

Students tell their story after arrest at pipeline protest

BY DANIEL BOTTINO
Contributing Writer

Two Tufts undergraduates were arrested along with six non-Tufts students on Jan. 7 for staging a sit-in protest in Westborough, Mass. against the Keystone XL pipeline construction.

Sophomore Emily Edgerly and junior Devyn Powell spoke to Professor of Chemistry Jonathan Kenny's class "Telling the Climate Justice Story" at the class's first meeting in Eaton Hall on Jan. 17 about their experiences protesting the pipeline.

Although the pipeline is currently under construction in Texas, as Powell and Edgerly explained, the company responsible for funding the pipeline, TransCanada, has an office in Westborough. According to Edgerly and Powell, the Keystone XL pipeline is particularly dangerous to the environment because it will carry tar sands oil, which produces considerably more carbon emissions than regular crude oil.

Powell and Edgerly showed the class a video recorded of the protest as they explained their actions of civil disobedience. Although their clothes

appeared ordinary in the video, Powell explained that they were hiding large Kryptonite bike locks underneath their clothes as they entered the building.

"This is a peaceful protest against the Keystone XL pipeline, and we understand your company is not directly involved in the construction of the pipeline," the protestors said after they arrived at the correct office space, according to Powell.

Following this declaration, the video showed the protestors immediately shackle their ankles to the furniture using their bike locks. The protestors then chained themselves to each other at the waist and adhered their hands together with super glue.

After arriving on the scene, law enforcement officials took three hours to detach one of the student's ankle shackles.

"The rest of the seven of us could walk out in a single line," Edgerly said. "They put us in the back of a paddy wagon and drove us to jail."

"All of us students who have been

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COURTESY DAN JUBELIRER

Tufts Divest For Our Future will meet with the Board of Trustees this Thursday morning to present a plan for the school to divest from fossil fuels.

Divestment advocates to meet with trustees

BY DANIEL GOTTFRIED
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Tufts Divest For Our Future will present a plan for Tufts to divest from fossil fuels at the Board of Trustees meeting this Thursday.

According to Tufts Divest Co-Founder Anna Lello-Smith, members of Tufts Divest will deliver a 'moral' argument to the Board. If the world continues to use fossil fuels in the ways that it has, she said, mankind will not be able to live in this world.

"It is so urgent," Lello-Smith, a junior, said. "We have already seen examples of it through Hurricane Sandy, the alarming worldwide temperatures, the drought this past summer, and that is going to continue to worsen if we do nothing."

Tufts Divest has seen mixed results in its previous efforts with the administration, Emily Edgerly, a co-founder of the group, said.

"They are sending two messages," Edgerly, a sophomore, said. "Outwardly, the administration has been very cooperative and supportive to us." However, she

said, a Tufts alumnus who has been in contact with the Board on the group's behalf has been striking a different tone. "I think they trust her more because she has more experience, but they have been telling her that they don't think it is going to happen because they don't think it is economically feasible," Edgerly.

The organization is not discouraged by what it calls 'mixed signals,' according to Tufts Divest Co-Founder Dan Jubelirer.

"They have listened to us, but we aren't going to stop, and we aren't going to rest until they have divested from fossil fuels," Jubelirer, a sophomore, said. "This meeting is a test for how seriously they take us."

Edgerly said that because Tufts has participated in past divestment movements—like a 1980s campaign against the companies present in the South African apartheid regime, there is still hope that the university will respond positively to Tufts Divest's actions. "It has happened before and it is definitely feasible," she said.

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Local politicians gather to celebrate President Obama's inauguration



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Local politicians, including State Representative Carl Sciortino (LA '00, L), and Cambridge City Councilor Minka vanBeuzekom (R) joined citizens to watch President Barack Obama's second inauguration at Orleans Restaurant in Davis Square yesterday afternoon. State Senators Patricia Jehlen and Sal DiDomenico and Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone were also in attendance.

Class of 2017 applicant pool largest to date

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The Office of Undergraduate Admissions this year received a record-breaking number of applications, making the Tufts Class of 2017 the most selective in the university's history.

According to Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Lee Coffin, the admissions office has received 18,167 applications, a number that will increase as non-electronic applications are counted. The tally marks an 11 percent increase in applications from last year.

"During the fall, our programs on campus were large, and our school visits were large, so it felt like something was building," Coffin said in an interview last week. "Here we are, two weeks after the deadline,

and we have a record."

In addition, Coffin said the number of Early Decision applicants rose 17 percent from last year, while applications to the School of Engineering reached a new high for the seventh year in a row, increasing 15 percent to 3,177 submissions.

"This is a historic admissions cycle," Coffin said. "In every category we hit a record high, which is really remarkable. What that means is when we release decisions in March, we will have a record low acceptance rate."

Much of Tufts' growing popularity can be attributed to improvements in the admissions office's communication efforts, according to Coffin. Last year, Admissions replaced its traditional viewbook with

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Visiting the Hill this Week

THURSDAY

"Low Emission Development Strategies: Building Capacity in the Developing World to Promote Prosperous Low Carbon Futures"

Details: Charles Heap, director of the Stockholm Environmental Institute's (SEI) U.S. Center, will describe efforts in various countries to develop low-emission development strategies, focusing on the use of SEI's energy and climate change mitigation software for these efforts. When and Where: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Lincoln

Filene Center Rabb Room
Sponsors: Environmental Studies Program and Tufts Institute of the Environment

"Fossil Fuel Divestment Teach-In: What's Climate Change Got to do with our Endowment?"

Details: Bob Massie, president and CEO of the New Economics Institute, Emily Flynn and Mark Orlovski from the Sustainable Endowments Institute and Julian Agyeman, chair of the Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning

Department, will discuss the growing campaign to divest from the fossil fuel industry. When and Where: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Cabot Intercultural Center, ASEAN Auditorium
Sponsor: Students for Tufts Investment Responsibility

FRIDAY

"Reversing Global Warming while Meeting Human Needs: An Urgently Needed Land-Based Option"

Details: Allan Savory, a rancher, restoration ecol-

ogist and president of the Savory Institute, will talk about his development of a powerful technique that can lower carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere while reducing desertification and providing livelihoods for millions of people.

When and Where: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Cabot Intercultural Center, ASEAN Auditorium
Sponsors: The Fletcher School, CIERP Friedman School of Nutrition and Planet-TECH Associates.

—by Sarah Zheng



DAILY FILE PHOTO

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions received over 18,000 applications this year for the Class of 2017, the highest number of submissions in the university's history.

Larger applicant pool will mean lower acceptance rate

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Jumbo, an admissions magazine, and launched an improved website featuring interactive elements and blogs.

"This is the first class that has gone from recruitment all the way through the deadline with this plan in place and I am crediting a lot of the growth with that," Coffin said. "The blogs have just been ridiculously popular...and it's exceeded our expectations."

According to Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions Daniel Grayson, the changes were developed in hopes of making admissions publications a better resource for students.

"If you poke around the admissions site, you'll see that a huge shift in our messaging ... has been around building our resources on

our own website to help students," Grayson said. "For the month of December and a good chunk of November, the whole admissions site was dedicated to helping applicants present the best possible application."

Coffin said that prospective students have responded positively to Admissions' attempts to help applicants through the admissions process.

"What students have said to us is 'Tufts is really helpful. It just makes me feel comfortable thinking about an application. And whether I get in or not, I like the idea that the admissions office is a resource to me,'" Coffin said.

Tufts representatives have also been traveling to high schools around the country and world with the goal of putting Tufts on the radar for every student applying to highly selective institutions, Grayson

explained.

"The idea here is to present information to [applicants] that they want, that they need, and use that as an opportunity to introduce Tufts to them by talking about it," he said.

While 362 members of the incoming class have already been admitted from the first round of Early Decision, most of the Class of 2017 will not be notified of their admissions decision until April, Coffin said.

Although this year's applicant pool is unusually large, he expects that between two-thirds and three-fourths of the applicants will be qualified for admission, making the decision process especially difficult.

"The biggest struggle when you have a pool this big is making the fine distinction

between one candidate and the next," Coffin said. "The pool, as it grows, is not getting weaker in terms of the academic and personal characteristics. The challenge is figuring out, from this pool of quality, how you find the students who are 'Tufts-y,' reading a folder and saying, 'I see a personality here that fits this place.'"

While the applications continue to be reviewed, Coffin believes that Tufts students can feel heartened by the rising popularity of their university.

"Every student should want their alma mater to get stronger every year," he said. "The growth of undergraduate admissions is the sign of a healthy institution."

For a look at some notable application video supplements from Class of 2017 hopefuls, check out the Daily's blog, JumboSlice.

Board to hear divestment plea

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Tufts Divest began its campaign this school year with a letter to University President Anthony Monaco that led to meetings with Executive Vice President Patricia Campbell, Lello-Smith said.

