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Monaco releases statement pledging protection, legal counsel to undocumented students

by Liam Knox News Editor

University President Anthony Monaco released a statement yesterday titled "Supporting and Protecting our DACA and Undocumented Students," calling for an enhancement of Tufts' commitment to its undocumented students in the face of possible changes in federal immigration law under the coming administration of President-elect Donald Trump.

In the statement, Monaco asserts that Tufts intends to resist any potential efforts by immigration officials to conduct investigations or deportations of Tufts students to the extent that it is legally permissible.

"The university will not provide information about our students or assist in the enforcement of immigration laws except as mandated by a subpoena, warrant or court order. We will continue to cooperate with law enforcement investigations into serious criminal activity or threats to public safety or security," the statement reads.

Monaco also reaffirms Tufts' intentions to continue to support undocumented students financially, adding that undocumented students would have access to legal counsel who could "advise them on their status."

However, the statement is unclear on whether Tufts would use grants to supplement federal funding that Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students currently receive if their DACA status is revoked under Trump's presidency.

"We will closely monitor developments at the federal level and continue to assess the

impact on Tufts of any new federal policies," the statement reads.

The announcement comes almost two weeks after a Nov. 16 walkout organized by Tufts United for Immigrant Justice (UIJ), during which Monaco was presented with a student petition calling for Tufts to be designated a "sanctuary campus."

Though Monaco's statement shares several characteristics of sanctuary campuses, the letter does not designate Tufts specifically as a sanctuary campus.

If Tufts were to be designated a sanctuary campus, all lands or structures owned or operated by the university would be a secure place for undocumented people; Tufts would be required to promise not to release information about undocumented students and community members, as well as to refuse to cooperate with immigration authorities seeking to conduct raids; the university would have to offer immigration legal services to assist students and community members; and the university would be required to establish an Office for Undocumented Student Support.

Representatives from the university did not respond to the Daily's request for comment on the omission of the term "sanctuary campus" in its statement by press time.

However, the statement asserts that Tufts policy "is consistent with what Somerville, one of our host communities, has had in place for some time."

Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone has specifically designated Somerville a



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University President Anthony Monaco announces his support of undocumented students at Tufts after a campus-wide walkout on Nov. 16.

"sanctuary city," and has vowed to protect undocumented residents even in the face of a resultant decrease in federal funding.

"If [funding is lost,] we have to tighten our belts but we're not going to react to a Damocles of money hanging over our heads as a catalyst to abandon our neighbors, our friends [and] our families," he said. "We're not going to let that happen. We're not going to run away from who we are."

Curtatone said he found Monaco's statement "powerful."

"I would love to see them become a sanctuary campus, but I know President Monaco and his values are certainly in line with the values of Somerville," he said.

Curtatone added that he is happy to see universities at the forefront of progressive efforts like the sanctuary campus movement.

"I think the need in our society for that next generation to start the new movement towards a ... progressive democratic agenda, which starts on our campuses," he said. "Here's an incred-

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Fraternity, Panhellenic sorority spring recruitment suspended

by Elie Levine Staff Writer

Recruitment for all Greek organizations, excluding organizations in the Multicultural Greek Council, has been suspended for the spring semester.

According to Meaghan Annett, president of Tufts Panhellenic Council, and Shant Marokhian, president of Tufts' chapter of the Zeta Psi fraternity, Greek life at Tufts is undergoing changes in structure and policy throughout the remainder of the academic year. These changes come following statements from the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and Panhellenic Council in November announcing changes in social event policies for the semester.

While Annett declined to comment on the suspension of recruitment, she stressed that the overall details

of changes in Greek Life are not yet finalized. She said that the Inter-Greek Council (IGC) plans to release a statement next Wednesday outlining how Greek life members and organizations plan on improving themselves as a community. Their comments will shed further light on significant changes in the recruitment process and subsequent new member period, she said.

Director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Su McGlone and leaders from the IGC were not available for comment.

Annett said that through these changes, Panhellenic sororities are hoping to improve the Greek system in the long run by making changes to its recruitment process.

"We always knew as a Panhellenic Council that [recruitment] was something that we wanted to change, but it's

become extremely apparent that we need to change how it's structured, especially in terms of how recruitment is not representative of Greek life experiences at Tufts," Annett said.

According to Annett, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life anticipates a visit on Monday from hazing prevention specialist Gentry McCreary from the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management. He will be meeting with each fraternity individually and the Panhellenic sororities as a group, Annett said.

Annett noted that the purpose of the visit would be to discuss how Greek organizations can change recruitment in order to make it more beneficial to new members, adding that the process of making these changes is an ongoing process.

Annett said that the Panhellenic Council statement helped to main-

tain a channel of communication between fraternities and sororities regarding current problems with the Greek system.

"I think [that fraternities] were really receptive to what we were saying," Annett said. "I think, to our credit, we said it in a way that they had to listen to what we were saying, and the fact that we were reading it, and they were hearing it from us, rather than from a piece of paper."

In the IFC statement, all fraternities voluntarily self-suspended, offering no more social events for the rest of the semester, Mahrokhian said.

"I think that's where a lot of [uncomfortable behaviors] are perpetrated," Mahrokhian said of fraternity social events.

Mahrokhian believed that this self-sus-

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Somerville mayor comends Tufts support of undocumented students

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ible opportunity, an absolute need for students to mobilize.”

UIJ member Olivia Dehm, who helped organize the Nov. 16 walkout, said that while she thought it could have taken a more steadfast stance, she found the statement reassuring.

“The Tufts administration has been and continues to be uniquely cooperative with UIJ, and what I interpret and appreciate is a genuine commitment to working towards making sure our campus is safe for undocumented students come January,” Dehm, a senior, told the Daily in an electronic message.

She added that she was not overly bothered by the statement’s omission of the term “sanctuary campus.”

“I hope that this declaration [of Tufts as a sanctuary campus] will come eventually, but what matters most is true safety for undocumented people on Tufts campus,” she said. “We don’t know what we are facing with a Trump administration — I don’t want the term ‘sanctuary campus’ to eventually mean there is a target on our backs.”

However, Dehm also said that some of the statement’s language was insensitive to the experiences of undocumented families, specifically by the sentence, “These students, who were

brought to our country by their families, have distinguished themselves academically and contributed positively to their communities.”

“To me, that line was a manifestation of the larger harmful narrative around undocumented immigration, a narrative that places blame and presumed criminality on undocumented parents,” Dehm said. “Tufts is at the forefront of a national movement — we are in a position to advance a new narrative about immigration, and for this reason we must critically hone our rhetoric.”

Max Lalanne contributed reporting on this article.

Greek organizations look to make changes in recruitment, structure

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pension would help fraternities examine their own attitudes and policies.

“To reflect and try to change the inherent attitude with Greek life, I think it’s important to take a step back and look at ourselves and think about how we can change and make things positive,” he said.

She also said that as Panhellenic sororities, they wanted to comply with the demands they made of the fraternities.

According to Mahrokian, the changes enacted by the IFC and fraternities were made partly in response to the letter by the Panhellenic Council as well as to an

opinion piece published in the Observer on Nov. 7, which discussed apparent issues within Tufts’ Greek institutions and called for their abolition.

“The Observer article shed some light on some of the systemic issues with Greek life,” Mahrokian said. “The Panhellenic response to that article [did] as well. I think we wanted to be proactive about it and we wanted to move in a positive direction. These were the first actionable steps that we could show for. We want people to know that we’re committed to changing.”

First-year Sarah Tessler expressed support for the Panhellenic response, but

voiced disappointment that she would likely not be able to participate in recruitment in the spring semester.

“Although I support Panhel’s previous released statements regarding their interaction with frats, I feel like this step only creates a more tense environment on campus,” she said. “I was extremely excited to rush next semester and really can’t imagine my college experience without it. To me it’s just sad that the extreme, and obviously horrible, hazing problem in fraternities has forced sororities to suffer its consequences.”

Robert Katz contributed reporting to this article.

Somerville Mayor Curtatone presents terms for contribution to Green Line Extension

by **Robert Katz**
News Editor

Mayor Joseph Curtatone requested that the Somerville Board of Aldermen authorize a \$50 million contribution to the state’s budget for the construction of the Green Line Extension (GLX) at a special meeting of the Board on Nov. 17. During the meeting, which took place at the Aldermanic Chamber in City Hall, Curtatone outlined the costs as well as the potential risks and benefits of approving the contribution, which would partly address the \$150 million

budget shortfall in the GLX project.

Curtatone put forward to the Board a Project Participation Agreement, along with a home rule petition, which would allow the city to borrow in order to contribute to the project. He also proposed appropriation language, which would enable Somerville to borrow and appropriate the \$50 million for GLX, as well as three side letter agreements.

The Project Participation Agreement (PPA) set the terms of how the \$50 million would be contributed to the city. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) would

create a trust that would hold the funds contributed by Somerville, with the intention to ensure that the city’s contribution is only spent on the GLX. Over the next five years, Somerville would pay five installments of \$10 million.

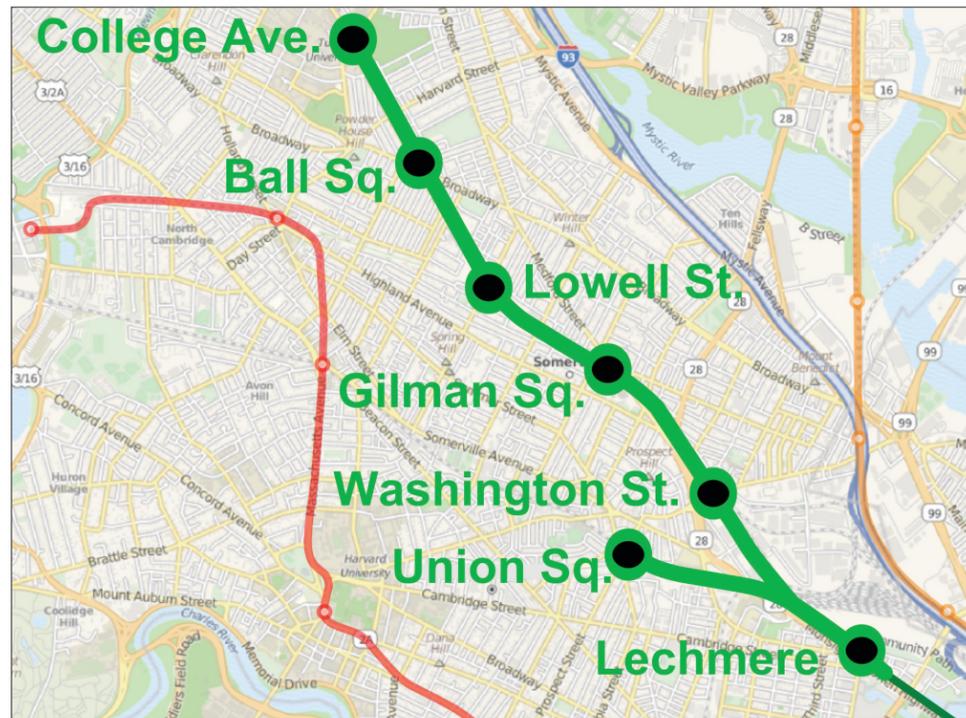
The PPA further outlined a project payment schedule in the case of delayed construction, as well as the consequences of late payments from the city to the state, which would result in a reduction of aid to Somerville.

