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Alicia Kersten discusses No Child Left Behind.

## Speakers discuss effects of NCLB

BY BENNETT KUHN  
Daily Editorial Board

Four individuals of varying professional backgrounds and experiences with the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act sat on a panel last night about the effects of the legislation on local public schools. Education Action! sponsored the discussion.

NCLB, signed into law in 2002, is a federal education reform bill aimed at achieving accountability in public education by mandating that states develop standards and basic skill assessments in order to receive federal funding for their schools.

Junior Alison Gross, a member of Education Action!, gave opening remarks about NCLB to a filled Alumnae Lounge, first outlining the case in its support.

"Proponents of the law praise No Child Left Behind for its accountability measures and say that holding schools to a high standard of learning achievement will help close the [achievement gap]," she said.

Next, Gross explained some opposing views: "Critics respond that the overriding premise of the law is likely flawed, that schools are under-funded and that the assessment

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## Patrick's bond bill brings Green Line extension one step closer to completion

BY BRUCE HAMILTON  
Daily Editorial Board

Following years of delays and constant lobbying by local officials, the Green Line extension project got a boost last week with Gov. Deval Patrick's announcement of a \$2.9 billion bond bill that authorizes state funding for construction.

Once the work is completed, the Green Line will stop in Medford and Somerville.

According to Somerville's Executive Director of Communications Tom Champion, the bill sets forth concrete guarantees for a project that has long suffered setbacks. Originally slated for completion in 2011 as a means of offsetting increased traffic and environmental stresses resulting from the Big Dig, the date was later pushed back to 2014.

Recently, local politicians feared further delays of up to two years when Patrick said he intended to seek federal funding for the construction.

There was not much opposition to the concept of seeking extra money, but the project's supporters adamantly opposed any setbacks that might have accompanied the process.

"Going after federal funds created the possibility that there would be further delays," Champion said.

Last week's announcement, however, allows the \$600 million project to begin with or without federal assistance, as it includes authorization for full state funding and aims to keep the 2014 deadline.

According to Erik Abell, a spokesperson for the state's Executive Office of Transportation, Patrick's administration will still seek federal funding.

"As [the bill] was drafted, it would provide full state funding for the project; however, that does not prevent us from continuing

to seek federal funding," he said. "We'll continue to pursue it until either we do secure it or there wouldn't be any other options."

As it appears this will not delay the project, Patrick's bill has been very well received by city officials.

"We're all very excited about it," Champion said. "It has always been a logical and very prudent idea to extend the Green Line into Somerville and Medford." Champion called the extension one of the most important transit projects in the region.

The commitment to funding was "an important message to hear," he said.

City officials here have been determined in their push to get the state to honor its commitments to the Green Line. Champion said the project is of dual importance, as it relates to "environmental justice" and "important economic development."

Because of the environmental impact of the Big Dig and the hassle of increased traffic flow in Medford and Somerville, the extension's completion has been a high priority for both cities' governments.

In 2006, the Conservation Law Foundation, a New England-based environmental advocacy organization, sued the state for failing to uphold its commitments. That case was settled out of court when then-Gov. Mitt Romney promised the 2014 completion deadline.

On Oct. 11 of this year, Patrick said he would honor Romney's deadline, according to Champion. Last week's bill was a more specific step towards fulfilling that promise.

Champion commended Patrick's efforts, and said the bill "confirms that he really is determined to see this project through."

Abell agreed. "The governor has committed to the Green Line project and has made tangible steps towards realizing that

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## Boloco to take points next semester

Boloco will join the Merchants on Points (MOPs) system by the start of next semester, according to store manager Sal Airo-Farulla.

"We had to give ourselves a date to go by and that seemed to make the most sense," he said.

At that time, it will feature expanded hours, staying open until 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Boloco will also deliver from 7 p.m. until closing on weekdays and after 1 p.m. on weekends.

"That's initially; we'll see how it works," Airo-Farulla said.

If there is enough demand for delivery, he said he will look into expanding the delivery times.

He is also considering further lengthening the store's hours. "If there's a really big response, we almost have to push [the closing time back,]" he said.

Boloco was elected to the MOPs system after beating Pizza Days in a Tufts Community Union (TCU)

Senate survey. The survey's results were released on Nov. 14 and showed Boloco prevailing with 62.5 percent of the vote.

Since then, senators have been working to make the transition a smooth one.

Sophomore Senator C.J. Mourning said she is happy with the progress to date.

"Everything's been going fine. We've contacted [Boloco], they have all the paperwork. It's just a matter of making things official," Mourning said. "There haven't been any roadblocks in our way."

When Boloco assumes the sixth MOPs slot, Tufts students will be able to order from a full roster for the first time since Domino's got kicked out of the system this summer.

Airo-Farulla said he is looking forward to taking orders on points. "Are you kidding me? I'm psyched. I couldn't be happier," he said. "It's definitely going to be a huge plus."

—by Rob Silverblatt

## Brown advocates for divestment from Iran

BY ELIZA HOWE  
AND ROB SILVERBLATT  
Contributing Writer  
and Daily Editorial Board

As new intelligence unearths doubts about Iran's desire to build nuclear weapons, state Sen. Scott Brown (LA '81) tried to rally on-campus support for divestment legislation.

In an appearance last night in Eaton Hall, Brown advocated for a plan that would withdraw the Massachusetts' Pension Reserves Investment Management Board's (PRIMB) funding for corporations that do business in Iran. This would lead to around \$1.1 billion worth of divestment.

"The biggest problem that we have and that I have with what's going on in Iran ... is on the one hand we talk tough, but then we turn around and we fund these companies," he said.

Supporters of a firmer policy towards Iran received a jolt yesterday as reports came out that the country may have stopped its attempts to build nuclear weapons as far back as 2003. However, they remain confident that the Tehran regime supports terrorism.



REBEKAH SOKOL/TUFTS DAILY

State Sen. Scott Brown speaks about divestment from Iran.

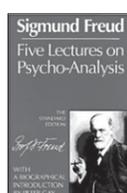
Brown, a Republican, hopes the divestment would encourage the Iranian government to spend its money more appropriately.

"These countries that are sponsoring terrorism aren't using the money for their

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## Inside this issue

A recent study finds that psychoanalysis theories are almost as dead as Sigmund Freud in psychology classrooms.



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The women's squash team earned its first victory over Bowdoin in 20 years behind victories from its bottom five.



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## Panelists support bill that would restore benefits to legal immigrants



TIM STRAUB/TUFTS DAILY

A group of experts came to Lane Hall last night to talk about immigration reform. The topic of the panel discussion, which was sponsored by National Student Partnerships, was the Act to Restore Safety Net Benefits to Legal Immigrants.

The panelists supported the bill, which

would restore state-funded cash aid and food stamps to legal immigrants, some of whom lost these benefits when then-President Bill Clinton signed the federal Welfare Reform Act in 1996. The bill is currently being considered by legislators in the Massachusetts General Court.

Panelists came from the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, and the Community Action Agency of Somerville.

—by Giovanni Russonello

## Divestment plan faces opposition from state officials

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people," he said. "They are taking land from their farmers [and] they are not doing anything to protect their environment."

Brown's remarks came a month after Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick signed a bill supporting the divestment of pension funds from Sudan.

Brown initially pushed for a more expansive divestment that would extend to Sudan as well as North Korea, Iran and Syria.

Now that the Sudan legislation has passed, he has shifted his focus primarily to Iran rather than to North Korea and Syria.

"While he wanted to get all those states included, he just didn't have the political capital to do that," freshman and Tufts Republicans member Chas Morrison said. The Republicans sponsored the speech with Tufts' Friends of Israel.

The Iran bill now has around 80 cosponsors, and Brown hopes to keep it on the minds of his colleagues.

"You need to really push the buttons of the leaders," he said.

But these very leaders appear unwilling to budge, as they have helped keep the proposal tabled, according to Morrison.

Brown feels that such a passive approach will be ineffective. "We have all this money that we are investing in Iran," he said. "There comes a time when you've got to stand up and make a choice."

Still, the opposition does not end in the legislature. Michael Travaglini, the executive director of the state's PRIMB, has expressed concern because divestment from Iran would be a lot more expensive than the parallel plan in Sudan that Patrick has supported.

The latter initiative involves \$80-100 million of state funds, as compared to the \$1.1 billion that would need to be pulled out of Iran, according to the Boston Globe.

"The rule of thumb for investments is you sell the stocks that aren't performing well and run with the funds that are," Travaglini told the Globe. "This [Iran] legislation runs counter to that. There's a very real potential to negatively impact the investment returns of the pension funds."

While at Tufts, Brown was the president of the Latin club, a fraternity brother and an athlete. But it took a civil war in Lebanon to remind him of the importance of a global outlook.

"Based on what was happening back then in Lebanon, I felt compelled to do something more than just hang out at the fraternity and drink beers," he said.

He later joined the armed services, which helped to expand his horizons. "As a result of the kind of training and the knowledge I have as an officer, ... I have come to learn about a lot of what is happening not just in Massachusetts and in my hometown, but throughout the world," he said.

Morrison said he was impressed by Brown's remarks. "I thought he presented a very interesting case about how the state of Massachusetts is indirectly funding terrorism through its pension investments," he said.

## Guisbond: NCLB hurts the students it was made to help

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tests under No Child Left Behind are too high-stakes and are inaccurate measures of students' progress in school environments."

She then introduced Sid Smith, the superintendent of the Malden school district and the former director of curriculum and instructional practices for Boston public schools, who was the first panelist to speak.

"I'm on pretty much the pro-side," Smith said. "I favor NCLB for many, many reasons, although I think it has some shortcomings."

He praised NCLB for encouraging states to develop standards and holding them accountable for the guidelines they establish.

"Lots of school districts have had objectives for years and years and years long before NCLB came about — lots of them professed to have standards," Smith said. "But the difference when NCLB came into place is that states now had to actually address those standards."

He mentioned statistics that indicate NCLB's raised standards are causing students to perform better than ever in some parts of the country.

Despite these achievements, Smith feels that NCLB is under-funded.

"Even though on the federal level there's been a 59 percent increase in federal investment in education, that slice of the pie — the federal slice of the pie — is still very, very small," he said.

Smith also expressed concern that the arts were being sacrificed in some school districts' curricula to satisfy NCLB requirements, but said this is a failure caused by funding, not by NCLB itself.

Alicia Kersten, a Somerville High School history teacher of six years and a 2000 grad-

uate of the Tufts masters in teaching program, spoke next.

She said that NCLB helps teachers justify assignments to their students.

"I'm not going to say that you stop being an enemy and become a friend, but maybe more like a 'frenemy,'" Kersten said. "They don't like that you're giving them all the work, but they understand that you didn't set this bar, you're not making it up. They have to get there to graduate and they're more willing to let you help them."

She did express reservations, however, about the future of NCLB.

Currently, the federal government only requires the administration of assessments in the subjects of reading and mathematics. The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests satisfy these NCLB requirements.

But according to Kersten, students who fail MCAS exams are then placed in MCAS preparatory classes, which specifically teach to the tests. She feels these courses could discourage students who already may be disinterested in their educational experiences from continuing their studies.

"I'm really nervous about what their high school experience is going to become if it's driven by testing," she said.

The next panelist was Anne Clark, a founding faculty member at the Boston Arts Academy (BAA), a public high school for the visual and performing arts.

Clark said that she feels the English and math MCAS tests are "largely justifiable," but expressed a recurring problem she has encountered in her role at the BAA: What do you do if a student passes a course, but fails the related MCAS?

Among the options she mentioned, such as making the student retake the course or placing the student in a prep class, she found no clear answer.

"I just don't believe that kind of system was thought out. I just can't imagine it was, and I certainly don't think that it's sustainable," she said.

Clark also feels that MCAS tests fail to accommodate special education and ESL students. "I have not been satisfied with the way [Massachusetts] and other states address students who have severe disabilities and students who are English language learners," she said.