"She asked us if we could submit an actual proposal that discussed the divestment campaign strategy," she explained. "We submitted a 15-page proposal before winter break that we sent to President Monaco, Vice President Campbell and the Board of Trustees."

Monaco remained in touch with Tufts Divest via email and invited the group to the Board's meeting this Thursday, Lello-Smith said.

Divestment student groups from Maine schools Colby College and College of the Atlantic will also meet with their schools' trustee boards on Thursday, according to Jubelirer. The two colleges are involved with 350.org, a website that advocates for divestment across the nation.

"We want to work with other schools because divestment only is effective if it happens across the nation," he said. "If Tufts alone divests, and no one else does, it makes a much smaller statement than if 300 institutions—religious, city, state, government, pension funds—all divest, and that is what we are campaigning towards. We want to show the administration that people care about this issue," he said.

Students describe protest, arrest to climate justice class

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working on this feel that this is the biggest environmental issue right now," Ederly said. "If this pipeline is to be passed, NASA climate scientist James Hansen said, 'It is game over for climate change.'"

After the students' arrest, the story of their protest attracted considerable media attention, Powell said.

"This by far got more media attention than anything else I've ever seen or been involved in," she said. "We had reporters with cameras right there as we were walking out of the office snapping pictures of us."

Powell explained that in the days following the protest, media from across Massachusetts continued to contact them and cover their story.

"I'd like to think we've done some small part to help elevate the discourse about climate change," Powell said.

According to Ederly, the eight protestors were willing to take risky action to voice their beliefs.

"We know that now is the time to act, if not far past the time to act, in order to stop climate catastrophe from affecting us," Powell said. "We want to make it really clear that 2013 is the year that the climate movement is proving that we are taking this issue very seriously," Powell said. "We're not going to back down."



COURTESY OLIVER PORTER

Two Tufts students were arrested during winter break in TransCanada's Westborough, Mass. office for protesting the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Features

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Gun control debate revived in wake of Newtown shooting

BY HANNAH FINGERHUT
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This article is part one of three in a series on issues surrounding gun control.

As the school day was just beginning at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. on Dec. 14, 2012, 20 year-old Adam Lanza took the lives of 26 people, including 20 students between six and seven years old and six adults. Earlier that day, Lanza killed his mother, Nancy Lanza, and later took his own life as law enforcement officers arrived at the school.

One of the deadliest school shootings in the United States, the Sandy Hook shooting prompted a stricken nation to flood a small, traumatized community with condolences. More than that, the shooting provoked a major resurfacing of the long-debated issue of gun control.

Debate surrounding interpretations of the Second Amendment's "right to bear arms" is not new to national politics. This discourse is driven by increasingly frequent and traumatic mass shootings, including those at Columbine High School, Virginia Tech, an Amish school in Nickel Mines, Penn., Fort Hood military base in Texas, "Congress on Your Corner" in Tucson, Ariz., the movie theater in Aurora, Colo. and now Sandy Hook Elementary School.

"The primary political implication is that it put gun control back on the congressional agenda where it's been largely absent for quite a long time," Professor of Political Science Jeffrey Berry said. "It doesn't mean they will necessarily do anything, but they will consider legislation and they will decide whether or not to move it forward to the President's desk."

Beyond the debate in Washington, the shootings sparked the attention of the American public. According to a Washington Post-ABC News poll conducted earlier this month, 52 percent of Americans say that they are more supportive of gun control in the wake of the Newtown shooting.

"What you see over and over again is that ... on most issues, people aren't paying really close attention and so opinions tend to move very slowly," Dean of Academic Affairs for Arts and



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The White House's gun control package faces contention in Congress.

Sciences James Glaser said. "But dramatic events shine a spotlight onto problems, and the Newtown shootings were a kind of dramatic event that shined a spotlight on a number of problems [including] guns, mental health [and] school safety."

Dynamic of Obama's second term

Described by President Barack Obama as the worst day yet of his presidency, the shooting in Newtown compelled the President to act. Obama appointed Vice President Joe Biden to lead a task force to discuss the issue of gun violence and create policy proposals for the President.

Within a week of the shooting, Biden led the first of this task force's many meetings, and over the course of the following weeks, Biden had met with various stakeholders and interest groups, including law enforcement officers, members of the mental health community, gun owners and the National Rifle Association (NRA), interfaith groups, large retailers and representatives of the entertainment industry.

Just a month after the shooting, Biden presented Obama with his recommendations for policies to curb gun violence. A few days later, Obama announced 23 executive

orders, circumventing Congress and addressing factors such as the federal background check system, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and mental health.

"Even though a lot of the executive orders are simply clarifying existing policy, reminding people what existing policy is, the fact that [Obama] basically went for it is a really powerful symbol," Associate Professor of Political Science Deborah Schildkraut said.

The President simultaneously proposed to Congress that they pass laws requiring universal background checks, restoring the ban on military-style assault weapons that expired in 2004, and banning gun magazines with more than 10 rounds.

While many of these proposed bills are being re-filed or introduced at both the state and national level, the ultimate verdict of Obama's legislative proposal remains unknown. Regardless of the outcome, Obama's bold action on the issue indicates the assertive nature he brings to his second term.

"I think the President, by issuing ... his executive orders, [has] done what he could do within the parameters of his power to make change," Glaser said. "I think he's

liberated somewhat by the fact that he's not up for reelection again, [that he is] at his peak in his power given the proximity to an election where he's the only nationally elected figure in this country."

Obama's executive orders could encourage other legislators who may be interested in advancing gun control, though might have felt too timid or lacking executive support for their efforts, Schildkraut said. Nevertheless, the dynamic in Congress is one of obstinacy.

"Relations between the parties are just so bad right now ... I think [Speaker of the United States House of Representatives John] Boehner's response was essentially, 'Let's wait and see what the Senate gives us,' because he knows that the Republican-led House isn't going to do much to advance this first," Schildkraut said. "[Senate Majority Leader] Harry Reid basically said, 'We don't want to just make noise if the Senate is going to pass something, I want it to be something that I think could pass the House.' So if you think about some of the things that Obama proposed that need congressional approval, a lot of them are going to have a real tough time getting passed."

The various organizations

both for and against gun control maintain leverage in the debate in Washington: those in favor of gun control — for example the Brady Campaign and Mayors Against Illegal Guns (MAIG) — stand against the gun lobby, primarily represented by the NRA.

"It's very interesting to compare the pro-gun and anti-gun lobbies because one is big and powerful and effective, and the other is weak and small and ineffective," Glaser said.

According to Schildkraut, an unevenness exists between the two sides — advocates of the NRA care passionately about this issue all the time, other Americans care passionately only in light of drastic events such as the Newtown shooting.

"We might see more public opinion and support of gun control pick up, but a lot of this really is going to come down to which side pressures lawmakers and that kind of stuff," Schildkraut said. "Traditionally, the advantage has been on the anti-gun control side."

The reaction to Obama's executive orders has varied. While they may be a powerful symbol for the gun control supporters, the gun lobby has argued that he is exploiting his executive power.

"It's scary to me, and not just as a gun owner, that this is a president using executive orders quite liberally and far-reaching," senior Adam Cohen, who has been a recreational and sport shooter for eight years, said. "It's a slippery slope because the Second Amendment is just that, it's an amendment, and you have a president who is taking a very specific stance on it and using executive powers to limit it," he said.

Background checks

Two significant issues at the forefront of the conversation are the background check system and restrictions on what are considered "military-style assault weapons."

Tufts' Gun Club founder Nick Vik, a senior, argued that background checks are necessary and there are glaring issues in the policies of the United States when private sales lack legal oversight and loopholes are exploited.

"While there definitely is a place for guns in our society

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Campus Comment

What is your stance on Obama's gun control proposal?

We have a huge problem in this country with gun control, and we need to get it together. Civilians do not need automatic weapons.

— Natalie Salk, senior

I believe that the only way to actually stop gun violence is to, A) decrease the number of arms in the United States severely and, B) increase the availability and helpfulness of our mental health care system. The proposals enacted by Congress and Obama . . . should rather focus on solutions which will contribute to solving the problem, not solutions which simply enforce what we've already been doing.

— Andrew Carp, sophomore

Although I appreciate the goals that the President has in mind for his gun control proposal, I still have large concerns that it may not be enough. I think that instating strict mental health check-ups funded by the government for all those who own a gun above your average BB gun should be in order.

— Patrick Bressette, junior

I think that these are good first steps in preventing future attacks like the one at Sandy Hook. However, I don't think that this should be the final push for gun control in America. The fact that they are so easily accessible at gun shows and the fact that families own excessive amounts of guns and don't store them properly are all major issues that this proposal doesn't address.

