portrayal poignantly illustrates Monroe's push-and-pull relationship with the limelight as she simultaneously basks in and flees from her own persona.

In one particularly moving scene, for example, Monroe and Clark play hooky and go on a brief adventure around London before going for a sexually charged nude swim. Once back on the river's bank and found by her escort, Monroe turns to look back at the enraptured Clark. The music stops and the mood shifts abruptly as Monroe's mystical persona drops to reveal just how trapped she really feels by her lifestyle.

Emma Watson's appearance in the film as wardrobe assistant Lucy is almost comical — her character is significant only as The Girl Who Was Overshadowed by Marilyn Monroe. Quick-witted and bold, she dates Clark for a while before he moves on to greener pastures. Her role is a minor one, but it serves as a charming reality check in comparison to Clark's unexpected romance with Monroe.

Similarly, Judi Dench's character, Dame Sybil Thorndike, is hardly a protagonist in the film, but her empathy and warmth provide a tidy counterpoint to Laurence Olivier's (Kenneth Branagh) emotional brutality during filming. Dench always

seems typecast into the same cinematic role, but she does it marvelously.

Despite its excellent acting, "My Week with Marilyn" is still the occasional victim of its own script. Clark is somewhat unbelievably the witness to a series of immaculately timed personal confessions that explain tensions and subplots. Furthermore, critics and friends of Marilyn have complained that this portrayal makes her seem more ditzy and lost than she really was.

Still, Redmayne is a delightful Clark, and his minimally developed personality helps highlight the absurdity that surrounds him. Charming, albeit somewhat bland, is ultimately what we want him to be. After all, the movie is less about Clark's diary entries than it is about the behind-the-scenes life of Monroe. Whether it's 1957 or 2011, any audience is much more interested in the life of a beautiful woman than that of a freckly third assistant.

While it treads dangerously close to being just another sepia-tinted trot through yesteryear — "Midnight in Paris" (2011), anyone? — "My Week with Marilyn" succeeds because it manages to seamlessly pair glamour with raw reality. Light, but not sugar-coated, the drama is touching in its apparent honesty. "My Week with Marilyn" is as appealing as its title star, and is worth much more than a background story from the filming of "The Prince and the Showgirl."



Michelle Williams puts in a nuanced performance as infamous sex symbol Marilyn Monroe.

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# 'Dangerous Method' explores sexuality's many facets in biopic format

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psychological theories.

Cronenberg's precise, understated directing style and Christopher Hampton's remarkably taut script breathe life into a film that could have easily devolved into a generic, period-piece romance. While the plot of "A Dangerous Method" is relatively simple, it moves forward at a brisk pace thanks to the vibrant character portrayals and the sexual tension that lies at the film's core.

Jung is torn between his desire for Spielrein and the professional and moral implications of cheating on his wife. While this kind of conflict is frequently depicted in films, the psychological insight of the main characters transforms an ordinary conflict into a meditation on the nature of human sexuality and repression. Jung's overpowering attraction to Spielrein forces him to question the merits of sexual repression and the limitations of monogamy.

Vincent Cassel gives a vibrant, but brief performance as Otto Gross, a hedonistic and morally unscrupulous psychoanalyst who convinces Jung to consummate his desire for Spielrein.

In a Cronenbergian tradition, the sexual acts in "A Dangerous Method" are just as complicated as the characters that commit them. The affair between Jung and Spielrein is hardly your textbook romantic infidelity, and Cronenberg doesn't flinch in showing the audience what goes on behind closed doors.

Cronenberg has always been interested in the darker sides of sexuality — "Videodrome" (1983)

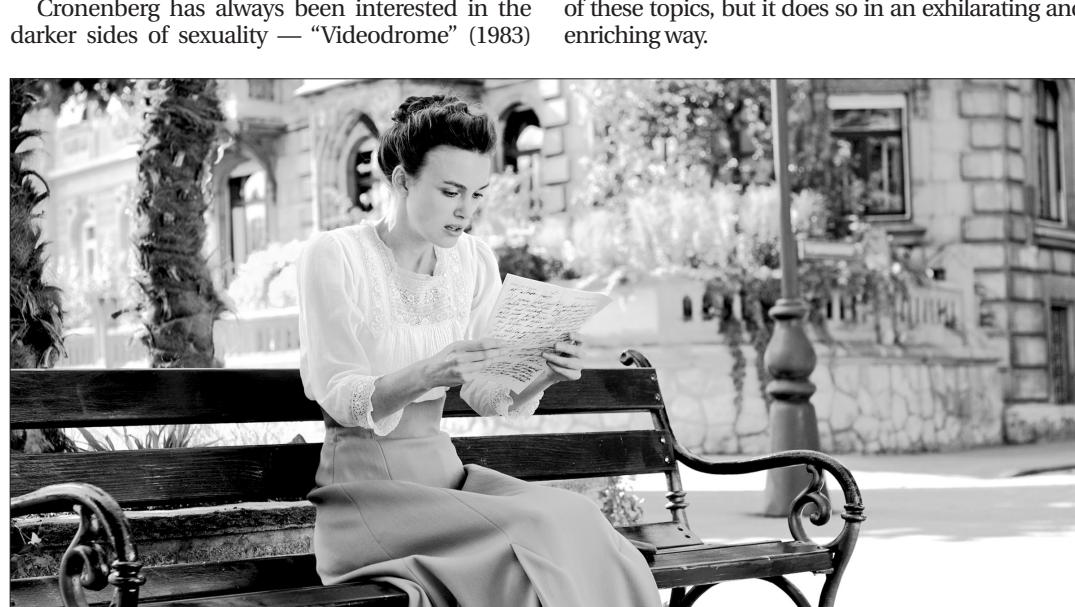
showed how sex and intimacy evolve with technologies like TV, while "A History of Violence" (2005) explored the relationship between violence and sexual appeal. "A Dangerous Method" follows this trend, illustrating the connections between Spielrein's childhood abuse and her unconventional sexual preferences. Much of the nuance of "A Dangerous Method" is shown through Cronenberg's ability to depict these scenes of admittedly kinky sex in a substantive way that enhances the characters, rather than objectifying or undermining their subtle psychologies.