The PPA also covered reimbursement options, stating that if the total cost of the GLX project were below the \$2.3 billion currently projected, two thirds of the savings would go to Somerville, while Cambridge, which intends to contribute \$25 million, would receive one third of said savings.

The home rule petition would enable Somerville to borrow the contribution money and set favorable borrowing terms for both residents and the city. The appropriation language itself would authorize the city to borrow and appropriate the \$50 million, and which would have to be approved by the Board of Aldermen and the state.

The mayor acknowledged possible skepticism and hand-wringing among aldermen, but emphasized the state’s demand that the GLX could not move forward without municipal contributions.

“If you feel you are swimming in a pool of duress, I am swim-



The proposed Green Line Extension would extend transit services to Medford and Somerville residents.

City of Somerville to contribute \$50 million, allowed to recoup some project savings

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ming in those same waters with you,” Curtatone said.

Alderman Mark Niedergang told the Daily that he believed the proposal was necessary, although he preferred the city not be in its current situation.

“I’m prepared to vote for this unless there’s something in it that I find surprising and objectionable. I think that this is something the city has to do,” Niedergang said.

While Niedergang was disappointed that the city didn’t feel it had more leeway in negotiating with the state, he accepted Curtatone’s position.

“There were a whole bunch of issues which we pressed [Curtatone] on, and he said ‘that’s what the stage gave us and it’s take it or leave it,’” Niedergang said. “You don’t like to get that kind of answer but I don’t think he’s lying. My understanding is that is how this went down. Of course you’re not in a position to bargain or to get a better or different deal.”

Alderman Jack Connolly agreed, citing the federal funds that have already been dedicated to the project.

“There’s a billion dollars of federal money that is waiting to be unlocked and to be used on this green line and that’s one of the reasons we’ve already spent almost a billion dollars getting ready for it,” Connolly said. “We’d be doing the citizens and the city a disservice if we didn’t make use of

those moneys. We’re anxious to get it done. Nobody likes that \$50 million expense, but over the next thirty years if we can capture value from the new construction and use that to pay off the debt, then that’s probably the best way of handling it.”

President of the Board William White, who presided over the hearing, told the Daily that he felt “nothing but distaste” in regard to Massachusetts governors’ handling of the Green Line Extension and the city of Somerville.

“The Baker administration is forcing a community to pay \$50 million for a public works project that had been promised to a community over 25 years ago in mitigation for the pollution caused by a major superhighway project,” White said in reference to what he described as the state’s agreement to build the GLX in 1990 to offset pollution and traffic congestion in Somerville caused by the construction of the Big Dig. “This financial punishment to an innocent community has never been done before, and I hope I never see it again.”

However, White noted that Curtatone has had little bargaining power against MassDOT over the sum that Somerville would contribute.

“The mayor has had no room to negotiate as we are at the mercy of the state,” White said. “When it was clear that the state expected a contribution of \$50 million, the mayor informed the Board of Aldermen. Since then, he has been nego-

tiating with the state on an agreement, which has been presented to the Board on a take-it-or-leave-it basis.”

The city also hoped to collect \$25 million from developers who would benefit from constructing the GLX, such as US2, who is responsible for redevelopment in Union Square, according to the Boston Globe. According to Curtatone, those negotiations would be concluded before the Board of Aldermen’s vote on Dec. 8.

In discussing the GLX’s potential benefits for the city, Curtatone’s team projected that the extension could contribute \$140 million in cumulative property tax revenue potential, \$24 million in additional new growth and \$78 million in additional commercial property taxes over the next decade.

In terms of taxes, Curtatone claimed that, with interest, the GLX would cost the city \$103 million over 35 years, translating to five dollars of the tax bill paid by an average two-family household in fiscal year 2019, \$35 in fiscal year 2023 and \$141 in fiscal year 2027.

Joe Ruvido of the Somerville Times believed that Somerville residents would generally approve of putting their taxes toward the contribution.

“I think Somervillians appreciate the trade-off between tax payments and services,” Ruvido said. “It’s why they approved Question 5 in the recent election to fund the new Somerville high school and why I think they’d be fine with allocating some of the budget to the GLX debt.”

Niedergang agreed with Ruvido’s belief about Somerville’s reaction.

“I think that, kind of similar to the high school, which is a big chunk of change, people are not happy about the cost and their taxes increasing, but they feel like it’s important for the city to do and they’re willing to go along,” Niedergang said.

There were, however, concerns on the part of residents as to the unprecedented nature of MassDOT’s request of Somerville and Cambridge.

According to the Somerville Journal, one resident referred to the request as “legalized extortion.”

“This is an unprecedented ask from the state, so I ask the city to be bolder in negotiations with all developers,” urged resident Tori Antonio, another resident quoted by the Journal.

White noted the concerns that he has heard, particularly regarding how the city will have to adjust its budget in unrelated areas.

“Everyone that I have spoken with is upset with the state and believe that we have not been treated fairly,” White said. “Many folks are concerned with the amount that we will have to bond to fund this along with the new high school, so city government will certainly have to trim expenses in other areas.”

The Board of Aldermen is set to deliberate over the next week, meeting on Dec. 1 and Dec. 6, and will vote on the proposal by Dec. 8.

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Tufts-Somerville relationship strained by issues of housing, social responsibility

This article is the second and final part in a series about Tufts' evolving relationship with the City of Somerville. See the Wednesday, Nov. 30 issue for the first installation.

by Joe Walsh
News Editor

Over the past several years, Somerville politicians have repeatedly criticized Tufts University on a number of issues, arguing that the school too often serves its own interests at the city's expense.

Tufts, according to several of Somerville's aldermen, has expanded its reach into city neighborhoods, which has threatened housing affordability for local residents and clashed with the city's own strategic goals. The result has been a clear strain in the relationship between Tufts and its host community.

The dynamic between Tufts and Somerville has always been spotted with typical town-gown issues, such as loud parties, according to public meeting minutes. However, in recent years the Board of Aldermen's chief complaint about Tufts has shifted from student rowdiness to administrative inadequacies.

Planning Disputes

As Tufts has attempted to expand into the surrounding neighborhoods in recent years, Somerville Alderman Katjana Ballantyne argues that the university has not been communicative enough about its plans. She said that a Tufts official told her in 2013 that the university did not plan on expanding into surrounding neighborhoods, a claim that she later found to be inaccurate. Since then, Tufts has considered expansions on multiple occasions, and some residents and politicians have argued that the resulting disagreements with the city show an underlying lack of partnership.

Because of those planning disagreements, Ballantyne proposed an ordinance in March 2014 that would require all major nonprofits in Somerville to submit an Institutional Master Plan (IMP) to the city. According to the website for the Boston Planning and Development Agency, which requires IMPs for all Boston institutions, such master plans typically lay out the institution's development and expansion plans over a set period of time.

According to Ballantyne, that ordinance would allow the city to keep a summary of Tufts' plans on file so that it could anticipate the university's intentions. The goal of the ordinance, she said, is not to hamper Tufts' development plans, but instead to

compel the university to report any change in its plans to the city. Ballantyne noted that similar ordinances exist for non-profit institutions in Boston and Cambridge.

Before the ordinance can take effect, the city will need to obtain a Home Rule Petition from the State of Massachusetts overriding the Dover Amendment, which is a state zoning law that grants educational institutions exemptions on certain developmental restrictions. According to State Representative Christine Barber, who represents Somerville and Medford, the petition is in the state legislature, and it is unclear when the legislature will approve it.

Barber said that the ordinance is not specifically directed at Tufts and would apply to other major nonprofits in the city. She agreed with Ballantyne that the intention is to create a dialogue and make the city aware of institutions' plans, not to regulate the institutions.

"The goal is not to say that institutions can't expand, but at least to get a plan in place and know what it will look like," Barber said.

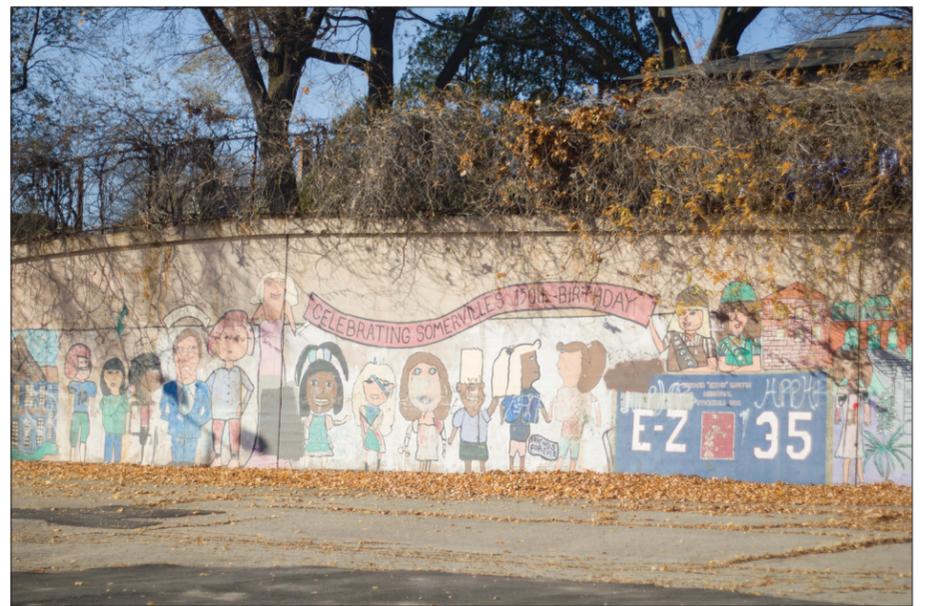
Ultimately, Ballantyne said that the master plan ordinance is needed so that the city can facilitate a conversation with Tufts on its plans. She said that the previous development disagreements, and the general lack of communication with the city, indicate that Tufts has not been willing to have those sorts of conversations with the city.

"What's best for our community is having a dialogue with the largest nonprofit [in Somerville] so we can anticipate what the impacts of their growth or their changes will have on our community," Ballantyne said.

Meanwhile, Tufts administrators have made clear their concerns with the master plan ordinance. Tufts Director of Community Relations Barbara Rubel has argued that the ordinance would cut back on Tufts' autonomy under the Dover Amendment, which she believes could hamper its efforts to engage with the local community.

