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TUFTS REPUBLICANS

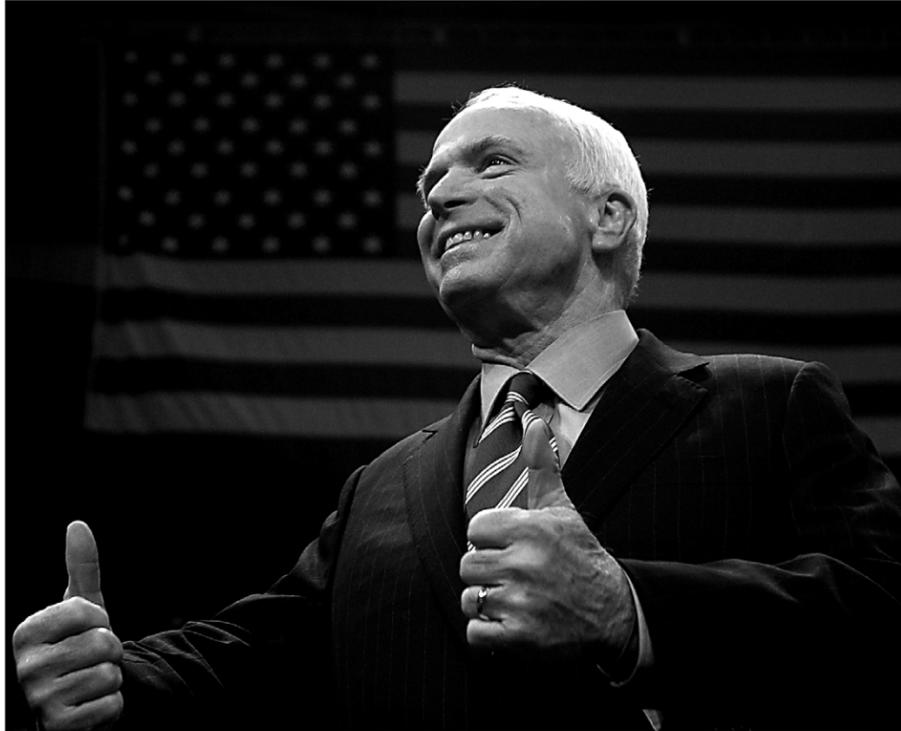
After tough cycle, Republicans await tonight's results

BY GILLIAN JAVETSKI
Daily Editorial Board

Tonight they may be found sitting on couches, eyes trained on televisions as election results trickle in. But the Tufts Republicans have been anything but immobile over the past few months, according to sophomore Michael Hawley, the group's president.

"We've been phone-banking all over — in Boston, in New Hampshire and on campus," he said. "Ten or 12 of us have taken a couple of trips up to New Hampshire to ask people how they are voting and get out the vote."

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TUFTS DEMOCRATS

Semester-long push leaves Tufts Dems riding high

BY ALEXANDRA BOGUS
Daily Editorial Board

After months of work to inspire supporters, register voters and boost turnout, the Tufts Democrats are looking at today's presidential election with cautious confidence.

"I'm loath to believe that anything is a sure win, but I'm feeling optimistic," said junior Shana Hurley, president of the Tufts Democrats.

This semester has shown an unparalleled

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Supposed benefactor backs out, leaves local canvassers skeptical

BY MICHAEL DEL MORO
Daily Editorial Board

Questions continue to swirl around a man who promised to send financial assistance from Italy to students hoping to canvass for Sen. Barack Obama in swing states, after the supposed benefactor pulled out on Oct. 25.

David Gall, an American living in Italy, purportedly orchestrated the pooling of frequent-flier miles from various donors in order to provide transportation to Americans hoping to go door-to-door for Obama. Around 700 people from around the country were scheduled to campaign

for the senator in Indiana, Colorado, Missouri, Georgia, Nebraska and North Carolina.

Approximately 190 students, several from Tufts, where slated to go to Georgia and Nebraska, stopping in Raleigh, Charlotte, Savannah and Atlanta. They were supposed to leave on Saturday and stay through today.

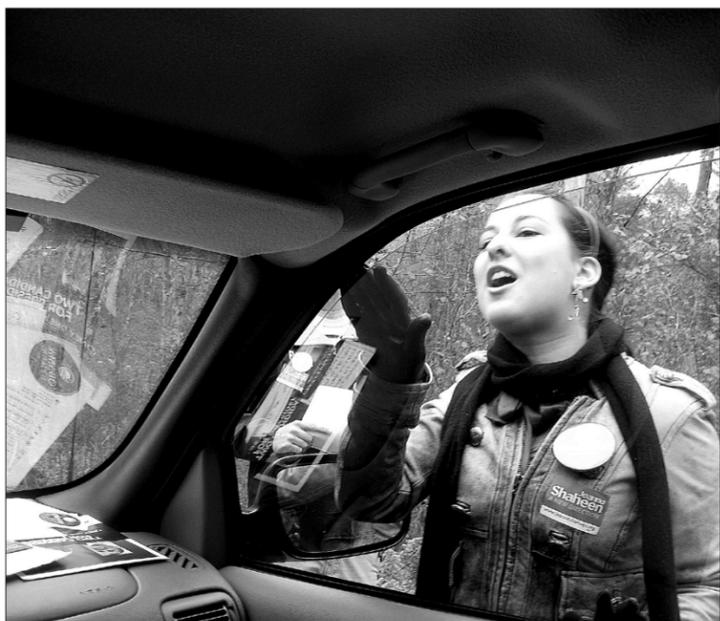
Jarret Zafran, president of the Harvard College Democrats, said students had gotten in touch with Gall and planning was underway when he received an e-mail stating that Gall had been in a car

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On the trail in N.H. with the Dems



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Freshman Eliza Bikvan runs back to her co-canvasser's car to grab the papers she nearly forgot before shoving off for undecided voters' houses.

BY SARAH BUTRYMOWICZ
Daily Editorial Board

Eliza Bikvan makes her way down a driveway to a quaint, wooden house nestled in the rural New Hampshire trees. It is a nice scene, but after five hours of canvassing and with rain clouds looming overhead, she is business-minded. Her primary concern is to figure out which door to knock on.

"This is the hard part," she says, examining the house's backdoor. "If worst comes to worst, we'll just knock on their front door. They have a Barbie tennis racket. How bad could they be?" She ends up opting for the

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Editor's Note: News editor Sarah Butrymowicz traveled with students canvassing for Sen. Barack Obama in New Hampshire to report on their efforts.

Skits, panels, live coverage to light up Hotung at ExCollege's Election Night Extravaganza

BY NINA FORD
Daily Editorial Board

In keeping with past tradition, the Experimental College will host the Election Night Extravaganza in the campus center tonight with the goal of bringing the Tufts community together to watch the presidential election results.

Although the ExCollege has organized the Election

Night Extravaganza for each presidential election since 1988, this is the first year the event will take place in the campus center. Election night activities have historically been held in Cabot Auditorium, but the campus center affords the opportunity for a more widely focused event.

"We're kind of taking over

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The Daily will provide a series of updates throughout the day about national and local results, as well as about on-campus Election Day programming. Check www.tuftsdaily.com for analysis and audio and video elements. We will also frequently update our blogs to bring you the most up-to-date coverage possible.

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Voters' guide to Massachusetts ballot questions

Compiled by Alexandra Bogus

Students who vote in Massachusetts today will have more than just candidates to consider, as five questions will be on the ballot. Over the past few weeks, the Daily has written articles investigating the first three, which are binding and will therefore be implemented as law if the majority of voters support them. The last two are non-binding and are meant simply as recommendations to local leaders.

Question 1 (binding): Income tax elimination

This highly debated proposal seeks to do away with the Massachusetts income tax, reducing the existing 5.3-percent toll to 2.65 percent beginning January 2009 and eliminating it altogether by January 2010. The proposed law would cut into the state budget, of which income tax revenues make up 40 percent. Its proponents say it

would cut wasteful expenditures while putting more money in the hands of taxpayers. The average taxpayer is expected to save \$3,600 yearly. But the law could potentially deal a blow to the state and local government infrastructure while prompting a boost in property taxes, its detractors argue.

Question 2 (binding): Decriminalization of marijuana

The referendum aims to lessen the civil penalties associated with possessing one ounce or less of marijuana. Under the proposed law, offenders age 18 or older would be forced to forfeit the marijuana and pay a \$100 fine. Minors would face the same penalty and, additionally, would be subject to a drug awareness program to be com-

pleted within one year of the offense. Opponents of the referendum argue that the decriminalization could be seen as an endorsement of the drug and encourage increased marijuana use. Supporters maintain that the changes will cut down on frivolous arrests and will not be harmful because marijuana will remain illegal.

Question 3 (binding): Prohibition of dog racing

The proposal seeks to make dog racing, in which any form of betting on the speed or ability of dogs occurs, illegal in the state of Massachusetts. Known as the "Greyhound Protection Act," the proposed law stems from questions about whether the conditions that the greyhounds face, both on and off the racetrack, are humane. Racetrack officials contend that they are committed to the welfare of the animals and have

consistently met state-imposed regulations. The proposal would necessitate the closing of two greyhound racetracks in Massachusetts and some say it could eliminate the jobs of over 1,000 people working in the industry.



Question 4 (non-binding): Egalitarian religious policy



The resolution calls on the federal government to support the rights of the international community "to live free from laws that give more rights to people of one reli-

gion than another." The resolution draws attention in particular to non-Jewish Palestinians of Israel. It is being proposed by the Somerville Divestment Project, a pro-Palestinian group that proposed a similar resolution in 2006 that failed to pass.

Question 5 (non-binding): Abolition of state legislature

The question suggests replacing the state legislature with a body known as the Commonwealth Jury, to be made up of 100 randomly selected adult residents of Massachusetts. The jurists will each serve

one-year terms and will be given all the powers of the current state legislature. The measure is non-binding, however, and thus left to the state government to put into action if it so chooses.

Story of accident leaves Dems not knowing what to believe

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accident and could no longer provide the miles to fly students to other states.

At that time, Gall had already made around two-thirds of the reservations, but none of the tickets had been finalized.

The e-mail, which Zafran said was sent "in broken English," came from a man known only by the name Giovanni. Gall later left a message with someone scheduled to go on the trip, clarifying that he had been in an accident and suffered broken ribs and a broken collarbone.

Zafran said that he has been unable to corroborate any of the information. "We didn't know what to believe, whether or not the story was true. We started to think, 'Hey, we have no way of really verifying what's true,'" he said. "We still don't know what actually happened."

"It just left us with a lot of questions, very few answers, but with one clear thing, which is that the funding wasn't going to be there."

Jarret Zafran
president of the Harvard
College Democrats

Gall has been under investigation for multiple financial crimes in the past. This, coupled with the fact that he apparently became incapacitated just one week before the trip was scheduled to take place, has led some to raise questions about the project's legitimacy.

According to Tufts Democrats President Shana Hurley, law enforcement officials have explained that Gall and the people he worked with in Italy did not have access to enough of the students' personal information to have stolen their identities.

Although Hurley, a junior, said she does not know whether the law was broken at any point, she worries for the security of Democrats abroad who may be linked to Gall.

"If something bad did occur, I hope that they weren't compromised and exploited," she said. There remains some uncer-

tainty as to the truthfulness of the information Zafran has received.

"All we have is a story from him, and it may be true and it may not be true, and we have no real way of checking. It just left us with a lot of questions, very few answers, but with one clear thing, which is that the funding wasn't going to be there," Zafran said.

Gall and Dan Schneider, a delegate at the Democratic National Convention, blogger and Obama supporter, met at the convention this summer and discussed the possibility of organizing a canvassing trip, according to Hurley. Americans in Italy for Obama, an organization loosely affiliated with the Obama campaign, helped organize the trip.

Hurley found out the same day as Zafran about the supposed accident.

"[Gall] was the person responsible for matching the donors with the students, so he would be the one who was making the travel arrangements, and he is incapacitated," Hurley said.

In an e-mail, Schneider indicated that he severed any affiliation with Gall to avoid liabilities that might have inhibited further campaign efforts. Additionally, he said he is exploring legal angles to determine if Gall committed a crime at any point.

"I am enraged by what has happened. I am currently working with members of Americans in Italy for Obama and Italian authorities to investigate this matter thoroughly, unearth the truth, and see justice served," Schneider said in the e-mail.

Hurley said she was "really bummed" about the cancellation.

"We'd been in touch with people on the ground already," she said, referring to Obama supporters who would have hosted students during the trip.

"I think most of all I'm frustrated by the fact that someone would do something malicious to capitalize [on our enthusiasm]," she said.

Some Tufts and Harvard students who missed out on the opportunity to canvass in the South have been able to travel to New Hampshire during the final days before the election.

Rob Silverblatt contributed reporting to this article.

Tufts Democrats avoid writing election off, focus on getting voters to polls

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increase in student participation among the Tufts Dems.

The group started canvassing for Sen. Barack Obama in New Hampshire during the first week of the semester and is continuing its efforts through today.

According to junior Benjamin Silver, who organized the New Hampshire canvassing efforts, close to 130 students went to Raymond, N.H., this past weekend, and another 40 are planning on canvassing today. He said that all told, these efforts will have accounted for knocks on between 15,000 and 20,000 doors.

"At this point in the campaign, when it's time for the get-out-the-vote effort ... our focus shifts from undecided voters to our supporters," Silver said.

This semester, Hurley said, students have focused on talking to New Hampshire voters and "taking their temperature." Today,

they are planning on tracking down the supporters they have identified and making sure they get to the polls.

"We'll give them a ride if they need it," Hurley said. "Literally every vote counts in New Hampshire."

The most recent polls show Obama with a significant but not impenetrable lead.

RealClearPolitics.com's most recent aggregate puts the Democrat ahead of rival Sen. John McCain by 7.3 percentage points.

The Democrats have employed phone banking in another major initiative. Tufts Students for Barack Obama (SFBO), a subgroup of the Tufts Dems, have set up weekly calling centers to identify New Hampshire voters likely to vote for Obama.

SFBO's on-campus efforts have focused mainly on increasing voter registration in the Tufts student body. Organized in conjunction with Hillel and the non-

partisan group Tufts Votes, SFBO's registration drive aimed to make the registration and absentee ballot process more user-friendly for students. "It's really difficult to vote when you're in college," said Beata Bujalska, a graduate student and co-leader of SFBO. "Some people are really confused as to how to go about it."