Despite the heated, erotic topics it addresses, "A Dangerous Method" is a remarkably controlled film. Scenes tend to be short and sweet, often with abrupt segues that keep viewers on their toes. One scene may depict beautiful Viennese architecture and Jung's cherubic children before cutting to a shot of Spielrein and Jung going at it with unnerving vigor. Cronenberg plays with the audience's associations with intimacy and sexuality, with virtuous family life and carnally satisfying extramarital relations, all the while keeping the focus of the film dutifully trained on the inner lives of his characters.

In a film culture that celebrates one-dimensional sexuality and simple romantic fulfillment, movies like "A Dangerous Method" show us that sexuality and human relationships are far more complex than our culture usually gives them credit for. "A Dangerous Method" may plumb the darker sides of these topics, but it does so in an exhilarating and enriching way.



"A Dangerous Method" does an excellent job of complicating the often facile view of human relationships.



Jim Parsons manages to navigate his character's flaws in 'The Big Bang Theory,' whereas Mayim Bialik's Amy comes off as harsh and unlikeable.

# Once decent, 'Big Bang' weakens in its old age

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them and knows he needs them to survive. This cognizance keeps him from being as disconcerting as his female counterpart. The subtle details Parsons infuses into his character bring him to life — a privilege that few other characters have on "Big Bang."

That said, Parsons is not the only cast member to give a strong performance. Kaley Cuoco and Johnny Galecki work wonders as the foils to Parsons' lunacy. It is a difficult task for these two actors to play the reasonable ones opposite such an outrageous character, but Galecki and Cuoco manage the task at hand deftly. The two actors epitomize strong supporting characters; their backing supplements Parsons' performance without ever overshadowing it.

It is a shame that these actors aren't given stronger material to work with, because they have proven themselves to be talented. Now that "Big Bang" has reached its fifth season, the show's writers constantly use tired, sitcom-

cliche plots and old jokes. Viewers forget the entire storyline right after watching the show because they're bound to have seen that same, bland plot dozens of times before. In fact, it is easy to guess what will happen in the entire episode in the first few minutes of watching. This lack of surprise makes the show fairly humdrum.

Furthermore, the show's use of studio laughter comes off as obnoxious during weaker jokes and slows down the show's pace. Videos on YouTube show clips of "The Big Bang Theory" without a laugh track and highlight just how much time on the show is wasted on pauses after jokes. This isn't as big of a problem when the jokes land, but on feeble gags, the technique can be cringe-inducing.

With such high ratings, "The Big Bang Theory" is likely to be on the air for a very long time — which, unfortunately, will keep its very talented cast from pursuing work on stronger programs and from working with material that matches their comic skill.



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## EDITORIAL

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A good allocation

The upcoming Spring Fling stands to be a more star-studded affair than in years past. The Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate Allocations Board allocated \$65,000 in buffer funds to Programming Board for the Spring Fling budget last Sunday. The amount is up from the \$25,000 the Programming Board requested and is an addition to the annual \$85,000 reserved for Spring Fling. Therefore, the budget for Spring Fling this year has jumped to \$150,000, up from the usual \$110,000.

The reason for the increased budget was to attract headliners and opening acts with higher price tags. Those who felt that the combination of The Roots and RJD2 at last Spring Fling could have had a wider appeal should be appeased.

TCU Senate President Tomas Garcia said that this funding decision was made

because Spring Fling is an event attended by almost everyone on campus. As a result, the surplus money spent would benefit a large number of students. We couldn't agree more.

The Senate should be commended for spending the student body's Student Activity Fee money wisely. It was a good call to spend the money on something that is accessible and unequivocally benefits the entire student body.

It's a move that stands in stark contrast to the Senate's controversial April 2009 decision to grant \$230,000 of recovered embezzled funds to build the Trips Cabin, located next to Tufts Mountain Club's Loj in North Woodstock, N.H.