— Ethan Finkelstein, freshman

Tufts professors, students examine the many sides of gun control

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— I don't believe that guns should be banned 100 percent — I think that there needs to be much stricter control on who is able to get a gun, and I think it needs to be much more difficult to get a gun," Vik said. "I think the process should be extended, you need to have a background check and psychological evaluations are essential to determining who should be able to have a gun."

Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) Sergeant Robert McCarthy has found the process to be fair, leading him to believe that guns and gun licenses are reasonable as long as people undergo the process of a thorough background check.

"I don't think if you have a criminal record for certain crimes you should be able to have a weapon or a gun permit," he said. "If you've been arrested for domestic assaults, drug offenses, alcohol offenses, you shouldn't be able to have a weapon, that's just how I feel."

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg initiated Mayors Against Illegal Guns (MAIG) in 2006 to provide leadership on the issue of gun violence and the proliferation of guns. Now consisting of more than 800 mayors, the coalition has worked to report data to make their case.

"I think the number one priority right now for Mayor Menino is fixing the broken background checks system," Federal Relations Officer for Menino's Office of Intergovernmental Relations Jake Sullivan said. "Last year, 6.6 million guns were sold in this country without a background check. So we believe, and the President has put it out there, and most NRA and gun owners agree, that we should have strong background checks."

Not all completely agree, though. Cohen believes that the existing system needs to be reigned in.

"For what we've started with improving background checks and needing tighter restrictions on that kind of thing, we already have very strict laws," he said. "In Connecticut, they have a 14 day waiting

period, a strict background check policy and even their own statewide idea of the assault weapons ban. And yet [the Newtown attack] happened because his mother bought them."

Instead of stricter background checks, Cohen suggested the creation of an administrative center for guns and ammunition, which would allow a state to regulate the sale of guns.

"You would run all gun licensing, all gun sales, all ammunition sales through this store," Cohen said. "That would solve the issue of the store owner doing shady background checks because they would have access to federal and local databases, and you would say these are government employees."

According to Schildkraut, legislation with a focus on improving the effectiveness of background checks may have more success in Congress.

"I think one that might have a better chance of getting passed has to do with background checks, because that's something already in place," she said. "People are used to it, it's simply a matter of making them more widespread, more foolproof, making them happen at things like gun shows."

"Assault weapons"

The proposed ban on military-style assault weapons, though, is considered a long shot in Congress, despite the gun control lobby's efforts. Although not part of its original agenda, MAIG has added this proposal in light of many recent massacres that involve these weapons.

"Since all of those mass shootings had occurred during the coalition's existence, the mayors started to take on new policy ground that we really should not have those weapons and magazines with that many bullets on our streets," Sullivan said. "Those weapons are designed to kill large numbers of people quickly and ... the mayors felt strongly that we really needed to look at the expired assault weapons ban of 2004 and draft a new law that's clear and enforceable and will take those weapons out of our community."

The interpretation of the Second Amendment plays a significant role in determining whether or not a ban on assault weapons would be constitutional.

"My beliefs on the Second Amendment are that ... people have a right to own guns. I take a slightly more literalist interpretation when it comes down to what are people allowed to own," Cohen said. "For example, when someone uses the argument the Second Amendment doesn't say you can own an assault weapon or an AR-15, I say it says we can own guns. The state that guns have evolved into is irrelevant because you can own them."

Cohen added, however, that he does believe there is a need for a control on who can own guns.

In 1994, the Federal Assault Weapons Ban was passed, prohibiting the manufacturing of 18 specific models of semi-automatic weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines that have the potential to carry more than 10 rounds. The ban expired in 2004.

"I'm of the opinion that the cat is out of the bag when it comes to the assault weapons ban," Cohen said. "There's just no point in having one anymore because even if you took the already loose interpretation of the previous assault weapons ban ... the number of assault weapons that would be grandfathered into the law is so mind boggling now, probably somewhere in the 80 to 100 million gun range, that the ban would do nothing."

According to Executive Director of the Gun Owners' Action League (GOAL) — the official firearms state association for Massachusetts — Jim Wallace, the so-called assault weapon is an arbitrary term that suggests a semi-automatic rifle, which has been common since before World War II.

"The term means nothing," Cohen said. "Before 1994, the term didn't exist because there is no such thing as an assault weapon. It's frequently confused with an assault rifle, which is a military weapon. And the only thing between an assault weapon and an assault rifle is an appearance," Cohen said.

Massachusetts

Like Obama, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick has taken the initiative in putting forward gun control legislation. Just over a month after the Newtown shooting, Patrick proposed a bill with a number of measures, which include limiting gun owners to one firearm purchase a month, restricting access to high-capacity ammunition and requiring background checks at gun shows. Additionally, four new firearms-related crimes would be established.

"One of the big things that we've supported and the Governor has tried to get passed is currently, Massachusetts does not submit records to the NICS [National Instant Criminal Background Check System] database," Sullivan said. "They're one of a handful of states that does not provide records to the background checks system. There are a lot of issues that need to be worked out...and issues around privacy that have to be sorted out in order to become NICS compliant."

Patrick's bill would mandate that state courts submit all relevant mental health records to the criminal justice information systems. Wallace argued that the proposals do not do enough to address gun violence and crime.

"The first thing is to throw out about half of the governor's legislation ... because again it only deals with restrictions on what the people who have already got licensed can own and possess and transfer," Wallace said. "They need to focus on the human criminal element, the mental health issue."

McCarthy explained that in Massachusetts, the process varies in each city or town, but ultimately, the process of getting a gun license requires submitting an application and undergoing a background check. With respect to mass shootings, TUPD is prepared.

"We do train on these shootings, we've been doing it for seven or eight years for active shooters...with some of our officers that are qualified to teach the course," McCarthy said. "Hopefully we'll never do it, hopefully it's a waste of time, but if something like that does happen, we have been trained for it."

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FILM REVIEW

Failures shoot 'Gangster Squad' in the foot

Poor script and character development overshadow cast

BY CLAIRE FELTER
Daily Editorial Board

The best way to describe director Ruben Fleischer's new film, "Gangster Squad"? Ridiculously violent. We're not

Gangster Squad



Starring **Sean Penn, Ryan Gosling, Josh Brolin**
Directed by **Ruben Fleischer**

talking an occasional scene with gunfire or fist fighting. We're talking 110 minutes of gruesome, graphic — and often gratuitous — slow-motion violence. If value of a film were directly correlated to the amount of on-screen violence, "Gangster Squad" would succeed with flying colors. It's a shame that this isn't the case.

The storyline, which is loosely based on actual events, follows a crew of insubordinate Los Angeles cops in their efforts to bring down lead mobster Mickey Cohen (Sean Penn). LA Police Chief Parker, played by that gruffest of actors, Nick Nolte, orders Sgt. John O'Mara (Josh Brolin) to throw together a squad of skilled and, more importantly, willing officers who can take down Cohen before he gains complete control over the city. O'Mara's right-hand man in the crew is fellow sergeant Jerry Wooters (Ryan Gosling). Less well-known but still highly accomplished actors including Anthony Mackie (*The Hurt Locker*), Michael Pena (*Crash*), and Giovanni Ribisi (*Saving Private Ryan*) form the rest of this team of vigilantes.

Fleischer chooses to accentuate Cohen's psychotic tendencies, so the audience must bear witness to numerous twisted deaths of Cohen's own



Sean Penn's portrayal of gangster Mickey Cohen often comes off as less than intimidating.

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henchmen. Including these scenes as a complement to the already abundant gunplay scenes only notches up the already stomach-churning gore factor. Fleischer's crass homage to Quentin Tarantino, who often showcases perverse violence, fails because "Gangster Squad" lacks the corresponding dry humor that accompanies Tarantino's best work.

The unmediated violence momentarily distracts, instead, from poor writing and minimal character devel-

opment. Each of the gunmen receives an extremely generalized label upon introduction, and the actors are rigidly circumscribed within the static confines of these categories. Emma Stone plays Mickey's trophy girl and Jerry's love interest Grace Faraday, but Stone is never able to move beyond the "damsel in distress" trope due to her little time on screen and badly written dialogue. Pena's character, portrayed by Latino actor Navidad Ramirez, receives stereotypical outsider status, portrayed as

lucky just to be incorporated into the group, despite his ethnicity. Watching Pena play such an underdeveloped character is disappointing after he received such strong reviews for his role in last year's "End of Watch" (2012).