"We believe that the interests of both our communities and Tufts University are better served by the current process of working together and communicating our plans with the City and the local residents," Rubel told the Daily in an email.

According to Rubel, Tufts does not currently have a traditional institutional master plan, but the school makes an effort to communicate its plans and discuss concerns



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A mural adorns the courtyard wall of the Powder House Community School, which has been closed since 2004, pictured here on Nov. 28.

with the city government and with neighboring residents.

In recent years, Tufts has made two major attempts to expand into areas beyond the campus, and each of those attempts faced backlash from the City of Somerville, ultimately resulting in the cancellation of the university's plans.

In March 2014, the City of Somerville dropped negotiations with Tufts to redevelop

apartment building at 119 College Avenue. The university planned to house graduate students, faculty and staff in the building, according to Rubel.

According to Ballantyne, Somerville aldermen found out that Tufts planned to buy the building when they received a letter in January 2015 from MassDevelopment, a state agency, asking for their opinions on the plan.

Ballantyne said the city immediately opposed Tufts' plan to buy the building because it conflicted with SomerVision, the city master plan which calls for additional affordable housing. In fact, in a Board of Aldermen meeting on Jan. 22, 2015, Ballantyne said that Tufts acted as though it was not aware of the contents of the city's master plan.

At that Board of Aldermen meeting, Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone expressed the sentiments of multiple Aldermen. He said that he was disappointed to hear about Tufts' attempted purchase, and he believed that it was important for Tufts to set hard goals and coordinate better with the city.

"They need to have a plan for the future," Curtatone said in the Aldermen meeting. "They need to work with the city to build housing on campus."

Ballantyne told the Daily that the attempted College Ave. purchase indicated that the university was focused one-sidedly on its own interests with little regard for the city's master plan and affordable housing goals.

"I understand that Tufts wants to look out for what works best for them," Ballantyne said. "But in my role as an elected [official], I have to look at what's good for the community."

Rubel said the owners of 119 College Ave. initially came to Tufts suggesting that the school buy the building. Additionally, she said that current tenants would have been allowed to stay in their apartments, and their rents would not have changed. Ultimately, Tufts chose not to buy the building.

"While it didn't work out, we felt it was worthwhile to seriously review the prospect," Rubel told the Daily in an email.

Jim Bossi, a member of the West Somerville Neighborhood Association who has lived in his house in Somerville for 25

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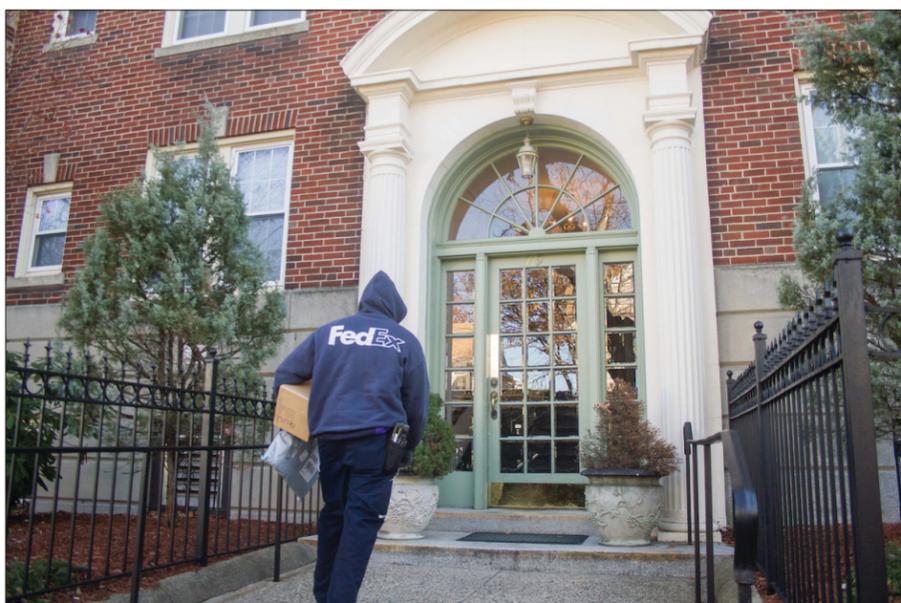
op the site of the Powder House Community School, a shuttered elementary school on Broadway in Somerville, according to a press release on the city website.

According to the press release, the city and Tufts reached an impasse because Tufts did not intend to develop the site for 15 years or more, conflicting with the Somerville community's desire for the site to begin development sooner.

Ballantyne said that the university seemed to be under the impression that it could ignore the requirement that development begin sooner, which was stipulated by the original request for proposal for the site. Thus, she argues that Tufts' plans ran contrary to the community's clear intentions for the site.

Rubel said that Tufts ultimately chose to drop the Powder House School project after it became clear that the cost would be prohibitive, and the university was forced to prioritize other projects.

Less than a year later, Tufts and the city were once again divided when the university attempted to purchase a 40-unit



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A FedEx deliveryman enters the apartment building located at 119 College Ave., which the university attempted to buy in early 2015, on Nov. 28.

years, said that Tufts' apparent lack of an institutional master plan and its disagreements with the city over planning issues are major concerns for him.

"Today there is no constant communication between Tufts and Somerville and matters are handled as they arise," Bossi told the Daily in an email.

Payments to the City

As a non-profit organization, Tufts does not pay property taxes to the City of Somerville for most of its buildings. Instead, Tufts pays the city a total of \$275,000 every year in Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), according to the city's Fiscal Year 2017 budget. Several members of the Board of Aldermen have said that this amount is not nearly enough to offset the university's impact on the city.

Multiple aldermen argued during this meeting that Tufts' PILOT payments are wholly insufficient.

"I don't think that Tufts steps up to the plate the way they should, considering the impact they have on this city," Alderman Maryann Heuston said during a Board of Aldermen meeting on May 28, 2015.

Somerville Alderman Mark Niedergang explained that PILOT payments are negoti-

ated by Mayor Curtatone's office, though the aldermen have expressed that Tufts should be giving more. Curtatone's office declined to comment to the Daily.

Currently, Tufts pays the City of Somerville significantly less in PILOT payments than it pays the City of Boston for its Health Sciences Campus, even though the university's property in Somerville is worth more than its property in Boston, according to records from both cities.

According to an October 2013 Somerville Times article, the current PILOT agreement with Tufts, which reflected a \$100,000 increase from the previous PILOT agreement, began in 2013 and will expire in 2018. If Tufts were required to pay taxes, its nontaxable property would have netted the city \$6.64 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014, according to a city document produced at the Board of Aldermen's request.

In contrast, Tufts currently pays \$556,000 per year in PILOT to Boston, which is approximately double its payments to Somerville, according to a document from the City of Boston. Boston determines its requests for PILOT payments based on how much the nonprofits would have paid if their property was taxable, and Tufts would have owed \$4.91 million in taxes in FY 2016.

Tufts is currently one of the few universities in Boston that pays 100 percent of the PILOT payments requested by the city, according to the city's document.

Niedergang said that the aldermen's frustration over PILOT payments stems largely from that difference between Tufts' deal with Somerville and its deal with Boston. He described it as a matter of fairness.

"If you're wealthy and you're using city services and you're taking up housing, then you pay to help the city meet the needs of its residents," Niedergang said.

According to Rubel, Somerville's PILOT payments are different from Boston's because Boston uses a formula that applies to all nonprofits, whereas the current partnership agreement between Tufts and Somerville has a negotiated sum of PILOT payments. Rubel added that Medford and Somerville receive the same amount from Tufts.

In the May 28, 2015 Board of Aldermen meeting, city officials voiced their concerns by voting not to create a Consolidated Gift Account that would automatically receive some of Tufts' gifts to the city for cultural, recreational or educational purposes and to rather vote to accept every gift that Tufts offers in order to prompt

a conversation about Tufts' financial commitment to the city. The aldermen said that they will always accept those contributions, but that they want an opportunity to review Tufts' payments to the city on an annual basis.

"I think it's more important for transparency for us to see this money ... and I would like to be reminded each year about how little Tufts is giving the city," Alderman Matthew McLaughlin said at the meeting.

Niedergang said that, while the issue of PILOT payments is an irritant, he does not view it as a major determinant of the relationship between the university and the city, especially when compared to housing and other issues.

Frustration over Tufts' payments to the city is not a new issue — seven years ago, State Representative Denise Provost argued that Tufts should pay local property taxes, according to a September 2009 Daily article.

Nonetheless, Niedergang, McLaughlin and other officials have clearly expressed frustration at the current level of PILOT payments. That frustration is shared by some local residents, including Bossi and Beuchert, both of whom agree that Tufts is not offsetting its impact on the city and is not paying enough for the city services that it uses.

Citizenship vs. Profit Motive

In addition to standard partnership issues between Tufts and Somerville, the city has also criticized the university's internal decisions.

The most significant recent conflict of that nature was on April 9, 2015, when multiple aldermen condemned Tufts for allow-

ing several janitors to be laid off by contractor DTZ Custodial Services. The Somerville Board of Aldermen passed a resolution calling for layoffs to be minimized, and several aldermen openly accused Tufts of acting greedily, according to minutes from that meeting.

A similar resolution was passed that month by the Medford City Council, with Medford officials expressing similar criticisms of Tufts, according to an April 2015 Daily article.

At the Somerville Aldermen meeting, McLaughlin said that, as a graduate of Tufts and as the son of a janitor, he was upset by the university's actions. He said that Tufts has behaved like a for-profit corporation, and he promised not to forget Tufts' treatment of its janitors, especially considering the services that the city offers to Tufts.

"I'm very tired of hearing billionaires cry poverty in this city," McLaughlin said at the meeting. "At least [business owners] pay taxes."

Similarly, in an Oct. 26 meeting, the Board of Aldermen passed another resolution supporting the janitors in light of the janitors' successful strike vote. Aldermen continued to protest Tufts' actions, with Alderman Dennis Sullivan criticizing Tufts at the meeting for simultaneously turning its back on workers while preaching social justice.

According to an Oct. 27, 2016 Daily article, Tufts officials have argued that, because the university has outsourced its janitorial services to contractor Cushman & Wakefield (C&W) Services, it is not legally a part of the negotiations between C&W Services and the union.

Niedergang does not view Tufts' treatment of janitors as a major facet of the relationship with the city, but the situation still frustrates him and other aldermen.

"Ultimately, the city can't tell Tufts how to treat its employees," he said. "I don't think it's a strategic issue in the relationship, but it is certainly an irritant."

Moving Forward

In spite of criticisms of Tufts, city officials and residents have expressed appreciation for some of the positive impacts of Tufts on Somerville, and it is clear that they would like a strong relationship between the university and the city.