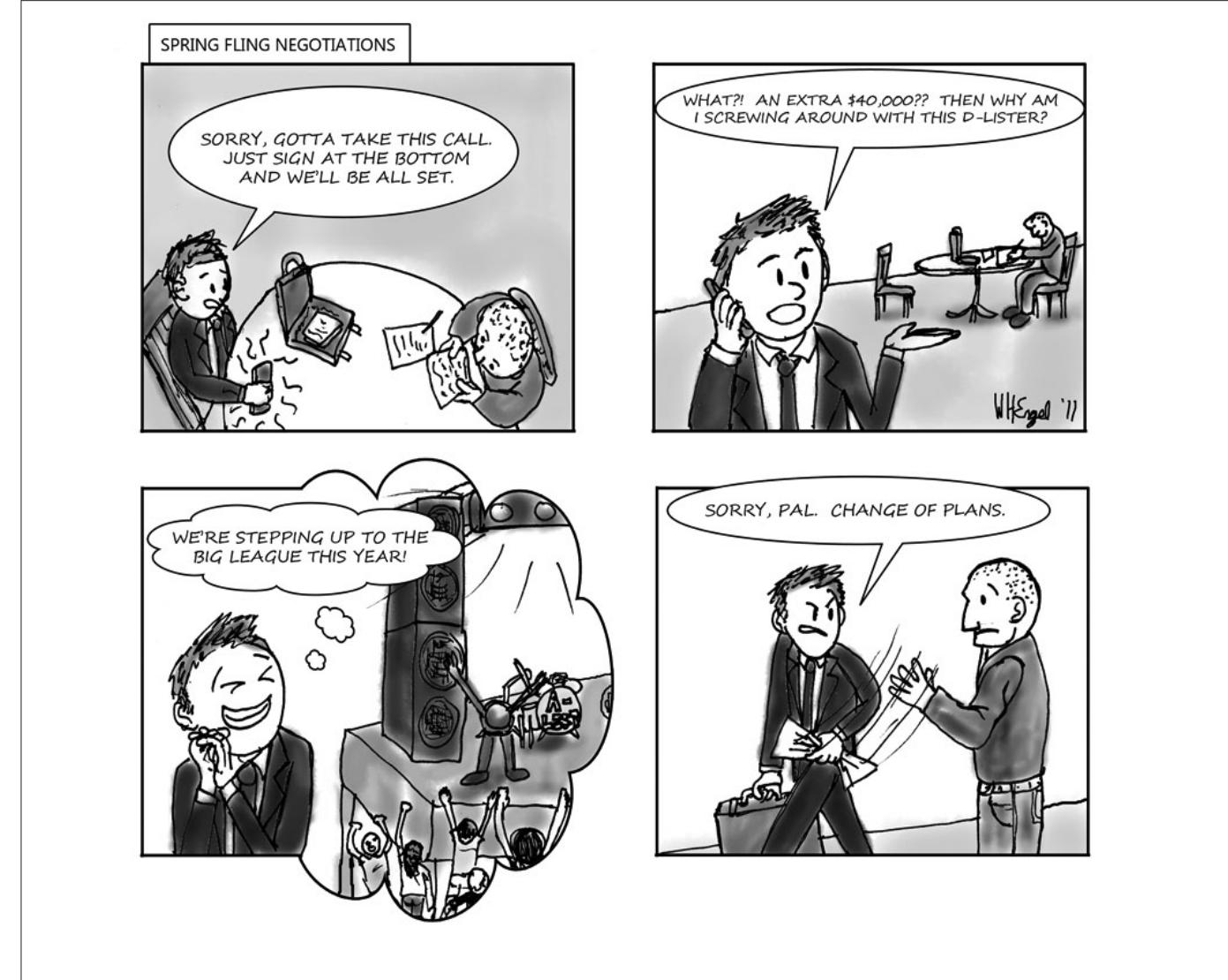
While the use of the Trips Cabin is available to all students — and the cabin was arguably the most developed proposal at the time — some accused the

Senate of voting with their own experiences in mind instead of their constituents', given that the Senate uses the Loj for retreats. Similarly, others felt that on-campus uses of the funds could have had a greater impact on a larger number of students.

The current TCU Senate, in deciding to put its money into making one of the largest and best-attended events on campus even bigger, shows that Tufts' student government can be trusted to keep its constituents at heart.

The decision to increase the Spring Fling budgeting, in order to make the event all that it can be, was a wise one. Increasing the budget means the funds were undeniably devoted to improving the experience for everyone on campus, something for which the Senate should always strive.

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## OFF THE HILL | UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

# Twitter poised to become top dog

BY CAROLINA NACHAZEL  
Arizona Daily Wildcat

AOL Instant Messenger was the most popular form of communication back in the days of dial-up Internet. It was the only way to talk to our friends and elementary school crushes without being heard on the house phone.

As we matured and went on to middle school and high school, social networking evolved with us. The handheld mirror shot was born, and the world of MySpace was the only place to be seen. If you didn't have the right pictures, the best quotes, or the coolest celebrity photo under the "role models" section, you were a loser.

Myspace was a gateway drug into the world of social media. Toward the end of high school, when we became wiser and "too mature" for Myspace, the Facebook era began. It's not news that Facebook has taken over the world. With over 800 million users today, Facebook has become a tool for both social and professional networking. Despite that, however, Facebook is past its prime.

Twitter, although it has only been around since 2006, will soon be the social media tool to use. The CEO of Twitter, Dick Costolo, reported in September that more than 100 million users are now active on Twitter. Although there are still 75 percent less users than Facebook, Twitter will soon become the new Facebook, and Facebook will become the new MySpace. According to Mashable Social Media, there are 230 million tweets a day, 8,900 per second.

Unlike Facebook, Twitter gives people direct access to celebrities. While not everyone is obsessed with following a certain famous person's every move, millions of people are. The top five followed people (Lady Gaga, Justin Bieber, Katy Perry, Kim Kardashian and Barack Obama) tweet almost daily on their whereabouts and appearances. This gives more than 11 million fans desperately desired communication in 140 characters or less.

If you own the iPhone, a Twitter account may be coming your way shortly. According to CNN, the 200 million plus people who own iPhones will be

encouraged to share via Twitter if they have a habit of posting photos, videos, and links. The iOS 5 software, released in early October, includes Twitter integration. After taking a picture, listening to a song, or using any of the iPhone's features, a Twitter button can be tapped for instant upload. Facebook, available for download on any iPhone, will not be able to survive the fierce competition that Twitter is bringing. With Apple endorsing Twitter, there is no doubt that its popularity will dramatically increase.