Genre films in this realm typically highlight the group's transition from naive amateurs to knowing professionals who eventually learn how to 'play the game'. The crew of six in "Gangster

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TV REVIEW

'Revenge' returns with dramatic mid-season episode

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Now in its second season, "Revenge" is just as chock full of tension and romance as it has always been. Emily (Emily VanCamp) con-

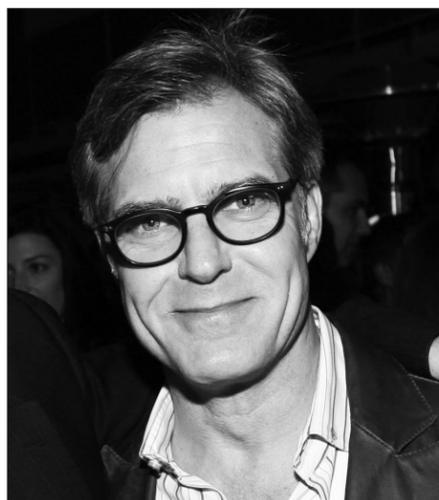
Revenge



Starring **Emily VanCamp, Gabriel Mann, Joshua Bowman**
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tinues to avenge the wrongful conviction of her father by defaming the guilty and finding new and inventive ways to reveal the truth. In one of the latest episodes, she targets a high-standing judge and his wife and, as usual, succeeds almost effortlessly. Emily's character in "Revenge" has always been an audience favorite, and nothing has changed in that respect since the beginning of this matchless ABC series.

It is always exciting to see what new paths Emily will take, and what barriers she is willing to break in order to reach her ultimate goal of revenge. Recently, she has been retracing her steps and using her allure over a certain ex-fiance — Daniel Grayson — to get close to the information she really wants. The episode ends with a promising development in their relationship which raises a question that has been posed several times in the series: Will Emily's emotions inevitably impede her plot for revenge, or will she learn to emotionally detach herself?



CANADIAN FILM CENTER VIA WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Henry Czerny, who plays Conrad Grayson, helps propel the turmoil and commotion forward on "Revenge."

For much of this season, Emily's romantic relationship with British beau Aiden (Barry Sloane) has slowly but surely become more serious. Her plan to use Daniel as a pawn, however, creates an unusual love triangle, suggesting that Emily might have more personal problems to deal with than she expected.

Nolan's former lover Marco has also returned to the scene, and seems unlikely to leave any time soon. He has also unsuccessfully attempted to rekindle his relationship with Nolan a number of times. However, it is clear, however, that Nolan had some very

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ALBUM REVIEW

Indians soars on debut album 'Somewhere Else'

BY VERONICA LITTLE
Daily Editorial Board

"Somewhere Else," the debut album of the new group Indians, is an eclectic mix of sounds and styles. Favoring sprawling

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electronic jams as well as more accessible acoustic melodies, Indians' "Somewhere Else" is a uniquely familiar album that blurs the line between indie pop and contemplative electronica.

Indians is the musical alter ego of Danish singer/songwriter Søren Løkke Juul, who began performing in February 2012 and put out his first single even more recently. At times, Indians' sound seems derivative of contemporary indie titans and critical darlings like Bon Iver, Youth Lagoon and Beach House. Still, though it may spring from the same source, Indians' sound is for the most part something new and exciting. Indeed, Indians has isolated the best aspects of the bands it emulates — the delicate vulnerability of Bon Iver, the electronic vibes of Beach House and the unique melodic sounds of Youth Lagoon — and has created a stirring debut album. As a debut album, "Somewhere Else" is a surprisingly mature and fresh perspective on indie and experimental music.

Unfortunately, "Somewhere Else" seems to be an incredible display of Indians' potential rather than an album with significant musical implications. Certain songs on the album like "Melt," a soft ode, seem like vague signs of a truly unique sound rather than a fully realized indie song. Juul almost creates something completely singular in the current music scene, but he falls short of pushing this album into the ranks of innovative greats. Indians seems somewhat measured and unsure of its place in the framework of musical conventions and genre. As is not atypical with debut albums, "Somewhere Else" sees Indians still finding its voice and sound. Despite its apparent reserve and introversion, Indians is poised to be the harbinger of a more visceral and genuine type of musical exploration.

There are a few tracks that are especially notable. "Lips Lips Lips," the fifth song on the ten-track album, begins with a familiar and stark electronic note progression but then turns into a hauntingly beautiful track. Under the guise of simplistic melodies, Indians is able to pack a lot of musical complexity into its songs, and "Lips Lips Lips" aptly displays this skill. Another exciting track is "Cakelakers," which displays Indians' variety and versatility quite aptly. A gracefully composed acoustic song, "Cakelakers" is a solidly loveable indie jam, a song that could have easily been included on the soundtrack for "Garden State" (2004). The most touching and, arguably, important song on the

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'Somewhere Else' is promising, self-conscious debut

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album is "Magic Kids." With a soft and layered melancholy sound, Indians creates a kind of gloomy lullaby that sounds simultaneously effortless and complicated. Lyrics like the touching and relatable "Your eyes do not see me anymore" are sung softly and despondently, urging the listener into a state of dreamy despair.

Indians comes at a time when Scandinavian artists like indie-folk darling The Tallest Man on Earth are dominating the American indie music scene. Both Indians and The Tallest Man on Earth seem to be adopting classically American and western musical styles and creating more exciting and genuine sounds than the western artists who inspired their work as well

as their western contemporaries. At a time when stale and repetitive "hipster" conventions have defined the indie music scene, "Somewhere Else" is undoubtedly a breath of fresh air.

Ultimately, Indians has composed an elegant debut album littered with musical complexity, experimentation and tremendous heart. Although Juul still seems somewhat self-conscious, Indians has done something on "Somewhere Else" that many bands fail to achieve in a debut album or in any album at all by challenging the musical conventions of genre and creating fresh sounds and songs that are easy to love. "Somewhere Else" will be released on Jan. 29, but can be streamed now on NPR's website.



RENE PASSET VIA FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS

Søren Løkke Juul shows great promise with his new group, Indians.

Relationships intensify in the winter return of 'Revenge'

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strong feelings for his ex-CFO as well as his current, female one. "Revenge" explores several different aspects of the human psyche through its characters, Nolan's sexuality being one that repeatedly rears its head.

In addition to this season's ever-present romance, "Revenge" has also brought with it intrigue and danger. Daniel's newfound power in Grayson Global has put him in a vulnerable position when it comes to the major villain, American Initiative. However, his character has definitely developed since the first season, which suggests that he will perhaps be able to handle the terrorist group in a less destructive way than his parents did.

Regardless, American Initiative continues to lurk in the shadows, claiming connections with Aiden that will inevitably lead to something unpleasant. As well as luring Daniel into deeper and more dangerous territories, this terrorist group will most likely be inflicting much more pain and terror on the lives of many of the characters on the show.

Ironically, the only characters who seem to be safe from the Initiative, the Porters, are dealing with their own pair of terrorists: the Ryan Brothers. In the beginning of the second season, Kenny and Nate's feelings regarding Jack's involvement in their father's death were left unresolved. Would the brothers come to peace with Jack, or would they attempt to avenge their father's death? It is evident, however, that they have chosen the latter. Still, Kenny's concern for the Porters is something that needs to be closely watched for the rest of the season, as it may come to the Porters' benefit and his vile brother's downfall.

This season's winter return of "Revenge" was not as intriguing and tension-wrought as most of the previous episodes in the series. However, it has built a very strong foundation for the rest of the season. Viewers can definitely expect much more conflict and much more character development in this season. "Revenge" continues to be one of the most captivating and original shows on television today, and its return after a long four-week break was well received.

Gratuitous violence distracts from 'Gangster Squad's' weak plot

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"Squad" never really progresses from disorganized to prepared, though, and Gosling's character even points this out during the film. From the outset, the squad is either lucky or unlucky during their nightly missions to spoil Cohen's business transactions, and it remains that way right up to the credits.

While a couple of scenes are distinguished, they in no way mitigate the mess that is "Gangster Squad." Penn, at times, channels effectively the brutality and maliciousness of kingpin Mickey Cohen, but his portrayal more often than not comes across as cartoonish. Brolin's character, O'Mara, the putative protagonist of the film, is entirely forgettable and the audience forges a greater connection with O'Mara's wife (Mireille Enos) than with the sergeant himself. Gosling is the only one of the leading males who

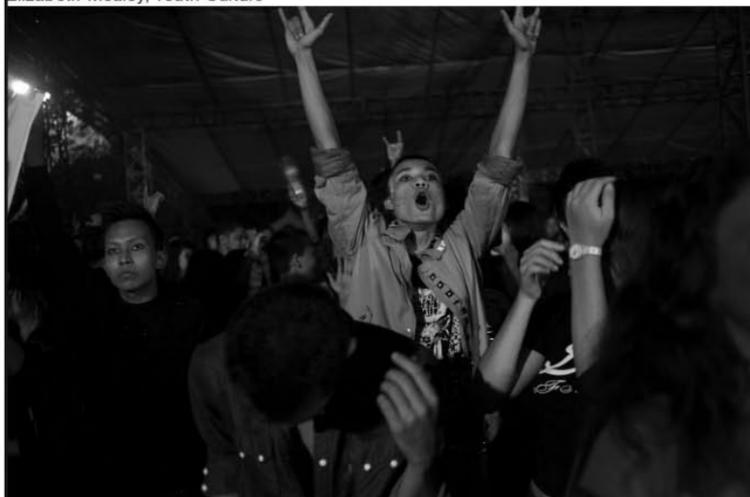
translates as a somewhat realistic character and his ability to inject comic relief salvages several scenes. Gosling's on-screen relationship with Stone, however, receives so little attention that the audience never understands why they are together: in the film they sleep together one night, and they are instantly soul mates.