The final speaker was Lisa Guisbond, a policy analyst for the National Center for Fair and Open Testing (FairTest), an organization that deals with education reform as it relates to the evaluation of students, teachers and schools.

"By watching my son's educational progress, it became very clear to me that the best education is one that meets the individual needs and lifestyles of individual students, and what we have now thanks to state and federal high-stakes testing policies ... is not promoting that kind of education," Guisbond said.

As such, Guisbond was highly critical of NCLB.

"Tragically, looking at the impact [of NCLB] across the country, the first victims often are the ones that are intended to be helped — they are low-income, minority, special needs and limited-English-proficiency students.

Guisbond feels that the combination of "over-reliance on high-stakes testing, unrealistic achievement targets and punitive mandates" sometimes causes schools to act in ways that undermine the quality and equity of students' education.

She praised the recommendations of education activists like Jonathan Kozol and groups like the Forum on Educational Accountability that propose what she sees as viable alternatives to NCLB.

## Bond bill also contains \$1.3 billion for roads and bridges

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project," he said.

The bill, which Patrick hopes to supplement with \$1.9 billion of federal funding, also includes funding for other investment in state transportation. The most significant commitment is \$1.3 billion for the improvement of roads and bridges.

"I would ... like to recognize the gover-

nor's visionary plan to address infrastructure costs throughout the entire state," Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone said, according to the Somerville Journal. "This transportation bond bill is a wise investment not only in transportation systems but also in our environment and in our long-term economic health."

According to Champion, the state and local governments have had a productive

working relationship under Patrick's administration.

"He has, far more than any recent governor, been consulting with and working with mayors," Champion said. "He understands how important this [project] is to the region."

Rob Silverblatt contributed reporting to this article.

### MARKETS

Yesterday's close

▼ DOW JONES  
-57.15 13,314.57

▼ NASDAQ  
-23.83 2,637.13

### WEATHER FORECAST

Today  
Tuesday, December 4

Snow, Wind  
Sunrise: 6:57 AM  
Sunset: 4:12 PM

Snow Showers. Highs in the lower 30s. Northwest winds 15 to 30 mph.

Wednesday

Mostly Cloudy  
33/20

Saturday

Partly Cloudy  
36/22

Thursday

Sunny  
30/22

Sunday

Partly Cloudy  
37/31

Friday

Mostly Cloudy  
38/27

Monday

Few Showers  
43/34

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"The first time may have been scary or lousy or boring — or it may have been just the tip — but who cares?"*

Lara Levi  
Daily columnist  
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# Features

THE TUFTS DAILY

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

## Teaching of Freud slips in college psychology, but thrives in other fields across universities

BY MEREDITH HASSETT  
Daily Staff Writer

The next time you have a disturbing dream of killing your roommate or falling from the sky, the place to explore your subconscious might not be in a psychology classroom.

Discussion of psychoanalysis is no longer confined to the realm of psychology. In fact, according to a report in the *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association* (JAPA) that will be published in June 2008, while psychoanalytic theories are thriving in a range of fields from English to philosophy, discussion of Sigmund Freud's theories is seen as "desiccated and dead" by many psychology departments and textbooks.

The study examined 150 public and private universities highly ranked by the U.S. News and World Report, finding that out of the 1,175 courses that referenced psychoanalysis in their course descriptions, 86 percent were offered in fields other than psychology.

"[Most] psychology majors are not interested in psychoanalysis," said senior Jay Singh, the president of the Tufts Psychology Society.

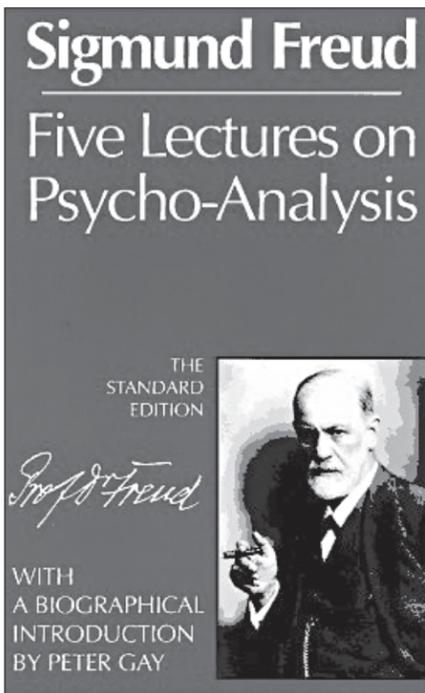
The slow and steady disappearance of Freud from psychology classes represents a shift over the past several decades, before which psychoanalysis was one of the discipline's main focuses.

At Tufts, the psychology department does offer a course that focuses on psychoanalysis, though it is only offered once every two years. Other courses in the department, such as "Theories of Personality" and "History and Systems of Psychology," both touch on Freudian themes such as the subconscious.

According to Singh, psychoanalysis is currently viewed as a "cultural artifact." He explained that psychology departments have lost interest in psychoanalysis for many reasons, primarily a decreased interest among students in pursuing careers in the field.

"Many students aren't interested in psychoanalysis, because the career options are much narrower," Singh said.

Sophomore Pete Millar, who plans to major in psychology, said that he will not be pursuing studies in psychoanalysis because



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A recent study found that Freud's theories are no longer taught in most psychology courses, but in subjects such as English and philosophy.

it is such a limited field.

"Psychoanalysis is not a practical field. It's just intensive," Millar said. "It requires a certain personality and a lot more dedication and money [than other subfields of psychology]."

The relevance of psychoanalysis has come under question, because it is not supported by the same empirical evidence as other approaches to psychology. While cognitive behavioral therapy, a field very popular among students, can produce concrete numbers to demonstrate its successes, psychoanalysis can only rely on case studies.

The length of therapy also deters both students and patients. Psychoanalysis presents a long path to recovery, especially in today's quick-fix society. The shortest treatment could be six months, but psychoanalysis is

ultimately supposed to be a lifelong process.

"Unfortunately, many students look for an approach that will explain everything," Singh said.

Professor of Psychology David Harder said that the controversial nature of Freud's theories and the subconscious has also deterred universities from tackling psychoanalytic theories in the psychology classroom.

"People aren't comfortable with more hostile and sexual discussion. They are much more comfortable to talk in behavioral terms," Harder said.

With these negative interpretations of psychoanalysis resounding in university classrooms, psychoanalysts worry that the loss of Freudian ideas in university curricula will mean a misuse and further misunderstanding of psychoanalytic theories in the future. To combat the lack of interest in psychoanalysis, the American Psychology Society has created a task force to study university approaches to psychoanalysis and increase student exposure to psychoanalytic theory.

While Freud's theories may be disappearing from classrooms, supporters of his work need not worry that his theories are disappearing completely. According to the JAPA study, psychoanalytic theory is alive and well in a different environment: literature.

At Tufts, English courses from "The Modern Mind" to "Horror Stories" include Freud in their syllabi.

"A lot of themes in literature fit really well with Freudian theories," Singh said. He explained that taking a psychoanalytic approach to studying a text allows the reader to approach not just the themes of the work, but to more deeply understand the author who wrote it.

"Using psychoanalysis to study literature is nothing but beneficial. It provides a skeleton to build off of," Singh said.

But Harder said that the study of psychoanalysis in the English classroom should be viewed as entirely separate from psychology.

"These discussions of psychoanalysis happen separate from psychology, so in the end, they don't really affect each other," Harder said.

### CAMPUS COMMENT

## Next frontier of the digital revolution: a pocket-sized library

BY LUKE BURNS  
Daily Editorial Board

The idea of carrying around the equivalent of hundreds of CDs in a pocket-sized device no longer shocks many people. But what about having an entire library in the palm of your hand? New technology may soon allow you to take "War and Peace" with you wherever you go.

According to a recent article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, the face of reading may be changing thanks to the increased prevalence of online book catalogues and new e-book technology. With statistics showing that people today read less than those of past generations, often preferring television and other mediums for entertainment and information, digital content may represent the future of reading in modern society.

At Tufts, where simply passing most classes involves reading a mixture of printed and digital material, students have mixed views on whether reading is falling by the wayside.

Junior Kate Berson said she thinks that people are reading less than they did in the past.

"I feel like there are so many more options now in terms of entertainment," Berson said. "People might choose to play video games or do a billion other things."

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### Will digital books affect your reading habits?



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*"No, unless it was all electronic. If they got rid of all this [motioning to textbook], then you'd have to make a change."*

Christopher Perrone  
sophomore

*"I read for school all the time — but even when I'm not in school, I read ... I like reading 'book' books."*

Kate Berson  
junior



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*"I have some difficulty paying attention for long amounts of time ... From a psychological perspective, if it's on a screen, it just seems like it's more accessible."*

Josh Silverstein  
senior



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*"I think I'd rather just stick with the old-fashioned way."*

Brandon Taylor  
freshman



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LARA LEVI | JUST THE TIP

### Welcome ... to the wonderful world of sex

Sitting down to write for the last time this semester made me think about my first time. No, not the blowjob

column. But my *first* time.

I vividly remember the little white sundress I was wearing. I remember what day in June it was. I remember the Hugo Boss cologne he had on. I have absolutely no recollection of the actual sex.

In fact, I'm pretty sure the sex never even crossed my mind. I was too busy freaking out that there was, indeed, a penis inside of me to be concerned with petty things like pleasure.

That magical experience we build up in our heads — the perfect place with the perfect person in a whole world of perfection — simply doesn't exist. Reality is a much harsher world where we don't know what we're doing, and we're mad awkward, and ow! That f—king hurt!

Our fantasies neglect the pressures and expectations inherent in the real act of losing your virginity — before, during and after.

Deciding between just doing it, waiting for someone special or waiting until marriage are all very real decisions that need to be made. I have multiple college friends, both male and female, who have chosen to stay abstinent until either meeting Mr. or Ms. Right or a big shiny rock takes up residence on their left hand.

Then again, in many machismo cultures, fathers find it acceptable to allow promiscuous whores at the local Red Light District to deflower their precious baby boys. Does a prostitute really adequately constitute your first time?

This brings me to the dual concept of first times: There's your first, and then there's your *first*.

The act of having sexual intercourse for the first time comprises your first: If a penis was inserted into a vagina, then yes, you lost your virginity. (I'll address homosexuality in a minute.)

But in my own world, and the worlds of most people, for that matter, there is the person you lost your physical virginity to, and then there's the person you lost your emotional virginity to. I know that sounds curious. I'm referring to the first person you had meaningful, emotional, loving sex with. That's your *first*: intimate sex where your connection is more than just physical.

The first time you have sex is usually really awkward, confusing and even painful. Your mind is overwhelmed with the clutter of insecurities and inhibitions: Is she enjoying this? Am I doing it right? How much longer?

Making bad decisions is a popular pastime. It's not the end of the world. So it didn't go as well as expected — so what?

While a hymen might've been broken, until you intimately connect with someone and *make love* as opposed to have sex, you are entitled to consider yourself whatever you want. No matter what anyone tells you, you have the right to name your own first.

After discussing the terms of virginity with several gay male friends, I understand their criteria for losing your virginity depends on insertion. I'll leave it at that. Oh, and blowjobs do not constitute losing your V-card, sorry.

For homosexual women: Ladies, it's completely your own perception — anything goes.

Losing your virginity is a deeply personal choice. Everyone relates to it differently. Don't get overwhelmed by expectations and pressure. At the end of the day, you just entered into the wonderful world of sex!

Your first time may have been scary or lousy or boring — or it may have been just the tip — but who cares? You've got a whole life of great sex to make up for it!

Enjoy!

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## Jumbos split on value of digital books

### READING

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But with expanded options come expanded opportunities to read and acquire information, according to freshman Brandon Taylor.

"They probably read a lot less than they used to, just because of all the technology that's out there — or more, because there's more sources out there," Taylor said. "I'd say they read [fewer] books."

Senior Maia Leppo believes that the way people read varies more based on their personality than the culture they live in.

"There's always the people who read everything for class and outside of class," Leppo said. "And there's people who don't read."