Niedergang and his daughter both graduated from Tufts. He said that the school contributes to the community through holding its annual Kids Day, volunteering in public schools and offering other community programs. Additionally, he recognized Rubel for her participation in many city institutions.

Beuchert expressed similar views and noted his current participation as a community volunteer in Tufts radio station WMFO. He said that, as a neighbor, he has had many positive interactions with Tufts students, and he feels that many Tufts students who reside in low-quality off-campus housing are victims of circumstance.

Rubel, whose office is responsible for Tufts' relationship with its host communities, said that the school also wants to maintain a positive relationship with Somerville.

"Tufts values its relationships with Somerville and all of its host communities," she told the Daily in an email. "We work hard to be a good neighbor and hope that our presence in Somerville benefits the economy and culture of the City."

Niedergang said that he has recently noticed a conscious effort by Tufts to improve its relationship with the City of Somerville, but that he would still like to see concrete action.

"I hope that Tufts will follow its efforts to engage more with actually doing stuff, like paying us more money in the next PILOT agreement that's signed and building some housing on campus," he said.

Somerville/Tufts Relations

A timeline

January 22

2015

— Somerville Aldermen pass **University Accountability Ordinance**, which requires Tufts to send the city a list of **addresses of all off-campus residents**.

— Aldermen and Mayor **criticize Tufts** for attempting to purchase the College Avenue apartment building. As a result, Alderman Ballantyne suggests requiring Tufts to **submit a Master Plan** to the city, which would need approval from the state legislature.

April 9

— Aldermen **pass resolution** in support of **Tufts janitors**, urging Tufts to minimize any layoffs. Multiple elected officials **condemn Tufts' actions**, accusing the university of corporate greed and poor citizenship.

May 28

— Aldermen vote **not to create a Consolidated Gift Account**, meaning that the board has to vote to accept **every gift** that Tufts gives to the city. Aldermen viewed it as an **opportunity** to discuss the role of Tufts, and **criticized** Tufts for not giving enough money.

September 10

— Tufts sends a letter to the Board of Aldermen expressing its **opposition** to the **Institutional Master Plan ordinance**. The school argues that Tufts already works with the city, and a complex permitting process would **hamper the school's ability** to plan for the future.

2016

October 13

— Tufts reports to the Board of Aldermen that it plans to **expand housing** by converting wood-frame houses to residential use. Aldermen's reactions range from **opposed to underwhelmed**, with some concerns on the impact it could have on neighborhoods.

October 26

— Aldermen pass another **resolution** in support of **Tufts janitors**, specifically **calling out Tufts** as a wealthy institution with an obligation to its employees. Alderman Sullivan complains that Tufts **preaches social justice while turning its back on workers**.

Parker Selman
All in Good Taste



JUGOS and Kwench

Though it may be “basic,” no one can resist a good acai bowl with granola and fresh berries. My journey to discover a great smoothie bowl was not fruitless but, unfortunately, I was unable to find any options particularly close to the Tufts campus. That said, the smoothie bowl you have been craving (or at least I have been craving) is only a T ride away.

The location I had heard the most hype about was JUGOS, located in Back Bay. JUGOS sits just outside the Back Bay stop on the Orange Line. Succulent and tempting fresh fruits fill baskets that lead us to the door of the small shop. The space basically consists of a counter where orders are placed. The menu is filled with juices, smoothies, protein shots and, finally, acai and pitaya bowls. I settle on the classic Kai, which includes blended acai, strawberry, blueberry, raspberry, banana and coconut water, all topped with granola, banana and fresh berries. My friend Ali chooses a protein bowl called the Sao Paolo that is loaded with blended acai, cashew, raw cacao, banana and cashew milk, finished with granola, banana, cacao nibs and coconut. There is no seating at JUGOS so we decide to cross the street and sit in a small park. Our bowls are strikingly different. Ali's is savory and filling, while mine is light and refreshing. Both are satisfying and sweet, and it truly depends on what you are personally craving.

A week later I try a new location: a juice shop called Kwench Juice Cafe which is about a five-minute walk from Downtown Crossing. Kwench and JUGOS have a lot in common, both are small stores that sell only juices, smoothies and bowls comprised of the freshest ingredients. The space for Kwench is a little more open, which makes waiting for your order more comfortable, but there is still no in-shop seating. The smoothies and juices are all prepared in front of you at Kwench, and the walls are overflowing with fresh ingredients. I choose the Acailicious, which consists of acai, strawberry, raspberry, blueberry, banana and coconut water and is topped with raspberry, coconut and granola. The smoothie bowls here are all \$10 and are a good portion size for a lunch. The line is not long but the preparation is rather slow moving. I sit in an expansive park down the street to enjoy my delicious bowl.

Ultimately, both locations provide fresh and satisfying bowls for \$10. I would recommend either store, as there is no significant difference in quality or taste at either spot. Throughout my time in Boston I have tried smoothie bowls from a couple other stores, but in my opinion, JUGOS and Kwench are the only spots that are worth the trip and price.

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Top video game picks for winter break

by **John J. Gallagher**
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The end of the year is dense with new video game releases, as publishers rush to release their big-budget titles when consumers are most likely to pick them up. The holiday season deluge of overhyped flagship games can be a little overwhelming, however, so here are some picks of glitzy, big-budget blowouts to be your guide.

Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare
Release date: Nov. 4
Platforms: Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One

One of Activision's in-house studios has churned out a new entry in the “Call of Duty” series every year for over a decade, and 2016 is no exception. Developer Infinity Ward takes the series to space by setting this latest entry in the midst of an interplanetary conflict. The reaction to the game's announcement was not kind: the announcement trailer quickly became the second most disliked trailer in YouTube's history. Though the magic of “Call of Duty” may be wearing off, “Infinite Warfare” will nevertheless be the ten-ton gorilla of 2016 holiday season releases.

“Call of Duty” has never been intellectually challenging, so expect a single-player mode full of flashy visuals, along with an underwhelming story full of conspiratorial waffle and pseudo-philosophical nonsense about freedom. “Infinite Warfare” also features the voice and likeness of “Game of Thrones” star Kit Harington, who burnishes his acting credentials by mumble-yelling about “the authority of the Earth.” MMA prodigy Conor McGregor is also featured, trying his hand at acting.

The core of the modern “Call of Duty” experience has always been the multiplayer, and players can expect another iteration of the same tight, closer-quarters multiplayer experience that first brought the series to a wide audience. Special editions of “Infinite Warfare” also include a bundled copy of “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare Remastered,” an updated version of “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare” (2007). War — it never changes.



COURTESY BETHESDA

“Dishonored 2” explores the new city of Karnaca, inspired by southern Europe, plunging players into a web of conspiracy.

Titanfall 2
Release Date: Oct. 28
Platforms: Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One

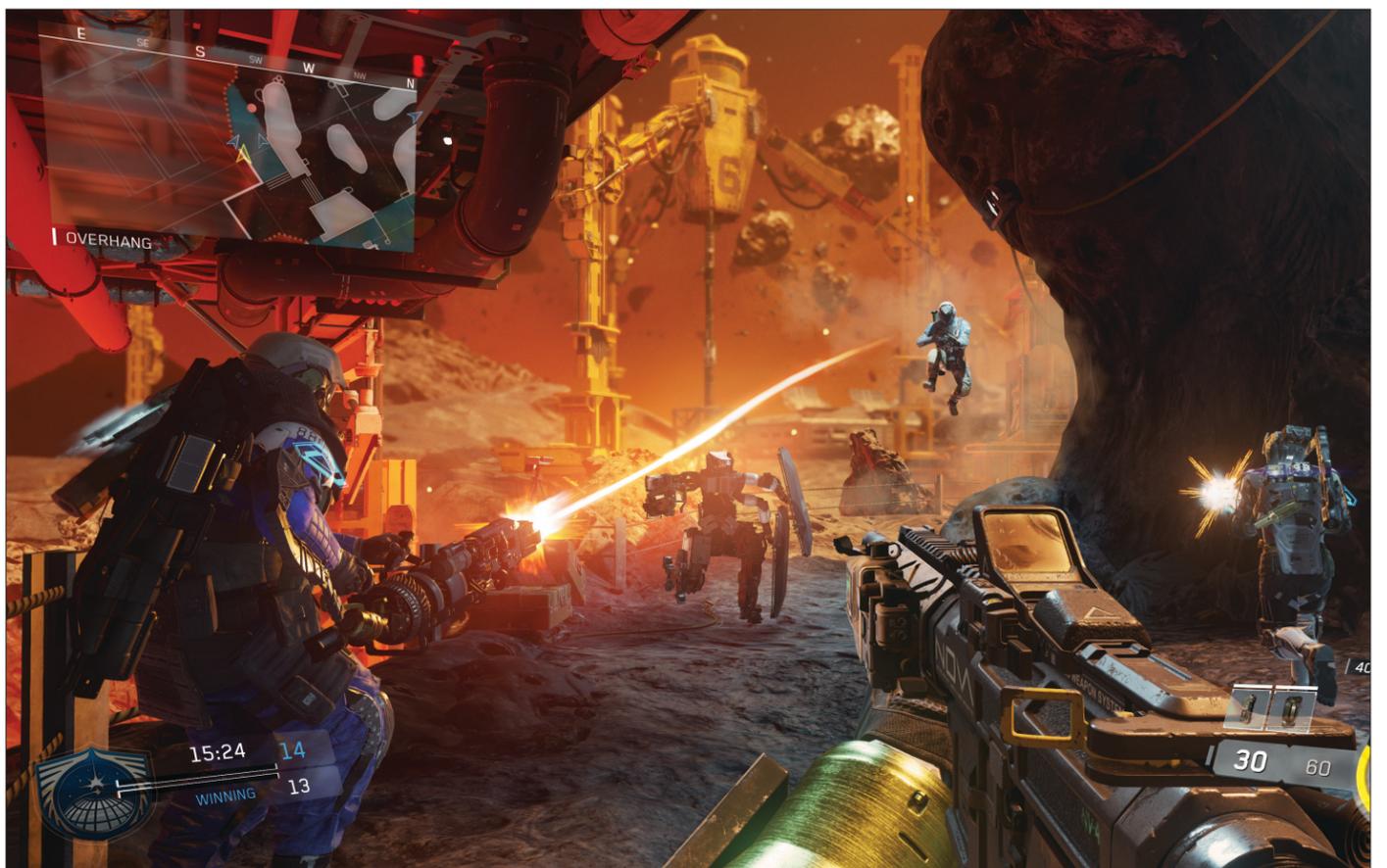
2014's “Titanfall” was the phoenix that rose from the ashes of the acrimonious divorce of Infinity Ward's founders and Activision. The game was an imperfect bird that nevertheless achieved originality through a combination of giant, fighting robots and parkour. To stand out is no mean feat for a first-person shooter, but “Titanfall” managed it. Despite its charm, the game never really took off; sales were low and what players there were didn't stick around long. “Titanfall 2” comes back for another bite at the apple, refining the best elements of its predecessor into a sequel that, by all accounts, is outstanding. If players are looking for something a little different but not too far removed from the big multi-player shooters that define this time of year, “Titanfall 2” is worth a look.