The end of "Gangster Squad" is merely an attempt by Fleischer and screenwriter Will Beall to tie a neat bow around an empty box. The final scene jacks up the corniness, and for a film that saturates the narrative with unremitting violence up to this point, such a denouement seems out of place by miles. "Gangster Squad" fails both as an attempt at a successful period piece and as a "teamwork challenge" film such as the "Ocean's Eleven" (2001) films or "The Avengers" (2012). It might have been an honest failure if it hadn't sold out long before a quality cast went before the cameras.



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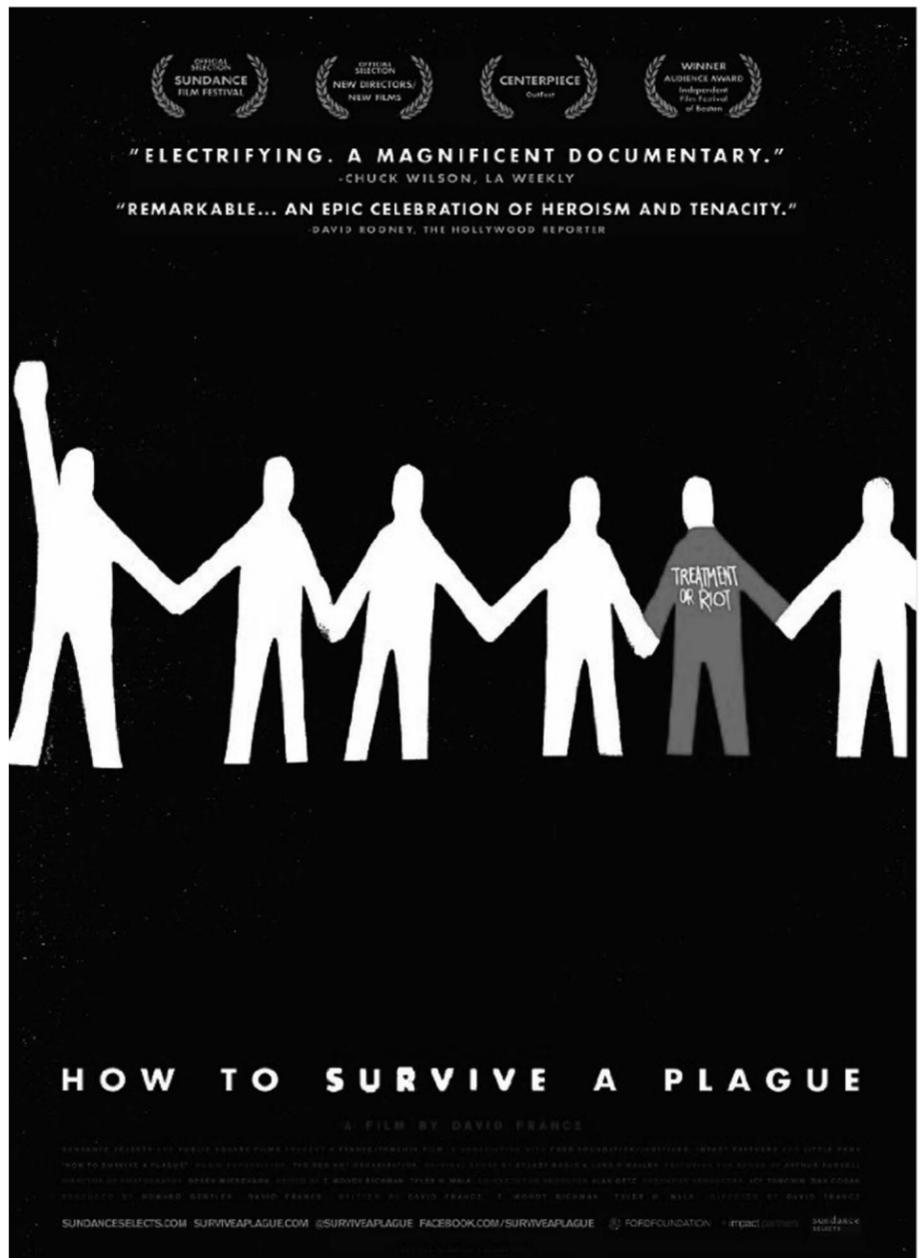
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David France is an award-winning journalist and *New York Times* best-selling author who has been writing about AIDS since 1982 and today is one of the best-known chroniclers of the epidemic. His work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *GQ*, and *New York* magazine, where he is a contributing editor, and has received the National Headliner Award and the GLAAD Media Award, among others. Based on decades of reporting, HOW TO SURVIVE A PLAGUE is his directorial debut.

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Let's be honest about divestment

On the heels of President Obama's second inaugural address, which touched heavily on environmental concerns, Tufts Divest For Our Future has been invited by the Board of Trustees to meet with the Board to discuss the future of Tufts' endowment divestment in fossil fuels.

Tufts Divest's strategy thus far has been one of education mixed with action. The group's various "teach-ins" and events were well attended and their mission is gaining media attention from sources as influential as the New York Times. Tufts Divest's message is clear: they want the university to cut its hedge-fund investments in various companies that profit from fossil fuel.

Unfortunately, this is easier said than done. Third-party fund managers control Tufts' investments in a double-blind system, making it challenging to examine or alter the list of corporations in which the university is invested. In light of this, Executive Vice President Patricia Campbell said in a meeting with Tufts Divest last semester that there is no foolproof way to ensure that endowment money stays away from companies speeding up climate change.

After meeting with other administrators, Tufts Divest is taking the next step in an admittedly difficult task: a meeting with the university's Board of Trustees. Although this meeting may produce little—or no—change in policy, the trustees have been presented with a unique opportunity to, at the very least, provide these students with a direct and well-argued answer to the question of why we should consider and potentially implement divestment. We at the Daily ask that, rather than a present a public relations campaign or a slapdash and half-hearted response to the divestment request, the trustees give an honest response about why divestment is impossible at this time.

Instead of pointing to the variety of "go green" programs on campus, the Board needs to stand behind the arguably valid reasons that make divestment near-impossible at the moment. It should recognize the effect that its continued investment in fossil fuels has, rather than distancing themselves from the funds they use. By directly approaching the global warming culpability Tufts incurs while continually investing in fossil fuels, the argument

that divestment is indeed the right path, but not the path that's right for right now, would have a bit more weight.

Giving a simple answer to this very complex and multi-faceted problem would only make matters worse. Saying that Tufts cannot afford to lose the income from fossil fuel supporting hedges does not look good for the university, but the board owes it to an energized and continually growing section of the student body to provide an answer that is not just a write-off of the issue.

In the meantime, Tufts Divest should continue their efforts. Understandably, at a university that touts the "active citizenship" of its student body there is going to be active student support of pro-environmental policies, and Tufts Divest has only increased this support.

Eventually, with enough strength and with a viable alternative, Tufts will ideally divest from coal and fossil fuels. While Thursday will most likely not mark the beginning of that divestment, the stoppage or even slowing of the momentum the divestment group is gaining should not be in the foreseeable future either.

JEHAN MADHANI



One Jumbo is less than impressed with Monday's Presidential Inauguration.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As the authors of the op-ed titled "Discrimination by any other name is still discrimination" published on January 16, 2013, we would like to offer some clarifications. First, we certainly do maintain the overall sentiment and spirit of the piece—that the CSL's decision undermines the university's commitment to an open and inclusive campus and that the nondiscrimination policy should be inviolable.

Second, the op-ed was written with the intention of providing further explanation of the motives for the resolution we, along with Joseph Donenfeld, introduced at the last Senate meeting of fall semester. We

did not believe the Daily had adequate time to publish a story about the Senate meeting because of the time at which the Senate meeting was expected to adjourn. Therefore, we wrote the op-ed to explain our rationale to the Tufts community in a timely fashion in the event that the resolution we proposed was passed by the Senate.

As the authors, we were told by the Daily that our op-ed was not going to run in the Daily last semester and that the only way for the op-ed to run in the Daily this semester would be if we resubmitted it. Seeing as none of the authors submitted the piece again this semester, we can only assume that a miscommunication occurred somewhere in the Daily's office. It

was never our intention to speak on the behalf of the Senate without the Senate's formal consent and we certainly do recognize that the outcome of the last meeting indicates that Senate is not willing to speak with a unified voice on this issue at present.

Of course, the authors of the op-ed will be diligent in working to ensure a safe, affirming, and just campus for all students at Tufts and will be tireless in their efforts to ensure that the university's nondiscrimination policy is restored, that discrimination is called for what it is.