In general, students were supportive of new e-book technologies that allow people to read using their computers. Leppo suggested a hand-held digital reading device similar to an iPod, and senior Josh Silverstein said such technology would have attractive environmental advantages.

"I think it could be great on a number of levels," Silverstein said. "For one thing, the fact that it's reducing all this text onto a screen ... You're using less paper; it's beneficial for the environment."

Silverstein added that, for students, the ability to consolidate books could be a boon. "It would be a lot more beneficial for students to have all their textbooks on one device," he said.

Another one of the benefits of having books readily available online, which some libraries already offer through digital archives, is increased ease for students looking for references. Sophomore Christopher Perrone felt that increased availability of books was one potential benefit of new technology.

"It definitely gives people more access," Perrone said. "The library might not have the book — when it's online, it's easy for people."

Jonathan Strong, a lecturer in the English department, agreed that having more texts online could change the way people look for books.

"If you develop an obsession for a particular author, you can find all their works [online]," Strong said.

But while new technology may sound attractive, some students felt that e-book devices and programs are unlikely to change their peers' reading habits. Taylor said that people who aren't interested in reading will simply not read — hard copy or not.

"I don't think it would have an effect," Taylor said. "You're still taking time to read the novel ... It's the same time and effort."

Berson agreed.

"It might make people more likely to read if [books are] more accessible," she said. "But at the same time, unless you're reading really short things, it's still a commitment to read a book."

Many students also indicated that they would be unwilling to trade in their books for an electronic device. Silverstein acknowledged this reticence.

"I know there are a lot of people — purists — who think it ruins the full reading experience, which I understand," Silverstein said.

The physicality of books was one of the main reasons Jumbos cited for keeping them around instead of shifting to electronic devices. With e-books, "you don't get a physical feel of each individual book," Strong said. "You can't flip through the pages one by one."

Berson agreed. "It's not as pleasing an experience if you're reading something on a screen," she said. "I think it's aesthetically pleasing [to read a paper book] ... There are associations with that — knowledge, or something more intimate."

For Taylor and others, the ability to take notes in books is a key factor.

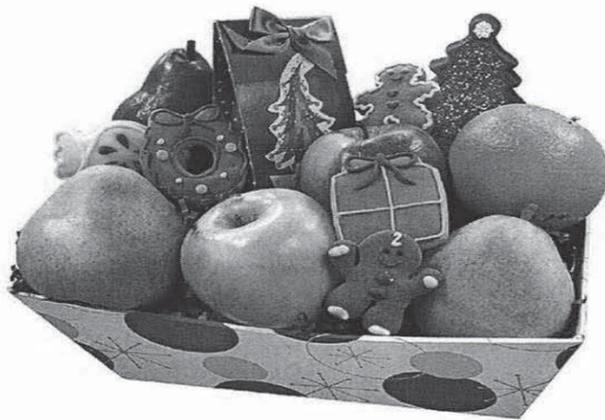
"You can write in them, take notes in them," Taylor said. "It serves better to memorize certain aspects of books."

"I probably would still carry around books, and I don't like reading on a computer screen," Leppo said. "If it's for a class, I like to be able to write on them and — I don't know, I just like having them on me, in paper form."

While some Jumbos are unwilling to leave their paper books behind, Strong said that if electronic reading makes people more likely to read, the differences are moot.

"I'm for anything that gets people reading," he said. "And I don't think it makes a difference if it's on a page or on a screen."

## The Tufts Community is Invited to Attend Gluten Free Holiday Baking with Rebecca Reilly! Demo and Hands-On Cooking Class



**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6p.m.-8:30p.m.

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MOVIE REVIEW

## Jenkins offers a 'savage' portrayal of old age

BY HARRY WAKSBERG  
Daily Staff Writer

"The Savages" occupies an otherwise empty spot within the family drama genre: the picking-out-a-retirement-

**The Savages**



Starring **Philip Seymour Hoffman, Laura Linney**  
Directed by **Tamara Jenkins**

home-for-your-father-to-die-in movie. It takes place largely in upstate New York in the winter, a bleak and dreary place under any circumstances, and concerns what must be the scariest thing for an adult with no children to deal with. It is excellently acted and intelligently written but otherwise seems so realistic that its depressive qualities border on the banal.

Philip Seymour Hoffman and Laura Linney play a brother and sister pair, Jon and Wendy Savage, who must reconvene after a long estrangement to try to figure out what to do with their father, Lenny (played by Broadway legend Philip Bosco).

Lenny has lost his grip on reality: At one point, he watches the film "The Jazz Singer" (1927) and mistakes the parents of Al Jolson's character for his own, yelling, "They were always hitting me!"

Lenny's problems begin when he is



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Now, isn't that the perfect picture of family love?

kicked out of the house he shared for many years with an elderly girlfriend. For the next hour and a half, his children interfere in one another's lives and argue over the best place to put their marginally insane father.

In film, it is rare to see a screenwriter's intellect so plainly apparent on the

screen. Wendy is an aspiring playwright and Jon is working on a book about Bertolt Brecht, so obscure theater references abound, which can be tricky for those audience members mostly interested in the film's story. Unfortunately,

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TV REVIEW

## 'Tin Man' strays too far from the yellow brick road

BY DIANA LANDES  
Daily Editorial Board

L. Frank Baum probably never realized his 1901 allegory on Populism in the form of a classic children's book would become

**Tin Man**



Starring **Zoey Deschanel, Alan Cumming, Richard Dreyfus**  
Continues **Tonight at 9 p.m. on SciFi**

a 2007 made-for-TV miniseries on the SciFi channel.

Last night, however, was the premiere of "Tin Man," a modern interpretation of Baum's "The Wizard of Oz." The second installment of the three-part series will air tonight at 9 p.m.

"Tin Man" vaguely resembles the "Wizard of Oz" story everyone is familiar with, except for a few slight details: Dorothy is now D.G. (played by Zoey Deschanel), a young girl from the Midwest whose parents tell her to jump into a giant cyclone to escape mob-like guys who are out to kill her.

D.G. finds herself in an unknown land surrounded by little men who look like

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SCIFI CHANNEL

Imagine Judy Garland sans ruby slippers but with wide-legged pants, and you've got a modern-day "Wizard of Oz."

ALBUM REVIEW

## The Hives' latest album quits monotony with fresh sound

BY GRANT BEIGHLEY  
Daily Editorial Board

The Hives, despite having enjoyed some measure of success in the past, seem to overestimate their "rocking"

**The Black and White Album**

The Hives



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status. In comparison to fellow Euro rockers who broke the mainstream

bubble, The Hives have yet to garner the level of success their attitude alludes to — let's just say that this isn't The Clash we're talking about.

Fortunately, the band's newest release, "The Black and White Album," is a refreshing new look at a band that was rapidly becoming a one-trick pony.

The group's first major label album, "Veni Vidi Vicious," released by Universal Records in both America and the band's native country of Sweden, brought The Hives to the forefront of the "garage rock" revival, along with

other "The" bands such as The Strokes, The White Stripes and The Vines. The band boasted an energetic stage show as well as raw, spastic rock tunes that were, for the most part, extremely catchy.

Even on "Veni Vidi Vicious," the band has always had a knack for songs that have great guitar riffs and screams from lead singer "Howlin'" Pelle Almqvist, but don't seem to go anywhere. This lack of structure has always kept The Hives from being a total media success,

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### Nicole Kidding me?

**H**ave you ever been so obsessed with something that it takes over your every waking thought, sometimes even your dreams?

For some reason, Nicole Kidman has been haunting me recently. Maybe it is the requisite Oscar buzz circulating around her this year for her indie film "Margot at the Wedding" or the release of her new mainstream fantasy flick "The Golden Compass." Or maybe it is the fact that I'm a gay man and she is Nicole Kidman.

There was a time when I was quick, like many other film fans, to grant Kidman legendary status on the basis of "Moulin Rouge!" (2001) and "The Hours" (2002), the two performances that garnered her back-to-back Oscar nods and a win.

But perhaps we were all too eager to find in Kidman the equivalent of mythic old-Hollywood actress icons like Katherine Hepburn and Greta Garbo. She has rarely delivered on her 2001 promise to dazzle us, and when she has, the memory of it is erased by other horrible roles.

Kidman has always seemed a decidedly insecure actress. Obviously, this is nothing new for Hollywood, where deep insecurities often masquerade as icy bitchiness or coquettish shyness offscreen: Garbo and Marilyn Monroe come to mind. I can abide by her almost obnoxiously "coy" off-screen persona, but I cannot forgive the utter trainwreck above her neck.

She has truly ruined her face. And I'm not simply speaking of her legendary affection for needles filled with Botox, but more specifically, that mop of white-blonde, dry, dead hair and those impossibly plumped, almost grotesquely overdone lips. Look at pictures of her from 2001: She's impossibly cute. That smile made her.

Now, it looks as if her lips will burst at any moment. In a world where Keira Knightley and Angelina Jolie are getting magazine attention and movie roles that Kidman once got, I understand the urge to self-improve.

But when your lips start to look like Donald Trump's and your profile laughably like a trout, you are beginning to venture into Meg Ryan territory from which there is no escape. If the Redgrave clan can get away with thin lips, why can't she?

And that hair! Why Kidman and other Hollywood redheads like Lindsay Lohan have abandoned the one thing that made them stand out among a sea of bleached-blonde, fake-tanned actresses is beyond me, especially when it does not suit them at all.

Thankfully, Kidman has stayed true to her pale-skinned roots, but her hair is as powdery white as her skin. The vibrant red of her early days, as well as the curls that made her a desirable teenage model in Australia, have been replaced by what looks demonstrably close to a pallet of straw.

I say this all out of love. She hasn't been to the Oscars since 2002, and I want to see her return; I want to see her back in a role that combines artistry with intellectual nuance with mass market appeal.

Her movie choices — and cosmetic enhancements — over the past few years seem like a misguided attempt at a banal mainstream career, when obviously her destiny is prestige projects, literary adaptations and period pieces.

Her acting has become mechanic, wooden and icy, matching the unrecognizable ghost she has become.

Someday, when she gets the courage to abandon the peroxide, the Botox and the collagen, she will hopefully become the legend her genes and her talent (and I) want her to be.

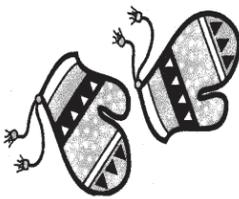
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- \* **Value your safety and the safety of others.**
- \* **Enjoy a happy holiday season – use common sense and awareness in your day to day activities.**
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## Lack of creativity 'savages' film's quality cast and writing

### SAVAGES

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 writer/director Tamara Jenkins tells the story with remarkably little pathos and quite a bit of cold detachment (Brecht would be thrilled), which makes it very difficult to get involved with these characters — other than to cry at the appropriate moments.

*Apparently, it is possible for a movie to be brilliantly acted, written and directed while displaying almost no creativity whatsoever.*

In a surprising move, the end feels completely tacked on, an afterthought, and mainly a deus ex machina in a film that should otherwise remind us that Nietzsche was probably right: Maybe God is dead, and we all have no choice but to make our own realities. It serves to undermine what appears to be the central thrust of "The Savages," which is unfortunate. A movie for which this ending would be appropriate would most likely be a lot more enjoyable.

There is no way to deny the acting talents of the film's leads, all of whom have a great deal of experience in the theater. Hoffman, playing the polar opposite of his character in "Before the Devil Knows You're Dead," absolutely bulletins "pathetic" with his every shiver and moan. It is a part he seems

very comfortable in, almost as if his character in "Mission Impossible: III" (2006) had chosen playwright biographer as a vocation instead of mass murderer.

Linney is, as usual, wholly compassionate and self-unaware. It has been a while since she had a role that demonstrated the full breadth of her talent, but it is certainly never a mistake to cast her in such a part.

Bosco, who could also be seen in this summer's F/X show "Damages," is suitably doddering. For a man of his talents and reputation, this role must have been a cakewalk.