Dishonored 2
Release date: Nov. 11
Platforms: Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, Xbox One

2012's “Dishonored” was a revelation. A kinetic first-person stealth game that took place in the marvelously decaying

19th century maritime city of Dunwall, with magic and Lovecraftian horror bubbling under the surface, “Dishonored” left so much of its rich universe unexplored. “Dishonored 2” explores the new city of Karnaca, inspired by southern Europe, and once again plunges them into a web of conspiracy, which they must unravel with blade and magic. For the game universe alone, “Dishonored 2” is worth one's time, but the finely-crafted stealth action that made the original so satisfying to play also reportedly makes a comeback. Just spare a thought for those poor, sad whales and all the hapless guards.

A holiday lineup that is nothing more than a raft of sequels might inspire one to bemoan the state of big-budget video games: Where are the original works? The novel gameplay ideas? The unknown studios? But such woe is for January, where, bloated and sluggish from a break spent gaming, one may wallow in shame and reflect on how gamers have all been playing fundamentally the same games since 2006. For now, while the weather is cold and school distant, enjoy some derivative, but well-executed games.



COURTESY ACTIVISION

“Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare” features plenty of flashy visuals, an underwhelming story and the voice talents of Kit Harington and Conor McGregor.

TV REVIEW ★★☆☆☆

‘Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life,’ nostalgic about itself

by Jocelyn Contreras
Assistant Arts Editor

Nostalgia was a palpable theme this weekend, thanks to the highly anticipated release of Netflix’s “Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life” on Nov. 25. It brought back memories of a simpler time, a solid three election cycles ago, to be exact. After doing some growing up of their own, loyal fans were looking forward to catching up with their beloved characters of Stars Hollow. The revival walked a fine line between fan service and meaningful character development.

To say this “Gilmore Girls” (2000-2007) revival has been long awaited would be an “Ooo-ber” understatement. Negotiation disputes between creator Amy Sherman-Palladino and The CW caused the show to be taken off the air at the end of season 7. Since the season was written before the cancellation was announced, the ending turned out to be more open-ended than Sherman-Palladino would have liked. This premature departure devastated viewers as they weren’t ready to say goodbye to their favorite quick-witted characters.

In the years that followed, Sherman-Palladino fuelled a collective lament by repeatedly insisting that she knew what the final four words of the entire series would be in a proper finale. Alluding to this caused quite a frenzy as people attempted to guess. This unyielding curiosity, along with Netflix acquiring the rights to stream “Gilmore Girls,” led to the revival’s development. Clearly, the fans were ecstatic, but even more important, so was the original team. All major cast members, with the regretful exception of one, agreed to come back.

When season 7 had ended, Rory Gilmore (Alexis Bledel) had just grad-

uated Yale University with a degree in journalism and was getting ready to join and cover then-Senator Barack Obama on the campaign trail. Lorelai Gilmore (Lauren Graham), Rory’s mother, was dealing with her own life-defining challenges as she opened up to the possibility of letting Luke, her on-again/off-again partner, play a more important role in her life. Lorelai’s parents, Emily (Kelly Bishop) and Richard (Edward Herrmann), were still very much in the picture as well, as they had long supported her efforts to give Rory the best opportunities she needed to start her life.

“A Year in the Life,” which is divided into four parts around the seasons (Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall), picks up nine years later, at a time where all three Gilmore Girls are dealing with the loss of Richard Gilmore, a story-line that was written in to honor the conspicuous absence felt after Herrmann’s passing in 2014. Meanwhile, it is revealed that, at 32, Rory is not exactly thriving. As it turns out, journalism wasn’t met with the same demand as STEM majors were post-grad, and her struggles realistically reflect that. Lorelai lets the demands of running her own inn in Stars Hollow distract her from dealing with the strained relationship she has with her mother. Emily’s life has been derailed the most as she comes to terms with missing her partner of 50 years.

In true “Gilmore Girls” fashion, the dialogue settles at a lightening speed, and the pop culture references just don’t know when to quit. While these have long since been beloved quirks of the show, this time around, they felt rather forced. The original show has been hailed for having an almost “timeless-

ness” about it, but since the revival stuck to allusions limited to the landscape of the last two or three years, it felt akin to the “cool mom” who-tries-too-hard phenomenon. There are only so many Uber and Lena Dunham jokes one can handle.

The show hits its stride in the moments where it becomes clear that the priority is not to let the characters simply coast through life. Everyone is struggling and is flawed in their own ways, which while may be frustrating to viewers who have idealized the characters in their memory, is closer to real life. For instance, many will be disappointed in Rory’s decision to continue having an affair with Logan (Matt Czuchry) her college boyfriend, even though he’s engaged to someone else and she’s been in her own long-term relationship. This is hardly surprising though, considering how she cheated on all her relationships in the original. Others will feel appalled at Lorelai’s lack of compassion when it comes to her mother’s struggles. No one said these were perfect people, and the revival taps into this idea heavily.

Bishop ended up stealing the show with her incredible performance as Emily. While a lot of credit is due to having the most compelling, transformative character arc, Bishop was more than up for the challenge. Her heartbreak and loneliness is not minced but dealt with head on.

As for the final four words ... readers won’t find any spoilers here.

Ultimately, viewers will enjoy spending time with familiar faces, but even the most die-hard fans will not be immune to detecting some shortcomings that, upon closer inspection, have been around since the days of its predecessor.

Amanda Lillie
Maintaining
Your Tuftsanity



Switchbacks

Is it always cowardly to run away? Lately, I’ve started to think running is the only thing keeping my head on straight.

I was raised to think that it’s shameful to turn my back on bumps in the road. If something was challenging, I was encouraged to embrace its difficulty until I had worked through it to the end. But there came a time when the bumps in the road turned to a mountain range, extending so far into the horizon I wasn’t sure if or when I’d reach the end of it. The views from the summit started to lose their glory, and I was left questioning if these hikes full of switchbacks and seemingly vertical climbs were worth it anymore. This heart-sinking realization left me moving so slowly that it felt like I wasn’t getting anywhere at all, and I became so exhausted that I began to fade right into the mountainside.

I think sometimes you have to make a run for it. To feel endorphins cruise through your veins once more, to wake up the muscles you haven’t used in a while. To take a leap straight off into a terrifying unknown, to dive right off the edge without a second thought. There may come a time when the path you’re on starts to feel more and more like cement gluing you in place instead of a current pushing you forward — this is the time to go for it.

You may have to run marathons before you find what was drawing you away. It will bring incredible exhaustion, but not the emptying kind. Rather, the kind that reminds you of the battle that is being human, and that even though you’re gasping for breath, you’re still in the race. If you’re lucky, that place you’re looking for may instead only be a couple strides away. No matter how close or how far, you have to recognize the time when you need to take that leap and break past the standstill.

Otherwise, you may get stuck there forever. And unless you’re ready to spread your roots in a more permanent state of existence, that’s the most terrifying thing in the world.

So here’s to those of us who haven’t found that place yet. To the people who are about to completely change their course, regardless of whether they know that’s the right move or not. To those who are daring to change, even if doing so makes them stick out like a sore thumb. There should be no shame in running away, in changing directions completely, if it means getting to where you want to be and not where others want to see you.

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LATE NIGHT AT THE DAILY

Kathleen: "Can we go so I stop digging through the trash?"



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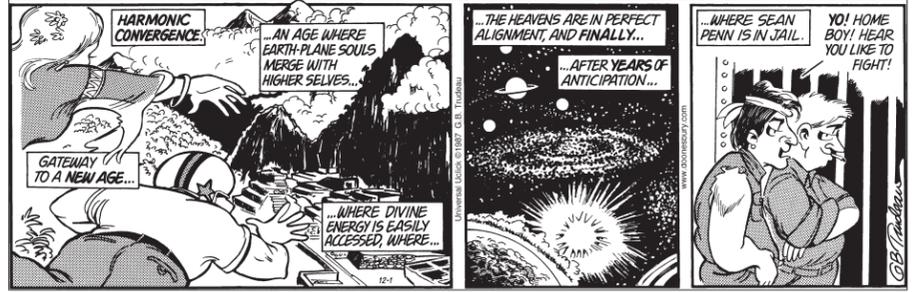
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Thursday's Solution

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DOONESBURY
BY GARY TRUDEAU

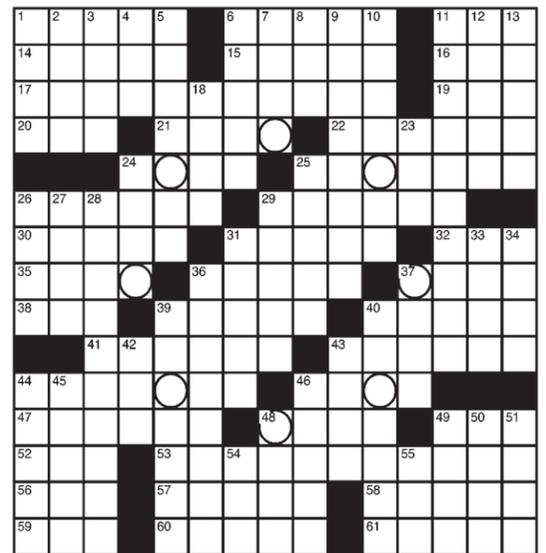


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BY WILEY MILLER



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 - 16 What makes a deal ideal?
 - 17 Elaborate costume parties
 - 19 Pickle
 - 20 "Zip it!"
 - 21 Prosperity
 - 22 "Blah, blah, blah," for short
 - 24 Golden ___
 - 25 "I used to be Snow White, but I ___": Mae West
 - 26 Part of the pelvis
 - 29 In essence
 - 30 "Bor-r-ring"
 - 31 LPGA great Lopez
 - 32 Green shade
 - 35 Rare blood type, briefly
 - 36 Shakespearean barmaid
 - 37 Picky details
 - 38 "But ___ got high hopes ...": song lyric
 - 39 Neutral tone
 - 40 Prefix with -gram
 - 41 Like angel food cake
 - 43 Curry favor with, with "to"
 - 44 Ill-mannered
 - 46 Veers suddenly
 - 47 Distance runners
 - 48 First name in folk
 - 49 How it's always done, initially
 - 52 Heat meas.
 - 53 Places for seeing stars?
 - 56 CSA soldier
 - 57 Green shade
 - 58 Fragrances
 - 59 Pack animal
 - 60 Snooped (around)
 - 61 "Check"
- DOWN**
- 1 NASA vehicles
 - 2 Fish with vermilion fins
 - 3 "Jeepers!"
 - 4 "Ugh!"
 - 5 Enjoy Orbit
 - 6 Masonry-reinforcing rod
 - 7 Inland Asian sea
 - 8 D.C. player
 - 9 Set-for-life set
 - 10 Lot
 - 11 What can help you avoid getting stuck changing diapers?
 - 12 Form a coalition
 - 13 Personalized collection of love songs, say
 - 18 Consider
 - 23 Toronto Argonauts' org.
 - 24 "... bug in ___"
 - 25 Hustle or shuffle
 - 26 Former Mideast ruler
 - 27 Tops
 - 28 Groups with a piece-keeping strategy?
 - 29 Like many a stray dog
 - 31 Bay sound
 - 33 Incredulous dyeing words
 - 34 "Hurry!" letters
 - 36 Tried to make it on one's own
 - 37 Storied loch