Hurley said that the drive registered 170 students and collected 130 absentee ballot request forms.

The Tufts Dems' initiatives have spread past the presidential election. Hurley said that they have also campaigned for U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney (D-Conn.), a 1975 graduate of the School of Arts and Sciences, and sent 30 students out to campaign for Massachusetts state Rep. Carl Sciortino (LA '00).

The Tufts Dems have seen a drastic increase in student involvement, compared to that of the presidential election four years ago. Douglas Foote (LA '08),

who currently works at the Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, said, "I think that [the] experience of disappointment [in 2004] galvanized a lot of people ... to work over the next two years and four years to help reverse some of these things."

Foote, who also works for the Obama campaign in New Hampshire, said, "This election is seen as a defining moment much more than [the election was] four years ago."

He added, "I think Obama has done a much better job than [Sen. John] Kerry in terms of youth involvement. Getting youth involved is a centerpiece of the Obama campaign rather than several steps down the ladder."

Foote said that student involvement in canvassing has tripled since the 2004 election, which occurred during his freshman year.

The Tufts Dems have seen some success in reaching across

party lines. The Democrats have had several Republicans working on their efforts, Silver said. He added that he identified himself as an independent at the start of the election.

Despite Obama's promising stature this Election Day — he leads McCain by between five and 10 points in most polls — the Democrats are hesitant to expect a sure win and are making sure that their work in New Hampshire does not go unnoticed.

"In general, we have to be optimistic, but I do think that Barack Obama is in a very good position to win this on Tuesday and that at this point, we aren't looking for any major game changers; we're just looking to get our supporters to the polls," Silver said.

The Tufts Dems will be watching the election results with members of the greater student body in the campus center tonight during tonight's Election Night Extravaganza.

Canvassers knock on 1,000 doors

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oddly fenced-in front entrance, and the man who answers invites her inside. With less than two weeks to go until Election Day, the middle-aged veteran who usually votes Republican is still unsure of who he is supporting, saying he isn't thrilled with either candidate.

The two talk for seven minutes about the candidates and the economy, as Bikvan in a polite and understanding tone capitalizes on several opportunities to promote the Democratic presidential nominee, Sen. Barack Obama, and the other Democratic candidates in New Hampshire.

It is Oct. 25, and Bikvan has been canvassing for Obama for the past few weekends with other members of Tufts Students for Obama. But, as the freshman has learned all too well, a canvasser's day is made up of few moments as gratifying as this one. It consists more of walking for miles,

standing by as owners restrain their dogs and trying to make campaign literature stay put between screen doors and doorframes when no one is home.

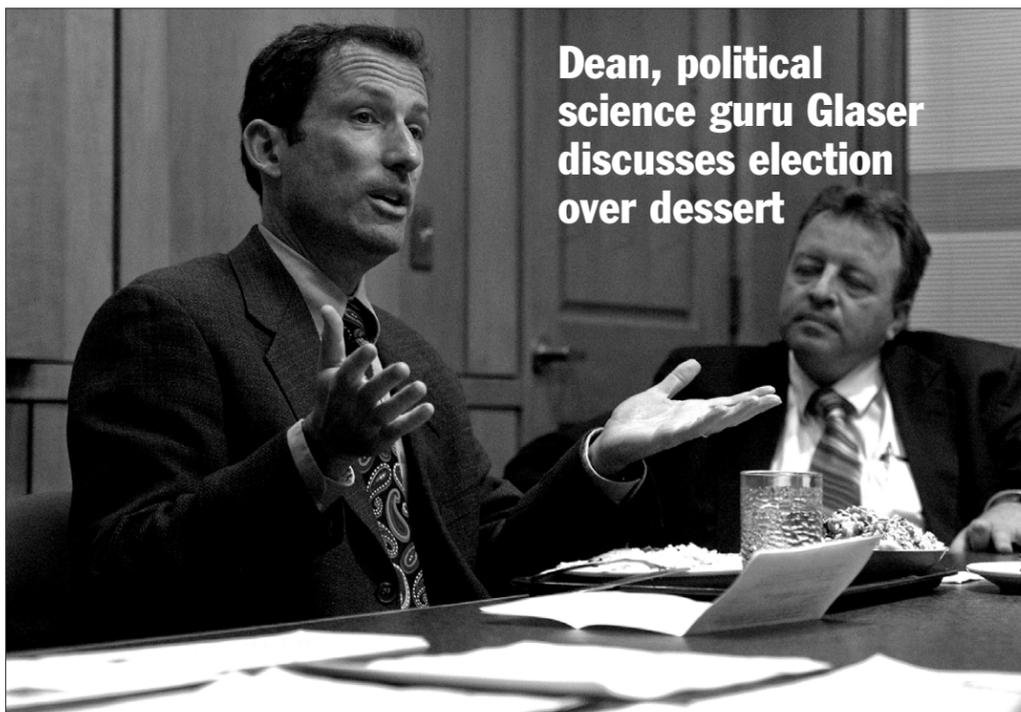
"A lot of this is an exercise in futility," freshman Seth Rau says. "It's a lot of challenges. It's not easy to win an election."

The day begins at noon in downtown Raymond, N.H. Tufts students typically work out of the office in nearby Derry, but they have switched today, when they are competing with 30 students from Brandeis University to see who can knock on more doors in a mini challenge they call "Barack the Raymond Vote."

Together, the groups knock on over 1,000 doors that day, with the 16 Tufts students contributing just under 400 and Brandeis winning the competition.

The effort is a coordinated campaign for three Democratic candidates: Obama, Senate hopeful Jeanne Shaheen and House

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Dean, political science guru Glaser discusses election over dessert

Dean of Undergraduate Education James Glaser, left, spoke on Thursday about the presidential election. University Chaplain David O'Leary, right, hosted the discussion, which was part of the Chaplain's Table Series, in the Dewick-Macphie Conference Room. Glaser will appear at tonight's Election Night Extravaganza in Hotung.

Morrison anticipates close election, awaits 'exciting evening' of results watching

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In addition to campaigning for Sen. John McCain, members of the Tufts Republicans faced off against representatives from the Tufts Democrats in a debate earlier in the month. This has been followed by a series of smaller radio debates featured on WMFO.

When they were not debating against them, the Tufts Republicans teamed up with the Democrats for a bipartisan voter-registration campaign on campus.

Still, Hawley said the Tufts Republicans have focused most of their campaigning efforts on supporting the McCain-Palin ticket.

"We have not done much in the way of non-partisan, get-out-the-vote campaigning,"

Hawley said. "We've decided that we want to get out the vote, but more importantly, we want to get out the Republican vote."

President of Tufts for McCain Antonella Scarano, a senior, has also been busy this campaigning season. Tufts for McCain is a subset of the Tufts Republicans.

"The past two weekends we've been knocking on doors in New Hampshire supporting McCain," Scarano said. "In terms of the next 24 hours, a group of us will be phone-banking during the day and then participating in [the] 'Election Extravaganza' at night."

The Extravaganza, an election results-watching party sponsored by the Experimental College, will include speeches

by Tufts students and faculty about incoming results. The Tufts Republicans, who Hawley says have 25 active members, will set up a table at tonight's event.

Tufts Republicans Treasurer Chas Morrison, a sophomore, said that he is looking forward to emceeding part of tonight's Extravaganza with classmate Sam Wallis, a member of the Tufts Democrats. Morrison, Wallis and Scarano all serve on the Tufts Community Union Senate.

McCain significantly trails Sen. Barack Obama in most national polls, but Morrison anticipates a suspenseful situation tonight.

"It's going to be an exciting evening because no matter where the election goes, it's going to be very close," he

said. "These things have a way of bucking expectations."

Last month, The Chronicle of Higher Education released a survey saying that college professors are eight times more likely to vote for Obama than for McCain. Morrison said that he is not surprised by these findings.

"Because a lot of current professors came of age during the Vietnam War, it's no secret that academia leans towards the left," he said. "However, there is a problem when higher education is dominated almost exclusively by one political ideology. I wish that there was more of a dialogue."

Morrison added that despite a lack of political balance in the classroom, he has found that most Tufts students "are

still open to listening to alternative ideas" and has not felt unwanted pressure to vote Democratic.

Like Morrison, Hawley said that he has not experienced pressure to change his vote.

"I had a McCain sign on my door ripped down, but besides juvenile stuff, I don't think that there is any aggressive peer pressure," Hawley said. "I don't feel any effective pressure to vote in other directions."

But he said that he understands why other McCain supporters at Tufts may feel less secure with their political choice.

"While I'm personally secure enough in my position, I would expect that less-partisan students may feel more pressured in class," he said.

Panelists to provide insights during event as national results trickle in

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the campus center and using the new facilities to reach a broader spectrum of people," ExCollege Program Assistant Nikki Bruce said.

The night's festivities will extend across the campus center, with Hotung Café acting as the "center stage," according to Bruce. The four televisions in Hotung will be set up to simultaneously broadcast election coverage from different channels, and two members each from the Tufts Democrats and the Tufts Republicans will emcee the event.

A panel of faculty and student speakers will analyze the incoming election results and "give us their insight on what has happened so far and what to look out for," Bruce said. They will remain on call throughout the night.

The panelists include Professor of Political Science Kent Portney, Dean of Undergraduate Education and Professor of Political Science James Glaser, ExCollege Professor Dorie Clark and student speakers Christine Mumma and Dan Halper.

Various student organizations will manage tables in the Commons area of the campus center. These groups include Tufts Dems, Tufts Republicans, Tufts Votes, Tufts ECO, VOX, the Queer Straight Alliance, Jumbocast and WMFO. They will monitor key issues in different states, examine special-interest polling and "widen the scope of the coverage we're bringing to the event," according to Bruce.

Tufts' sketch comedy groups The Institute and Major Undecided will also perform.

Bruce praised the work that Jumbocast and WMFO have done to expand and publicize the event. "They

have a lot going on. They're going to have a lot set up upstairs in Hotung," Bruce said of Jumbocast.

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last until at least 11 p.m. or later, depending on where the respective candidates stand in exit polls.

"It's pretty much going to be dictated by how the election goes, for the most part," said Will Brechter, a student member of the ExCollege Board.

Bruce and Brechter both said they were working to encourage a variety of students, faculty and community members to attend the event.

"We're just trying to get really as [many] people involved as possible," Brechter said. "We're hoping some of the community is going to show up."

"We've had a lot of students contact us about getting involved, and a lot of student groups, and we're also hoping for a lot of first-time voters and first-year students," Bruce added.

The ExCollege has been busy promoting the event across campus with a Facebook.com event, posters, advertisements and flyers.

"We've also had one of our student board members dress up as Jumbo in Uncle Sam patriotic attire," Bruce said.

Bruce added that she expects a number of freshman Explorations and Perspectives classes to attend the event. Two of these freshman seminar classes have planned activities that include a scavenger hunt, a map to track incoming state-by-state election results and the video "Highlights of the Campaigns," which will kick off the event.

Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman said the multi-faceted event will bring together students of all stripes.

"I think it's a grand opportunity for faculty and staff and students to come together because there are so many different ways to approach this ... like music and videos and games and food, ... and also faculty analysts and students and courses in the ExCollege,"

Reitman said.

"Just to watch [the election] on the big monitors and share together the excitement ... sure beats the heck out of sitting in your apartment or home alone," Reitman said.

JumboCast preps to provide election coverage

JumboCast will break from its traditional role streaming Tufts athletics to go live tonight from Hotung, covering the unfolding election and providing commentary about how the night's events affect the student community.

"We're covering the election just as CNN or MSNBC would, but we're going to do it with a student perspective," said senior Matt Kaufman, JumboCast's general manager.

The coverage will begin at 7:15 p.m. and will be live on the JumboCast Web site at www.jumbocast.com. The team will continue to broadcast until there is a winner.

The lineup will include continuous reports of incoming election results, student and student group interviews and discussions with panelists such as University President Lawrence Bacow, according to junior Jason Tarricone, JumboCast's business manager.

The telecast will be complete with a clickable map on a green screen that will allow states to change to blue or red as results come in and a crawler at the bottom of the page to give updates on congressional and presidential races.

Kaufman said that about 20 students are working together through

JumboCast to broadcast the event. In front of the cameras, there will be three anchors, four reporters and two people changing the map.

There are also directors, researchers, a stage manager and camera operators, all working behind the scenes.

JumboCast is also producing a documentary that will be aired tonight. The 30-minute film will cover the election from Obama's breakout appearance at the 2004 Democratic National Convention through the candidates' decisions to run and up to the present.

It will cover momentous points from this cycle and feature footage from major speeches and appearances.

While this venture into news is a departure from JumboCast's usual coverage, junior Teddy Minch, the group's programming director, said the election warrants all the attention it can get.

"We chose to do this because we want to record important moments in time, and what happens in the here and now determines so much," he said.

— by Katherine Sawyer

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Many Raymond voters angry at both sides

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incumbent Carol Shea-Porter.

Standing in Raymond's town center, the Tufts group circles around boxes filled with papers, campaign literature, clipboards, snacks and the ever-popular Obama flair for those who forgot to bring their own. Hollie Russon Gilman, a field organizer for the Obama campaign, gives the students a short talk about the area's demographics. Raymond is a working-class town that campaigns often overlook, she tells them.

For those still a bit unsure of what to say, she provides some talking points about the three Democratic candidates the students are supporting. Other more-seasoned members of the group offer their own last-minute reminders. Is Obama a radical Muslim? No. Is he an American? Yes.

After this, the canvassers are on their own. They split into groups and grab packets outlining Raymond's different "turfs."

Obama staffers create these turfs, which are sections of houses located near each other with high concentrations of undecided voters, says Doug Foote (LA '08). Turfs usually consist of 30 to 50 houses. In each packet, canvassers find a map as well as the names and addresses of uncommitted voters, who have been identified over the course of the campaign.

The campaign also provides a script, but most canvassers use their own words. "I think I followed the script once," junior Jeff Latz says. "It's more about having some kind of human interaction with voters."

Canvassers typically ask to hear a voter's thoughts on the election, and if the individual is still unsure, they start a conversation about political issues and why they support Obama.