In many ways, that is the film's main problem: When a parent gets so old that he cannot take care of himself, there is not much variance to the story. His children must come to a compromise about where to put him and find a way to live their own lives while not leaving him alone.

There are few movies about this topic, but maybe this one can serve as a reason why: It's depressing. It's hard to become engaged in the plot and it's a relief when it's over. Unless the movie ends with every dead character becoming a ghost and dancing in a conga line with Beetlejuice, there isn't a great deal of room in the story for anything the audience can latch onto.

Apparently, it is possible for a movie to be brilliantly acted, written and directed while displaying almost no creativity whatsoever — almost like what it takes to write a biography of Brecht.

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# SciFi's modern twist on Baum's story is best left in merry old land of Oz

## TIN MAN

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a combination of turkeys and Native Americans. Much scarier than munchkins, they capture her, put her in a giant birdcage and steal her locket.

Inside the cage, she meets Glitch, played by the always-entertaining Alan Cumming, who has a gaping hole in his head which can be sealed with a convenient zipper. With her brainless Scarecrow-like character firmly in place, it's easy to guess who D.G. meets next on her journey: the Tin Man himself — only this guy isn't made of metal. He goes by Cain (Neal McDonough) and is a gruff and tough former police officer — and, that's right, he lacks a heart.

Grudgingly, Cain joins D.G.

and Glitch as they continue on in search of D.G.'s parents who somehow also got sucked into the mysterious cyclone, which is actually a portal to an alternate universe known as the Outer Zone or O.Z.

If this sounds confusing, it's because the majority of the two-hour premiere episode is just that. Parallels to the well known Baum story are obviously present, but the science fiction aspects of this modern-day retelling make the trajectory of the story muddled at best.

D.G. meets her next travel companion, Raw (Raoul Trujillo), when she releases him from some sort of tree sealed in plastic wrap (actually the least of the bizarre happenings in the O.Z.), thus completing her troupe.

Up to this point, the plot more or less keeps with the original story, though some aspects become unrecognizable. Throughout the episode, an evil sorceress named Azkadellia (Kathleen Robertson) demands that her cronies find an emerald that will ensure her rule of the land. It becomes clear that D.G. stands in the way of her finding it. Azkadellia's not the Wicked Witch of the West, though; she turns out to be D.G.'s sister who tried to kill her when the two were children. Further complicating things, the parents D.G. grew up with are actually robots programmed to love and care for her in the years before she was sent back to the O.Z. Oh, and Richard Dreyfus plays Mystic Man, a person who once had the answers to all the world's questions but now

finds himself drugged up and part of a cheap cabaret act in a seedy, prostitute-ridden, Central City due to Azkadellia's wickedness.

**Parallels to the well-known Baum story are obviously present, but the science fiction aspects of this modern-day retelling make the trajectory of the story muddled at best.**

There's shockingly still more convoluted involved in the telling of this story: D.G.'s real mother

may or may not be buried under an icy tundra and she's the only one who knows where the emerald can be found.

Though the plot teeters on total insanity, "Tin Man" is not without its positives. The dialogue is at times laughably awful, but in a charming, bad science fiction movie sort of way.

It is unclear whether or not "Tin Man" takes itself seriously, but last night's episode ended with Azkadellia warning, "There's no place like the Outer Zone" and releasing computer-generated bats from tattoos on her breasts, hinting that it probably does not.

And for that, we can appreciate SciFi's effort to reinvent such a cherished story, however delightfully unsuccessful its attempt may be.



A&M/OCTONE RECORDS

Ever wondered if The Hives wear matching underwear?

## Pharrell puts new, refreshing spin on The Hives' third effort

### HIVES

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but has given them enough publicity to be known beyond the garage rock scene.

2004 saw the release of "Tyrannosaurus Hives," the band's long-awaited follow-up to "Veni Vidi Vicious." The first single from the album, "Walk Idiot Walk," received heavy MTV airplay and quickly found its way into vigorous rotation on pop radio stations. The new album contained nothing particularly novel or interesting, just more lively up-tempo tunes, this time with a bit less melody and a heaping dose of toneless yelps from Almqvist.

Luckily, "The Black and White Album" puts a new spin on an old act that just wasn't utilizing the band's full potential. The first track on the album, "Tick Tick Boom," might sound familiar to most because of its use in a Finish Line shoe store commercial, and fittingly so. The track is an upbeat, four-to-the-floor, straight-ahead garage rock tune, eerily reminiscent of the Beatles' early work.

"Try It Again," the second track on the album, is perfectly placed in the lineup, since it's fairly similar to the opener, but if anything, is even more melodic and catchy, providing an easy draw into the rest of the album. The song is complete with 1960s-esque cheerleader squad backing vocals, and the chorus contains the hook "Doo-wacko-doo — that's right!" repeated in easy-to-follow fashion.

The fourth cut of the album, "Well All Right!" is not only a great listen, but was also the first of two tracks produced by a man whom most people would never expect to work with the likes of The Hives: Pharrell Williams. Yes, the same "Drop It Like It's Hot" Pharrell Williams.

Williams' production on the track is most obvious in drummer Chris Dangerous' work,

which is surprisingly varied and groovy for a rather run-of-the-mill rock drummer. Even though "Well All Right!" is a great song in its own right, Williams' production later in the album is truly staggering.

Williams next appears on the eighth track, simply entitled "T.H.E.H.I.V.E.S." It's difficult to call this song the best on the album because it's so entirely different from anything the band has done before.

Rather than racing drums and treble-rich guitars, the song is pieced together from a heavily syncopated drumbeat (which may or may not be looped) and a single-note bassline that chugs along throughout the four-minute song. During the chorus, Almqvist announces that "We rule the world/ This is our world," followed by a deep, booming voice simply spelling out — you guessed it — "T.H.E.H.I.V.E.S."

"Giddy Up" is another song that seems like it found its way onto a Hives album by accident, with programmed drumbeats and electronica-inspired sound effects flying all over the place. Even beyond that, there's barely any guitar on the track at all, and bassist Dr. Matt Destruction is once again in the front of the piece, holding it all together with a simple, firm bassline.

Now, with all this talk of genre-bending experimentation, some may wonder if the simple rock 'n' roll that The Hives did so well is still present on this album, and the answer is, of course, yes. For those that like the Almqvist's howls and chorus-less two-minute rock blocks, they certainly make appearances on "The Black and White Album," but it is important to applaud The Hives for refusing stagnation and admitting, as they say in "Try It Again," "If same-ing isn't working/ Why don't you different instead?"



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## Teacher evaluations are your opportunity to voice complaints

THE NORTHERN STAR

Many people have problems with a professor and/or class. Fewer people take the time and energy to put their frustrations to good use by seriously filling out teacher evaluations at the end of each semester.

As found on NIU's Web site: "University Policy requires that a student assessment of teaching effectiveness be completed for every undergraduate class, every fall and spring semester.

"This assessment is an important aspect of evaluating faculty members for matters of salary, promotion and tenure."

With how much many students have to say about their teachers and classes — often in the form of frustrated and unproductive ranting to friends — one would think the chance to provide feedback to teachers and administrators would be met eagerly by students. Ironically, this is often not the case at all.

In fact, on evaluation days, many students can be heard groaning, sighing and even out-

right mocking and criticizing the evaluation process. It is an unfortunate anomaly how some students who obviously have much to say about their teachers and classes often seem to be displeased with, or even offended by, the generous opportunity to provide NIU with their thoughts.

A lot goes into providing NIU students the opportunity to tell their teachers and their teachers' bosses what they think about their performance as a teacher or the class in general.

And if these evaluations weren't taken seriously by NIU faculty and staff, then there wouldn't be as much time and energy put into them as there is. Teachers read them — think about it, if you were a teacher, wouldn't you want to know what your students thought about you?

The point is, students who blow off these evaluations as formality or bureaucracy are only fooling themselves. And not only are they fooling themselves, they are depriving themselves of the voice and representation their paid tuition guarantees.

If you have something you'd like to tell

your teacher about a class — something you might be uncomfortable telling them in person — then tell them in your anonymous evaluation.

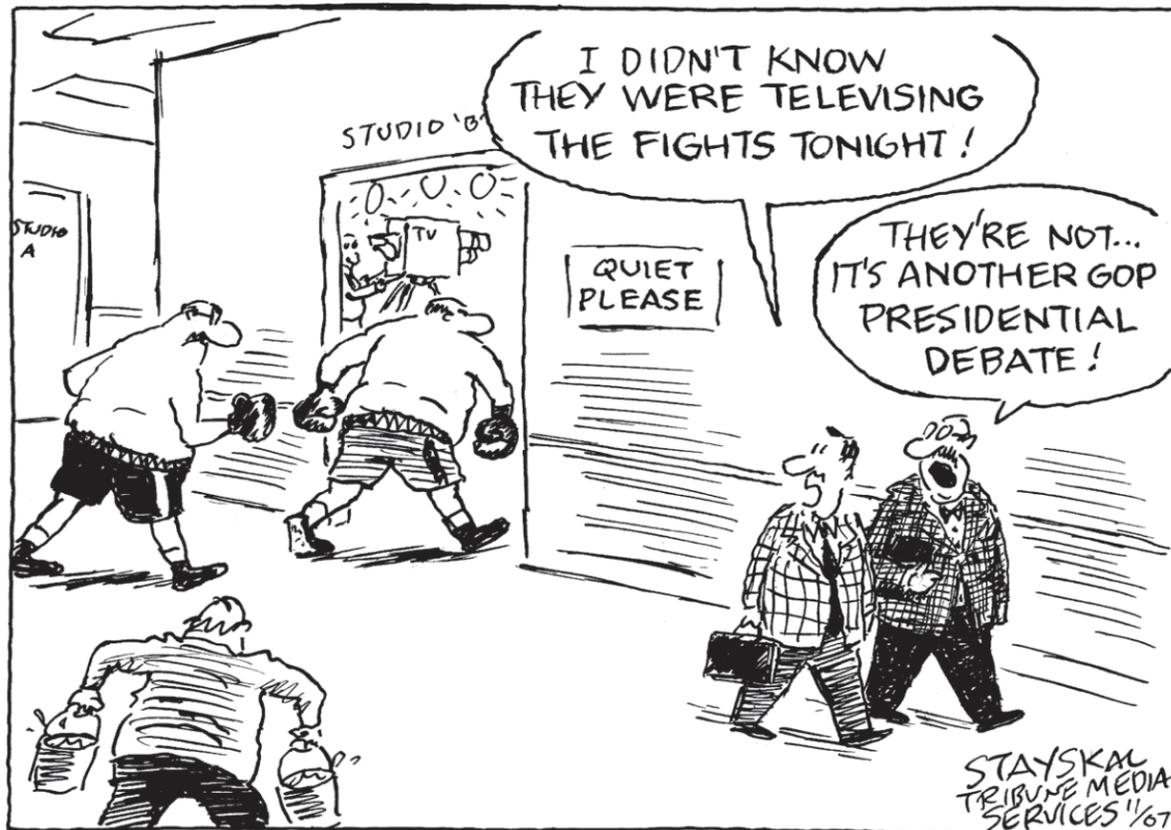
It's not like you have to sacrifice your personal time to do them, as they are done right in class — time you've already committed to being there.

Some students view evaluations as a waste of time and spend their energy complaining about it to friends and classmates until the teacher returns. But while they're "not wasting" time complaining and talking to friends like high schoolers in study hall, more mature students are busy "wasting" their time in an effort to help their teachers improve as instructors and professors.

As a college student, you are obviously looking to become a mature, educated adult. So obviously, you will take the time and energy to tell your teachers how you feel they did.

It's your voice and your representation, and you pay a pretty penny to have it. So don't waste it.

## WAYNE STAYSKAL



## FEATURED WEB POSTS | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Article:** "Editorial | Outsourcing the war and forgetting its costs" (Dec. 3)

**Posted by:** Joe Brassard

**Comment:** It's rather ironic to see an editorial deploring the disconnect between civilians and the military, while this university (and the editorial staff who wholeheartedly support them) continue to obstruct those few Tufts students who choose to serve their country by joining the ROTC.