By Bruce Haight

12/1/16

Wednesday's Solution

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- 39 New Orleans' ___ Street
- 40 Crude smelting product
- 42 "Once upon a midnight dreary" poet
- 43 Two-checker piece
- 44 Eclipse shadow
- 45 Times in ads
- 46 Daydreamed, with "out"
- 48 Nonsense talk, whose circled letter is the start of what might be done with items in the four longest puzzle answers
- 49 Stuffed shirt
- 50 British one
- 51 "You there!"
- 54 Ones following the nus?
- 55 Court promise

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Op-Ed: The U.S. government's war with indigenous Americans

by Ashrita Rau

When Christopher Columbus' questionable sense of direction led him to the Americas in 1492, he started a 500-year genocide which persists until this day. The indigenous peoples of the Americas have long been persecuted by the United States government, and the fight over the Dakota Access Pipeline is another instance of history repeating itself.

When Columbus arrived, there were roughly 10 million indigenous peoples in the area now known as the United States. By 1900, their population had been decimated through war, malnutrition and disease. Colonists went as far as to give blankets that they knew had been infected with smallpox to the native population in the hope of spreading the disease. Since the Native American population had been isolated from the "Old World" for so long, they were much more susceptible to the sickness.

The war against Native Americans has long involved the stealing of their land as well. The most infamous acquisition of Native American land occurred during Andrew Jackson's presidency, when he forced about 100,000 Native Americans to leave the southern states, hand their land over to white settlers and migrate west to established reservations. However, that wasn't the end of the United States' grab for land. The California Gold Rush destroyed much of the local indigenous population, largely because the toxic chemicals used by the settlers irreparably damaged hunting grounds that the Native Americans relied on.

American school leaders attempted to 'assimilate' the indigenous population by removing the children of Native Americans from their tribes at a young age and forcing them to attend "white" schools and institutions. This very concept of assimilation, of course, is based on an idea of the 'superiority' of white institutions and cultures, and the attempts at assimilating Native American children are

prevalent even today. In South Dakota, nearly 700 Native American children are annually taken from their homes and placed in the foster care system. The reasoning behind their placement into foster care is often questionable. States have financial incentive to take children from their homes — for each child taken, the state receives thousands of dollars from the federal government. The government in South Dakota has used this to their advantage and is essentially kidnapping Native American children from their families, a move which serves both to give money to the state government and to further the eradication of Native American culture.

Of course, the most prevalent government action against Native Americans right now is the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). The \$3.8 billion pipeline would travel across the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois and shuttle up to 570,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

Perhaps the most infuriating aspect of the DAPL is the fact that the pipeline was originally supposed to travel through the capital of North Dakota, Bismarck. However, due to fears that the pipeline could accidentally contaminate the municipal water supply, they moved it — right into the path of the Standing Rock Sioux's Tribe's main sources of drinking water. The pipeline would also traverse through areas that are culturally important to the tribe, including burial grounds and places of prayer, some of which have already been demolished by ongoing construction.

To say the situation seems pretty bad would be a drastic understatement. Protesters are getting injured as the police continue to abuse them (less than two weeks ago, a 21-year-old protester almost had to have her arm amputated as a result of injuries she received at the protests). One would think that now would be a good time for President Barack Obama to speak up. After all, he only has less than two months left in office, and President-elect Donald Trump doesn't

seem all that concerned about neither the rights of Native Americans nor the environment. Trump also owns shares in the parent company of the Dakota Access Pipeline, and this major conflict of interest means he would likely benefit from its construction.

Obama said in early November that he would let the situation "play out" and see if the Army Corps could find a way to reroute the pipeline. Obama has also kept quiet as the news came out last week that the Army Corps of Engineers would be shutting down protests due to "concern for public safety."

This shouldn't be surprising, given politicians' long history of catering to the people with money rather than the people their government is supposed to protect. However, it certainly tarnishes the president's legacy and has made him lose the respect of many of his supporters.

The truth of the matter is that those of us who realize the unfairness and injustice of the DAPL cannot wait for Obama to decide whether or not he wants to speak up or let events "play out." We have to act now. There are many ways that you can help those at Standing Rock, even if you are not able to actively participate in the protests themselves. One way, of course, is to continue to spread the word about the atrocities taking place against the Native American population. You can also donate to the Standing Rock tribe or call the White House and tell Obama to speak out against the pipeline (many people underestimate the importance of calling and emailing their congressional representatives and politicians). One can also, if they have the financial means, donate to the Mni Wiconi Health Clinic, which is a free health clinic that helps aid protestors. The most important thing is to act now.

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Daniel Lewis
The Echo Chamber



On the two party system

Candidates from more than six political parties ran in the 2016 presidential election. Odds are you've only heard of two, maybe four of them. Our electoral system is not inherently a two party system — no Democrats or Republicans are ordained in the Constitution. But under our rules, parties must consolidate or die. No electoral system is perfect, and even with all of the flaws in ours, the country still marches on. But what alternatives are out there? And are they actually any better? To find out, let's take a step outside The Echo Chamber.

The American system of voting is a first-past-the-post (FPTP) system — meaning you need to surpass the second-place candidate by one vote to win an election (or one electoral vote, in the case of a presidential election). The FPTP system has many downsides; namely, it is disproportional, highly sensitive to gerrymandering and falls victim to a two-party system rattled by the spoiler effect.

Much of FPTP's disproportionality comes from gerrymandering — if each county elects one representative, then a party can have one more vote in each county and control the entire state when 49.99 percent of the population voted the other way. In this system, two parties is the mathematically optimal outcome — any third party will probably lose the election and will definitely pull votes from one of the other parties. But if a third-party candidate does decide to run, we are left with the spoiler problem, as many argue was seen in the 2000 presidential election when Ralph Nader received 97,488 votes in Florida and Al Gore lost by a mere 537. In an FPTP system, third-party candidates, while good at voicing a minority opinion, can do serious harm to the actual outcome.

An often-mentioned alternative to the FPTP system is an instant runoff voting (IRV) system, in which voters rank their candidates from most wanted to least, and mini-elections are run repeatedly — eliminating the candidate with lowest number of votes each time and transferring those votes to each voters' second-ranked candidate. Proponents of this system argue that it allows people to vote their conscience without creating an undesired spoiler effect — but even this tends towards a two-party system.

Our two parties create two giant umbrellas for a whole slew of differing opinions — that's why you have communists with corporate elites and neo-nazis with fiscal conservatives. In parliamentary systems, where coalitions are formed between smaller parties and the big players, small parties are given significant sway because they can be the tipping point in a coalition's majority. In order for the United States to even support a multi-party system it would need to switch to either a parliamentary system or a proportional system, which would appoint party-selected representatives based on the percentage of votes each party received. In lieu of large-scale changes, the two party system is here to stay.

Our system is certainly not the best, but finding another one without a new set of flaws is nearly impossible. Does the unrepresentative nature warrant a change? Or is the seemingly functional status quo the way to go? That is for you to decide. For now, I just hope that you have enjoyed some time outside The Echo Chamber.

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EDITORIAL

New “Professor Watchlist” is a danger to academic freedom and privacy

In recent years, criticism of liberal academia as being too insular has ramped up considerably. Conservatives and liberals alike have chastised colleges for rejecting bipartisan discussion inclusive of conservatives. In 2014, Condoleezza Rice famously backed out of delivering a commencement address to Rutgers University in response to student and faculty protests of the upcoming event. Even Obama called liberal college students too coddled in a speech at a Des Moines high school last year.

But for all the flak liberal students get for their lack of balance, certain right-wing groups are attempting to out-do the same behavior they deem unacceptable. Professorwatchlist.org, a website that seeks to single out professors promoting “leftist propaganda in the classroom,” doesn’t just coddle conservative students; it is also a threat to academic freedom in our universities, setting a dangerous precedent of retribution for faculty making unpopular claims in their classrooms.

The lofty goals of Professor Watchlist sound quite noble; they claim to strongly support free speech and the right of “professors to say whatever they wish.” The purported purpose of the site is to identify professors who discriminate against conservative students and conservative ideology. Taken at face-value, this seems to be a commendable goal — students should not feel unsafe in the classroom for having differing ideologies and beliefs from their teachers. And considering that academia is overwhelmingly liberal, with fewer than a fifth of American professors identifying as Republican, issues of discrimination against conservative ide-

ology is potentially problematic. But digging deeper into the site’s owner — Turning Point USA — it becomes clear that the site’s true goals aren’t purely limited to extending ideological acceptance. Turning Point USA aims to push students towards “true free market values.” The organization has had a presence on hundreds of college campuses, handing out posters and collecting email addresses in an effort to educate and mobilize young conservatives. In essence, the group’s new site, which claims to fight discrimination, was in fact created to push a conservative ideology and shame professors who don’t share those beliefs.

But the problem isn’t just the hypocrisy of the movement. The precedent set, if this website catches on and expands to faculty of all ideologies, sends a clear message to professors: Don’t make claims in your class that your students won’t like, and don’t make waves on campus, or risk being publicly shamed and defamed — oftentimes inaccurately. One professor from the University of Texas at Austin is featured on the site because she supported a petition to ban students with concealed weapons from her classroom. The site claims that the cause was in violation of Texas law, even though that law wasn’t in place until well after the petition was filed. This type of intimidation towards educators — especially that which is based on false claims — cannot be tolerated.

Yet beyond its dangerous ramifications for liberal professors, Professor Watchlist also has clear impacts for the conservative students the site purports to be protecting. First, by creating a way for conservative students to avoid “leftist” professors, they are delegit-

imizing the argument that it is only liberals demanding academic homogeneity. Second, it truly does insulate these students — allowing these students to actively avoid those with dissenting opinions. Finally, if this site is successful, conservatives only shoot themselves in the foot in academia. If academia becomes *more* partisan, and

tives in deciding whose research to publish or who to hire. Greater ideological diversity at universities is important for all students to feel welcome and because more diverse groups tend to perform better than less diverse ones. Certainly, universities — including our own — must continue striving toward the ethnic and socioeconomic diversity they already push for, but also ensure that diversity of ideological thought is also present.