Best wishes,
Logan Cotton, Meredith Goldberg,
Andrew Núñez and Joseph Thibodeau

OFF THE HILL | BOSTON UNIVERSITY

On gun control

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There appears to be progress on the gun control front. Amidst increasing amounts of mass shootings across the nation, Congress is tiptoeing around the Second Amendment, which guarantees American individuals the right to bear arms. Wednesday, U.S. President Barack Obama finally issued a bill of 23 executive orders that aim to keep guns out of the hands of criminals. "Reducing violent crime," he said, "is a top priority of my administration."

His plan of action? President Obama first called for Congress to require a universal background check for anyone trying to buy a gun. Secondly, he asked that Congress restore a ban on military-style assault weapons, as well as a 10-round bullet limit for magazines. (Such weapons, of course, are typically what allow for large-scale massacres, whereas the additional seconds that would be needed for bullet replenishment are vital.)

These measures, of course, will not be easy to implement. In most instances, background checks are already required of individuals wishing to purchase firearms, and despite this, oversight errors and mass shootings, thusly, persist. Forty percent of all gun purchases are conducted without a back-

ground check.

Moreover, acquiring a gun illegally may not be as hard as we like to imagine. When people want something, they will get it. Consider marijuana. And consider how prior to last December, Sandy Hook shooter Adam Lanza was not a felon. There is speculation that he was autistic and unhappy, and used his mother's guns to kill her and twenty-six innocent others.

Bad people will still get the gun.

True, background checks, waiting periods and bans on large weapons will aid the problem. But why are these measures being taken so late? Obama's bill is hardly revolutionary. Gun control has been an issue for years — it took the death of 20 kindergartners for the federal government to take steps of action.

The bill does address another looming Sandy Hook question: what do we do with our nation's sick? Obama aims to make sure that students and young adults get treatment for mental health issues. It should be noted that our current mental health system may be failing in this respect — often times, a county jail is purportedly a disturbed individual's only mental asylum, and jail time can only be achieved by committing a crime. This aspect of the bill is crucial — were Lanza provided with appropriate care, he may not have acted as he did.

OFF THE HILL | UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

Proposed gun laws fight privacy rights more than gun rights

BY KATHERINE REVELLO
The Maine Campus

It is appropriate that President Obama's call for an assault weapons ban and the announcement of 23 executive orders aimed to prevent gun crimes should shamelessly exploit children, because the rhetoric behind his actions is exceedingly infantile and does more to assault privacy rights than it does to address gun crime.

A rational dialogue about responsible gun ownership and measures to prevent illegal gun smuggling could be had if we ignore the administration's hypocrisy on the Justice Department's gun running program, Fast and Furious. This program put semi-automatic rifles in the hands of one of Mexico's most dangerous drug cartels, Los Zetas, and resulted in the death of a U.S. border agent and the deaths of Mexican citizens.

Or if the administration would clarify that military features like flash suppressors on so-called "assault rifles" do not enhance the lethality of the weapon. Like handguns and hunting rifles, they are semiautomatic and fire one round per shot.

Instead, gun control advocates ignore cities like Chicago, which,

despite having some of the toughest gun regulations in the country, counted 513 gun deaths in 2012.

They ignore statistics that show gun crime has decreased since the assault weapons ban expired.

Rather than a reasoned debate, addressing rampant emotionalism through hasty, superficial action is apparently the administration's best solution.

For example, Obama wants to address unnecessary legal barriers in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which exist to protect medical records. As the law stands, sharing of individual medical records is generally forbidden, unless the release of information is mandated by court order or subpoena. Notes taken during a psychotherapy session cannot be released without the patient's permission as the law currently stands.

Which of those legal barriers is "unnecessary?" Is it that mental health records can't be accessed without a court order? That doesn't seem like an unnecessary legal barrier, especially when put into the context of other executive actions announced by President Obama.

There is a provision in the Affordable Care Act that prevents doctors from asking patients

whether there are guns in their homes. The president wishes to "clarify" that this does not actually prohibit doctors from doing so.

First of all, the president does not have the power to erase parts of enacted law merely because he dislikes the wording. Perhaps he and his colleagues should have read the bill before passing it.

Second, what are the implications of this coupled with the removal of HIPAA barriers and his direction of the Attorney General to review the categories of people who are considered too "dangerous" to own a gun?

If doctors can ask if guns are present in households and aren't barred from sharing mental health histories with states, how many people will be prevented from purchasing guns because they either have a history of mental illness, say postpartum depression or if they were abused, or if someone in their house does? If this becomes the case, how many people who struggled with depression or personal tragedy don't seek help because that treatment may one day show up on a background check and bar them from possessing a gun?

Such a situation may seem unlikely today, but that's because there are privacy laws protecting people who may be in that situation, barriers that the president is seeking to erase because he considers them unnecessary.

This is not only inane but an assault on the separation of powers in the U.S. Constitution — presidents do not get to override parts of legislation, by fiat, because they find them irritating. They also do not get to interpret laws once they've been enacted.

Is there anything that constitutes as overly egregious assault on the Second Amendment in the collection of executive orders? No, although an assault weapons ban or placing limitations on magazine capacities clearly violates Alexander Hamilton's intent, as outlined in the Federalist Papers.

But the removal of barriers between doctors and government officials and their possible implications are troublesome. And that's why the administration's action shouldn't be dismissed as mere placation of liberal members of Congress who aren't likely to rally support for gun control legislation.



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OFF THE HILL | IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Onset of flu season should bring out our common sense, not panic

BY IOWA STATE DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD
Iowa State Daily

It's back—in hallways, bathrooms, classrooms, gyms, cafeterias and just about every other place in America. And it's probably going to kill you.

Just kidding, it probably won't, unless you are really young or old, or you have a weak immune system. But the flu will make you sick, like it could every other year. Yet every "flu season," health and many media organizations hoot and holler about "the flu epidemic" and put fear in the hearts of every Joe and Jill Schmo in America.

With that said, health organizations and media organizations should disseminate important flu-related information to the public. In fact, the Iowa State Daily is ran a flu story Jan. 17 in order to inform the public of important campus-related information regarding the flu.

However, it often seems as if some media organizations spread flu-related information in a sensationalized way.

Quite a few media outlets have related this year's flu epidemic to the worst flu pandemics in history. The problem is that an epidemic and a pandemic differ drastically in severity.

According to WebMD, an example of an epidemic is the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) epidemic that occurred in 2002 and 2003, which killed about 800 people. An example of a pandemic is HIV/AIDS, which kills almost 2 million people on average each year.

Some media organizations compare the effects of epidemics to those of pandemics, which is like comparing the bite of a domestic cat to that of a lion. Although they are similar, one is much worse than the other and the lesser one must become much larger in scale for a proper comparison.

Furthermore, many media organizations focus on flu-related mortalities. For instance, an NBC News article reported six deaths have occurred from flu-related causes in San Diego. The U.S. Census Bureau estimated 3,140,069 people lived in San Diego in 2011, meaning if the population is similar now, .0000019 percent of San Diego's population has died from the flu this year. The news article did not mention that small percentage.

The CDC does not track flu-related deaths, but it does estimate the number of people who die from flu-related causes each year. From the 1976-1977 season to the 2006-2007 season, the CDC's estimated flu-related deaths ranged from 3,000 to 49,000.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are more than 315 million people living in the United States. Using the CDC's estimates, anywhere from

.0000095 percent to .00016 percent of people in the United States died from flu-related causes from the 1976-1977 season to the 2006-2007 season.

What all these numbers and percentages say is that the flu does kill Americans, but it does not kill nearly as many as some media organizations may cause the public to worry. People should know about the flu and how to prevent it. However, it is equally important for them to know they aren't destined to die from it this season.

When it comes to the flu and other infectious diseases, common sense goes a long way. Wash your hands, cover your cough, avoid high-populated areas and remember this flu season will be over soon. Do all that and before you know it, the next flu season will be here, wreaking havoc and making us think we're one step closer to the zombie apocalypse.