It's not enough to simply banish ROTC from campus; the university has to make sure not a single class ROTC students take at MIT is worth Tufts course credits.

**Article:** "Walt decries influence of Israel lobby" (Nov. 28)

**Posted by:** Jeremy Robbins

**Comment:** There is no "Jewish lobby" that

shapes U.S. foreign policy toward Israel or anywhere else. Nor is there a taboo on discussing the United States-Israel (special) relationship which is in the interest of both countries.

This is the figment of Professor Walt's anti-semitic imagination.

Walt is peddling a new version of the old canard that the Jews have too much influence.

**Article:** "Study finds college students lead unhealthy lifestyles, but Tufts health officials disagree" (Nov. 29)

**Posted by:** Daniel Hurwit

**Comment:** I was at the town meeting the other day, and Dean Reitman said that the results from the Tufts Longitudinal Health Study indicate that while college

students may live healthier lives than the general public (which I attribute to the fact that, hey, since we can afford college, we probably come from families that afford healthcare, good food, etc.), college students at Tufts on the whole tend to enter at a certain level of health and then show declining health year after year while at school. This poor health often continues after college, too.

However, what was really crazy is how Reitman (or it may have been Bill Gehling) said that the health study was even finding that girls, from freshman to senior year, were actually, in many cases, losing bone mass. That is really, really bad.

Let's be honest: Most of us don't sleep enough or on regular schedules and drink, smoke, eat irregularly and often survive on pizza or other random non-nutritional stuff.

## CORRECTION

The photo accompanying yesterday's Athlete of the Week profile on senior hockey tri-captain Ross Gimbel was incorrectly credited to Daily Photo Editor Laura Schultz. The photo was actually taken by Daily Photo Editor Annie Wermiel.

Due to an editing mistake, Nov. 30's front-page article, "Number of students caught with marijuana has increased this fall," indicated that Judicial Affairs Officer Veronica Carter expects the number of marijuana-related incidents to increase as the weather gets colder. In actuality, Assistant Fire Marshal Wayne Springer, not Carter, said this.

# Op-Ed

## Finding the holes in D'Souza's argument

BY RAUL ARROYO-MENDOZA

Last Friday, the Freethought Society hosted a debate between Tufts Professor Daniel Dennett and best-selling author Dinesh D'Souza on the resolution: "God is a man-made invention."

Dennett argued the affirmative position and D'Souza argued against the resolution. Though I do not agree with all of Dennett's views, this response is aimed primarily against D'Souza, because I fundamentally disagree with the dishonest presentation of his arguments.

Before I begin, I would like to clarify a few things. I am an atheist, but I was born and raised a Roman Catholic. I watched the debate from the perspective of an atheist, but I am not close-minded. Even if my views on God may differ from yours, I hope that you do not dismiss the following simply because of this.

During the debate, D'Souza cited numerous physicists and philosophers, often explaining their views in caricature-like terms. To "set up a straw man argument," as it is often called, is to misrepresent your opponent's position very weakly so as to easily refute his position. It is a very effective rhetorical trick, but it is quite dishonest, because it gives the impression that one or more of your opponent's views have been refuted.

Because D'Souza misrepresented scientific theories, Dennett's views and the views of other philosophers, one might conclude that D'Souza is either incapable of understanding such views or flagrantly dishonest.

Since D'Souza is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Dartmouth College and a truly excellent debater, it is safe to assume that D'Souza understood the views he misrepresented. I would like to address some of his arguments not addressed by Dennett or the audience to back up my claim of his flagrant dishonesty.

In his opening statement, D'Souza explained that St. Augustine believed God created time along with the creation of the universe. He introduced this to argue that modern science is essentially based around Christian metaphysics. Thus, if the complexities of the universe point to an intelligent designer, then that designer is probably the Christian God, because Christian scientists and theologians have led the way.

In contrast to Issac Newton, D'Souza announced that the Muslim philosopher Al-Ghazali denied the idea that nature is guided by laws. Rather, Al-Ghazali believed that God intervenes every instant to keep the entire universe going. D'Souza then proceeded to laugh at this notion, but deliberately left out a few important facts.

Al-Ghazali and Newton were not contemporaries. In fact, Al-Ghazali died nearly six hundred years before Newton published his "Principia Mathematica." In that volume, Newton describes his three fundamental laws of motion and his law of universal



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gravitation.

Furthermore, Al-Ghazali was a philosopher and theologian. To my knowledge, he was not a scientist in the same sense as Newton. It is unfair to compare Al-Ghazali's views to Newton's as if they were rival theories, and it is dishonest to do so without prefacing such a comparison with the aforementioned background information.

Nowadays, it would seem that modern scientific theory corroborates St. Augustine's belief that time did not exist prior to the creation of the universe. D'Souza's point is that "Augustine didn't write to force agreement with science; Augustine stated a theological proposition, and modern science has come 1500 years later to agree with him."

Sounds pretty impressive, right? Consider this: The word "atom" was borrowed from the philosophy of Leucippus and Democritus, two ancient Greek philosophers, who lived 800 years before St. Augustine and hypothesized that all matter is created of various kinds of indivisible particles with specific properties.

Remarkably, their hypothesis was similar to modern atomic theory in certain key aspects. Augustine, Leucippus and Democritus all made astonishing guesses,

but it is important to keep in mind they were guesses. None were capable of testing their hypotheses as modern physicists can.

They could have just as easily been wrong. For instance, physicists used to believe that space was filled with a substance they called aether through which light propagated. Presumably, Leucippus and Democritus believed in — and were wrong about — the existence of Zeus. The fact that Augustine "got it right" in one case is hardly a good reason to think any of his other metaphysical beliefs were correct (e.g. the existence of God).

More to the point, it is absurd and absolutely dishonest to suggest that modern science is based on Christian metaphysics. I seem to remember learning in history class that Galileo was put on trial for heresy because he supported Copernicus' heliocentric theory that the sun is the center of the galaxy. Though he was not burned at the stake like Giordano Bruno for holding blasphemous ideas, Galileo was forced to live the rest of his life under house arrest.

Throughout the argument, D'Souza made several references to Darwin and insisted that evolution is entirely compatible with an argument from design. I would hope that

a Roman Catholic making such an argument would know the actual position of the Catholic Church on evolution.

D'Souza is very intelligent and well read, so I will assume he knows that the Catholic Church denied the theory of evolution until roughly 60 years ago. After the 1950s, the Church changed its stance to a rather agnostic position for several decades before finally accepting it. It would seem that the Catholic Church has not exactly been so forward-thinking in accepting scientific theory.

Sure, the Church has been quick to accept any number of theories that reinforce Catholic dogma. But where there has been a discrepancy, the Catholic Church has often denied testable scientific theories until it was simply not possible to continue denying.

I do not have the room in such a short space to argue whether or not God is a man-made invention, but I would certainly argue that, in light of his academic dishonesty, Dinesh D'Souza is not the person to do so in a serious academic debate.

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## Chavez's extended rule could prove disastrous for United States

BY OWEN KENNEDY  
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The United States has attempted to spread freedom and democracy to other parts of the world since the 1940s and has tried especially hard for the last six years. Unfortunately, while our attempts in the Middle East aren't going as smoothly as we would like, we also are watching democracy deteriorate in our own neighborhood.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is taking a note from Fidel Castro's 1950s playbook and is trying to consolidate power and stay the leader of the oil-rich country until 2050. Chavez is pushing for changes to be made to the

Venezuelan constitution, specifically to free him of the term limits the constitution outlines. Chavez has said he thinks this will assure his rule for life.

"If God gives me life and help, I will be at the head of the government until 2050," Chavez told a crowd of supporters Friday, according to a New York Times article on the same day. Preliminary votes in Sunday's referendum concerning term limits show that Chavez will not get his way.

But Chavez didn't try to sell the constitutional changes based only on his expanded power. According to Reuters on Friday, the changes also would limit the Venezuelan work day to six hours, while

requiring businesses to pay workers for an eight-hour work day and expand social-security benefits to street vendors. One of the most severe changes would be Chavez's ability to have total control over foreign currency reserves.

The United States witnessed how Castro's model in Cuba spread to other Latin American countries. Luckily, most of these countries have moved back toward the center, but the leftist trend is spreading again. Make no mistake: If Chavez wins the referendum after the votes are tallied, Venezuela will be a new beacon of socialism in the Western hemisphere. But there is some hope in the form of young opposition.

According to the BBC, students are the loudest voices against the potential dictatorship. Students led a vocal campaign encouraging voters to vote "no" when it comes to being led by the 21st-century Castro. These students tried to help the United States by trying to contain the extreme socialization we thought had been subdued 30 years ago. Chavez first took office in 1999 and slowly has stepped up his anti-Americanism ever since. The only good part of his rule was it would end someday. It is the same hope we hold when worrying about Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Both these leaders were elected in countries that, at least to some extent, have a bit of

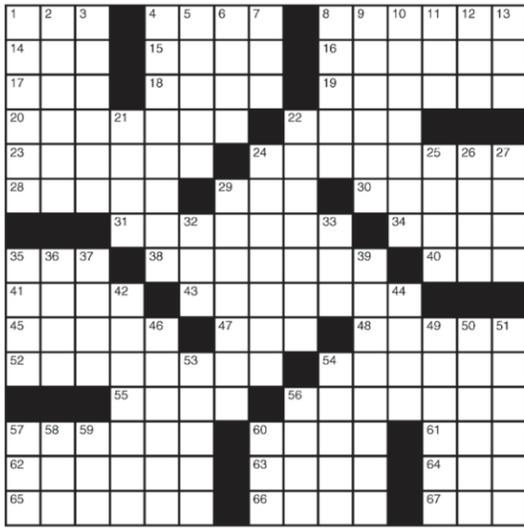
democracy.

But Chavez is trying to take away his country's last inch of democracy by preying on the poor, naïve and uneducated. If he can trick them into believing he will fight for them, they will continue to keep him in office while he uses their support for his personal gain. Only about half of those polled said they understood exactly what they were voting on, according to The Associated Press.

If he is allowed to dismantle democratic rule, we will have to endure another generation of the threats, scares and failed foreign policy. And the last thing the United States needs is more problems abroad.