We have been through a lot with Facebook, but sadly its time has ended. Soon, liking comments and stalking profiles will be a thing of the past. A Twitter addiction will certainly not be as dangerous as a Facebook obsession. Although there are still ways to waste hours by scrolling through the Twitter timeline, Twitter is a more condensed, savvy way to social network.

But if you aren't quite ready to say goodbye to Facebook, treat it with a Band-Aid. Deactivate it quickly, then post your first tweet.

OFF THE HILL | COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

# The audacity of disappointment

BY ITTAI ORR  
Columbia Daily Spectator

With the Occupy movement making headlines and a dysfunctional Congress dragging our nation through the mud, Obama must hold to his principles if he wants to reunite with a disillusioned public. Three years ago on the night of the 2008 election, I was covered with champagne, having just filled up Broadway with a pile of other Columbia students to rally all the way into Harlem. The air was electrified. I looked out at the New York City skyline from my Carman room, turned to my roommate, and said, "Here comes the big Obama hangover." But wide-eyed first-years that we were, we expected that he would soon have his moment to shine. The democratic demand for unconditional, universal healthcare was finally conceivable. Republicans were not having it, but progressives held the House and the Senate. We were blue through and through and this was our time. Public education would be salvaged, the Bush-era tax cuts for the rich would be allowed to end, Wall Street and the failing corporate megaliths would be forced to pursue their profits with much more restraint. Obama wanted these things — he said as much in his election speeches.

But then the fight for health care took a nasty turn. Extreme right-wing "populists" heeded the ultra-wealthy Koch brothers' call to libertarianism. On the surface, they looked like they might have had a legitimate stance. America has, after all, always had at its core a conflict between the romantic dreams of freedom and the declaration's promise of equal opportunity. But this healthcare debate was a false dialectic. The fact is, ordinary Americans are doing worse than they believe. They have become convinced that if they rely on their own resources, they too can buy a yacht and a second home and several cars — the same delusion that Goldman Sachs was well aware of when it bet against the sub-prime loans Americans naively pounced



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on. Naysayers claimed that America was too far in debt to be able to afford to support the bill, but its architects had taken measures that would ensure a lower impact on our budget. The public option could have been completely covered with taxes on the ultra-wealthy or with money originally allocated to handouts for that demographic. It's no wonder that top earners had no desire for this to happen — it is, however, a wonder that the Republicans share in that sentiment. They are convinced that the system that allowed speculative capitalists to harvest the profits of America's delusions will ensure their own prosperity, and it is this failure of judgment I hoped to hear called out by this administration. In a united effort, many Americans elected Obama to regain our faith in government. So when he chose Bernanke to chair the Fed and backed down on his previously stated convictions in the name of "compromise," our disappointment was understandable. Three years after champagne in the street, Columbians are still feeling

the hangover — some say that Obama has been cornered and that we must concede on our ideals. I firmly disagree with that perspective.

Obama wrote in "The Audacity of Hope" that he admires Abraham Lincoln for his virtues as a great compromiser and for his "team of rivals" style of governance, but he missed the point that from the very start of his political career, Lincoln abhorred injustice (particularly in the overt and despicable example of slavery). He was a man of principle, and while he did what he could to adhere to the Missouri Compromise that had for so long preserved the Union, his outspoken hatred of slavery in part provoked a violent secession and subsequent war that finally put an end to the question. I am not attempting to suggest by this that Obama must start another civil war, but I am finally demanding that he stand up audaciously against the abuse of power evident in a private sector that is very quickly consuming what's left of our federal government.

OFF THE HILL | EMORY UNIVERSITY

# The 500-pound Keynesian in the room

BY DAVID GRIFFIN  
Emory Wheel

The Balanced Budget Amendment put forth by House Republicans last week failed to pass its Friday vote. At 261 "yeas" to 165 "nays," the measure came up just 23 votes short of the two-thirds majority required by the Constitution for ratifying an amendment.

Many critics have argued that the push for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution was merely symbolic. Even if the House had managed to carry the measure, it would still have had to face a Senate vote before being passed along to the various state legislatures for ratification.

To be generous to the bill's proponents, it was definitely a long shot in the current Congress. And it missed.

The amendment failed, surprisingly, amid considerable public support. According to a July 18-20 CNN/ORC International poll, nearly three in four Americans supported the passage of a balanced-budget amendment. Sixty percent of those polled also believed that a balanced budget amendment was the only way to control the deficit. Given that spending has continued at an alarming rate since then, it is doubtful that those numbers have decreased.

Some accused the amendment's supporters of hypocrisy, pointing to the budget surplus coming out of the Clinton administration that collapsed under the succeeding Republican administration. Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) even went as far as to tell Republicans to practice what they preach. "It will take no courage to vote for this amendment, but it will take courage to balance our budget by paying for what we buy."

But the most important reason that most Democrats opposed the bill is the

fear that it would constrict federal spending. In the words of Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. of Illinois, "I am addicted to saving lives. I am addicted to making sure that Social Security is not violently cut by the balanced budget amendment."

Jackson's words sum up one of the left's major arguments: Things are so bad economically that the government cannot afford to not spend money.

Keynesian economic theory, which underpins most economic policies advocated by the left in Washington, argues that in times of economic decline, the government needs to be more active with spending policies. Government spending, they argue, fills in the gaps and keeps the economy moving forward until the private sector recovers.