But the students waste no time trying to force Sen. John McCain's supporters to change their minds, according to Foote. Although he finds this the "hardest part," when people say they will be voting for McCain, canvassers must simply say thank you and walk away.

This type of respect is paramount, regardless of whom the canvasser is talking to, Foote says. "Since you're represent-

ing the campaign, you have to be assertive but you have to be polite," he says.

In Raymond, many of the residents have already been contacted by the Obama campaign in the last few days, and even more of them say they don't need a visit. One person doesn't even let canvasser Ben Silver get all the way up to her porch — although it is more a gesture of kindness aimed at helping him avoid her dog. She yells across the yard that she will cast a straight-Democratic ballot.

"Go Obama," she shouts as Silver heads down the driveway.

"In town, there's a lot more McCain supporters, but out here we're doing better," Rau says. Out here is the more rural area immediately surrounding the central part of town, where some houses are far enough apart for canvassers to feel like they're hikers as well.

At one point, Rau walks a quarter of a mile in search of a particular house only to find a no-trespassing sign. He lets out an exasperated sigh, but then he smiles. "That's real canvassing," he says.

With so little time left to go before the election, a significant proportion of Raymond residents have yet to make up their minds. Foote says their uncertainty stems from a reluctance to support either major candidate after a campaign that has involved mudslinging and harsh attacks.

"More people are sick of the negative campaign and sick of both candidates for that reason," he says. "Part of it is a sense that all politicians are bad."

Several Raymond residents provide evidence to support this diagnosis. "I don't care who becomes president, they all suck," one man tells Bikvan. Another tells Rau, "They both stink," but says he's leaning toward Obama.

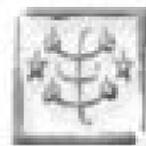
After five hours of canvassing, Tufts and Brandeis students meet at a pizza parlor to devour food, exchange stories about the day and submit their final tallies.

Tufts loses to the hometown rivals, but no one seems to care.

"At the end of the day, this isn't about Tufts or Brandeis," Bikvan says. "It's about the campaign."



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Doubts still linger about youth vote

BY JESS BIDGOOD
Daily Editorial Board

Students in the Class of 2012 received a very simple homework assignment from University President Lawrence Bacow during their matriculation ceremony. "All those who are eligible to vote are expected — perhaps I should say required — to vote in the upcoming election on Nov. 4," Bacow said.

In an e-mail to the Daily, he added that this expectation was not limited only to those present at that ceremony. "I would hope that every single Tufts student eligible to cast a ballot will do so. It is the first responsibility of a citizen in a democracy," he said.

These announcements bring attention to the fight for the youth vote on this campus and beyond, an issue that has perplexed politicians for years. Although current trends suggest that today will see a surge of young voters, experts and student activists acknowledge a number of obstacles that could lessen overall turnout.

According to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE), which is run by the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, 16 million people aged 18-29 voted in 2000. This represented a turnout of 40 percent, which was a slight increase from the 1996 election. In the 2004 cycle, turnout rose to 49 percent. But even in 2004, the youth vote made up only 16 percent of the overall national vote.



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David Burstein is a sophomore at Haverford College who has spent the last three years filming and producing "I'm 18 in '08," a documentary that examines past voting trends among young voters and the importance of their turnout in 2008.

Burstein said that the history of the youth vote has been a hilly one. "The highest youth voter turnout was in 1972, when 18-year-olds got the right to vote," he said.

Young-voter turnout since then has been, Burstein said, disappointing to many, hitting a historical low in 1996.

Burstein identified two sets of issues that tend to keep young adults from the

polls. "The first is access: Young people are busy and need lots of reminders," he said. "Secondly, young people are the demographic that is the most frustrated with the political process. They don't always see the connection between politics and their lives, and they don't always want to participate."

Like many campuses across the nation, Tufts has played host to a variety of initiatives seeking to combat these two issues by registering voters and helping them figure out the best way to vote on Nov. 4.

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Solomont helped Obama set fundraising records

BY GRAHAM ROGERS
Daily Staff Writer

To most Tufts students the year 1968 is canonized history, but Tufts trustee Alan Solomont (A '70), a visiting faculty member in the political science department, remembers the events of that year clearly. Along with the Vietnam War, unrest in Czechoslovakia and civil rights protests, Solomont witnessed what he calls "the fracturing of the Democratic party."

Since that time, Solomont has worked as an activist, a businessman and, more recently, a political fundraiser. In addition to teaching the Decision 2008: Campaign for the Presidency course in the Political Science Department, Solomont has played a vital role in helping the Obama campaign change the nature of campaign fundraising by chairing its effort in the Northeast.

Solomont's experience with politics amidst the turbulent backdrop of 1968 laid the foundation for his future political career. In that year, delegates to the Democratic National

Convention nominated pro-war candidate and then-Vice President Hubert Humphrey, despite Humphrey's failure to enter a single primary. Primary voters had heavily favored then-Sen. Eugene McCarthy (D-Minn.), and Humphrey's selection caused protests and rioting in the streets of Chicago.

Solomont, then in his third year at Tufts, witnessed the events firsthand and became somewhat disillusioned with politics. "The pendulum swung: We entered into an

era of conservative control, and people became more skeptical and cynical about politics," he said.

Though frustrated, Solomont still decided to stay in politics. "[I] wanted to be part of a movement for social change." After receiving a fellowship from Tufts, he moved to Lowell, Mass., a general trend among young liberals, he said.

"It was a bunch of lefties from the

anti-war movement," Solomont said. "We wanted to empower people to make changes in their own cities."

To make ends meet, Solomont took a job as an orderly at a nursing home, earning \$2.32 an hour. Though he eventually lost that job — nominally, for smoking in the bathroom but in reality for trying to unionize the workers there — Solomont believed he had found his calling in elder care and decided to go to nursing school at UMass Lowell. His experience in medicine, coupled with his interest in business, prompted him to found the A.D.S. Group, which became one of the largest elder care providers in New England.

But something was missing from Solomont's career. "I didn't have much in common with business," he said.

Still anxious to make a difference in the political world, Solomont began working as a fundraiser in local political races, including Michael Dukakis' 1974 campaign for Massachusetts governor. Solomont got his first experience with national politics in 1988, when Dukakis became the 1988 Democratic nominee for President.

During that time, he first met then-Gov. Bill Clinton (D-Ark.) and began fundraising work with the Democratic National Committee (DNC).

When the DNC fundraising apparatus came under fire during the early years of the Clinton administration, Solomont was asked to help rebuild it.

"Republicans were intent upon going after Clinton," Solomont said, admitting that "there were probably some excesses."

As one of the few Democratic fundraisers untouched by the allegations, Solomont was the perfect candidate to fix the apparatus. "I was hired to get the party out of debt and try to restore some credibility."

Solomont worked extensively with the Clinton White House throughout the 1990's and eventually became the National Finance Chairman of the DNC. Later, he served on the board of directors for the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Solomont's experience watching his party fall apart as a student and helping rebuild it as an adult has given him a unique perspective on the changes that have taken place in 2008 election.

"People were excited like in the late '60's. It started with the [Howard] Dean

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JESSIE BORKAN |
COLLEGE IS AS COLLEGE DOES

True life: I'm
concussed



I don't consider myself a particularly vain person. Yes, I've e-mailed the Daily nearly every week asking them to please change the picture above my column, and yes, I cried my eyes out when I got red house paint all over my hair and ended up with Peter Pan's haircut, but nine times out of 10 you'll find me in my morning class having rolled out of bed and directly into one of those chair-desks, no makeup involved. I think it's also worth noting that about 70 percent of my wardrobe consists of men's T-shirts and the same Converse sneakers I've had since sophomore year of high school.

That's why I was shocked at the symbolic and retributive nature of what happened to me on Thursday night. On my way out to dinner, I ran upstairs to grab a pair of gloves, and as I bent down to pick them up, the full length mirror mounted on my wall fell and shattered over the back of my head. Talk about God trying to send me a message.

I felt dazed, but I still knew how to spell my own name, so I figured I was good to go and proceeded to have the most hilarious train ride of my life, due mostly to the influx of unmistakably tipsy behavior on my part. It wasn't until I could not decide what to order at the restaurant — I could barely concentrate enough to read the menu — that I realized that I might have more than a headache from my run in with my own vanity. Sure enough, I was diagnosed with a mild concussion Friday morning.

The next couple of days were a confusing blur of me doing really stupid things. I found myself throwing my dishes in the garbage when I was done eating and riding my bike around Powderhouse Square several times before it occurred to me to get off at my street, and I consistently called my little sister when I was trying to call my dad. My brain couldn't take the cornucopia of electronic beats and slutty Pocahontases on Halloween, and don't even get me started on how confused I was over Daylight Savings.

I wondered how long I was going to be like this? So I called my mom, fully expecting her to have an answer to this unanswerable question, and she made a simple but profound statement that left me feeling a bit better.

"Like what?" she said. "You're always like this."

She is so right.

I am absentminded and have a terrible sense of direction. My wallet is a mess, I don't really know how to use my cell phone and there's nothing I hate more than a slutty Pocahontas. Okay, so maybe my concussion did make me legitimately woozy and unable to handle loud noises, but it didn't manufacture any insane behaviors in me — the crazy was already there.

The moral of the story? Diagnosis can be a dangerous thing. Without my mother's voice of reason, I might still be blaming the Jessie in my life on my concussion next week, when I accidentally call my teacher "Mom" (at least 85 percent of you have done this, I am sure of it), or next month, when I get into the shower with my socks on.

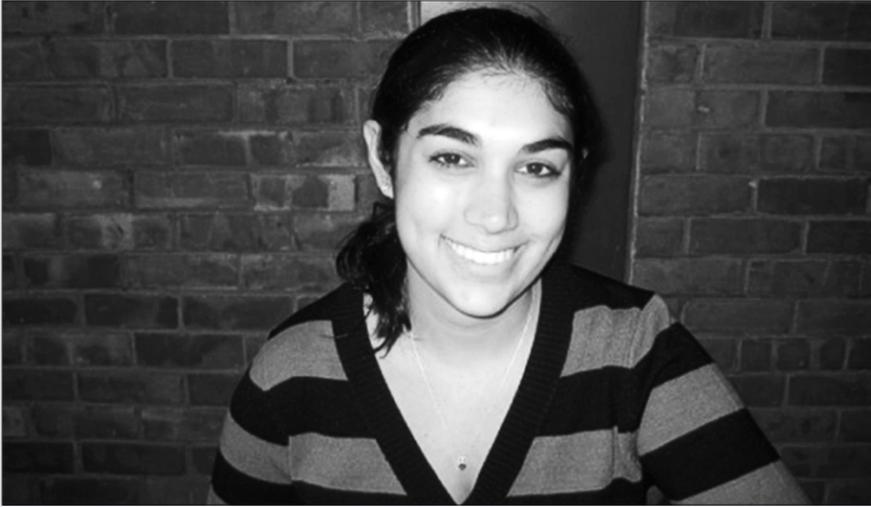
Apparently, I am more vain than I thought, seeing as my subconscious had no qualms with letting my minor head injury take the rap for all of my less than sterling qualities. Nevertheless, thanks, God (and Mom) — lesson learned. Personality happens. Personality flaws happen. And so do concussions.

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The Microblog: Issues that matter

Over the last few weeks, hundreds of out-of-state students have requested and returned absentee ballots while those from Massachusetts have patiently waited until today to cast their votes. This week, the Daily asked students which issues were most important in helping them choose between the candidates.

What is the most important issue of this election?



"The economy, because it impacts everyone. No one is immune to it. The outcome of the election will really affect what happens with the economy."
Andrea Levine, freshman



"'Change' and 'the audacity of hope,' because blanket generalizations about the direction of a nation without regard to actual policy is a good basis of a vote."
Aaron Pendola, freshman



"The things I'm most worried about are health care and Medicare. But the election is going to be important either way because it is going to be a huge first."
Justine Bowe, freshman



"The country's energy security is the most important issue because it is tied to everything — economics and the environment."
Nick Horelik, senior



"To the election, the most important issue is the economy because that is what everyone is hearing about. For me, it is progress and vision because I think we need to take a different direction in the country."
Ariana McLean, sophomore



"I think the economy is the most important issue. We are in the worst economic position we have ever been in, and we need some serious change to wake the nation up economically."
Katrine Dermody, senior



"I think energy is most important because it impacts everything from job creation to dependence on the international community. It's both a domestic and international issue and has to do with the future of our planet. Issues like health care are important, but they won't mean anything if we aren't here in 30 years."
Rachel Finn, sophomore



"It's the economy, stupid."
Kevin Vincent, junior

—by Lindsay Eckhaus

Campus political groups join together in voter-turnout efforts

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College, began as a small effort in 2004 to help Tufts students vote in that year's election. In 2006, then-freshman Shana Hurley saw a need to bring the group back to help students involve themselves in that year's midterm elections and beyond.

Junior Emily Hellman, a political science major, is one of the students currently leading the group.

"When you think of voting, you think of Nov. 4," she said. "But our biggest concern this year was registering voters and getting absentee ballots. A lot of the work was done before Election Day."

Both the Tufts Democrats and the Tufts Republicans are involved in voter-turnout efforts on and off campus. Additionally, Tufts Hillel has hosted voter-registration and absentee ballot drives.

Amy Glazier, a sophomore involved with the Hillel initiatives, argued that the efforts of her group and others have helped Tufts edge closer to Bacow's goal, even if most of the students they registered won't actually be going to the polls. "We got most people to register in their home states and request absentee ballots, so the actual Election Day for most Tufts students has already come and gone," Glazier said.

Hellman said that the absentee system can potentially cause confusion on college campuses. "[Voting] takes a lot of time and [there] isn't a consistent system across the states," she said. "It's not easy to do if you haven't spent much time navigating the political system."

Many students lose the chance to vote simply because they get tripped up by the intricacies of the system. "Tufts students are very motivated to vote; our biggest obstacles are bureaucratic ones," Hellman said.

She added that Tufts Votes has been dorm-storming and tabling to help students fill out voter registration and absentee ballot request forms. "We've sent out over 300 forms ourselves and assisted other organizations," she said.

But in spite of such efforts, Hellman said

it is difficult to be sure just how many students will have voted by the time polls close today. "Youth voter turnout is always a really hard thing to guess, especially at Tufts, where so much voting is done by absentee ballot and not by regular voting methods."