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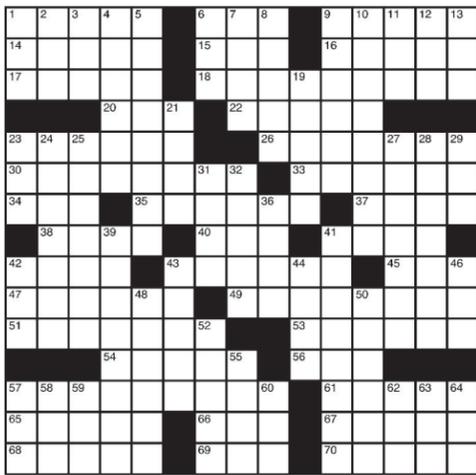
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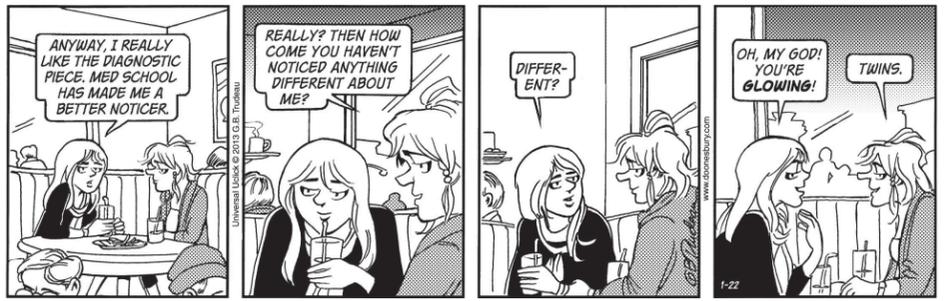
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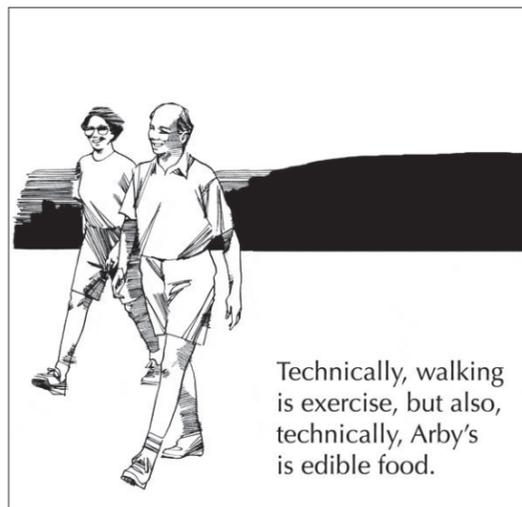


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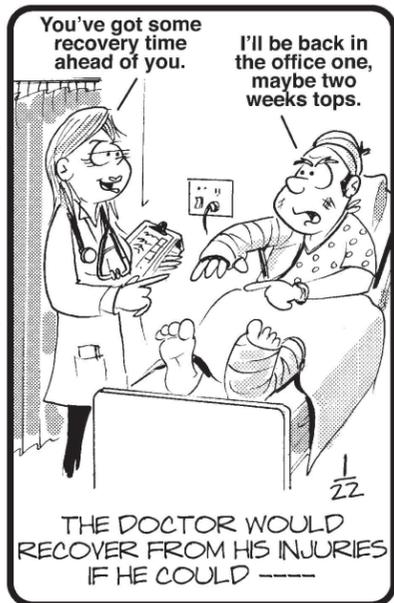
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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



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(Answers tomorrow)

Friday | Jumbles: STASH RODEO INDICT ITALIC
 Answer: Choosing to take the shortcut through the poison ivy was — A RASH DECISION

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Jumbos salvage point against Wesleyan

ICE HOCKEY

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out with the win."

Before the weekend, Tufts seemed to get back on track with a non-conference win against Wentworth on Tuesday night. The game was a step in the right direction for recovering from harsh losses sustained over winter break.

And throughout the majority of the game against the Bantams the Jumbos carried over that success, with the game in reach through the first two periods. Trinity struck first, but Tufts was able to tie it up 1-1 by the end of the first period on a goal from sophomore forward Andrew White.

The Jumbos then jumped to a 2-1 lead on a quick goal in the second period from sophomore forward Tyler Voigt. After Trinity knotted the game up 2-2 the Bantams exploded in the third period to seize control of the game.

Trinity notched a goal off of the faceoff just 11 seconds into the third period, and followed with another goal just three minutes later to put the game out of reach. Tufts tried to climb back, pulling Phillips in the final minutes, but Trinity capitalized, scoring again, to end the game 5-2.

"We just haven't been getting the bounces we wanted," senior co-captain defenseman Nick Metcalfe said. "We were really connecting for the first few periods against Trinity, and then there were a tough couple of bounces that turned the game completely around, unfortunately not in our favor."

Although the Jumbos did not get any wins from the weekend, they managed to salvage a point from their match against Wesleyan on Saturday.

The Cardinals jumped to an early

1-0 lead, but the Jumbos once again answered early as freshman forward Stewart Bell, assisted by Metcalfe, scored a short-handed goal in the second period to tie the game up.

Two minutes later, White finished off a fast break with a goal to give the Jumbos the lead. Tufts' advantage held for nearly 20 minutes before Wesleyan tied the contest in the third period.

The match carried over into an overtime period, and with 41 seconds remaining it appeared the Cardinals scored to take the win, until an official waved off the goal due to the net being dislodged prior to the shot.

The Jumbos are optimistic about the point they picked up against the Cardinals, which gives them a chance to right the ship before the season comes to an end.

"We aren't in the position we planned on in the beginning of the year," Metcalfe said. "We've got to keep practicing hard and turn the season around. We came out and battled really hard against Wesleyan. Obviously we would've liked to win, but it's a good start."

Last year the team earned a home NESCAC playoff game, but currently sit at ninth place in the NESCAC, on the outside looking in at the playoff picture. According to Phillips, the team needs to gear up to make that push into the top eight, as the opportunity is there for the taking.

"Looking at the standings, we are only one point out of a playoff spot behind Conn. College," Phillips said. "The most important thing for us is going to be getting into the postseason on a little bit of a roll with momentum so no matter who we are matched up against we put ourselves in a position to win."



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Sophomore forward Tyler Voigt netted a goal, but it was not enough for the Jumbos, as they fell to Trinity on Friday night, 5-2.

Anderson joins Jumbos' 1,000-point club



OLIVER PORTER / THE TUFTS DAILY

Freshman Stephen Haladnya scored 21 points in 23 minutes for the Jumbos as they held off Wesleyan, 77-75

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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"The last couple weekends, we came out a little flat, but this weekend we really came out with a lot of energy," Haladnya said.

Tufts worked to maintain its lead in the second half, but 19 second-half points from the Cardinals' senior guard Derick Beresford and 14 from Brown rattled the Jumbos, as Wesleyan pulled to within three with under 10 minutes to go.

"We knew Wesleyan really only has three scorers, Beresford, Brown, and [Mike] Callaghan," Anderson said. "In the first half we did a really good job of shutting those three guys down, and the coaches really harped on that. But at the same time, we knew those guys weren't going to do nothing in the first half, and then do nothing in the second either."

However, the Jumbos were desperate for a signature win. They came right back with a four-minute, 10-point unanswered run to put them back up by double digits, 69-56, with five minutes to play.

But Beresford and Brown refused to go away. The resilient duo teamed up for Wesleyan's final 19 points, including two 3-pointers from Beresford, who finished with a game-high 26 points.

"Beresford was really feeling it all game," Anderson said. "It wasn't us playing bad defense on him, it was just the kid having an unbelievable game, and hitting threes with hands in his face."

In the final minutes, Ferris was forced to leave the court with a bloody nose, and the Jumbos' star guard sat helplessly on the bench as he watched Tufts' once-solid lead disintegrate.

With 10 seconds to go, a Beresford three brought Wesleyan within two of the Jumbos, at 76-74. The Cardinals quickly fouled in order to try to put the team in a position to win or tie with the last possession, but Tufts managed to put the ball in the hands of its best free-throw shooter, Cohen. The junior went one-for-two from the line, giving Tufts a three-point lead and the Cardinals a chance with last possession.

Instead of allowing the Cardinals a 3-point attempt, head coach Bob Sheldon conservatively elected to foul Brown. With the game in Brown's

hands once again, the Cardinals hit the first shot but intentionally missed the second, only to have the rebound bounce out of bounds off of Tufts' Anderson with just three seconds to go.

A last-second effort from Wesleyan's Glen Thomas fell short, however, and Tufts snuck off the court with a narrow 77-75 win, bringing the Jumbos above .500 in the NESCAC for the first time this season.

The team could not celebrate for long, as it turned around on Saturday to take on Conn. College. Facing the Camels wasn't quite as daunting as it could have been for a drained Jumbos squad, with the Camels still winless in the NESCAC. They did not boost their record in Cousens Gym.

While Tufts' main focus was securing a win, the Jumbos also helped Anderson to a very important individual mark. It did not take long for the co-captain, who entered Saturday's game with 999 points, to become the 27th member of the 1,000-point club.

Less than one minute into the game, Cohen found Anderson open behind the arc, and Anderson buried a three to put Tufts up 3-0 and give him a place among the Jumbos' greats.

"I knew going into the season I was close to 1,000, but I had no idea how close," Anderson said. "But going into Wesleyan, I knew I needed 12, and it was hanging over my head a little bit, and then I got 11. Going into the Conn. College game, I didn't really want to think about it, and just get it out of the way, and then I hit that three, and it lifted a weight a little bit."