This kind of thinking inspired not only President Obama's stimulus package, but also several other big-spending bills passed throughout his administration. This kind of thinking, however, is also the reason that President Obama is set to outspend the whole of George W. Bush's administration by next spring.

It is true that government spending can keep GDP activity high and prevent many major economic markers from dropping very far. And it is also true that many people benefit from welfare programs like Social Security. But to then argue that such spending is actually a form of economic stimulus, as the administration tried to argue with food stamps last year, is patently absurd.

Keynesian economic policy is sort of like drinking alcohol in the winter with the hope that you will get warmer. Sure, you might feel warm, but it's actually just the numbing effect of the alcohol reducing your sense of temperature. If you stay outside long enough, you'll still get hypothermia or frostbite because you are still very, very cold. And very drunk.

Government spending during a recession makes things look a lot better than they are. But unless the private sector gets going again, all the spending does is make us feel better about the situation. The economy, in reality, is still in very bad shape.

President Obama's administration has simply not been a friend of American business, save for the ones that donated to his campaign or market themselves as being a part of the green energy sector. His administration's policies have placed immense regulatory and economic burdens on American business-owners.

But instead of acknowledging this, the President has argued in recent weeks that American businesses have gotten "lazy" about being competitive internationally and attracting jobs.

The rhetoric makes sense given Obama's policies. Lazy and immoral businesses obviously can't be trusted to save the economy, so the government has to step in. But with record-breaking levels of spending, Obama's rhetoric will soon be the only thing left propping up America's massive budget.

And talk, as the saying goes, is cheap.

The balanced budget amendment was not the coward's way out as Steny Hoyer suggested. Rather, it was and still is a necessary and permanent step toward tackling the deficit. By limiting government spending, it directly challenged the Keynesian economic theory that is dominating the current crop of politicians in the White House. It would have forced Congress to consider policies that don't merely fill economic holes, but rather encourage sustainable growth and private-sector expansion.

So much for that attempt to tie down Washington's spending. Guess we'll be hitting the economic sauce for a while longer.

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## Black Friday, revisited



**B**lack Friday has come and gone. Aside from the disappointingly typical mayhem — see: pepper spraying at Walmart — most analysts deem it a great success for the retail sector. In-store sales were up 7 percent to more than \$11 billion, while online sales rose nearly 25 percent to \$816 million.

Yet beyond the numbers lies a much more intricate sales report. While my cousins and I watched the magnificent Christmas epic "Elf" (2003) in melatonin-induced stupors, our poor cousin Kevin turned in early to catch a few hours of sleep before his midnight to 9 a.m. shift at Target began. Target and several other major U.S. retailers opened their doors at midnight on Friday, or even late Thursday night, to entice shoppers to kick off their spending sprees that much earlier.

Though sales rose across the board, many retailers slashed prices so drastically that Black Friday became Red Friday. No company wants to take a loss on their products, but the reasoning behind this move actually makes a fair amount of sense. Without blowout sales and discount pricing, most shoppers wouldn't bother making the trip to Best Buy at 3 a.m. These retailers bank on the fact that once you find that half-priced Xbox, maybe you'll realize that your home stereo has been lacking that so-called "Super Bass," and you'll decide to splurge. The stereo might not be on sale, but you figure you can afford to spend a little more since you just saved so much on the Xbox.

Retailers immerse customers in a "buying" mindset just by getting them in the door. Though stores might lose money on every discounted Blu-ray player they sell, they make it back when those same customers decide to buy a box set of discs as well. Black Friday is a constant give-and-take between consumer and retailer.

Even though I'd only like to focus on the positive outcomes of this past Black Friday, the economist in me has to point out that, despite an abundance of holiday hiring, analysts expect the unemployment rate to remain at 9 percent. Countless factors affect the unemployment rate, but a look back at the online sales number — an increase of 25 percent — reveals that more and more people are avoiding the chaos of Black Friday and simply buying online. "Cyber Monday" will likely push online sales over \$1 billion.

On one hand spending is spending: a dollar on BestBuy.com should be worth the same as a dollar at Best Buy. But on the other, online shopping detracts from the need for local holiday hiring. Retailers and shippers alike expect a large increase in volume this holiday season, and have hired accordingly. FedEx and UPS alone will add up to 75,000 workers, and Amazon expects to add workers at its major distribution centers. Though these jobs will give the employment rate a much needed bump, they affect only a small portion of the population and will do little to secure long-term job growth.

Nonetheless, Black Friday stands as a positive economic indicator for the United States. Stocks opened higher across the board yesterday, with both the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Standard and Poor's 500 finishing up nearly 3 percent. Shoppers have proven that they are ready and willing to spend money this holiday season. Never mind that unemployment remains a fickle and frustrating statistic, that neither side of the political spectrum has put forth a solid jobs bill, or that the Federal Reserve will continue to keep interest rates for the foreseeable future. Look on the bright side: home sales are up, shoppers are spending and maybe the Eurozone will get that bailout it's been asking for.

Be happy! Festivus is just around the corner.

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## INSIDE NCAA BASKETBALL

# The Big (L)East

## Early struggles cast doubt on power conference

BY ETHAN STURM  
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You can call it apathy brought on by the coming structural changes, or schools looking ahead to greener pastures and failing to focus on the present. But just weeks into the new college basketball season, the Big East is no longer simply deteriorating off the court; it is doing so on it as well.