Political Science Professor Kent Portney said that efforts like those of Hellman and Glazier to register voters will pay off on Election Day.

"In general, these efforts are pretty effective on the margins, motivating people who are inclined to register and vote to actually do so," he said.

Portney added, however, that for students who plan to vote in person, registration is only half the battle. "Usually, getting young people to register is fairly easy, but getting them to actually vote is more of a challenge."

Burstein warned of other, more subtle complications. "Students are also the most likely to be targeted for having improper identification and turned away from the polls," he said, suggesting that student voters take care to ensure that they have multiple forms of valid identification when they go to the polls.

Despite these problems, current trends and polls foreshadow a high youth turnout for this year's election. "We certainly see anecdotal evidence that registration is up considerably, particularly for college students," Portney said. "We also see evidence that college students say they intend to vote at pretty high levels this year."

Burstein believes that the youth vote will mirror an overall increase in voter turnout. "People have been standing in huge long lines just for early voting, as the economic crisis is driving things home for people," he said. "They see [this election] as having an impact on their lives."

Burstein added that the youth vote may even exceed expectations. "Ultimately, we've seen young people get very excited and involved with this election, and they've proven that they want to turn out," he said.

According to Burstein, of 9 million newly registered voters for the 2008 election, 6.5

million are considered young voters.

Peter Levine, the director of CIRCLE, believes that younger voters can have a profound effect on the election, should they meet or exceed expectations. "More than half of eligible youth may vote," Levine said in an e-mail. "If current polls prove accurate, they will support Obama by about 2:1 and would be part of the reason for his victory."

A high youth-voter turnout would almost certainly work in favor of Democratic candidate Barack Obama (D-Ill.), but sophomore Michael Hawley, president of the Tufts Republicans, does not believe that this will necessarily determine the election. "A lot of the Republican constituency are older voters and reliable in a way that youth voters are not," he said.

Burstein, however, said that he believes the high level of student and young adult involvement throughout the presidential campaign will be reflected on Election Day.

"You saw in the Iowa caucuses that young voters made the difference. If young people do have the potential to be a swing bloc, they can affect states like Ohio and Pennsylvania, which have huge populations of students and young voters," he said.

As young-voter enthusiasm levels will affect the outcome of this presidential election, so too will the outcome of the election affect future levels.

Burstein explained that the winner of this election will have to work to maintain and increase voter engagement. "People who vote once are likely to vote again," Burstein said. "But it's about engaging people in the governing process — it's much easier to get people involved in a campaign."

Levine added that, high or low, voter turnout in this election will reveal a great deal about the political engagement of young voters. "Even though voting is only a small part of civic engagement, it is easily measurable and it tends to reflect the level of people's overall interest and responsibility," he said. "When voting falls, other forms of engagement usually fall as well."

Solomont: Obama has changed fundraising

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campaign," he said, referring to the 2004 presidential campaign that was noted for its ability to mobilize an immense grassroots following.

"[The 2008 election has] captured a new desire to become involved in politics," Solomont said. "It's way cool."

In addition to sparking new interest in politics, this presidential race has also ushered in a new era in campaign finances, something Solomont has witnessed first hand.

"The Obama campaign has completely changed the paradigm for fundraising," Solomont said. "It's engaged people like never before. People used to be limited to watching campaign commercials and writing checks, but [the Obama campaign] has created a social movement."

Despite these changes, campaign finance is often seen as the dark side of politics, the opposite end of the spectrum from the ambitious idealism that Solomont cherished as a student activist. Still, he denied that his primary political role as a fundraiser conflicts with his political ideals.

"People have grown uneasy and cynical about the amount of money in politics. They see [Sen.] Ted Stevens [R-Alaska] and think that's business as usual," Solomont said. "But you can't paint it with one brush."

Solomont cited his own fundraising experience as an example of how traditional campaign financing can be an instrument of democracy. "[The fundraising group that I work with] is the most extraordinary political organization I've ever seen. It's really a community of people that has taken on the campaign as its own."

Although he told Mother Jones magazine that he felt campaign contributions have been overstated in recent years, Solomont still favors finance reform.

"Campaign finance[ing] isn't uniformly bad, but scandals cost confidence in government," Solomont said.



Tufts grad starts satirical Palin Web site

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Popular satirical shows like "Saturday Night Live" and "The Daily Show" have been quick to jump on any blunders in speeches made by vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin during her recent campaign, but thanks to Tufts alum Jordan Kolasinski (LA '04), Palin's fans and critics now have even more ways to entertain themselves.

Kolasinski's new Web site PALINDrome (pa.lindro.me) allows Palin junkies to make the candidate say just about anything.

"[Visitors to the site] can take actual words Sarah Palin has said, re-arrange and re-contextualize them as [they] like, then hear her speak [their] PALINDrome back," Kolasinski said.

The idea is an experimental beginning for Kolasinski's larger startup site VOCarious.com, which will spread beyond the boundaries of Palin to other celebrities. With all the interest and humor surrounding Palin's persona and speech patterns — such as Tina Fey's impersonation on SNL — Kolasinski's choice to start with the Alaskan governor is not surprising.

So far, over 10,000 PALINDromes have been created.

Kolasinski jokingly spoke of his site as "a historic step forward in the idea of democracy — instead of simply electing our leaders, we can now actually make them say anything we want them to say."

PALINDromes typically involve crude humor like "I won my special needs son on e-Bay" or "I'll betchya Barack Obama is huge."

According to Kolasinski, the site is meant to be nothing more than entertaining and affable; however, he does think that PALINDromes can be politically significant.

"Tufts teaches us how to look at the world from a critical, rational and well-informed perspective," he said. "I hope PALINDrome inspires people to think a bit more about the actual words Palin has said, as well as those of Obama, Biden and McCain, and then decide if voting [for] McCain and Palin is really best for our country."

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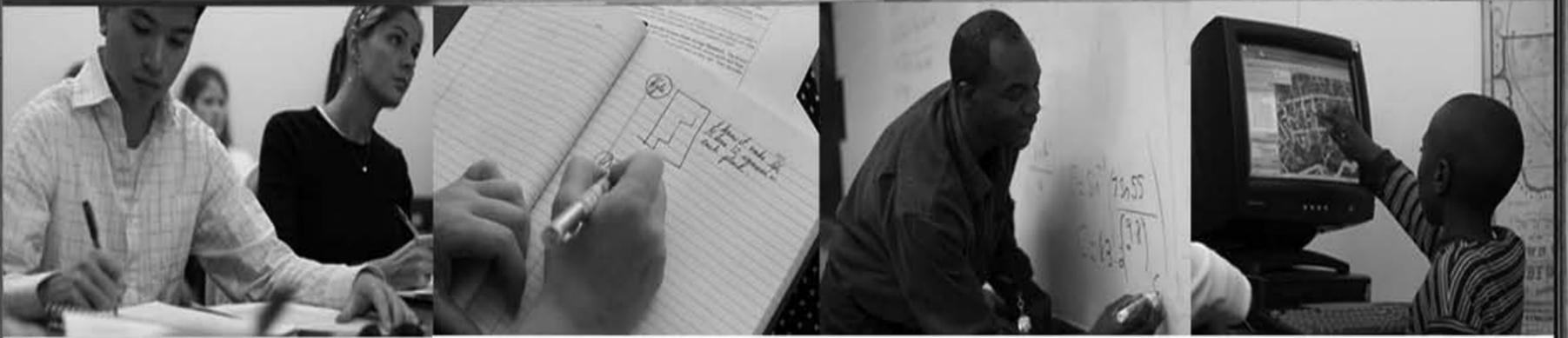
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MOVIE REVIEW

Kaufman manipulates moods, multiple realities in 'Synecdoche'

BY DANIEL EISENBERG
Contributing Writer

The works of Charlie Kaufman can never be confused with something conventional. Prior to "Eternal Sunshine of the

Synecdoche, New York



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"We should have coordinated our choice of glasses better. Now we're going to just plain look silly if we wear the same thing."

Spotless Mind" (2004), for which he wrote the screenplay, Kaufman's films were intellectual exercises, constantly engaging the viewer's mind but lacking any emotional impact. The characters in "Adaptation" (2002) and "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" (2002) are cold and emotionally distant, leaving the viewer in a similar state. Even "Eternal Sunshine" gets its feeling more from Michel Gondry's direction than

from Kaufman's words. "Synecdoche, New York," Kaufman's directorial debut, is the apotheosis of the trend to this point. It

challenges the viewer in ways normally

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GALLERY REVIEW



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Samuel Bak's "Walled In" juxtaposes the outline of a helpless boy with an imposing brick wall.

Samuel Bak uses personal Holocaust experience to create broad reflections

BY EMILY DE ARMAS
Daily Staff Writer

In general, artists are most profoundly impacted by the contexts — both historical and cultural — in which they

Icon of Loss: Recent Paintings by Samuel Bak

At the Pucker Gallery, through Dec. 2
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live. Impressionists, for example, painted fluttering landscapes due to contemporary science about atoms and light waves and drew sidewalk scenes as Haussmannization transformed the Parisian streets. The current show at Pucker Gallery, "Icon of Loss: Recent Paintings by Samuel Bak," features an

exhibition by Bak, a surrealist painter and, perhaps more importantly, a Holocaust survivor. His works are inspired by the atrocities and brutalities he witnessed in Poland during the 1930s and 1940s, but they are painted in such a way as to reflect on the Holocaust in an overarching sense.

The Pucker Gallery is a multi-level space that usually features more conservative — rather than contemporary or abstract — art. Located along Newbury Street and close to several other galleries, Bak's show is currently on view and is open until Dec. 2.

Bak initially gained recognition for his painting style and the incredible life that inspired his work. His work is currently classified as surrealist due to the dream-like scenes and themes he explores, though he has also painted in an abstract

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ALBUM REVIEW

Chiefs lose their minds on 'Off With Their Heads'

BY MITCHELL GELLER
Daily Staff Writer

Kaiser Chiefs are something of a phenomenon in the U.K., but they have yet to catch on here in the

Off With Their Heads

Kaiser Chiefs



Universal

states. It's possible to be a fan of Kaiser Chiefs, but it doesn't quite seem possible to be a Kaiser Chiefs Fan; to define one's musical tastes through a band that lacks its own discernable identity just doesn't feel right. Their third LP, "Off With Their Heads," with its 11 tracks weighing in at just over a half-hour, is simply more of the same inconsequential, guilt-free Brit-pop-rock that they have been churning out since their debut, "Employment," in 2005.

The album's opener, "Spanish Metal," is quick and largely indistinguishable from the rest of the songs on the album. "Never Miss a Beat," the second track, is a good introduction to Kaiser Chiefs' more typical sound. It starts out fast and stays fast until it ends — again, too soon. The track features backing vocals by British singer-songwriter Lily Allen, though her part can be easily overlooked, as well as tight production by Mark Ronson. The lyrics are simple: "It's cool to know nothing" is the meat and bones of the vocals on the track, leading one to wonder if this isn't also the band's philosophy for song writing as well.

"Like it too Much" starts out sounding incredibly similar to "Never Miss a Beat," but as soon as the violins kick in the differences between the tracks are readily apparent. "Like It too Much" features an orchestral section and a soaring chorus, and it is easily one of the stand outs on the

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Some food for thought



As you go out about your business today — going to class, the gym, grocery shopping and whatnot — there are two nuggets of information that I would like you to keep in the back of your mind. Both involve food scandals and prominent Republican women. So remember to think about these tidbits during your Tuesday, Nov. 4 routine, which should include something like, say, going to the polls.

The first involves none other than the lipstick-wearing pitbull herself, Gov. Sarah Palin, in an event dubbed "Salmongate" by Barry Estabrook of Gourmet magazine.

Let me summarize: The Clean Water Initiative, or Ballot Measure 4, proposes to restrict the amount of pollutants that mines can dump into Alaskan water. The measure targeted a mine that was dumping upstream of Bristol Bay, a sustainable wild salmon fishery. Palin spoke out against the Clean Water Initiative, saying "Let me take my governor's hat off for just a minute here and tell you, personally, Prop 4 — I vote no on that."

Here's where it gets interesting: According to an Aug. 22 article on "Salmongate" from KTUU, an Alaskan NBC affiliate, "It is against the law for the governor to officially advocate for or against a ballot measure." Palin said she had the right to take "personal privilege" to publicly discuss Ballot Measure 4.

The entire ordeal was extremely ... fishy. Why would Palin clearly break Alaskan law to speak out against a ballot measure that is intended to help a \$250 million business, which just happens to be one of the largest sustainable salmon fisheries in the world? Proponents of the bill called Palin's political ethics into question after she made that comment; you can't just pretend you're not the governor when you make a statement to the press.

The second scandal involves Cindy McCain and what has since been dubbed "Recipegate." Last April, a lawyer from New York Googled the ingredients from a Giada De Laurentiis recipe that she wanted to find. The top hits in the search were Foodnetwork.com and John McCain's campaign Web Site. Both had recipes that matched the ingredients of her search. Interesting.

There used to be a section of the McCain site called "Cindy's Recipes" that listed "McCain Family Recipes," such as ahi tuna with cabbage slaw and passion fruit mousse. The only source given for the dishes was Cindy herself. After doing some research, the lawyer discovered that every "McCain Family Recipe" had an almost identical match from the Food Network.

"Cindy's Recipes" were promptly removed from the McCain site when the story broke in April, but you can still find screenshots of the pages online; they are almost word-for-word the same as the Food Network recipes, which are protected under intellectual property laws. It would have been a different story if they were called "McCain Family Favorite Recipes" and were put on the site properly attributed to the Food Network with permission to do so from the celebrity chefs. This was not the case, however, and since Cindy falsely accredited the dishes to herself, this was recipe plagiarism. The McCain campaign called the incident a "low-level unpaid staff debacle," blaming the plagiarism on an intern.

So, while you are making other important Tuesday, Nov. 4 related decisions, you can decide for yourself why Sarah Palin would blatantly disregard Alaskan law with her advocacy against a sustainable salmon fishery or why Cindy McCain, or an aid of an aid or whoever in the McCain camp did it, would plagiarize Food Network recipes. These incidents are just some food for thought.