Tufts has not yet made the watchlist, but as an incredibly liberal university — and one that has been increasingly criticized by conservative media outlets — it’s not unlikely that one of our own professors will be singled out. We have already seen our university targeted by other similar movements that publicly single-out individuals for their political associations. Earlier this year, a poster campaign led by David Horowitz (a conservative, Islamophobic activist who runs the site Discover the Networks, which aims to expose “leftist agendas”) falsely named Tufts student members of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) as terrorists connected to Hamas.

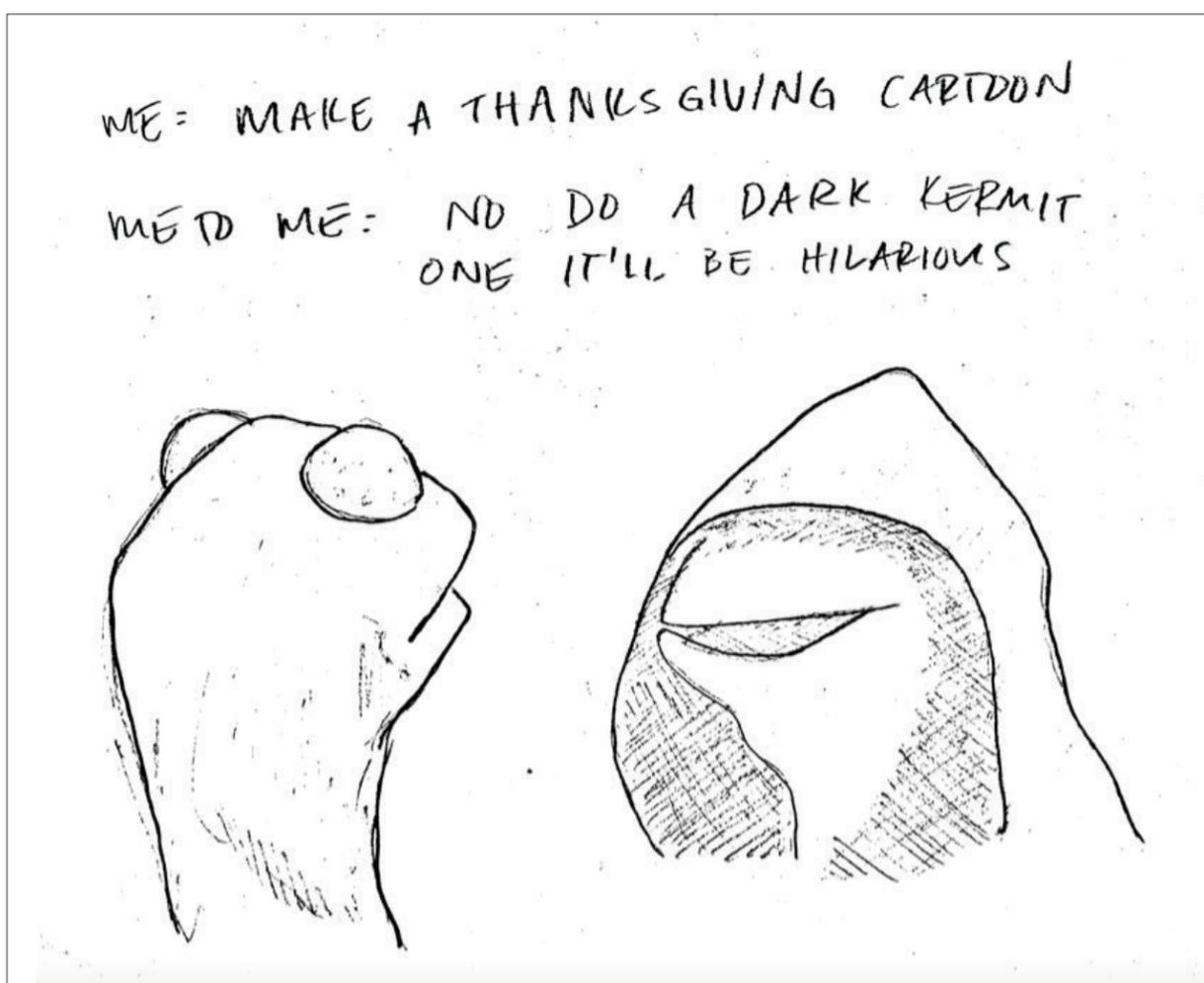
At Tufts, and at universities across the country, these acts of targeted false claims based on political groups or ideologies cannot be tolerated. While we must certainly strive for welcoming free speech and viewpoints from all sides of the political spectrum, we cannot condone inaccurate characterizations and threats to professors’ privacy and freedom. Academia needs less polarization, not more — and that starts by accepting professors of all different ideologies, no matter if they are spewing “leftist propaganda” or “free market values.”

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any displays outside the mainstream political spectrum lead to the shunning of faculty, the top colleges in the nation — all of which are overwhelmingly liberal — will only become more liberal. The site is in effect worsening discrimination against conservatives in academia by encouraging the vilification of those on the other side of the aisle.

None of this is to say liberals as a group are blameless in the polarization of academia. According to a study conducted by the Association for Psychological Science, liberal researchers in academia openly admit that they would discriminate against conserva-

DARK KERMIT DILEMMA



ALLIE MEROLA

Coach Casey D'Annolfo returns to Tufts after nine year coaching stint at Taft High School

by Sam Weidner
Staff Writer

Growing up in West Hartford, Conn., newly-hired Tufts men's lacrosse head coach Casey D'Annolfo (LA '06) was surrounded by sports all year-round. Playing football, basketball and baseball throughout his childhood, he quickly developed a competitive and athletic drive.

However, it was not until later in his upbringing that D'Annolfo's father introduced him to lacrosse. His father coached the sport at the time and D'Annolfo quickly realized his passion for the sport.

"My dad was a typical '70s gym teacher who coached everything that they asked him to coach," D'Annolfo said. "So he picked up lacrosse for a few years, even though he had never played it ... and when I was in sixth grade he told me to try it, I tried it, liked it and kept playing it."

D'Annolfo went on to play football, basketball and lacrosse at Tufts, playing quarterback for the football team and as a four-year contributor for the lacrosse team. He is credited as the only athlete in Tufts history to have thrown a touchdown in football, scored a goal in lacrosse and made a field goal in basketball during his collegiate career. On top of the success he enjoyed in each sport, he credits playing three sports for his impressive ability to avoid injury during his career as a Jumbo.

"[Playing three sports] was key in terms of injury prevention," D'Annolfo said. "You would think that playing a lot of sports, you would be more likely to get hurt, but I always found that I was always healthier if I was playing a lot of sports. I did nine seasons here [and] I missed two practices."

D'Annolfo was hired in August after longtime head coach Mike Daly was hired by Brown in July to coach its surging, top-tier Div. I program. Daly coached Tufts from 1999-2016 and guided the program to three NCAA titles (2010, 2014, 2015) and seven straight NESCAC titles (2010-2016) during his tenure.

Though this is his first collegiate-level coaching job, D'Annolfo still boasts an

impressive coaching resume. After graduating from Tufts in 2006, he went on to coach at the Taft School in Connecticut. He started as an assistant for a year and then quickly took over the head coaching role, revitalizing the school's lacrosse program and building it up to be one of the premier high school programs in the country. When he started in 2007, the team was ranked No. 802 nationally in the USA Today high school polls and sat at the bottom of the highly competitive Founders League conference. D'Annolfo coached the team to a top 20 ranking by 2014, and the team finished this spring with a Founders League title and a No. 18 ranking in the USA Today rankings.

"When I got [to Taft], the lacrosse job opened up and they asked me if I wanted to do it. I was 23 and liked being in charge, so I took the job," D'Annolfo said. "We were terrible, but that was really good for me because I got to try a lot of things out, nobody really had any expectations and we just figured out what worked and just got better and better."

Over his nine seasons at Taft, D'Annolfo saw 70 of his players go on to play in college, including eight high school All-American players.

D'Annolfo admitted that when he began coaching, he never envisioned his current career path.

"My initial plan was not to coach lacrosse," D'Annolfo said. "My initial plan was to go and work at Taft for two years and then go coach college football at the Div. I level."

Starting out as a head coach so fresh off of his own playing career, D'Annolfo said he had to learn a lot on the fly. He said he found plenty of mentors, ranging from his father to his coaches growing up to his coaches in college — namely, Daly, under whom D'Annolfo played during his time at



ALONSO NICHOLS COURTESY CASEY D'ANNOLFO
Men's lacrosse coach Casey D'Annolfo, A06, poses for a photo on Sept. 21, 2016.

Tufts. D'Annolfo cites Daly as a major influence for him not just in coaching style, but also on his development as a young college athlete.

"His major influences have been life lessons and not lacrosse. How to build a program, how to build culture, those were the most impactful things coach Daly taught me," D'Annolfo said.

D'Annolfo now faces a different challenge as he comes into a Tufts program with an established legacy of success. D'Annolfo does not want to shy away from the expectations placed on the team due to its success under Daly's leadership.

"I think that a lot of people would see that as a lot of pressure, but for me this would be my tenth season as a head coach, I know what works and what doesn't," D'Annolfo said. "I coached 14-19 years olds and what motivates those guys is very similar to what motivates 18-22 year olds. I'm not nervous to get started, I'm just very excited."

Vinny Donofrio

Vinny's Variety Pack



Week 13: The push for playoffs

I woke up this morning and noticed a little twinge in the air. Everything seemed more vivid, more alive. I was overcome with an overwhelming feeling of euphoria. Why was I feeling this? No, it wasn't because I was enjoying the newly passed Question 4. It's because I made it into the fantasy playoffs in three of my leagues!

If you made your league's playoffs, I'd have to assume that your team is pretty much set in stone. However, that doesn't mean that it can't be improved with a last minute waiver wire pick-up. This week, I'm going to toss out names that should be on your roster, but who are currently on the waiver wire in many leagues.

Tyrod Taylor, QB, Buffalo Bills

Taylor is one of those guys that everyone thought would go off this year, but he has been pedestrian at best. Taylor is a deep-ball QB who has missed his number one deep threat. With the return of Sammy Watkins last week, Taylor added back the missing dimension to his game and was able to scrounge up 19 points in a win against Jacksonville. Taylor's remaining games feature bouts against Oakland, Cleveland and Miami, who are all mediocre against the pass, so go submit a waiver claim for Taylor.

Marcus Mariota, QB, Tennessee Titans

According to ESPN, Mariota is owned in only 83.9 percent of leagues and is the fourth best quarterback in fantasy. He's scored 20+ points in 4 straight weeks. Mariota is currently riding a bye week right now, so the time to pick him up has never been better. If you are weak at QB and have a spare bench spot, store him for Weeks 15 and 16.