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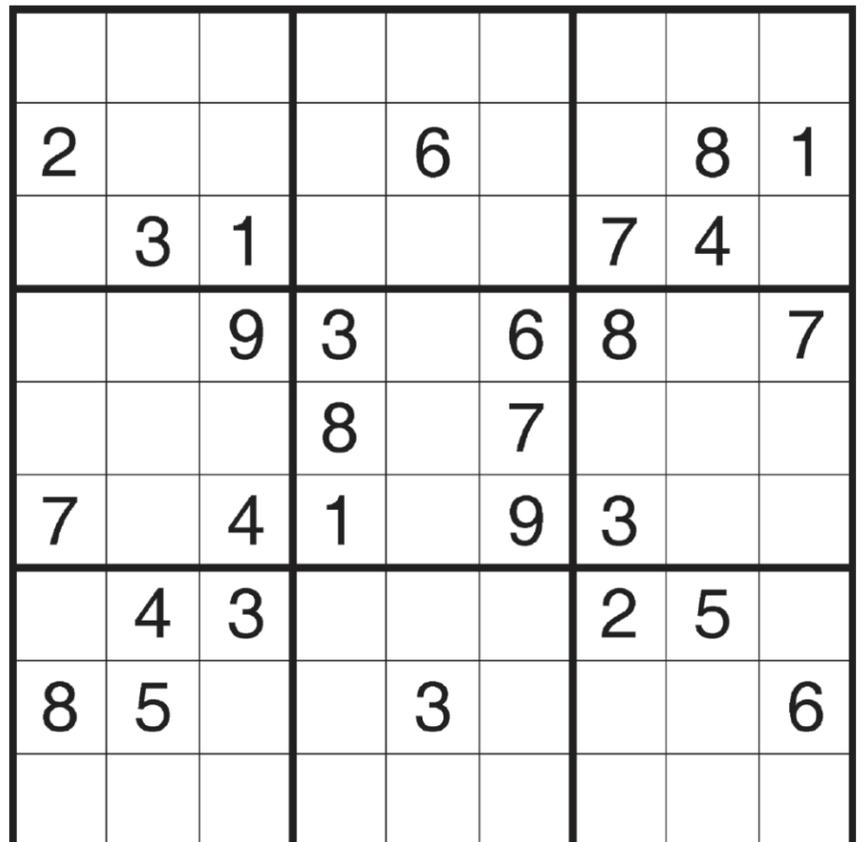


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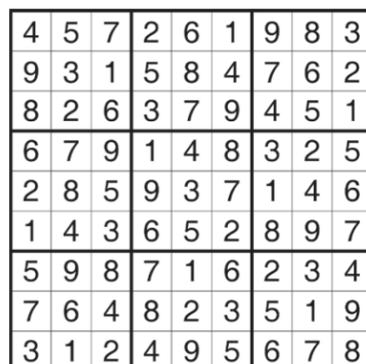
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Solution to Monday's puzzle



**JUMBLE**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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

RONED

ENMOY

BRAMKE

TECJOB



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: A

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**Thursday, December 6, 2007**

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| <b>4:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Concert in Goddard Chapel</b>                   | <b>Dr. Janet Hunt,<br/>Director of Music</b>           |
| <b>4:45 p.m.</b> | <b>Tree Lighting and Singing<br/>Behind Ballou</b> | <b>Members of the Brass and<br/>Carolling Ensemble</b> |
| <b>5:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Hot Cider &amp; Muffins</b>                     | <b>In the rear of Goddard Chapel</b>                   |



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## In field events, athletes irked by scheduling

### WOMEN'S TRACK

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periods of time between jumps. For the throwers, only the first of their three tosses were measured.

Still, the throwers managed to turn out impressive performances, with junior Paula Dormon leading the way for the shot putters in 17th place and senior Sarah Martin taking 11th in the weight throw.

*"It was nice for our freshmen to get their first college race under their belts. They clearly showed that they were freshmen — there was some good stuff and some bad stuff. But overall, I thought everyone's attitude was good."*

Kristen Morwick  
coach

The Jumbos will continue their strength and conditioning workouts and strive to maintain their fitness levels before winter break, focusing more on technique work when the team returns for Dartmouth Relays, which will take place Jan. 11-13.

## Jumbos to compete in Bates Pentathlon next weekend

### MEN'S TRACK

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talent up. I think we'll provide a lot of scoring for the team early on."

The freshmen were not the only ones to have a strong day. Many sophomores had impressive finishes in their respective events.

Most impressive was the finish in the 1,000 meters by sophomore Billy Hale. Hale ran a time of 2:34.37, less than three seconds behind the leader and good enough for a third-place finish.

"I was really excited when they announced the times," Hale said. "It felt really good running, but I had no idea how fast I was going."

In the 55-meter hurdle preliminaries, sophomore Ikenna Acholonu came in 10th, just two spots away from qualifying for the finals.

Three more Jumbos had top-20 finishes, as sophomore Jason Hanrahan finished 16th in the 800 meters, while sophomore Scott Brinkman and freshman Matt Keefer came in 12th and 18th respectively in the 500. Brinkman's strong showing was particularly encouraging, as he was plagued by a hamstring injury for much of last winter.

"It feels really great to come back," Brinkman said. "Being the first race of the year, it feels great to run healthy. I really expect only to improve and hopefully peak at the end of the season."

One of the only seniors to compete at the meet was quad-captain Dan Marcy, who is returning from a year of injury. Many on the team point to Marcy, an All-American in his sophomore year, as the person most capable of replacing Fred Jones and what he contributed. In the triple jump — a Jones specialty — Marcy looked the part, finishing third among almost 30 competitors.

The Jumbos now look to the Bates Pentathlon in a week, the team's last event before January.

While the Husky Carnival provided a good opportunity for freshmen and sophomores to gauge their progress, the Bates Pentathlon will provide a similar opportunity for older athletes. The meet is scored, but it is still held only a week into the season, limiting its impact.

The pentathlon's events are the 55-meter hurdles, long jump, high jump, shot put and 1,000-meter run. The Jumbos expect to perform well at the meet — especially with only four schools participating — and seem encouraged about their prospects for the rest of the year.

"I see a lot of big things," Scott said. "We're trying to place at least four at Nationals. We're trying to win Division IIIs. Every year we come in prepared. Everybody's already on track for a repeat of last year, and maybe even better."

## Bulls could be seeing big roster changes in near future

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skills. The duo of Thomas and Noah has done little to offset the Bulls' offensive problems, as they have combined for a pitiful 9.8 points a game.

Unfortunately, Chicago's problems in the post have led to an increased reliance on finding scoring from their swing positions. The Bulls do boast some strong scorers in shooting guard Ben Gordon and small forward Luol Deng, who have averaged 19.2 and 17.2 points per game respectively. Deng missed three games due to injury and Gordon has had to adjust to a starting role, but they have played up to expectations.

Though Deng and Gordon are clearly the team's best players, the Bulls' offense the last few years has been engineered by point guard Kirk Hinrich. The former Kansas Jayhawks star has seen his stats drop in every category so far this season after having a breakout campaign last year. With Hinrich's struggles, the Bulls have been unable to find consistency on offense, although they have stayed strong on the defensive end of the floor.

With their poor play to start this season, many have speculated that the team has quit on coach Scott Skiles, who has a reputation for being hard on his players. There have been rumors that some of the members of the Bulls have

had rifts with Skiles, who is in his fifth season as head coach and has been a key part of rebuilding the team into a contender.

If Bulls fans are disappointed in their team's play, they might not be too happy about the future. The Bulls have been stockpiling assets for years, but they've failed to land a superstar player to establish legitimate title aspirations.

Chicago was thought to be the preferred destination both for Kevin Garnett, who was instead traded to the **Boston Celtics**, and for Kobe Bryant. The Bulls could not work out a trade with the **Los Angeles Lakers** at the beginning of the year, and it has been a distraction for the young team early on this season. To add to the issues, Deng and Gordon will be restricted free agents this offseason after they failed to sign contract extensions before the season.

The Bulls might need to dramatically shake things up if they can't turn things around soon. With several big names likely to be on the market at the trade deadline in February, this could finally be the time for Paxson to make a move for a superstar.

Regardless of what happens, Chicago can expect big changes in the future for its Bulls, who will be one of the biggest stories of the season whether they can climb back into the playoff race or not.

## STATISTICS | STANDINGS

### Men's Basketball (2-2, 0-0 NESCAC)

	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Trinity	0	0	6	0
Williams	0	0	6	0
Amherst	0	0	5	0
Conn. Coll.	0	0	5	0
Colby	0	0	4	0
Middlebury	0	0	5	1
Bowdoin	0	0	4	2
Tufts	0	0	2	2
Bates	0	0	2	3
Wesleyan	0	0	2	5

### Individual Statistics

	PPG	RPG	APG
Jon Pierce	19.8	8.5	0.8
Jake Weitzen	14.3	2.0	3.5
Ryan O'Keefe	11.0	2.8	0.5
Jeremy Black	10.5	4.0	6.8
Aaron Gallant	9.5	1.8	0.8
Pat Sullivan	3.8	1.8	1.0
Bryan Lowry	3.5	2.0	0.8
Ross Trethewey	2.0	1.0	0.5
Sam Mason	2.0	1.0	0.0
Dan Cook	1.7	0.0	0.3
Tom Selby	1.5	2.0	0.5
Dave Beyel	1.3	2.5	0.5
Aaron Harris	0.0	0.0	0.0
Matt Galvin	0.0	0.3	0.5
<b>Team</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>13.8</b>

### Women's Basketball (6-0, 0-0 NESCAC)

	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Amherst	0	0	6	0
Tufts	0	0	6	0
Conn. Coll.	0	0	5	1
Middlebury	0	0	4	1
Trinity	0	0	4	1
Wesleyan	0	0	4	1
Williams	0	0	3	2
Bowdoin	0	0	3	3
Bates	0	0	2	2
Colby	0	0	1	3

### Individual Statistics

	PPG	RPG	APG
Khalilah Ummah	13.0	8.8	1.2
Colleen Hart	11.5	4.0	4.3
K. Tausanovitch	11.0	10.3	1.5
Julia Baily	8.0	4.2	0.0
Kim Moynihan	7.8	4.3	1.7
Casey Sullivan	5.0	1.3	2.3
Jenna Gomez	5.0	4.7	2.0
Lindsay Weiner	4.3	1.8	0.5
Stacey Filocco	2.8	1.0	0.7
Katie Wholey	2.2	0.5	1.3
Katie Puishys	0.5	0.8	0.0
Edwards-Bourd.	0.0	0.7	0.0
Issy Cless	0.0	2.0	0.0
S. Robinson	0.0	0.7	0.0
<b>Team</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>15.5</b>

### Hockey (2-3-1, 1-2-1 NESCAC)

	NESCAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Bowdoin	3	1	0	4	1	0
Colby	3	1	0	3	2	0
Amherst	2	1	1	3	2	1
Middlebury	2	1	1	3	2	1
Conn. Coll.	1	1	2	1	4	2
Trinity	1	2	1	3	2	1
Tufts	1	2	1	2	3	1
Williams	1	2	1	2	3	1
Wesleyan	1	3	0	2	4	0
Hamilton	0	3	1	1	4	1

### Individual Statistics

	G	A	Pts.
Kurt Hertzog	3	2	5
Ross Gimbel	2	3	5
Lindsay Walker	1	3	4
Mike Vitale	0	4	4
Joe Milo	3	0	3
Doug Wilson	2	1	3
Cory Korchin	2	1	3
Andy Davis	1	2	3
Greg O'Connell	0	2	2
Evan Crosby	0	2	2
<b>Team</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>

### Goalkeeping

	S	GA	S %
James Kalec	142	17	.893
Issa Azat	25	5	.833
<b>Team</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>.879</b>

## SCHEDULE | Dec. 4 - Dec. 7

	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Men's Basketball</b>	at Keene St. 7 p.m.		vs. Babson 7 p.m.		vs. Clark 1 p.m.
<b>Women's Basketball</b>		vs. Salem St. 7 p.m.	at Simmons 7 p.m.		at Wellesley 2 p.m.
<b>Hockey</b>					vs. Conn. Coll. 4 p.m.
<b>Men's Swimming</b>					at Brandeis 12 p.m.
<b>Women's Swimming</b>					at Brandeis 12 p.m.
<b>Men's Squash</b>			vs. Amherst 6:30 p.m.		
<b>Women's Squash</b>			vs. Amherst 6:30 p.m.		
<b>Men's Track and Field</b>		at Bates Pentathlon 12 p.m.			
<b>Women's Track and Field</b>					

## MEN'S SQUASH

## Tufts takes two of three at Boston Shootout; drops match to Bowdoin

BY TIM JUDSON  
Daily Editorial Board

The men's squash team went into its match against Bowdoin on Saturday with two 5-4 nail-

MEN'S SQUASH (4-3)	
Boston Shootout, Cambridge, Mass., Sunday	
Tufts	9
Northeastern	0
Saturday	
Bowdoin	6
Tufts	3
Middlebury	
Tufts	8

biters from last season, both ultimately ending in the Polar Bears' favor, in the back of their minds.

They were close to home this time, playing at Harvard surrounded by a large number of fans and a great deal of excitement. Tufts quickly won three matches at Nos. 1, 2 and 4, jumping out to a 3-0 lead and just two points away from what would have been one of the biggest wins in school history.

But that was all the team would get, as the match ended 6-3 in favor of the Jumbos' Maine rivals. The Polar Bears dominated at the bottom, courtesy of what Tufts coach Doug Eng called one of most consistent ladders in college squash.

"We are a good team at the bottom, but nationally, they are probably the best team from [numbers] one to nine," Eng said. "Bowdoin's nine is only marginally weaker than their one."