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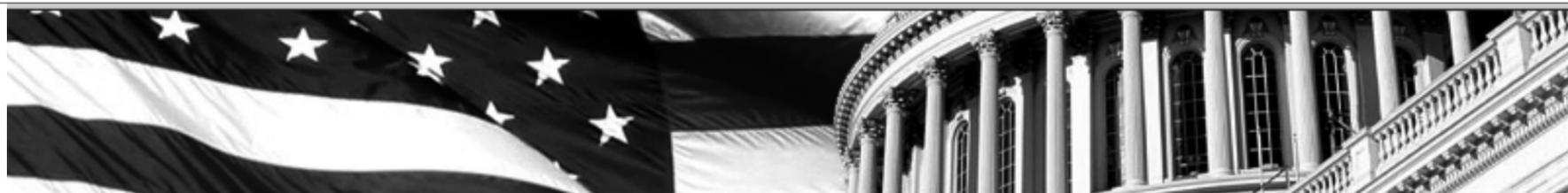
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Kaiser Chiefs fail to achieve anything new or noteworthy on most recent effort

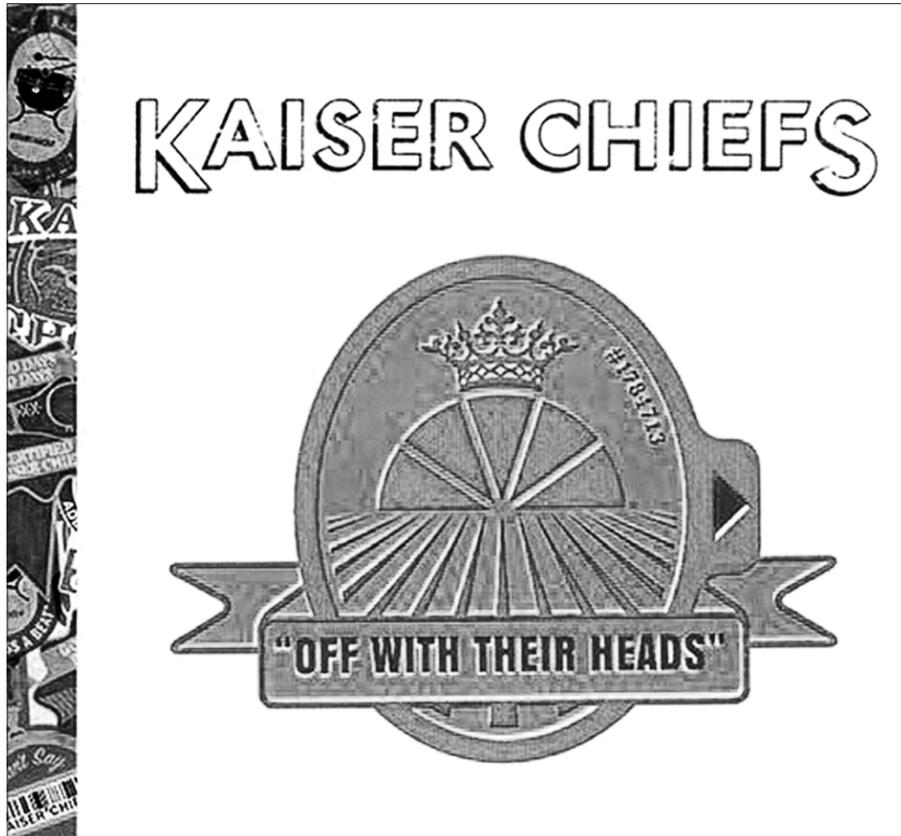
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album.

A major change in the band's sound comes with "You Want History," a song that sounds like some lesser 1980s Brit-pop, yet is a welcome change. The bass line moves the track forward and the repetitive synthesizer and tribal drum section spice the sound up.

Many of the tracks suffer the same problem: They sound exactly like the song that came before. Frontman Ricky Wilson and company have certain formulas that they're obviously comfortable with, and they stick to them. "Can't Say What I Mean" could have been on either of their previous albums, and very well may have been in some form. Most listeners probably wouldn't really notice a direct duplicate when all the songs sound alike.

The band has managed to maintain some level of success because their singing is pleasant, their guitar is fun, their keyboards are sufficiently jaunty and their drumming manages to keep the tempo up. They really do try, and the effort shows, but they don't do anything revolutionary.

The second half of the album continues in the same vein as the first, although "Tomato in the Rain," a half-hearted attempt to sound like The Beatles, comes across as an insult. It's one of the album's slower songs, but each time Wilson's voice rises, we're painfully reminded that he is no John Lennon. He's not even Rick Astley. No



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Kaiser Chiefs plan to release their own brand of cola with the same insignia. It will be kiwi-dirt flavored.

one will ever be Kaiser-rolled. These songs just aren't that catchy.

"Addicted to Drugs" begins and ends with a clanging cowbell, a fun instru-

ment recently embraced by dance and electro acts to add extra 'oomph' to songs. Somehow, it just doesn't work in this context. Like most of the tracks on "Off With Their Heads" it has its heart in the right place but sometimes good intentions aren't enough. The song is reminiscent of Weezer's similarly-titled "We Are All on Drugs" from the band's lackluster "Make Believe" (2005) in that it is too long and too dull to leave an impression.

On the album's closer, "Remember You're a Girl," the band slows the pace. Its lyrics — "You're going down the wrong road/ And it doesn't even matter/ You're living in the wrong time/ But it doesn't even matter" — work perfectly to describe the band. Kaiser Chiefs could have been something special had existed in another time, possibly two decades ago, but today there are dozens of bands with extremely similar sounds.

There is nothing fundamentally wrong with Kaiser Chiefs' sound — it is entirely enjoyable, but all-together forgettable. They have good ideas but they never follow through, making "Off With Their Heads" an ultimately frustrating album. Each song promises but fails to deliver, and just as a track gets its legs and really starts moving, it comes to a sudden, jolting end. "Off With Their Heads" has some truly fun moments, but shows little growth for Kaiser Chiefs and most likely won't convert any new fans or even any casual listeners.



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Samuel Bak's "Ancient Memory" captures the enormity of a child's suffering.

Bak explores effects of atrocities on children through his pieces

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style. Over his 60-year painting career, his work has been featured in museums and galleries across Europe and the United States.

The body of work currently on display was inspired by the way events like the Holocaust affected people, especially children. Take, for instance, the famous uncredited photograph of a small Jewish boy in the Warsaw Ghetto, his hands up in surrender. Bak uses this image, or more particularly the innocent and anguished look of confusion on the boy's face, in all 36 of the oil paintings on display.

Bak's work is generally small, something fitting for the subject matter that he explores. The intimate pieces depict the boy in his iconic, vulnerable stance in several unrecognizable landscapes. The shape of the boy's body is outlined on a brick wall in "Walled In" (2008), whereas he appears as a rock formation in "Ancient Memory" (2008) and on an island in the middle of the sea in "One Child Island" (2007). Bak's fluid brush strokes lend themselves to this type of work, and the muted tones create an ephemeral quality that is unquestionably dream-like and classically inspired.

Rather than situating the boy in a specific place and time, Bak chooses to nestle him in natural landscapes so he becomes a symbol of much more, a "Where's Waldo?" of sorts. Bak poses an interesting question: How do atrocities like the Holocaust affect children? The question applies not only to the Holocaust, which the artist himself witnessed, but to other man-made genocides and massacres. In each of the paintings, the boy is depicted as wood, rock, plant or water, all natural elements placed in natural worlds that are not created or altered by man. This sets up an interesting dichotomy between what is natural and what is not (or should not be, at least): mass human death and suffering caused by human violence.

Bak's work is powerful in a very subtle and complex way. Bak could depict the violence and horror that he presumably saw during the Holocaust, but instead he chooses to muse on a more general question spurred by the event itself, one that is not overly graphic or isolating. The moving work in this exhibit is clearly based on the Holocaust upon first glance, but has the flexibility and adaptability to apply to other events and personal traumas as well.

Kaufman's directorial debut emphasizes concepts over plot in non-linear structure

SYNECDOCHE

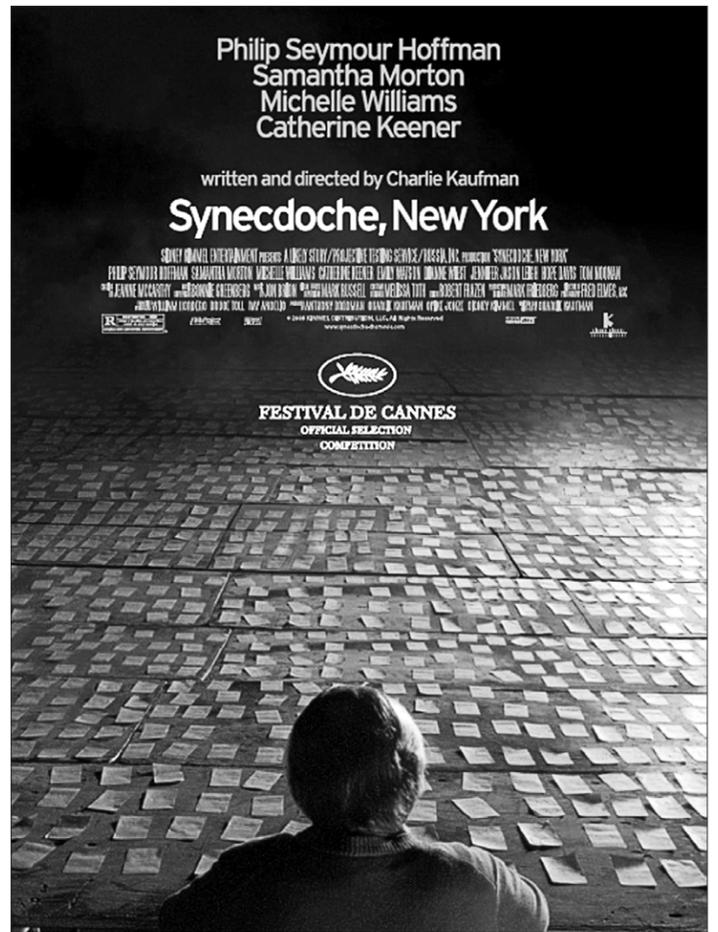
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reserved for David Lynch, yet it is almost completely devoid of emotion.

"Synecdoche" stars Philip Seymour Hoffman as Caden Cotard, a playwright given a MacArthur Fellowship. Cotard decides to make a play about real life, but in an unexpected way. What follows is a nearly indecipherable plot, as Kaufman constructs realities within realities. Cotard may have his namesake syndrome, which would cause him to falsely believe that his body is slowly shutting down. Within this possible delusion, Cotard constructs his play, so deeply based in reality that he creates a character called Caden Cotard, played by Sammy (played by Tom Noonan). Sammy's Caden begins to take control of the play, and things only get wilder from there.

For the first time in his career, Kaufman has absolutely no interest in plot. The film has a clear destination, but it lacks a direction. It meanders for the majority of its running time, making the viewer feel the full extent of Cotard's life. This is where the film finds its greatest successes. We see Caden and Sammy compete for the love of Hazel (Samantha Morton), we watch as Caden tries to find his daughter, Olive, in Berlin and we bear witness to a man coming to terms with the ends of his mental ability and his physical decay. In several ways, the audience watches a man die.

Kaufman isn't the first man to use a deliberately non-linear structure to attempt to talk about "real life." His insistence on an abstract representation of neuroses and psychology simultaneously recalls Woody Allen and Lynch, two of the greatest examiners of the human mind still working in film. As opposed to attempts at presenting "real life" through a realistic style, represented in its most extreme by the "Dogme 95" films, "Synecdoche" attempts to reach beyond what people normally see.

The stylization engages with



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"I wish they made bigger pieces of paper. Oh well."

the viewer's mind in unusual ways, presenting moods more often than images. An early shot of Cotard entering the warehouse where he will stage his play minimizes him in comparison to the building. The symbolism works on multiple levels, each one showing Cotard's ineffectiveness in the face of his ambition, his future or simply the world around him. As in some of the best art, symbolism and abstraction say more about the "truth" or the world in which we live than simple presentation.

"Synecdoche" is not a film for everyone. It daringly challenges the viewer's concept of reality while piling on layers of truths and untruths. Its scope remains epic, though that is true for its

ideas more than its technical qualities. It refuses to give the viewer the easy way out, and that is sure to frustrate most people who go in.

With the right set of expectations, however, the film blooms like few others. A careful eye will notice the repetitions of motifs, such as the use of the time 7:45. "Synecdoche" actively invites the viewer to watch it repeatedly and closely, and to judge it based on one viewing is naïve at best. Nevertheless, Kaufman's ambition manages to put forth a comprehensive view of what life is and can be. "Synecdoche" never satisfies the ever-present desire to understand what is going on, but it always manages to leave the viewer thinking.



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Little did the Hodgdon ladies know that this picture was just a distraction for some stealthy trick-turning.

Of all the popular American holidays, Halloween is the most ambiguous. Is it just an excuse for kids to gorge on candy? Or for scantily clad girls to dance provocatively with each other? And what about the mischief and pranks we're so fond of? Halloween is probably all of these. It's about having that measure of devious fun you deny yourself the rest of the year. Four Daily photographers set out this weekend to show you the many sides of Halloween at Tufts.



JO DUARAVE/TUFTS DAILY

"Look, we've been here forever. Why don't you just buy one of those masks and go as a drag queen?"



ANNIE WERMIEL/TUFTS DAILY

"I am one adorable Batman. Wait until the Joker gets a load of my mud pies. That'll teach him."



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After four hours of deliberation, the TCU Senate's Arts and Crafts table agreed to allow this little girl creative control of her paper pumpkin. She thanked them and agreed not to eat it. Yet.



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SMFA students rock out at the Squealing Pig on Friday. Looks like everyone was a hipster for Halloween. Oh, wait . . .

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EDITORIAL

Go vote

Two years ago, when half of this campus had yet to matriculate, the campaign for president began. The vast field swelled to include eight Democratic and seven Republican contenders. These hopefuls aimed to give us an election for the record books, and talk abounded of our first African-American, female, Latino or Mormon president.

After one of the longest and most expensive primary campaigns ever waged, the Democrats selected Sen. Barack Obama, while the Republicans went with Sen. John McCain. Today, our nation gets to choose one these men to become the 44th president of the United States.