Sammy Watkins, WR, Buffalo Bills

Heeeeeee's baaaaaaackkkkkk. The long awaited return of Watkins is over. Unless you had the foresight to pick up Watkins a couple weeks ago like I did (humble brag), chances are he's still a free agent. He is currently owned by only 59.1 percent of leagues and, as I mentioned with Tyrod Taylor, has a pass-favorable schedule approaching. Watkins got 80 yards playing less than 50 percent of the snaps last week, so expect him to be a weapon for the rest of the year.

AJ Green, WR, Cincinnati Bengals

When Green went down two weeks ago against Buffalo, people panicked. Some of his owners even dropped him. There is no explanation needed here: if AJ Green is available in your league, stop what you are doing right now and pick him up because he's returning to action this Sunday.

Adrian Peterson, RB, Minnesota Vikings

This one is a long-shot, but if you have roster space and need a running back, this might win you a championship. Peterson is owned in 41.8 percent of leagues and is (hopefully) going to return by Week 15. Yeah, holy s—, am I right? IF his recovery goes according to plan and Peterson starts Week 15 (aka the playoffs), this power pick-up is gonna make you some cash.

Two Guys You Should Have, But I Don't Have Enough Words To Tell You Why:

Malcolm Mitchell (WR, New England Patriots), Alshon Jeffery (WR, Chicago Bears)

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Editors' Challenge | Week 13

Hello sports fans and welcome back to Editor's Challenge! In the aftermath of Thanksgiving we all forgot to submit picks for Week 12 so that means zeroes across the board. Zach "Wheat Rubinoff" Hertz remains in first place, but the Daily's Internal Affairs force recently discovered that *Hertz has simply been stealing picks from Oddsshark.com. In light of that sobering discovery, we have unanimously decided to place an asterisk next to Hertz' name as a punitive measure.

This week there is consensus that Dallas should defeat

Minnesota, though the Vikings should never be fully counted out. Eddie "Smirnoff Ice" Samuels and Phillip "Bombay Gin" Goldberg agree with Max "Everclear" Lalanne — who is representing the Guest spot this week — that the Lions will hang over the Saints in a high scoring game. Hanging on by a thread, the guest spot has to outscore Sophie "Jose Cuervo" Lehrenbaum and Eddie "Smirnoff Ice" Samuels over the next two weeks to stay out of last. With that, may our oblong balls bounce favorably, my we pick the winningest teams and may *Zach forever feel shame in his asterisk.

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BUF @ OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	BUF
TB @ SD	SD	SD	SD	SD	TB	TB	SD	SD	TB
NYG @ PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	NYG
WAS @ ARI	ARI	WAS	ARI	ARI	WAS	ARI	ARI	WAS	WAS
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FIELD HOCKEY

Field hockey falls just short of best season in program history

by Macklyn Senear
Sports Editor

Though a loss in the national championship game on Nov. 20 marred what could have been a fairytale season, Tufts field hockey still finished with one of the most successful records in program history. The Jumbos ended their season 19-3 (8-2 in NESCAC play), going undefeated over a 10-game span from Oct. 16 through the NCAA semifinals on Nov. 19 while winning the NESCAC Championship and knocking off three teams ranked in the top five along the way.

The excitement was already brewing during the team's preseason preparations back in August as work was finishing up on the brand new Ounjian Field, notable for its AstroTurf surface. The Jumbos had previously always practiced and played on the regular turf of Bello Field — a much thicker and slower playing surface — putting them at a distinct disadvantage when they had to travel to other NESCAC and NCAA schools and adapt to faster AstroTurf surfaces.

Meanwhile, the team's play in those early practices and scrimmages was already looking promising.

"I could tell from the start that this team was really special," coach Tina McDavitt Mattera said. "We had a lot of talent but the team dynamic from the start was just excellent. Everybody was willing to do their job and work hard and play for the girl next to them. Our three seniors were awesome, but we also had seven juniors, and I think that they really played like upperclassmen — they were strong, they were confident, they knew what they were doing."

The team started off its season hot, winning its first seven games and racking up a 27-3 goal differential over that period. The Jumbos' learning curve in adjusting to their new AstroTurf field proved to be relatively short, and their play was noticeably faster and their passing game crisper than in recent seasons.

While those early contests mostly saw the team take down a number of weaker opponents, it also rose to its first major challenge in just the second game of the season as the then-No. 12 Jumbos earned a 2-1 upset on the road over the then 10th-ranked Babson Bobcats on Sept. 13. Babson went on to make it to the Final Four before losing to eventual national champion Messiah in the NCAA semifinals.

After rising in the national rankings throughout September, the Jumbos saw their winning streak snapped in a tough Homecoming setback on Oct. 1. The visiting Amherst Purple and White erased two Jumbo leads to push the game into double overtime and then snuck in a late goal to upset the then-No. 6 Jumbos 3-2.

The Jumbos responded, however, with a resounding 2-0 win over a surging Hamilton Continentals side the next day and then scored arguably the most impressive upset of their season just a week later. Tufts headed up to Vermont on Oct. 8 to take on defending national champion and then-No. 3 Middlebury in a highly anticipated matchup.

Hamilton had already exposed Middlebury's vulnerability with a 4-2 win just two weeks prior and, having just beaten Hamilton, Tufts came into the game with confidence. The Panthers scored first but the Jumbos settled down in the second half and battled back to take a



Tufts field hockey team members run back to hug the coaching staff after winning the NESCAC championship game against the Middlebury College Panthers on Nov. 6.

EVAN SAYLES / THE TUFTS DAILY

2-1 lead. The Jumbo defense shut the Panthers' prolific offense down to hold on for the upset.

Senior co-captain forward Dominique Zarrella believed that the regular season win over Middlebury was "definitely" the team's most impressive performance of the year.

"It was just pure grit — we totally outworked them, totally outplayed them and we just had more heart than them," Zarrella said. "I remember saying after that game, 'if you don't think we can make it to the national championship after this game, then get out.' That first Middlebury game was when I really realized [we were national championship contenders]."

A week later, Tufts lost to Conn. College in a wild weekend of upsets that shook up the NESCAC. Middlebury and Bowdoin — a perennial field hockey powerhouse whose only loss in 2015 came in the national championship game against Middlebury — both lost to lower-ranked opponents that day as well. Upsets aren't uncommon in the NESCAC, the toughest conference in Div. III field hockey, as evidenced by the fact that seven NESCAC teams finished the year ranked in the top 20 nationally.

Tufts' loss to Conn. was striking in that it featured an uncharacteristically low-energy performance. The Camels finished ninth in the NESCAC, but the Jumbos seemed lackluster and never put the underdogs away, allowing them to sneak in a late score in the final minute of regulation to steal a 1-0 upset.

The loss lit a fire under the Jumbos, though, as they showed a renewed determination in the second half of the season and would not lose again until the national championship. The team immediately responded by taking down Trinity, which finished the season ranked ninth in the nation, in a decisive 4-2 win.

"It was the game after we lost to Conn, which was really disappointing because we didn't come out with the fire we wanted to — and the way we responded to that was really telling about our team," senior forward Annie Artz said. "[I think the way we] bounced back the next day with that level of energy and determination says a lot about our team and the way we played most of the season."

Tufts started to get hot as the NESCAC playoffs neared, downing Bowdoin 1-0 in the regular season finale to secure the No.

1 seed in the conference. Tufts beat Bates 2-0 in the quarterfinals and then — as the host of the final weekend of the NESCAC playoffs on Nov. 5-6 — flexed some offensive muscle, pounding Williams 5-0 in the semifinals on Saturday and then appearing easily in control against Middlebury in a 3-1 victory in the finals to win the program's second NESCAC title.

Winning the NESCAC championship has become almost as elusive as winning the NCAA championship in recent years. Middlebury lost to Bowdoin in last year's NESCAC final but went on to win the national championship; 2013 saw the same story but in reverse; and the only Tufts team to ever win an NCAA championship, the 2012 squad, didn't even make the NESCAC championship game. So NCAA tournament play aside, winning the conference title distinguishes this season's team among the decorated Tufts teams of the past decade.

Tufts' No. 3 national ranking earned the team a bye for the first round of the NCAA tournament and allowed it to host the next two rounds. All tournament long, the Jumbo offense scored just enough to take the lead in each contest, while the defense — ranked second nationally in goals allowed per game — refused to concede a single goal before the championship game.

Tufts handled the University of New England, which featured the nation's third highest scoring offense, 2-0 in the second round and then survived a hard-fought, 1-0 down-to-the-wire battle against Skidmore in the quarterfinals.

The Jumbos travelled to Geneva, NY for the Final Four on Nov. 19-20 and delivered two of their strongest performances of the season. Tufts' defense shut down Salisbury — which featured the fourth highest scoring offense — in a 1-0 semifinal win and then stifled Messiah's best-in-the-nation offense — which averaged 4.51 goals this season — through 100 minutes of play and two overtime periods in the national championship game. The momentum swung back and forth and the result could have gone either way, but Messiah prevailed 2-1 in the penalty shootout and claimed the title.

"I think [the loss] still stings pretty badly. We all are super competitive and wanted to come out with the win and we

gave it everything we had," Artz said. "So it still stings, even now more than a week out, but we're still proud of the season we had. It's not really disappointment in ourselves because we gave it everything we had — we know it could have gone either way—but [the sting is] still gonna last a while."

Despite the loss, this season was undoubtedly one of the Jumbos' most successful.

"I think we're starting to realize all the success we did have [this season] and all the accomplishments we still have [despite losing the national championship]," Zarrella said. "We were talking about how only two percent of [college field hockey players] get to play in a national championship game, and the other major accomplishments we had: beating Salisbury, which we had never done before; beating Midd twice — we never had a year like that before. So [we're] not letting the championship loss overshadow all the good that did happen."

Unlike in most of Tufts field hockey's best previous seasons, coach Mattera noted that this year's team succeeded not as much based on tremendous individual talent but because of a strong team dynamic and cohesive play in which the team proved much greater than the sum of all its players.

"I think in '08 and '09 I had some pretty talented and amazing players — I look back to Tamara Brown (LA '11), Margi Scholtes (LA '10), Taylor Dyer (LA '12), some of those outstanding All-American players I had back in '08, '09 — I think in the past they had a little more talent on some of those teams," Mattera said. "This team, it was that the team dynamic was outstanding."

Tufts is graduating three prominent contributors in Zarrella, who led the team in scoring in 2014 and 2015, senior co-captain Nicole Arata, who helped anchor the defense and Artz, who led the team in scoring this year. But Mattera and the three graduating seniors were all confident that next year's squad will have the talent and will be able to replicate this season's team dynamic to get back to the national championship game.

"100 percent, [we will be able to]," Mattera said.