Just a season after sending a record 11 teams to the NCAA Tournament, the Big East has seen ranked sides fall to "juggernauts" hailing from mid-major conferences such as the Big South, Mountain West and Conference USA. Critics have long held the belief that the Big East's teams are overrated and its plethora of tournament spots is undeserved. In other words, the Big East is the SEC of basketball. Now, the conference is giving such pundits more than enough ammunition.

The carnage began on Nov. 16, as Long Beach State came into Pittsburgh and became only the second non-Big East team in history to beat the Panthers — ranked No. 9 in the country at the time — at the Petersen Events Center, winning 86-76. The game required no Cinderella miracle; the 49ers' lead never fell below six points in the entire second half. Long Beach State shot 59.3 percent from the field against a Pitt team that finished last year 19th in the nation in opponent's field goal percentage, and out-rebounded the Panthers, who were seventh in rebounds per game in 2010-2011.

For years, Pitt has disappointed in the post-season, making the Sweet 16 just once in the past four years despite earning a No. 1 seed in two of those seasons and never being seeded worse than fourth in its region. Now, it looks like such disappointments might be spreading to the regular season, just as the team prepares to dart to the ACC.

Three days after the Panthers' collapse, Cincinnati followed suit with an even more embarrassing loss, falling 56-54 to Presbyterian College, which has just started its fifth season in Div. I, has fewer full-time faculty members than Cincinnati has players on its football roster, has never had a winning campaign and has already lost to Duke by 41 points this season.

The Bobcats led by 17 with nine minutes to go and by seven with 90 seconds to play, but managed just seven points in the final 10 minutes to give the Blue Hose an opening. They responded, and junior Khalid Mutakabbir hit a three-pointer with 7.6 seconds to go to com-

plete the upset of the then-No. 20 Bobcats, who have also lost to Marshall in overtime.

Defending national champion Connecticut — then ranked No. 4 — completed the lackluster trifecta on Friday, dropping a game to Central Florida, a school that has never won in the Division I NCAA Tournament. The Huskies, like Cincinnati, led by 17 points, but they couldn't close out the Golden Knights, who stormed back, taking the lead with just over two minutes to play and holding onto it from there, 68-63. UCF was led by Marcus Jordan, who may as well have been his legendary father Michael that night, tallying 20 points, seven assists and seven rebounds.

Perhaps Jordan is the perfect place to start in analyzing what is going wrong with these Big East powers, as many of them lack a go-to player in tough spots. UConn lost Kemba Walker to the NBA this past season, and while Jeremy Lamb and Shabazz Napier have both developed into top-tier players, neither has the ability to create separation the way Walker did, making them less dangerous one-on-one with the shot clock ticking down. It is telling that neither scored during the final nine minutes of the upset.

Pittsburgh was hit hard inside, losing forward Brad Wanamaker and leading rebounder Gary McGhee. Wanamaker was at his best in some of the team's biggest games, including scoring six of the Panthers' final eight points in a three-point victory over Villanova. Though Ashton Gibbs — the team's leading scorer — is still around, Pitt's lack of size was on clear display as it fell short against Long Beach State.

Though the Big East lacks headline players, it is still making headlines. Pittsburgh and Syracuse are headed to the ACC, while West Virginia was invited to join the Big-12. Many of the Big East's schools may be less worried about where they are in the conference standings this year than which conference they will be part of next year.

While Pittsburgh, Connecticut and Cincinnati have the marquee losses, many of the conference's other schools are struggling just as much. The Mountaineers dropped a game to Kent State, and Villanova almost reached the Top 25 before dropping two straight to the likes of Saint Louis and Santa Clara.

If the Big East hopes to achieve its prior glamour before what may be its final conference championship at Madison Square Garden, it is going to need to turn things around in a New York minute.



Seniors like Charles Okwandu of UConn and Nasir Robinson of Pitt will need to provide leadership for the Huskies and Panthers to overcome their early struggles.

## INSIDE NBA

# Owners, players reach deal

## Sixty-six game schedule set to begin on Dec. 25



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The agreement reached on Saturday gives Dirk Nowitzki and the Mavericks a chance to defend their championship in 2011-2012.

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Even after one of the best seasons in recent memory, the National Basketball Association's labor tensions threatened the entire 2011-12 campaign as recently as last week, after the players' union disbanded and commissioner David Stern declared that the league had entered a nuclear winter.

However, faced with billions of dollars in lost revenue and the chance of permanently hurting its relationship with fans, the league and the union finally struck a handshake agreement that will allow a truncated season to begin on Dec. 25.

The negotiations, which lasted over a year and a half, seemed to break down for good on Nov. 14, when both sides threw up their respective hands and seemed content to let the situation play out in federal courts. The players felt particularly aggrieved, as they were set to take a significant pay cut to just 50 percent of the league's Basketball Related Income — down from 57 percent under the previous deal — as well as give in to the owners on many of the so-called "system issues" including the salary cap, the length of player deals and "Larry Bird" rights.

The owners, meanwhile, claimed that the league was unprofitable as constituted and declared their intention to hold out for the best deal possible. Under that backdrop, there were widespread predictions in the media, and even from Stern, that the entire season would be lost — marking the first time since the 2004 NHL lockout that a whole year of a major North American sport would be lost to a work stoppage.

But in the end, cooler heads prevailed, and the agreement reached early Saturday will allow for only a slightly shortened schedule of 66 games. While the original schedule will have to be shuffled and many details still must be worked out, the overwhelming feeling following the deal was relief, as the two sides came together on many of the major issues that had held up the negotiations for 18 months.