The polls have Obama leading nationally: The most recent Gallup poll gives the Illinois senator a 13-point advantage. Polls, however, do not select the next president — votes in the ballot box do. This election cycle has seen its fair share of upsets, from

Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) beating Obama in New Hampshire to McCain defying the pundits and claiming the Republican nomination. Today, the two-year narrative comes to a close and we finally have the opportunity to write the ending of this long saga.

Regardless of who wins, this election will be rich in history. If Obama claims victory, our nation will have elected its first African-American president. So many generations of people have thought this could never happen, but today, our country might well change that sentiment forever. If McCain and Gov. Sarah Palin (R-Alaska) win, our nation will have chosen its highest-ranking female official in history. Palin, for better or worse, is helping to shatter a gender barrier that has existed since this nation's founding.

Meanwhile, Tufts has been steadily reaffirming itself as a center of active citizenship. As active citizens, it is our fundamental responsibility to

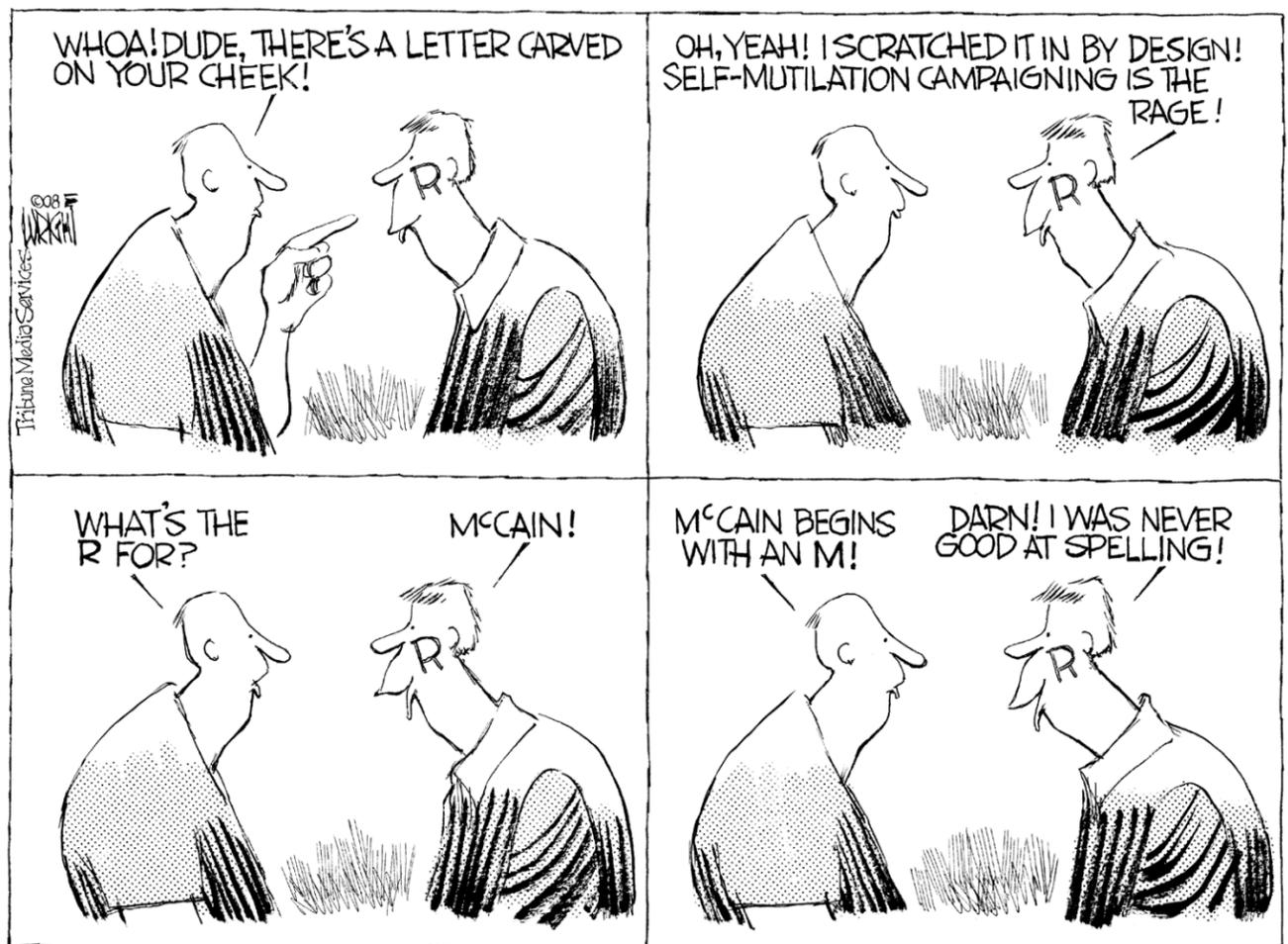
participate in the democratic process by voting. Recent history has shown that elections have unspeakable consequences. This contest in particular has been focused on some of the most profound issues facing our nation: economic justice, the war on terror and universal health care.

America's progress in these important arenas will undoubtedly be affected by the country's choice in the presidential and congressional elections. Americans get the government we vote for, for better or worse.

The past eight years could have been tremendously different had there been a different president occupying the Oval Office. As the dust from the current administration begins to settle, the consequences of electoral decisions have never been more apparent.

Today, our nation will select the next president and begin a new chapter in American history. Make your voice heard and vote.

DON WRIGHT



OFF THE HILL EDITORIAL | DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Silencing student media violates rights of community

The Dartmouth

Last week, Quinnipiac University garnered national attention once again for yet another attack on student journalism on its campus. Last year, the university prohibited the student newspaper, The Quinnipiac Chronicle, from posting news on its Web site before its print edition was published and reviewed by administrators looking to censor content that cast the university in a negative light. In response, the paper's editorial staff had no choice but to leave in protest. Those staff members subsequently established Quad News, an independent online newspaper. The university has tried to crush this new publication with even greater vigor and has placed a gag order on administrators, coaches and even student athletes, prohibiting them from speaking to Quad News.

Quinnipiac University's actions rep-

resent a ludicrous imposition on the freedom of speech of the students themselves, as well as a gross violation of the campus community's right to information.

In response to the student journalists' firm stance on freedom of expression, The New York Times quoted Lynn Bushnell, the university's vice president for public affairs, saying, "Student leaders, especially those in paid positions, are expected to generally be supportive of university policies." We disagree. Student leaders — journalists or otherwise — should take a critical stance toward university policies when appropriate, acting as advocates for the student body and using their clout to influence the policies in ways most beneficial to the entire university community. Because of the insulated nature of most colleges and universities, a free student media is essential to fostering debate and covering issues that might

not otherwise find a forum in outside media outlets.

Perhaps most egregiously, Quinnipiac has threatened to banish its chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists for its alleged cooperation with Quad News. This speaks of a disturbing fear of student journalism, and we can't help but ask what the administration has to hide. While it is one thing to seek control over a university-sponsored publication like the Chronicle, it is quite another to censor individuals based solely on their association with an independent campus voice. The university's actions raise the question of why information would need to be so tightly controlled on a college campus; under such circumstances, how can students be expected to learn about the importance of free speech and the sharing of information, two principles that should lie at the very heart of an academic community?

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Where the Republicans went wrong

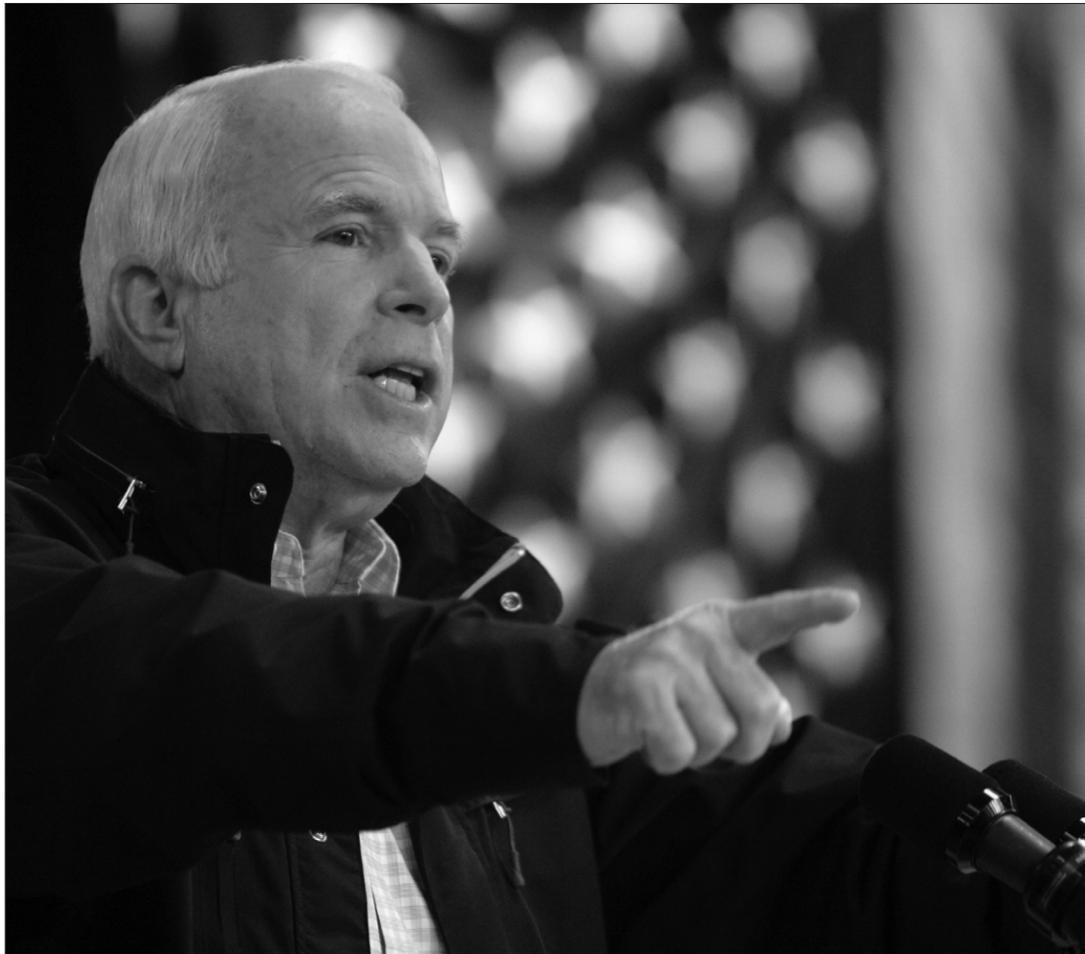
BY MICHAEL BENDETSON

In 2004, the Republican Party appeared on the verge of controlling Washington for years to come. President George W. Bush had just won reelection and the GOP had picked up a few key seats in Congress.

Fast-forward to 2008, and there's a completely different picture: All signs point to an overwhelming victory for Sen. Barack Obama on Election Day. The Democrats will have dominant control over Congress and even have the opportunity to obtain that all-important 60th seat in the Senate. The idea of a Republican state is quickly disappearing as Democrats are successfully pushing their message in all 50 states.

While Republicans can make President Bush the scapegoat, the situation is far more complicated. In theory, Bush is the model Republican. He is a social conservative and free-market politician who demands an active foreign policy. Yet something went wrong in the past eight years, and Republicans, Democrats and Independents are infuriated.

The problem is deeper than one man and can be seen in the inflexible conservative ideology. Ironically, the Republicans can learn from the Democrats about adjusting their party image. After suffering devastating defeats from Reagan and the elder Bush, the Democrats knew changes had to be made. If they planned on remaining a legitimate party, Democrats had to make some alterations to their platform. In the late 80's and early 90's, the Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) realized the importance of adjusting the party's tenets to enhance the party's voter base. The new face of the DLC soon became President Bill Clinton. While Clinton embodied the old spirit of the Democratic Party with his promotion of an active federal government, his fiscal responsibility gained the respect of many moderates. Clinton's ability to move



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beyond the rigid ideas of the old Democratic platform enabled him to win the presidency convincingly in 1992 and 1996.

The Republicans need to adapt their platform to meet the issues and the problems of the 21st century. If the GOP fails to meet this challenge, it will soon fail to be a serious contender in American politics. The Republicans' position on social, economic and military issues must be reformed. The country is changing, and Republicans must follow in their rival's footsteps by enhancing the reputation of their party.

Although President Bush proposed the government bailout, over the past several years, the Republicans have become the

party of laissez-faire economics. Through constant deregulation and refusal of federal oversight, the GOP played a significant role in the credit crisis. Further, as Obama offers help to struggling Americans, Republicans belittle him as a socialist and offer no real plan of their own. They continue to tout the old belief that the free market can solve the country's woes and ignore the fact that unchecked capitalism is what caused this devastating situation in the first place. Americans are struggling, and the GOP needs to understand that this is not a time for minimal federal support but rather active government intervention. Republicans face an identity crisis: how can you balance the free market with respect-

able government regulation?

Despite positive improvements in Iraq, the United States needs to adjust its approach to foreign policy. Once again, the Republicans have proved ill-equipped to make the necessary modifications to their position on an issue. Sen. John McCain focused his campaign on the idea of strong military might and the refusal to use diplomacy with our enemies. This ideology administered under the Bush administration has harmed the country. The United States has provoked terrorists rather than deter them. As Reagan met with the Soviets, America must at least attempt to conduct negotiations with countries with whom we have disagreements with such as Iran, North Korea and Cuba.

In addition, the United States has come to the realization that it lacks the power to combat terrorism alone and needs support from the international community. A new era of diplomacy and alliances must be the approach to promoting democracy and world safety. Yet as long as the GOP is filled with war hawks, these changes will not happen.

The Republican Party faces its greatest crisis on social issues. The GOP cannot rely on "Joe the Plumbers" as its sole voter base. White males make up only about 40 percent of the population. Although small-scale attempts have been made to diversify the party, a significant pitch should be made to minorities. All major minority groups are overwhelmingly in favor of Democrats, including African Americans, Hispanics and women. In a country where whites will be in the minority by 2050, this poses a serious problem for the GOP. Republicans' refusal to accept social justice in programs such as affirmative action, coupled with their persistent pro-life platform, will pose a problem in the future.