"We just need to figure out what we are going to do next time," he continued. "We will need to either sweep them at the top or beat them in a match or two at the bottom."

Tufts was just one win away from just such a sweep at the top of the ladder. Senior tri-captain Jake Gross easily handled Bowdoin junior Chris Nehrba, winning 9-0, 9-5, 9-1 and dropping just six points in the match.

"I have played Chris a few times in the past, and I think since [Bowdoin] had not played as many matches, he was a little out of shape," Gross said. "I played well, and I definitely got a boost of confidence seeing that Alex had won already."

Alex is the captain's freshman brother, who took down his opponent in straight games in the No. 2 spot. Sophomore John Subranni also got a quick win at No. 4 and a Tufts win looked possible.

But the Jumbos went on to lose in straight games in four of the other six matches. Only senior tri-captains Nelson Schubart and Kris Leetavorn extended their matches past the first three games, to five and four games, respectively.

"It was disappointing to see everyone else go down, but they put up a lot of good fights," Jake Gross said. "We definitely saw spots where we could have taken the match ... We might have gotten too psyched up and forgotten our game plan. I think some of the guys put too much pressure on themselves, but people learned what works and what does not work in big spots."

The Jumbos also took on two less challenging opponents at the Shootout, beating Middlebury 8-1 later in the day on Saturday, and then blanking Northeastern 9-0 on Sunday.

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Jake Gross  
senior tri-captain

Against Northeastern, Tufts did what it was expected to do, handling the Huskies in a one-sided contest. In the nine matches, Tufts took eight in straight games, while just Schubart's went to four. Despite the easy result, Jake Gross felt that the match was a good experience for the team.

"I was surprised by the level of talent in the freshman I played," he said. "But I used my experience, stepped up in the court and kept him off his element. We were able to take care of business, and I think that helped us with our confidence."

The story was much the same in Saturday's match against Middlebury, as the Jumbos got wins in all but the No. 3 spot. Five of them came in straight games.

"The score doesn't reflect this, but our guys were pretty tired by the second and third matches, and both teams were vastly improved since last year, so it was good to see everyone

so the bottom of our lineup is a big advantage."

Playing in that No. 5 spot was freshman Valerie Koo, who won arguably the weekend's biggest match. With losses in the top four spots and wins in the bottom four, Koo's straight-win victory over Bowdoin junior Maddie McQueeney tipped the scales in the Jumbos' favor.

After struggling against Williams and Dartmouth, two teams that finished in the top 10 in the College Squash Association rankings last season, the team's improved play this weekend will build the Jumbos' confidence heading into the rest of the season. The Jumbos' ability to keep that confidence in check will be key in their next few games.

"We shouldn't get a big head about [this weekend]," Barba said. "Against Northeastern we had a few four-game matches which were unexpected. We are playing much better than in the past,



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Sophomore John Subranni, shown here in the match against Conn. Coll. on Nov. 16, won all three of his matches this weekend in straight games. With Subranni's help, Tufts went 2-1, taking down Middlebury and Northeastern but falling to Bowdoin.

suck it up and get the win," Jake Gross said.

Next on the radar for the men's squash team is a big match against Amherst Thursday evening. Last year, Tufts left Amherst, Mass. left with a disappointing 9-0 loss. This year, Amherst will travel to the Belmont Hill School to

take on the Jumbos, and Eng would like to see a better result. But the Lord Jeffs' lineup is the same as last year at Nos. 4 through 7, where the Jumbos lost in straight games, with only one by less than six points.

"The scouting report from other coaches indicated that Amherst is very vulnerable," Eng

said. "Last year, we also played our worst match of the season at their courts. This year, we are clearly stronger at the top. If they are vulnerable, it is at eight and nine. It is going to be a battle, but I think we are going to get at least four points. That doesn't mean we will win, but I see us getting at least four."

## Three victories give Jumbos welcome boost after two straight losses

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The wins over two NESCAC rivals marked a huge turnaround from last year, when Tufts lost 8-1 to Middlebury and 9-0 to Bowdoin. It was the depth of the Jumbos' lineup, not a star-studded top of the roster, that got the win. Against Bowdoin, Tufts lost the No. 1 through No. 4 matches but got victories from its five through nine.

"We're much stronger at the bottom of our lineup this year," junior Jessica Hermann said. "That's where we won the matches against Middlebury and Bowdoin. It's where we need to win because we don't recruit as much as some of the really good schools we play ... so they have really strong No. 1s and No. 2s."

"Our ladder is really deep this year," Rice added. "Our number five through nine spots are consistently playing well,

but we can't get ahead of ourselves. It's not going to be handed to us; we need to keep working hard."

This weekend featured a standout performance from senior co-captain Micela Leis, who won seven straight games without losing a point. Tufts also welcomed the return of Rice, who had missed the previous two matches with a back strain, for the Saturday matches at the No. 1 spot. Though the senior did not compete against Northeastern, her presence was a welcome lift for the Jumbos over the weekend and allowed everyone to play in a more comfortable slot.

Rice fell in straight sets to Bowdoin's freshman phenom, No. 1 Lauren Gesswein, but rallied from two games down to take Middlebury's No. 1, junior Sarah Hatfield, to five games before falling 9-6, 9-2, 7-9, 3-9, 9-5.

"Rebecca played amazing," Barba

said. "She had a surprising five-game match against Middlebury, where everyone was cheering for her. Even though she lost that match, the team spirit really helped us."

"It was great," Leis added. "We all fought hard. Even in our easy matches we still played hard. It showed how strong of a team we are and it gave us a lot of confidence."

The Jumbos have one match left before winter break, a home matchup with the 1-0 Amherst Lord Jeffs on Thursday. If this weekend was any indication, the team could be a force to be reckoned with in 2008.

"Our mental state is strong," Hermann said. "We hadn't come close to beating Bowdoin in the last six years and the confidence from that match is what we needed. If we just continue to go back and work on our fundamentals, life after winter break should be exciting."

INSIDE THE NBA

# Despite early expectations, young Bulls off to slow start

BY ETHAN LANDY  
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The **Chicago Bulls** were a trendy preseason pick to represent the Eastern Conference in the NBA Finals in June. But after winning their last two games, the team's first winning streak of the season, the Bulls still sit second to last in the Eastern Conference and last in the Central Division at 4-10.

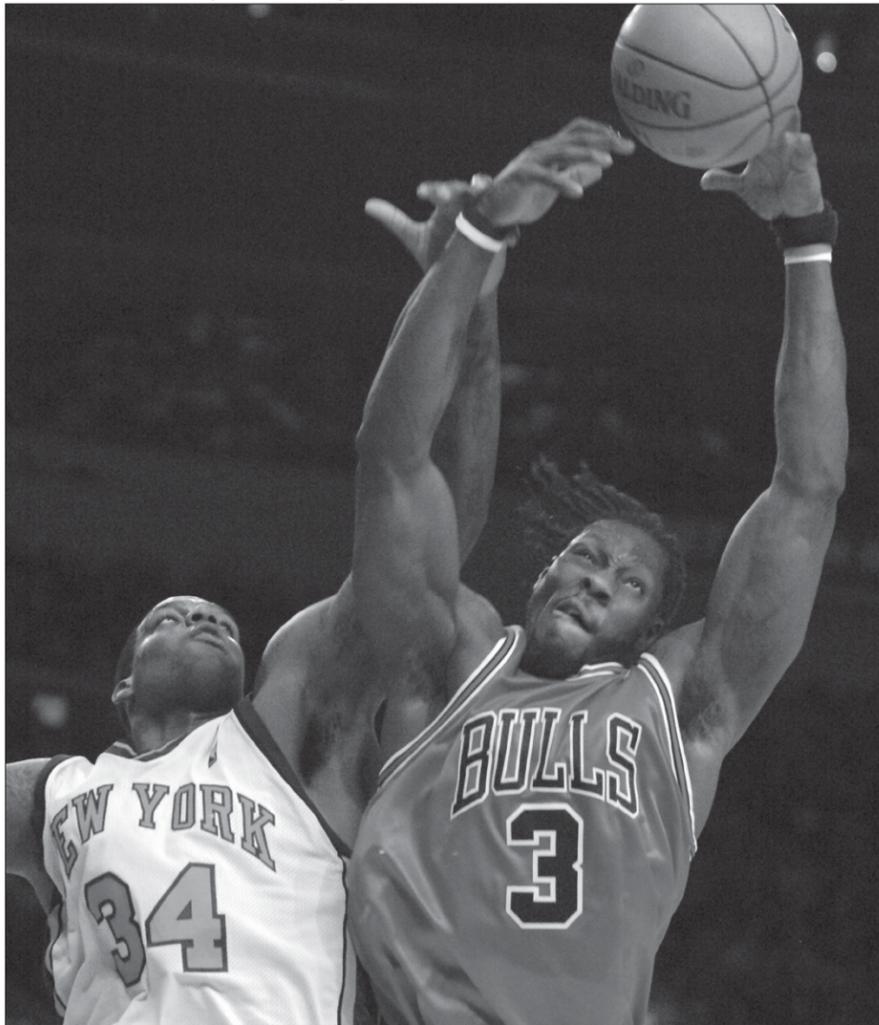
Even though Chicago may seem to be turning a corner, it cannot be satisfied with its play thus far. The Bulls' win Saturday over the **Charlotte Bobcats** marked only the second time their sputtering offense was able to break the century mark. Chicago is last in the league in scoring, averaging just 88.5 points per game, and has been dreadful on the road.

Before the back-to-back home wins, the Bulls went 1-5 on a long road trip, with the only victory coming over the 6-9 **Los Angeles Clippers**. In fact, Chicago is only 1-7 on the road this season, and with the sixth-easiest schedule in the league according to ESPN, all of these stats look even worse in context.

The root of the Bulls' problems can be tied not to the present, but to their decision-making woes two years ago. Chicago signed center Ben Wallace, thought to be the premiere free agent of the offseason, away from the **Detroit Pistons** for four years and \$60 million to anchor its front line.

Unfortunately for the Bulls, though, Wallace has regressed measurably in his time in Chicago, as his defensive prowess has not been enough to make up for his offensive deficiencies on a team without a low-post presence. To make matters worse, the Bulls traded Tyson Chandler to the **New Orleans Hornets**, where he has developed into an All-Star-caliber center.

Chicago has tried to fix its frontcourt problems through the draft, but GM John Paxson has made some question-



Chicago Bulls center Ben Wallace goes up for a rebound in his team's 85-78 loss to the New York Knicks on Nov. 24. The Bulls, once early favorites for the Eastern Conference title, are now the second-worst team in the conference with a disappointing 4-10 record so far this season.

able decisions. Two years ago, the Bulls traded the rights to LaMarcus Aldridge, who is now leading the **Portland Trailblazers** with 19.0 points and 8.0 rebounds a game, for Tyrus Thomas.

And this year, Chicago took forward Joakim Noah, a strong defender and hustler who has marginal offensive

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## The future

I wonder what Jared Camp is thinking these days.

His career ended in 2002 with his second minor league stint with the Erie Seawolves, the AA affiliate for the Detroit Tigers, where he earned a 10.13 ERA.

These days, and all other days for that matter, Camp is more known for the man for whom he was traded in 1999.

Johan Santana.

We all know the story. Signed by the Houston Astros in 1995, but remaining in Venezuela for four more years, Johan was taken by the Florida Marlins in the 1999 Rule 5 Draft from the Astros. Just a short time later, the Marlins traded the newly acquired pitcher to the Twins for Camp.

Now, as Camp sits on his couch somewhere, Johan Santana has, in four seasons as a starter, won two Cy Young awards, been selected to three All-Star teams and developed into the best pitcher in the game, and possibly of his generation.

Certainly a good move by the Fish.

As of this very moment, he is still a member of the Minnesota Twins, but not for long. Knowing that he won't be able to sign him to the long-term deal he deserves after the 2008 season, new GM Bill Smith is entertaining offers from the Red Sox and Yankees to trade his star southpaw.