The accomplishment did not signal the end of the game for Anderson, or for Tufts. The Jumbos went up quickly and never looked back. Led by an 18-point performance from Anderson, 14 from Haladnya and 12 from Ferris, Tufts cruised to a 73-56 layup against one of the conference's weakest squads.

This week, Tufts will enjoy one more game at home with a Thursday-evening matchup against UMass Boston before heading north to Maine to take on Bates. The Jumbos will try to keep the winning streak alive as they continue to challenge for a top spot in the NESCAC.

NESCAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Freshman Michael Winget wins three events, NESCAC honors

Freshman Michael Winget made a splash for the Jumbos this weekend, cruising to three individual men's swimming victories and successfully securing his first career NESCAC Performer of the Week honor.

Wignet started the weekend strong in a Saturday meet against MIT, in which he won the 50-yard backstroke in 24.49 seconds, came in second in the 100-yard backstroke in 52.69 seconds, and finished third in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 52.85 seconds. Although the victories came in a loss to the Engineers, 205-101, Winget carried a great deal of the scoring load for the Jumbos.

He went on to win first place finishes in the 100-yard (52.38) and 200-yard (1:54.94) backstroke events on Sunday in a tri-meet at Williams. He also finished the meet with a time of 4:19.12 in the 400-yard IM, helping the Jumbos defeat Wesleyan 218-59 and keep the score close in a 184-105 loss to the Ephs.

All of Winget's winning times were season and career bests, and the freshman joins classmate Anthony DeBenedetto as yet another Jumbo to win conference honors this season.

—by Andy Linder

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women's basketball continues dominance in weekend's NESCAC matchups

BY ANDY LINDER
Daily Editorial Board

For weeks now, the No. 4 Jumbos have been struggling to balance their offensive and defensive performances, often priori-

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (18-0, 6-0 NESCAC)

at Cousens Gym, Friday

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| Wesleyan | 14 | 22 | — | 36 |
| Tufts | 39 | 41 | — | 80 |

at Cousens Gym, Saturday

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| Conn. College | 17 | 15 | — | 32 |
| Tufts | 29 | 32 | — | 61 |

tizing one while sacrificing the other.

But in the second home NESCAC weekend of the season, Tufts seemed to put it all together, following up an 80-36 pounding of Wesleyan on Friday night with a 61-32 victory over Conn. College the following afternoon.

With the wins, the Jumbos improve to 18-0 with just six games left in the regular season.

Friday's win against Wesleyan was especially noteworthy for Tufts, whose offensive barrage on the Cardinals' defense harkened back to Jumbo teams of old. Hannah Foley led Tufts with 28 points on 10-of-14 shooting, marking the most points scored by a Jumbo since Colleen Hart (E'11) netted 31 in a losing effort against Kean University on March 6, 2010. It also marked the first 80-point effort for the team since they totaled 88 against Lasell College on Nov. 20, 2010.

The offense was the direct beneficiary of a punishing Jumbos' defense that didn't give the Cardinals an inch for much of the afternoon. In total, the team forced 25 turnovers, turning them into 29 points.

"Coach [Carla Berube] stresses that quality offense will come from great defense," Foley said. "We take it one game at a time, and since every NESCAC game is a really good game, we have to continue to come out as hard as we normally do if we hope to succeed in our game plan."

Tufts led Wesleyan by 25 at halftime, and the margin only continued to grow en route to the 44-point victory. Alongside Foley's 28 points, graduate student and co-captain

Kate Barnosky chipped in 11 points and five rebounds, while sophomore Hayley Kanner finished with six blocks, the most by a Jumbo since Khalilah Ummah (A'08) on Nov. 25, 2007.

The Jumbos returned to the floor Saturday and continued their dominance against the NESCAC's Conn. College Camels. The squad cruised to an easy 61-32 victory behind 17 points from Kanner, for whom the Camels had no answer in the post, and a four-point, five-assist performance from sophomore point guard Kelsey Morehead. The Jumbos jumped out to a 15-5 lead, and the result was never in doubt the rest of the way.

"I definitely believe that everything starts with energy," Kanner said. "When the bench is on fire, everyone on the court is on fire and it's very contagious."

Conn. College Senior forward and defending NESCAC Player of the Week Tara Gabelman was held to six points on 2-of-5 shooting after missing most of the teams' first matchup this season.

The Jumbos showed an impressive seamlessness on both the offensive and defensive ends all weekend, always providing the right help defense or the extra pass when needed.

"From the beginning, we've had great team chemistry, and everyone really pushes each other to do well," Barnosky said. "Our off-court relationships have certainly translated into great chemistry on the court."

Looking forward, the 18-0 Jumbos' road gets more difficult as the season roars toward its conclusion. Berube's squad will travel to Emmanuel College (Mass.) tomorrow, a group that started the season ranked nationally, followed by a trip to Bates College on Jan. 26. These matchups will be critical for Tufts' continued success, as the team looks forward to its game against NESCAC rival and national powerhouse No. 3 Amherst on Feb. 2.

Regardless of the upcoming competition, the Jumbos are confident that this team has the talent to go deep into both the conference and national tournaments.

"This year brings a great combination of both experienced and young players, and the sophomores already have tremendous game experience after making it to the Sweet 16 last season," Barnosky said. "Everyone has really bought into our game plan of outworking our opponents, and I look forward to each and every challenge ahead."



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Sophomore Hayley Kanner recorded six blocks for the Jumbos, the most in half a decade, as they defeated Wesleyan by 44 points.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jumbos extend win streak to four, climb in the NESCAC

BY JAKE INDURSKY
Daily Editorial Board

After starting its NESCAC campaign with back-to-back losses, the men's basketball

MEN'S BASKETBALL (10-7, 4-2 NESCAC)

at Cousens Gym, Friday

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| Wesleyan | 28 | 47 | — | 75 |
| Tufts | 39 | 38 | — | 77 |

at Cousens Gym, Saturday

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| Conn. College | 22 | 34 | — | 56 |
| Tufts | 35 | 38 | — | 73 |

team dropped to the bottom of the conference standings. Fast-forward two weeks, and the team has reeled off four straight wins including its two victories on the weekend, a 77-75 nailbiter over

Wesleyan and a 73-56 battering of Conn. College.

The Jumbos showed up ready to play against the Cardinals. The heartbreaking memory of a 2012 one-point loss to Wesleyan, decided by then-junior Shasha Brown's end-to-end bucket with just 5.1 seconds to play, still stung as the Jumbos hit the court on Friday evening.

"Last year they came in third place, and we came in fourth, so we knew they were a team that we needed to beat," senior co-captain forward Scott Anderson said. "We also lost to them by one last year, and having that in mind, we knew we needed to come out with a hot start."

However, starting fast has not been the Jumbos' strong suit this year. In its two previous games, Tufts has gone down 15-8 and 14-5 against

Bowdoin and Colby, respectively, before coming back to win.

Against Wesleyan, however, the tables were turned. Early 3-pointers from junior guard Oliver Cohen and freshman guard Stephen Haladyna helped take Tufts to a quick 22-14 lead.

The Jumbos continued to grow their lead throughout the first half, and with just over three minutes to go, Tufts led 35-20, showing no sign of slowing down until an 8-4 Wesleyan run to end the half closed the gap to 39-28.

Much of Tufts' early lead was due to Haladyna, who scored 11 of his team-high 21 points in the first half, and sophomore guard Ben Ferris, who also chipped in 10 of his 20 in the first stanza.

ICE HOCKEY

Jumbos' slide continues, finding no NESCAC win over weekend

BY ALEX SCHROEDER
Daily Editorial Board

Despite leading or being tied after two periods in each of its games this weekend, the men's

(5-8-2, 1-7-2 NESCAC)

at Hartford, Conn., Friday

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| Tufts | 1 | 1 | 0 | — | 2 |
| Trinity | 1 | 1 | 3 | — | 5 |

at Middletown, Conn., Saturday

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| Tufts | 0 | 2 | 0 | — | 2 |
| Wesleyan | 1 | 0 | 1 | — | 2 |

hockey team exited yet another NESCAC doubleheader without a victory. Overall, the Jumbos remain with just a single inter-conference win this season.

The Jumbos fell to Trinity 5-2 on Friday night, and managed only a 2-2 tie against Wesleyan the following day. The finishes

add to a slump that has seen them drop seven of their last eight NESCAC games.

Furthermore, the results once again display the downturn in the Jumbos' play since their promising 3-1-1 start to the season. In the Jumbos' first weekend of the season, they played the Bantams to a 4-4 tie and beat the Cardinals the following day, but were unable to produce similar results against the same opponents two months later.

"I think one thing that maybe we've struggled with lately is finding a way to win league games," junior goaltender Brian Phillips said. "The past three [NESCAC] games against Hamilton, and then Trinity and Wesleyan, going into the third period of all three games we were either tied or had the lead. So we just need to find a way to go into games and come