Following the presidential election, leaders of the conservative movement will meet in Virginia to discuss the future of this once-dominant party. The mission of this meeting should not focus on who is going to carry the torch for the Republican Party. Regardless of whom the future leader is, whether Palin, Romney, Pawlenty or even Gingrich, the party will be unable to win an election with its current platform. Similar to the new Democrats two decades ago, the Republicans need to adjust their ticket in order to prove that their party is not filled with ideas of the past but rather with innovations for the future.

Michael Bendetson is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.

Too much, too quickly

BY CHARLES SKOLD

After enduring endless months of campaigning, this nation has finally arrived at Election Day. Our minds and news sources are consumed with election politics, but at this time of year, one cannot help but consider another great American November tradition: Thanksgiving Day, an opportunity to enjoy family and food and relax on the couch with something other than election coverage on TV.

Surely we will all breathe a sigh of relief when the 2008 elections are complete, but the cranberry sauce will be a bittersweet reward if I find myself having to worry about this nation's future under the direction of the Democratic Party. As a somewhat belated warning to the Democrats and those who would like to see them elected to power, I feel compelled to bring up my mother's annual Thanksgiving advice: "Don't eat so much! Don't eat so quickly!"

An Obama presidency and a Democrat-controlled Congress would certainly be too much, too quickly. While many Americans are unhappy with our current government and want "change" — the natural result of any fall and any fall election — an Obama, Pelosi and Reid alliance would yield too much

change in too short a time. In an effort to undo the alleged damage of the Bush administration, there would be an overly large push of liberal policy rather than the smaller steady steps needed to stabilize the country. This Democratic agenda would curtail free speech with the "Fairness Doctrine;" impose taxes on businesses, thereby hurting employees and consumers and slowing economic growth; socialize and bureaucratize healthcare rather than fundamentally reforming it; and stack the federal courts with judges that too liberally interpret the Constitution and empathize rather than administer justice.

The prospect of a 60-seat filibuster-proof Democratic Senate would ensure that these liberal policies are enacted, and it threatens the balance of our government. Rather than work together with members of all political parties, the Democrats would marginalize the Republicans and subsequently about half of American citizens. Even if the Democrats win both the White House and overwhelming majorities in Congress, their victory does not necessarily mean that they represent mainstream America. Should they win, it will be because moderate, centrist and independent Americans have entrusted the Democrat Party leadership to represent

them. This would not be a divine mandate or blank check to far-left liberal policy, and Democrats should resist the temptation to interpret it as such.

Barack Obama has advertised himself in the general election as a "unity candidate" who appeals to Americans across classes and ideologies, but there is no guarantee he would maintain such an attractive status once in the Oval Office. The National Journal's 2007 Vote Ratings ranked Obama as the most liberal senator and Sen. Joe Biden as the third most liberal senator. In light of these senators' voting and legislative records, Biden's promise of the Obama administration bringing a bipartisan spirit to the White House seems markedly unlikely. Likewise, Pelosi's conjecture that Congress would be "more bipartisan" if the Democrats have "substantial majorities" is disingenuous and dubious at best. A one-party rule of all the branches of government is, by definition, not bipartisan.

While in his short time as a United States senator, Obama has been little more than a yes-man to the Democratic Party; Sen. John McCain has actually transcended partisanship by working together with Republicans, Democrats and Independents to produce meaningful legislation. Since 2005, 55 percent

of McCain's legislative cosponsors were Democrats, compared to Republicans making up only 13 percent of Obama's cosponsors.

A McCain presidency would force bipartisanship into our government's decision-making process and ensure that all Americans have a voice in our national policy. He will provide a legislative balance that will promote progress and guarantee that our progress is responsible to the entire nation rather than partisan or special-interest groups. Judging by his record of experience, leadership and bipartisanship in the House and Senate, McCain is best suited to work with a Democratic Congress as President of the United States. As I look forward to plates of potatoes and gravy this Thanksgiving, I hope I will likewise be looking forward to a period of growth and prosperity in this great country. If we as a people do not let our government try to eat too much too quickly, we will surely be able to enjoy it together. To the ears of those who would elect Democrats into complete power, I hope my mother's sage warning is not too little, too late.

Charles Skold is a sophomore who is majoring in political science.

Asian American Month November 2008

Saturday, November 1

Chinatown Cleanup
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 2 Boylston Street
Participate in this intercollegiate effort.
Register: Chinatown.cleanup08@gmail.com
Sponsored by Asian American Alliance

Tuesday, November 4

JCC Film Series: *Ballad of Narayama*
8:00 p.m., Barnum 008
Sponsored by Japanese Culture Club

Thursday, November 6

Asian American Alumni Program – For Seniors
“Finding Fulfillment in Your Career”
Panel discussion and networking with Alumni.
To RSVP, contact TuftsAAA@gmail.com
Sponsored by Tufts Asian American Alumni and
Office of Alumni Relations

Thursday, November 6

Dinner and Film Screening: *Secret*
7:30 p.m., Braker 001
Starring Jay Chou. \$6 for Taiwanese dinner box.
Sponsored by Taiwanese Association of Students at Tufts

Friday, November 7

Club Asia
7:00-9:30 p.m., Sophia Gordon Multipurpose Room
Come enjoy music, dance performances, and food.
Sponsored by Pan Asian Council

Monday, November 10

Student Faculty Lunch
12:00-1:15 p.m., Remis Sculpture Court
Meet and greet faculty. RSVP to frenzy822@gmail.com
Sponsored by Asian American Alliance

Tuesday, November 11

JCC Film Series: *Wings of Honneamise*
8:00 p.m., Barnum 008

Wednesday, November 12

Asian American Jeopardy
6:30-8:30 p.m., Sophia Gordon Multipurpose Room
Dinner, spoken word performance, and game show. Come and test your knowledge on Asian/
Asian American topics!
Sponsored by Asian American Center

Thursday, November 13

This is How We Roll
5:00-7:00 p.m., Campus Center Lobby
Spring rolls! Sushi! Make delicious food and find out interesting facts about
Asian America.
Sponsored by Pan Asian Council

Thursday, November 13

Make Your Own Papri Chaat
8:00-10:00 p.m., Campus Center Lounge
Papri Chaat is an Indian fast food made with homemade chips, gar-
banzo beans, potatoes, yogurt, chutneys & spices.
Sponsored by Tufts Associations of South Asians

Thursday, November 13

Immigration Panel
9:00-10:00 p.m., Pearson 106
Sponsored by Asian American Alliance

Tuesday, November 18

JCC Film Series: *Nobody Knows*
8:00 p.m., Barnum 008

Wednesday, November 19

Film Screening: *Planet B-Boy*
Sponsored by Pan Asian Council

Thursday, November 20

Dinner and Film Screening: *American Adobo*
6:30 p.m., Pearson 106
Sponsored by Filipino Cultural Society

Thursday, November 20

TAST Idol
8:00-10:00 p.m., Crane Room
Show us what you got!
Sponsored by Taiwanese Association of Students at Tufts

Friday, November 21

Voices Concert
9:00-11:00 p.m., Brown and Brew
Come listen to live Asian American musical performances.
Sponsored by Asian American Alliance

Saturday, November 22

Atrium Royale (Semi-Formal)
9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m., Cabot 7th Floor
Featuring prizes, blackjack, and poker. Proceeds from event benefit
survivors of the Sichuan earthquake.
Sponsored by Chinese Students Association

Sunday, November 23

Festival of Southeast Asian Music
3:00 p.m., Distler Performance Hall
Featuring the Palabuniyan Kulintang Ensemble, Angkor Dance
Troupe, and Cambodian folk and classical musicians. Free and no
tickets required.
Sponsored by Music Department

Tuesday, November 25

JCC Film Series: *Fireworks*
8:00 p.m., Barnum 008

National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month:

In 1979, a resolution was passed declaring May 4-10 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. In 1990, the weeklong event was expanded into a month-long celebration. Recognized nationally in May, Asian American Month is celebrated in November at Tufts to offer programming for the university community.

For questions, please contact the Asian American Center at asianmcenter@tufts.edu.

INSIDE THE NBA

Young talent looks to make itself known in league filled with household names

BY ALEX SCAROS
Senior Staff Writer

As the 2008-09 NBA season begins to unfold this month, the crop of veterans who will make their run for the league's MVP award and highlight the All-Star game will probably look very familiar: LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, Chris Paul and Tim Duncan. These household names will remain dominant forces on their talented, playoff-bound teams, but the infusion of young talent into the league over the last five years is crowding the landscape with players who are itching to break out.

All-Star weekend will be illuminated by its perennial bright stars, but keep a watchful eye out for the following players to punch their first All-Star ticket to Phoenix this February.

Despite the horror show that the New York Knicks have been putting on at Madison Square Garden over the last five years, David Lee is among one of the few bright spots for the team and has a serious chance of being New York's first All-Star since Allan Houston in 2001. Lee has a unique set of skills and his youthful, energetic style of play seems to fit perfectly with new coach Mike D'Antoni's run-and-gun coaching style. The 6'9" 240-pound forward from the University of Florida is in his third year and can play the small forward or power forward positions.

D'Antoni has made it clear in the first three games of the season that overpaid and underperforming center Eddy Curry will be a reserve, giving the more talented Zach Randolph free roam in the paint. This should allow for Randolph and Lee to build a solid rapport working from the wing and the low block.

In 29.1 minutes-per-game last season, Lee was bouncing in and out of the

starting lineup and averaged 10.8 points and 9.0 rebounds-per-game. New addition Chris Duhon, who is more of a true point guard than Stephon Marbury, will distribute the ball more from the top and, in turn, Lee should see more looks on the wing.

Lee's size and mid-range jumpshot give the Knicks a great inside-outside option that can potentially lead to good results this season. Look for Lee to break out this year and average 20 points and 10 rebounds-per-game.

Out in the Western Conference, guard/forward Rudy Gay is looking to have a breakout campaign and lead his Memphis Grizzlies back to winning ways now that he is the go-to man in the offense. Gay, who is in his third year out of UConn, has been perceived since college as the best in his draft class to follow through on his NBA potential.

At 6-foot-8 and 220 pounds, Gay is an agile, incredibly athletic swingman who is always a threat to score around the basket. He has a first step that other players his size have trouble keeping up with, which makes him deadly as a pull-up jump shooter and a slasher.

After trading for the highly anticipated O.J. Mayo on draft day last April, the Grizzlies hope Mayo's size and penetrating ability will open up Gay on the outside and give him more touches now that Pau Gasol has left for the bright lights of Los Angeles.

Gay should expect more touches this season and will look to improve on his 20.1 points-per-game clip last season. Averaging 6.1 rebounds-per-contest, Gay's jumping ability adds to his natural skill and will be a serious triple threat for the Grizzlies this season.

The Utah Jazz gave the Western Conference Champion Los Angeles Lakers a serious run in the opening round of the playoffs last season, and despite losing four games to two, every game was highly competitive



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New York forward David Lee will likely thrive under new Knick coach Mike D'Antoni and could find himself playing in the All-Star game.

and fast-paced. Although stud point guard Deron Williams and All-Star forward (and now Olympic Gold medalist) Carlos Boozer attracted the spotlight, Jazz swingman Ronnie Brewer showed glimpses of a rising star.

Now at 6-foot-7, 227 pounds, Brewer has put on some bulk, and his natural athletic ability will give Williams a nice option on the wing. Williams, along with Chris Paul, has emerged as a premier point guard in the NBA and has the ability to make those around him better, much like Jason Kidd and Steve Nash.

Just as Paul's vision and passing ability guided New Orleans Hornets power forward David West to his first All-Star selection last season, Williams' talents may prove just as beneficial for Brewer and the whole Jazz squad. Brewer's minutes-per-contest should increase this year from last year's 27.5 now that he has a full season under his belt, so look for him to improve on his 12.0 points-per-game total of last year.

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Over the summer, there was this guy who won a bunch of gold medals, broke a few world records and became the focus of the nation.

Yeah, Michael Phelps might be better at swimming than anybody else has ever been at doing anything.

The Olympics have a short period of relevance, but Phelps appears to have transcended the Games in America. He has become one of the more popular athletes in recent memory, but who stands to profit from his success?

After winning a measly six gold medals in Athens in 2004, Phelps pulled down \$5 million a year in endorsements. In 2008, Phelps finally made something of himself — he won eight golds and as a result stands to earn an estimated \$100 million in career endorsements. Phelps' current endorsements include Speedo, Visa, Kellogg's, AT&T, Hilton, Rosetta Stone, Omega watches, Power Bar and PureSport beverages. The amounts that they are paying Phelps are unknown, but they are almost surely seeing a great return on their investments, considering Phelps's rise to stardom.

By winning eight golds, he garnered a \$1-million bonus from Speedo. Phelps' deal with Speedo ends in 2009, when he might jump to one of the apparel superpowers like Nike to begin his own swimwear line. This marketing strategy is very feasible, as Mark Spitz demonstrated in 1972. Spitz had worn Speedo in Munich when he won a then-record seven gold medals. He retired from swimming the next year but nevertheless became the front man for a brand new swimwear line, Arena, which was branched under the Adidas family. By the world championships in 1975, two-thirds of swimmers were wearing Arena. Some say that Phelps could be worth up to \$50 million to Nike.

So what exactly are Phelps' medals worth? The actual value of the ore to make a medal is a bit over \$200. That's a start. The United States Olympic Committee gave out 25 grand bonuses to athletes for each gold medal they won, which was actually chump change compared to Singapore and the Philippines, which doled out hundreds of thousands of dollars for each gold. It's hard to estimate how much a Phelps medal would auction for, but \$100,000 would be a conservative guess.

Phelps' daily expenditures are much greater than the average person's. When he trains, Phelps must inhale food faster than he swims the 200 free. He spends well over a Benjamin on meals per day. His typical breakfast runs about \$50 at an IHOP.

When he doesn't train, he makes it rain. I don't know much about the guy, but I know two of his vices are clubbing and gambling. Both are costly. Of course, those expenses are on his own time, and as Bobbie Barrett says, "Being a big shot means you don't have to pay." He's been paid \$100,000 to swim at a party and makes upwards of \$50,000 for speaking engagements.