Is there some sort of impenetrable trade phone line that links downtown Minneapolis with these two cities?

There is talk of teams not being willing to "mortgage their futures" to get Santana. Let me tell you something: As a Minnesota sports fan, I know a little something about the so-called "futures" all these teams are worried about. Sometimes they just aren't as rosy as they seem.

For example, the Timberwolves, on pace to win just a shade under 11 games this season, are playing with what once was the Celtics' future.

Pretty easy to see why Danny Ainge felt comfortable trading it away.

The Vikings' future didn't look so bright six months ago, when the most talented player on the offensive side of the ball was offensive lineman Steve Hutchinson. Now, with the soon-to-be-crowned Rookie of the Year and a quarterback who has finally realized when and where to throw a slant, the future ain't looking too bad for the Purple.

The Twins, however, are always preparing for some distant future that may never come by trading away great players they can't, or think they can't, afford for prospects. With the Twins, it's always cheap potential over expensive certainty — for better or worse — and it's no different now.

For two teams claiming to have strongly rebuilt their farm systems, their worry over losing one or two great prospects — either Jacoby Ellsbury and Jon Lester or Philip Hughes and Austin Jackson — is ludicrous when talking about acquiring the single best pitcher in the world. With the probable six-year extension he'd sign after the trade, his new team would not only have arguably the most feared pitcher in the league for six Cy Young-caliber seasons, but also a pitcher known for his unbelievable conditioning, athleticism and pre-start preparation, meaning he'll be as good, or almost as good, at age 34 as he is now at 28.

On days when Johan starts, we almost expect him to shut the opposing lineup down — a real sign of greatness. But when a pitcher does something extraordinary, and it shocks no one, that's when you've reached a whole other level.

Johan's been on that level for years, and teams vying for him would be foolish to get caught up over a prospect, no matter how good he is.

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## Top Ten | Teams Worse than the Dolphins?

As most of the football world knows all too well, the Miami Dolphins are 0-12 through the first 13 weeks of the season, and they just blew probably their best chance at erasing the donut. In a game Sunday in which the winless Dolphins were actually favored, they instead lowered their play to a new level of putridity in a 40-13 loss to the New York Jets.

With four games left, the Dolphins are well on their way to doing something no NFL team has ever stunk enough to accomplish: a 16-loss season. In honor of the miserable 'Phins, here are the 10 teams that might make even Miami look good.

**10. 1935 Boston Braves.** In a season that Boston baseball fans would not even be able to fathom, the Braves went 35-115, giving them the second-worst winning percentage in modern history. It was recorded that a late-July home game against the Dodgers was played before a whopping total of 95 fans. That's one less the Red Sox' win total this year.

**9. 1974-75 Washington Capitals.** Granted, they were an expansion team, but even that is not an excuse for going 8-67-5. The Capitals managed to use their new team to post by far the worst record in NHL history.

**8. 2001 Carolina Panthers.** The Panthers were off to a good start to their 2001 season, as they beat the Minnesota Vikings 24-13 in their opener. But things went downhill from there for the Panthers, who lost their final 15 games of the season, the most consecutive losses ever in a season. The Panthers were led by former 49ers coach George Seifert, who was forced to endure having Chris Weinke start all but one game at quarterback.

**7. 1991-1992 Prairie View basketball and football.** In the early 1990s, Prairie View A&M was forced to deal with severe budget problems. If nothing else, the Panthers proved that you can't win without cash. The football team finished 0-11, continuing what would eventually become an 80-game losing streak, and the basketball team also went winless at 0-28 for a combined 0-39 record for the

two programs. In the words of Charles Barkley, "That's terrible."

**6. 1990 New England Patriots and 1991 Indianapolis Colts.** Who could imagine, watching the AFC Championship game last year, that these two teams were the laughingstock of the league just a decade and a half ago? In 1990, the Pats went 1-15, and in typical Indianapolis style, the Colts swiped that crown the following year.

**5. 1992-93 Dallas Mavericks.** The Mavericks started the season with just two wins in their first 32 games. The team featured the backcourt duo of Ron Harper and Jim Jackson, but had little talent beyond their top two players. Dallas finished with just 11 wins on the season, but things didn't get any better for the Mavs. Even with a new coach and No. 4 overall pick Jamal Mashburn, the Mavs could only get 13 wins the following year. That's perpetual putridity.

**4. 1980 New Orleans Saints.** In Dolphins fashion, the Saints started off with a seemingly unbreakable losing streak, falling in their first 14 contests. The team was so bad, fans started the historic trend of wearing paper bags over their heads and gave the team the nickname "the Ain'ts." The 2007 'Phins may be jealous to learn that the Saints broke their losing streak against none other than the New York Jets. Sorry, Cam Cameron... your chance passed you by.

**3. 2003 Detroit Tigers.** The Tampa Bay Devil Rays can read this and smile, because as horrible as they may be, they are not the worst team of the decade. The Tigers went a mind blowing 43-119 in 2003, setting an American League record for most losses and coming just one away from the Major League record. They finished with a team batting average of .240. That's like an entire team of Julio Lugo.

**2. 1972-1973 Philadelphia 76ers.** The 76ers were consistently bad in 1972-73: they started the season by losing 15 straight games, and ended it with a 13-game losing streak. They also lost 20 straight, somewhere in between. The Sixers were led by the immortal Fred Carter, the so called "best player on the



What's that spell? Yep. Defeat.

worst team in NBA history," who averaged 20 points a game. Philly finished with the season at 9-73, leading the local media to call the team the "Nine and 73-ers."

**1. 1976 Tampa Bay Buccaneers.** The Bucs made the move to the NFL along with the Seattle Seahawks in '76, and Seattle went on to win two games more than its fellow expansion team. Meaning ... two. The Bucs are the only team to not record a victory in an NFL season, going 0-14, though the league switched to 16 games in 1983. The closest the Bucs came to winning a game was against — you guessed it — the Miami Dolphins, in a 23-20 loss.

—by Tim Judson and Ethan Landy

## WOMEN'S SQUASH

## Jumbos finish unbeaten at Boston Shootout

BY NOAH SCHUMER  
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Heading into the weekend the women's squash team was in an early-season slump, having lost its previous two

**WOMEN'S SQUASH (4-2)**  
Boston Shootout,  
Cambridge, Mass., Sunday

Tufts 8  
Northeastern 1

Saturday

Bowdoin 4  
Tufts 5

Middlebury 1  
Tufts 8

matches by a combined 18-0.

But with an all-day series of matches at Harvard on Saturday, the Jumbos dismissed any and all notions of a slow season start, emerging with a perfect 3-0 record at the Boston Shootout, reversing lopsided 2006-2007 losses to a pair of NESCAC rivals, and beating Bowdoin for the first time in two decades.

Tufts topped the Polar Bears 5-4 in the early match on Saturday and beat Middlebury 8-1 later in the day before routing Northeastern 8-1 in Sunday's action.

"This weekend was really important," senior co-captain Rebecca Rice said. "I think it set the tone for the season because we showed what we're all about and what we can do. Against Bowdoin we came out with a lot of fire and we really wanted it. It's exciting."

"It was great," junior Victoria Barba added. "We have a winning record now. Especially to beat Bowdoin and Middlebury, who we thought going in were going to be tough, it was awesome."

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Junior Victoria Barba hits a forehand at the Conn. College match on Nov. 16. The women's squash team had an outstanding weekend, going 3-0 and beating two generally strong NESCAC teams.

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## MEN'S TRACK &amp; FIELD

## Tufts shows new talent at Husky Winter Carnival

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The men's track and field team kicked off its season over the weekend at the annual Husky Winter Carnival meet at Northeastern University.

The meet featured over 20 schools and was non-scoring, meaning it has no long-term significance for the team. As a result, the team ran mostly freshmen and sophomores in order to see what they are capable of and gauge their positions on the team.

Several freshmen put on strong performances at the meet.

In the 400 meters, freshman Merlin Boone finished 27th out of 70 runners while freshman Jeff Ragazzini came in 16th out of over 60 in the 3,000. In the pole vault, freshman Sam Read, who has a better high school personal record than anyone on the team, came in 11th.

"The freshmen are looking really strong," senior quad-captain Nathan Scott said. "A lot of them are coming in immediately as leaders. We expect a lot out of them, and we expect them to score some points for us at Division III New Englands."

One of the best performances from the rookie class came from Frank DeSalvo. He finished sixth in the high jump with a height of 6'2", and also 13th in the long jump.

"A lot of people came out really well today," DeSalvo said. "Even though I wasn't here, I've heard a lot about the seniors we lost from last year, like Fred Jones. I think at least in the jumps department, the younger classes will bring a lot of

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## WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

## Season kicks off with Husky Carnival; women garner three top-10 finishes

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Daily Editorial Board

For a December track and field meet, this weekend's Husky Carnival at Northeastern was everything the women's team hoped it would be — a promising start and an indication of what the team still needs to work on before the season really gets going in January.

"Based on how the meet is run and the competition, it wasn't indicative of how good we are as a team," coach Kristen Morwick said. "We had a lot of people not competing, but the kids that did [compete] did pretty well. It was an eye opener for some people — it let them know what they need to work on fitness-wise."

The Jumbos were led by senior co-captain Kaleigh Fitzpatrick, senior Anna Shih and sophomore Logan Crane, all of whom posted top-10 finishes and qualified for ECAC Championships and New England Div. III Championships in the process.

Crane started things off, running the 55-meter dash in 7.51, good for ninth place. Fitzpatrick followed suit, taking seventh in the 200 meters with a clip of 26.31. The time was an indoor best for Fitzpatrick, who was the top Div. III finisher in the race.

Later on, Shih broke her personal record in the 3,000, clocking a 10:45.51. Shih was among the

small group of distance runners to compete this weekend after switching over from a successful cross country season, as were junior Amy Hopkins and sophomore Erica Hylton, who also set a PR in the event.

"Everybody takes the transition a little differently," Shih said. "If you think your body needs some time off, people will cross-train and not race for a little while. It just depends on what level you're at and how much you feel like you want to do."

The 4x400 relay team also cracked the top 10, checking in at No. 9 in 4:06.31 as Morwick began exploring options for the squad. Freshman Andrea Caruth led off, followed by Crane, junior Jackie Ferry and Fitzpatrick.

"The 4x4 ran really well, especially throwing in a pretty inexperienced freshman in the leadoff leg," Morwick said. "[Caruth] told us after the relay that she'd never run the 400 indoors. They ran a pretty good time, so that was nice to see."

"We sort of had to piece it together at the end," Morwick continued. "We put Jackie in there on pretty short rest after her 800 — she hung on tough considering she had just run the 800 two events before. We'll have other people step in that didn't compete... We're just missing a lot of people, so it's really hard to tell where we are."

Tufts' freshman sprinters also

got their first looks at the track this weekend, with many running well in a successful debut. Among the top first-year finishers were Kanku Kabongo, who took 43rd in the 55 and 40th in the 200; Caruth, who, in addition to her performance in the 4x400, nailed down 16th in the open 400; and Laura Dinn, who was not far behind Caruth in the 400, finishing 25th.

"It was nice for our freshmen to get their first college race under their belts," Morwick said. "They clearly showed that they were freshmen — there was some good stuff and some bad stuff. But overall, I thought everyone's attitude was good."

The Jumbos also benefited from strong competition, as a number of Div. I schools were represented at the meet.

"It's always nice to have larger schools at meets with you," Shih said. "The increased competition will give you a better chance for a good performance, and it's nice to see how you do compared with Div. I."

But while the presence of Div. I schools gave the runners some valuable experience, the field event specialists suffered some adverse consequences due to the meet's size. Senior high jumper Joyce Uang, who placed 20th in a seven-way tie, was forced to wait long

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COURTESY ALISON WADE

Senior co-captain Kaleigh Fitzpatrick, shown here at last year's Terrier Invitational at BU Jan. 26, took seventh place in the 200 meters with a clip of 26.31. The women's indoor track team opened the season at Northeastern this weekend.