Specifically, the split of league revenues for the players will be approximately 50 percent — a win for the owners who claimed that current system was unsustainable for most of the teams. However, the players negotiated a con-

tinuation of the soft salary cap system, meaning that teams can still pay big money to free agents in some cases, even when it would lift them over the league's payroll ceiling.

That victory for the players was coupled with the preservation of two structures that were some of the worst sticking points to a new deal: sign-and-trade agreements and the so-called "mid-level exceptions." Essentially, under the new system, various exemptions to the salary cap rules will still be in place, preserving the market for superstars like LeBron James who want to sign extremely lucrative contracts with new teams in an attempt to form a championship contender.

But the players' few victories did not come without significant concessions, as the owners consummated a deal that will help bring parity to a league that has seen only eight different champions since the 1984 NBA Finals. One of the owners' chief concerns was the dominance of the big-market teams over their small-market counterparts, and a new revenue sharing system will help stem the tide of teams like the Los Angeles Lakers, who use their large profits to acquire players like Pau Gasol and Ron Artest from smaller market clubs.

Additionally, a new, almost unparalleled concept will be introduced under the new CBA: the "amnesty" clause. Now, teams will be able to cut one player from their roster and not have that player's salary count against the cap. Although teams will still have to pay the "amnestied" players, the rule will permit them to get rid of older players signed to overpriced contracts that weigh down rosters by preventing teams from adding free agent reinforcements.

With all the different clauses and cap maneuvers, the actual effects of the new deal may not be fully understood for at least a season. What is certain is that the next month will be one of the most chaotic in league history, as teams must quickly sign free agents and hold hurried training camps to ready their players by Christmas. Those camps are expected to begin on Dec. 9.

No matter how challenging the rushed off-season will be, both the players and the owners will be thankful that they still have a business to pursue, and that they avoided the dire consequences of one of the worst sports labor disputes in recent memory.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Jumbos even record with rout of Brandeis

Barnosky's 17 points lead the way for Tufts

BY ALEX BAUDOUIN  
Daily Staff Writer

The women's basketball team beat the Brandeis Judges on Sunday afternoon, 59-44, improving its overall record to 2-2.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
(0-0 NESCAC, 2-2 Overall)

at Waltham, Mass., Sunday

Tufts	27	32	— 59
Brandeis	20	24	— 44

After getting off to a slow start and losing their first two games, the Jumbos have now earned two straight victories, both by double-digit margins.

The first half against Brandeis was a back-and-forth battle, with neither team able to secure a comfortable lead until the Jumbos broke the tie by going on a 7-0 run in the final 2:14 of the first half. Tufts did not look back from its 27-20 halftime advantage as the Jumbos maintained that edge through the final buzzer.

"I think going into Brandeis we knew it would be a struggle and it wouldn't be pretty ball. It wasn't pretty, but we converted," junior co-captain Bre Dufault said. "Defensively, we made stops when we needed to and we hit our free throws at the end of the game."

Leading the charge for the Jumbos were senior co-captain forward Kate Barnosky — who finished with a game-high 17 points and three assists — and sophomore guard Caitlin McClure, who chipped in with 12 points, including 2-of-3 from downtown, two rebounds and two steals. On the defensive end, senior guard Tiffany Kornegay had three steals and six defensive rebounds.

Barnosky, who is coming off of several major knee surgeries, has been instrumental to both the Jumbos' offense and defense, topping the team with 12.5 points and 7.8 rebounds per game, while often matching up with much taller opponents in the post. The senior expects to continue to improve throughout the season, as she catches up on the time she missed.

"I'm getting back into the swing of things while I'm getting better from my injury," Barnosky said. "The team is running the plays better and getting better looks for me and for everyone."

"KB [Kate Barnosky] has really stepped up for us," Dufault said. "She's been hitting a lot of big shots and outworking her opponent all game long."

Another key to the Jumbos' recent victories has been the continued improvement of their underclassmen, most notably McClure and freshmen point guard Kelsey Morehead and center Hayley Kanner. Morehead, a starter, leads the team with 4.5 assists per game, while Kanner gives the Jumbos some much-needed height and



Sophomore Caitlin McClure (No. 11) netted 12 points in Sunday's win over Brandeis.

shot blocking ability in the paint.

"They've all stepped into big roles right away," said Barnosky of the underclassmen. "They are very consistent and intense and bring it hard in practice everyday. Kelsey has been an awesome point guard for us."

Looking ahead, the Jumbos take on Salem State in Cousens Gym on Tuesday night before traveling to Weston, Mass., to take on Saint Joseph's in the first round of the Regis College Invitational on Friday night.

The Salem State Vikings enter Tuesday night with a 1-2 record. They are led by senior forward Breanna Comeau, owner of a team-high 13.7 points and 6.0 rebounds per game, and freshman guard Rachael Carter, who has contributed 10.3 points per game. In order to succeed, the Jumbos must keep their energy high while executing efficiently on the offensive end.

"We all need to have the same approach," Dufault said. "We just want to keep our energy high. It all starts on the defensive end. We want our defense to fuel our offense."

Although they've had success the past two games, the team stresses that it must work hard and continue to improve every day. While their conference games do not start until after the calendar turns to 2012, the non-conference games are a vital component in their national and regional rankings, as well as for a potential NCAA bid in March.

"We are working harder and getting better, but we are still working the kinks out," Barnosky said. "Everything is pretty new so we have to keep improving to play what coach calls 'Jumbo basketball.'"