Since the completion of the Olympics, Phelps has remained prominent in the news. He appeared on just about every late-night talk show and started the Michael Phelps Foundation, a charity to promote water safety and youth swimming. For hosting SNL, Phelps pulled down \$5,000. He made a cameo on Entourage and that Guitar Hero commercial he filmed with Kobe, A-Rod and Tony Hawk will probably be aired plenty. It's even been rumored that there will be a Michael Phelps reality show.

Will Phelps reach LeBron or Tiger territory? I doubt it. He'll never get to be known by one name, since there already is a Michael. But he hasn't done so badly for himself, considering he's only 23. Phelps plans on swimming in London in 2012. Financially, he doesn't need it, and I'm already tired of him. I don't think we need four more years of the same.

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Top Ten | Homegrown athletes from Arizona and Illinois

After months of mud-slinging, name-calling and petty negative attacks, the day is finally here: Top Ten's take on the the Presidential election. With Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama squaring off today, we at Daily Sports wanted to throw our two cents in on the greater electoral chaos.

So in honor of today's presidential dust up between the great senators from Illinois and Arizona, Top Ten dives headfirst into the best that each state has to offer to the greater world of sports.

10. Doug Mirabelli (Ariz.). The former famed catcher of Tim Wakefield's knuckleballs was born in Kingman, Arizona. Currently a free agent, Mirabelli has given his services to four different MLB teams and is most known for his years playing in Boston, where he was a part of both the 2004 and 2007 championship squads.

9. Sal Fasano (Ill.). Another mediocre catcher, this time from the Prairie State. Career batting average: .221. Career home runs: 47. Career moustaches: one. And it was awesome.

8. Ted Danson (Ariz.). Danson played the famous character Sam "Mayday" Malone on the TV sitcom "Cheers" from 1982 to 1993. Malone was a washed-up, but supposedly once-decent, relief pitcher for the Boston Red Sox whose potentially great future was ruined by alcoholism. In real life, though, Danson grew up outside Flagstaff, Arizona and hasn't battled alcoholism, though his love affair with Whoopi Goldberg probably had the same effects.

7. Dick Butkus (Ill.). The once 6'3", 245-pound Chicago native did just about everything right in his career,

garnering numerous Pro Bowl selections, NFL Player of the Century considerations and a Pro Football Hall of Fame nod. His only mistake was becoming the XFL's director of competition.

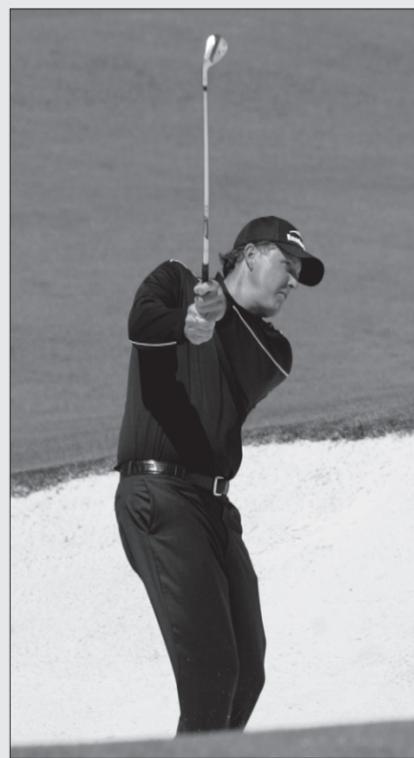
6. Henry Cejudo (Ariz.). At the age of 21, this wrestler from Phoenix, Arizona, became this summer the youngest-ever American to win an Olympic Wrestling Gold Medal. Cejudo, the son of undocumented immigrants, was able to turn a passion for wrestling into a life-changing opportunity — one on which he capitalized.

5. Rickey Henderson (Ill.). Simply put, he's the greatest of all time. Just ask him.

4. Ian Kinsler (Ariz.). The young second baseman for the Texas Rangers, born and raised near Tucson, might as well have been the "Lone Star" on his team in the second half of the season, as Home-Run Derby standout Josh Hamilton saw his star status dwindle after the break.

3. Jim Thome (Ill.). One of the most feared hitters of the past decade, the Illinois native has knocked out 541 pitches to the bleachers, ranking 14th on the all-time home runs list. Among MLB's elders, Thome is 38 years old, making him eligible as a write-in candidate in today's election if you're hankering for someone from the Prairie State not named "Barack."

2. Phil Mickelson (Ariz.). The undisputed second-best, or second-most renowned or second-highest paid golfer in the world, Phil Mickelson has had quite a career. Raised in Arizona, he attended Arizona State University on a golf scholarship and was America's top golf prospect for at



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Mickelson's Arizona desert background has left him adept at dealing with the sand bunker.

least — well, actually, Tiger's always had him beat, despite being five years younger than Phil.

1. Jackie Joyner-Kersey (Ill.). Hailing from scenic East St. Louis (yes, it's still in Illinois), Joyner-Kersey is one of the all-time best in the women's heptathlon and long jump. With three gold medals to her name, she was arguably one of the best things to come out of Illinois since Honest Abe.

— by Evans Clinchy and Philip Dear

INSIDE THE BRUINS

Fists fly as Bruins pick up big win

BY KORIN HASEGAWA-JOHN
Senior Staff Writer

Commissioner Gary Bettman would love to put an end to fighting in the NHL, but if Saturday night's Boston Bruins game is any indication, both fans and players disagree.

A balanced effort carried the team to a tough 5-1 home win over the Dallas Stars, with forward Marco Sturm netting two goals and Tim Thomas nabbing 35 saves to continue his recent streak of excellent performances. But the statistic of the night came from the penalty box, where the teams racked up a combined 146 penalty minutes — a figure from a box score of the 1970s — with the Bruins claiming 77 of them, the second-highest single-game total of the season.

"When a team like the Stars comes to town, other teams have a pretty good idea of what to expect," coach Claude Julien said. "You just have to look at some of the guys they have in their lineup, and the two

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Bruins forward Milan Lucic got his hands dirty in Saturday's 5-1 beatdown of the Dallas Stars, racking up 14 penalty minutes, including a 10-minute misconduct penalty stemming from five-on-five brawl in the third.

FOOTBALL

McManama comes off bench to shine under center

BY ZACHARY GROEN
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At this time two years ago, then-freshman Tom McManama expected to inherit the football team's starting quarterback job. But when Matt Russo (LA '08) cashed in on an extra year of eligibility to return as a fifth-year senior, McManama manned up and used last year as extra time to study the team and learn the offense. He prepared, instead, to be the starter by his junior year.

That was when Anthony Fucillo, a junior transfer from Div. I Colgate, came to Tufts and beat out McManama in training camp for the starting position. So after sitting on the bench throughout his freshman and sophomore seasons, McManama once again found himself in the backup role.

Hold that thought.

In the Jumbos' final home game against Colby on Saturday, they opened up the scoring in the middle of the second quarter when Fucillo found senior David Halas just inside the front-left pylon for a seven-yard touchdown pass. Colby then tied the game at 7-7 in the third quarter, but as it turns out, that was the least

of the Jumbos' worries. Minutes later, Fucillo sustained a shoulder injury and was forced to leave the game.

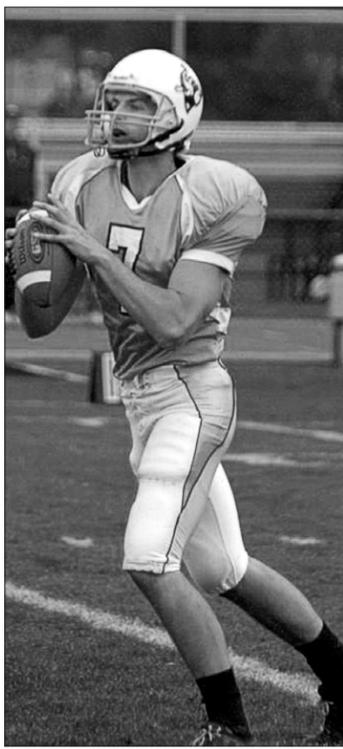
Enter McManama.

With virtually no career stats to his name, the junior trotted out onto Zimman Field for just the second time this season — he relieved Fucillo when the Jumbos blew out Bates on Sept. 27 — and knew exactly what he had to do.

"I wasn't all that nervous because I have been in situations like that in high school," McManama said. "I knew I had to make something happen, drive down the field and try to get a score, but at the same time, I knew that I had to protect the football and not give [Colby] an opportunity."

McManama did just that. It took a little while for the junior backup to get comfortable, but once he did, his play was impressive. On his first drive of the game, McManama put freshman kicker Adam Auerbach in position to attempt a 34-yard field goal. Auerbach nailed the kick and gave the Jumbos a 10-7 lead they wouldn't surrender.

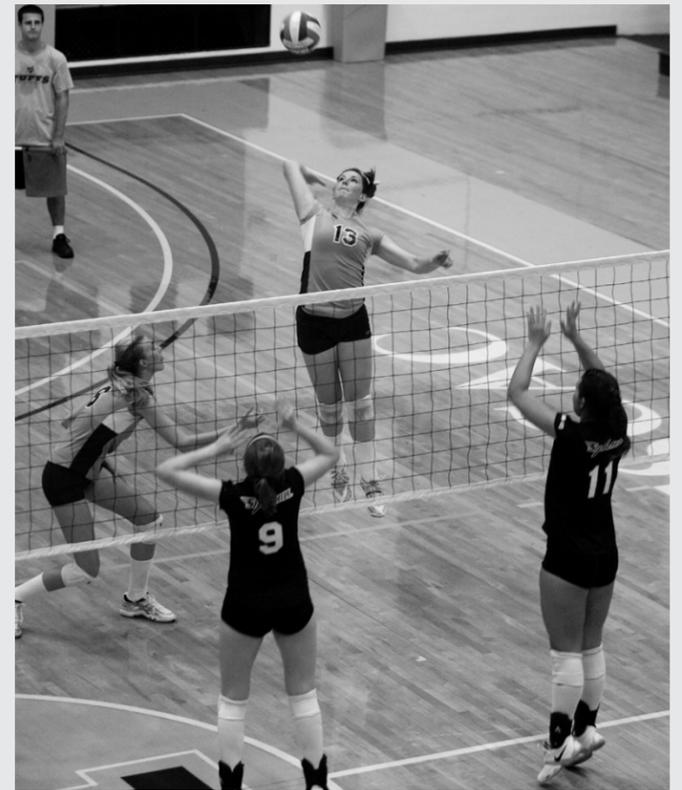
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Junior quarterback Tom McManama came off the bench to replace injured starting QB junior Anthony Fucillo.

Joyce-Mendive nets Player of the Week honor for volleyball team



LAURA SCHULTZ/TUFTS DAILY

Sophomore Dawson Joyce-Mendive rose to the challenge this weekend to help Tufts win its final two conference games and seal the top seed in the NESCAC Tournament.

Sophomore Dawson Joyce-Mendive was awarded NESCAC Player of the Week honors for her outstanding performances over the weekend for the volleyball squad.

Saturday saw Joyce-Mendive lead the Jumbos with 14 kills en route to a 3-0 dismantling of the Trinity Bantams by scores of 25-23, 26-24 and 25-10. Joyce-Mendive's offensive prowess was critical for Tufts and its ability to emerge victorious in the first two games, which were uncomfortably close for the Jumbos. With the win, Tufts finished off its season with an undefeated 10-0 record in the NESCAC and a 27-2 overall mark.

The previous night, Joyce-Mendive and the Jumbos spoiled the Halloween fun for the Wesleyan Cardinals with a 3-1 victory by scores of 25-22, 25-22, 22-25 and 25-21. The win was a special one for the Jumbos, as it guaranteed them the right to host the NESCAC

Tournament as the tourney's No. 1 seed. Joyce-Mendive led the Jumbos' offensive efforts with 18 kills in the match.

Additionally, Joyce-Mendive averaged 4.57 kills-per-set while hitting at a .325 success rate across the two contests.

The sophomore joins classmate Caitlin Updike and senior tri-captain Kate Denniston as past Player of the Week honorees. Denniston helped guide the team to a perfect 5-0 start to the season, while Updike posted huge numbers for Tufts during the squad's first-ever MIT Invitational win.

Up next for Joyce-Mendive and the Jumbos is the first round of the NESCAC Tournament this Friday, when they will host the No. 8-seeded Bates Bobcats in Cousens Gym. Tufts took down the Bobcats earlier this year Sept. 19 by a score of 3-1.

— Philip Dear

FIELD HOCKEY

Tufts could move up to nation's No. 1 ranking when coaches poll is released today

BY SAPNA BANSIL
Daily Editorial Board

There's more than just the political fates of Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain on the line this Election Day. The field hockey team also finds itself on a ballot, as the National Field Hockey Coaches Association will release its weekly national poll in which the Jumbos are expected to contend for the top spot.

With its monumental 4-3 victory over No. 1 Bowdoin Friday night, fourth-ranked Tufts made its best case to date that it belongs atop the rankings. The Jumbos tallied four goals off a defending national champion Polar Bears squad that had allowed five all season en route to Tufts' first win over Bowdoin since 1998. With the victory, 15-0 Tufts also clinched the regular season NESCAC title, a particularly noteworthy distinction this season given that four conference teams are ranked in the top eight of the Oct. 28 NFHCA poll.

The win marked the third time in its banner 2008 campaign that Tufts had taken down

a top 10 team on the road in a one-goal game. In each of the previous two instances, the Jumbos received a boost in the NFHCA rankings. After toppling then-No. 3 Middlebury on Oct. 11, Tufts moved up from seventh to fifth in the poll and following its victory over then-No. 9 Trinity on Oct. 25, the team climbed to fourth.

But despite racking up a plethora of quality wins and maintaining the only undefeated record across all three divisions of collegiate field hockey, Tufts has yet to come close to receiving the top spot in the NFHCA poll. Although it did receive as many first-place votes (eight) as No. 1 Bowdoin in last week's rankings, the team has still only climbed as high as the No. 4 slot in the polls, behind, among others, a third-ranked Ursinus team with two losses.

"We thought that after Trinity, we might be moved up a little higher," senior tri-captain Marlee Kutcher said. "I was happy with fourth because it was as though [the NFHCA] was waiting for us to prove ourselves [Friday] and we did, so hopefully [today], it shows."



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With 21 goals this season, sophomore Tamara Brown has been instrumental in helping the field hockey team to its 15-0 record this season. The Jumbos have built a strong case for taking over atop the national poll today.