## TOP 10

## Top 10 Other Players Who Should Be Mocked in Touchdown Celebrations

In Sunday's game between the Bills and Jets, Buffalo wide receiver Stevie Johnson mocked his New York counterpart Plaxico Burress by reliving one of the most embarrassing and painful moments of the latter's life. Burress accidentally shot himself in the leg at a nightclub in 2008 and served two years in prison for the incident. After scoring a touchdown Sunday, Johnson turned the endzone into a dance floor, then made a gun sign with his hand and began hobbling around.

Inspired by Johnson's hilariously inappropriate antics, the Daily brings you 10 other NFL players whose past should be similarly immortalized.

## 10. Aaron Rodgers and The Belt

If a "discount double-check" is what it takes to win 17 straight, every team ought to try it.

## 9. Chris Kluwe and World of Warcraft

There aren't many celebrations that can involve all 11 players on the field. Reenacting the Vikings punter's favor-

ite off-the-field hobby does that and then some.

## 8. Jay Cutler and failed engagements

Set up a wedding party in the endzone for after the game and then, just as you're about to cross the goal-line for the winning touchdown, step out of bounds and call it all off.

## 7. Chad Ochocinco and ... well, everything

Team up with your own Terrell Owens and start a talk show right in the endzone. Make Ed Hochuli judge a special edition of Dancing with the Stars. Bring a racehorse to the stadium and chase it around. Take your pick.

## 6. Ndamukong Suh and stomping on opponents

What better way to rub in a touchdown over the cornerback you just torched than banging his head into the turf and cleaving his arm? Oh, wait...

## 5. Albert Haynesworth

Because one stomp isn't enough.

## 4. Terrell Owens' press conference sobfest

Your quarterback just slipped a pass between two defenders for six points. The only proper way to repay him is to break into tears while telling the world, "It's my teammate; it's my quarterback!"

## 3. Nick Novak's sideline urination

Too lazy to jog to the locker room after hitting paydirt? Just treat the goalposts as a tree — they're only steps away.

## 2. Owen Schmitt's helmet mishap

Nothing says "we will rock you" quite like blood on your face before the game has started. It's even more appropriate after a touchdown.

## 1. Stevie Johnson's "Why So Serious?" shirt

What's good for the goose is good for the gander. Just paint your face to look like the Joker and hand over \$5,000 to the nearest ref.

—compiled by the Daily Sports Department

ALEX PREWITT | LIVE FROM MUDVILLE

Merry  
Christmas,  
NBA



Every friend I have on Facebook was talking about Christmas this weekend. Roughly 18 percent were inundated with the holiday spirit, presumably catalyzed by a tryptophan-induced food coma, and wrote about how excited they were to move from Thanksgiving to our glorious Christian nation's next major holiday.

The remaining 82 percent all posted some derivation of the following: "The NBA is coming back. Christmas has come early!"

Comparing the return of a league whose labor negotiations have dragged on for far too long to the most triumphant of all holidays is a tall order, especially given that the past few months have felt like spending Christmas Eve trapped in a windowless closet with no clock. We know the end is out there. We know that Christmas will eventually arrive. But for the meantime, we're in the dark, wishing and hoping for what could and should be, for that joyous occasion when Mommy and Daddy stop bickering and let us out to play.

So now we're free to gallivant around in basketball heaven, to enjoy the lovable sounds of a Dirk Nowitzki swish, of David Stern counting his money and of the succulent boos raining down on LeBron James. Christmas indeed.

Attraction to the NBA reached an unprecedented level, and why not? The upstart Mavericks took down the big, bad Heat in the Finals, buoyed by a sweet-shooting German and a shifty Puerto Rican. Blake Griffin threw down a few dunks here and there. The eighth-seeded Grizzlies upset the Spurs in the first round. A nation divided focused its attention on South Beach. The Decision happened. Shaq and Phil Jackson retired.

The reaction seen across Facebook is admittedly childish, and I don't mean that in a negative way. Sport possesses the power to revert us back to our childhoods, to conjure up images of heartbreak and passion. That's why sport exists as such a great uniting presence in the world; for nine innings or four quarters, we are all children, giddy at seeing our idols perform on the biggest stage. So why shouldn't the return of an entity we treasured so dearly evoke strong passion? Why shouldn't we post — the 21st-century version of shouting from the rooftops, apparently — about how the CBA agreement is a Christmas miracle?

Perhaps I'm reading too much into this comparison. Then again, that's all this column is good for. So let's take this metaphor a step further: NBA fans are children. The announcement of the season's salvation is like Christmas come early, which means we're a little greedy to expect two Christmases in the same year. Now, what happens if we follow the general trajectory of childish greed, that we want what we can't have? What if the NBA season is that superawesome remote-control helicopter toy we always wanted, but once New Year's Eve rolls around, we've stashed it in the attic along with the pet rocks and Crazy Bones?

Back in March 2004, the NBA reached its lowest TV ratings ever, and was routinely getting outdrawn by other sports, including the NCAA Div. II basketball title game and a rained-out NASCAR race in 2006. Last year, however, TNT smashed its per-game average and first-round playoff viewership went up 30 percent.

The last lockout sent the league into a ratings tailspin. The 1998 NBA Finals achieved a record share of 18.7, a number that's never been even remotely sniffed again, until Game 6 earned a 15.0 overnight rating, up 35 percent from Game 6 of the 2006 Finals.

So which fans will turn out, those who made the 2010-11 season one of the most exciting ever, or the children who are only interested in something until it's firmly in their grasps? Because it's only Christmas until the next big holiday rolls around.

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