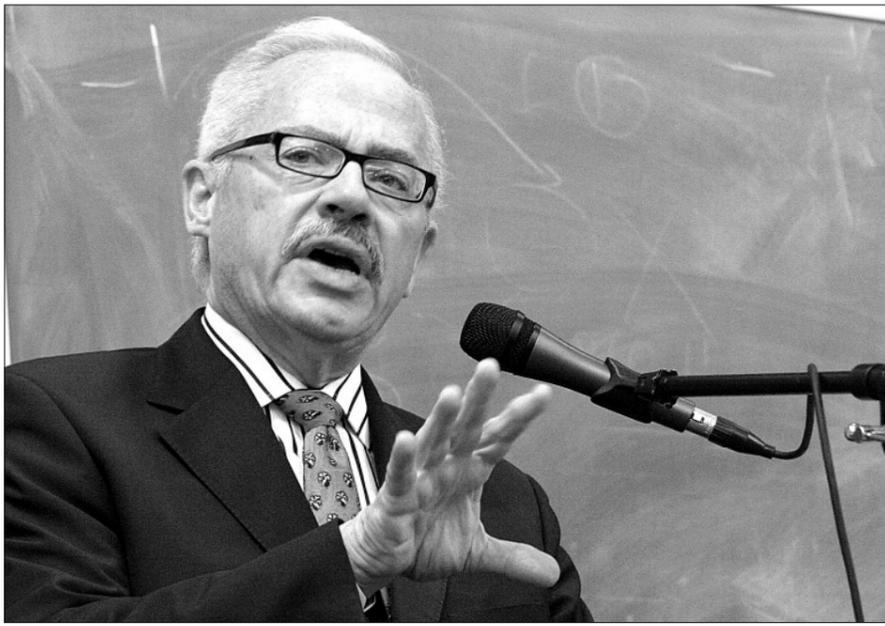




Former congressman speaks out against United Nations



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Former U.S. Congressman Bob Barr gives a lecture sponsored by the Tufts Republicans entitled "Why the America Should Get Out of the U.N. ...Yesterday!" in Pearson 104 on Tuesday evening.

BY KAT SCHMIDT
Daily Editorial Board

On a campus where speakers often call for increased U.S. cooperation with the United Nations, last night former U.S. Congressman Bob Barr argued that the United States would be better off without the body in his lecture, entitled "Why America Should Get Out of the U.N. ... Yesterday!"

"I love America, and I think our Bill of Rights, and the Constitution of which it

is a part, truly is the most magnificent document ever penned by the hands of men," Barr said. "It is that Bill of Rights ... and what it says about why America was formed as a nation that leads me to the conclusion that the United Nations has no role in that."

Drawing on his experience as a former U.S. attorney, Republican representative from Georgia and advocate for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

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RIAA battles illegal file sharers

BY ROB SILVERBLATT
Daily Editorial Board

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has decided to escalate its campaign against illegal peer-to-peer file sharing through the aggressive use of pre-litigation settlement offers.

Unveiled in an announcement late last month, these letters will offer students who have illegally shared music the choice to either pay a settlement fee within 20 days or face legal action. There is a financial incentive to settle because the students convicted in court face higher fees than those who pay in response to the letters.

Around 400 settlement offers, each containing a specific Internet Protocol (IP) address, were sent last month in the first wave of letters to administrators of colleges and universities across the country, who will then be responsible for distributing them to the appropriate students.

"Potentially, it is dramatic for the Tufts community and can end [with] some students in legal difficulties with [the] RIAA," Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman said of the new strategy.

Previously, the RIAA had relied on lawsuits to accomplish a similar purpose. These lawsuits, which come in the form of subpoenas for information about the offenders, are called "John Doe" suits because at the time of the subpoena, the RIAA only knows the IP addresses and not the identities of the violators.

The suits have more legal force than pre-litigation offers and require a response from students. Although the letters do not mandate any action

from students, failure to settle can still result in a lawsuit.

"The settlement offers are not issued as a subpoena, but merely inform the universities that there could be a subpoena on the way should the user not comply and pay a fine," Tufts OnLine Supervisor Judi Rennie said in an e-mail to the Daily.

As a result, they are more convenient for the RIAA, which now only has to send out a letter requesting payments, which violators can make online, and can avoid filing lawsuits in many cases. "They've provided a transactional Web site and a way to avoid the litigation and just pay up," Reitman said.

In the era of "John Doe" lawsuits, Tufts has fared well. Some students had suits filed against them in 2005, but not since then, Reitman said. After hearing about the suits, he said that all of the students decided to settle rather than risk litigation.

"They never went to court. There were no criminal charges filed. But I'm told they paid as much as \$5,000 apiece to resolve the infringement complaints prior to charges being filed," he said.

With the start of the new campaign, Reitman said that enforcement by the RIAA will likely increase. "We've been told that all schools are going to get some [letters]," he said.

According to Rennie, the escalation is a response to a growing amount of illegal sharing by students. "There's no doubt these measures are aggressive; I think they want to prove that they're serious about the issue," she said.

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Three students elected to AMSA leadership positions

BY ALEX BLUM
Daily Editorial Board

Three Tufts students were elected to positions at the American Medical Student Association's (AMSA) 57th Annual Convention, which was held in Washington D.C. from March 7 to 11.

Twenty-two students from Tufts' premed chapter attended — making it the largest one represented. Sophomores Prakhar Agarwal and Jessica Awerman, as well as current Tufts School of Medicine graduate student Ahiyana Nariani, who also graduated from the School of Arts and Sciences (LA '06), all won elections.

Agarwal, who is the vice president of Tufts' Pre-Medical Society, beat out three other candidates for the position of premedical regional director for a region that includes New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Canada.

In his new position, he will coordinate the various premedical societies in the region and help start chapters at schools that lack them. Nariani was elected as the medical trustee for the same area, giving Tufts students a regional presence.

Awerman is the new premedical representative for the Child and Adolescent Health Specialty Forum. One of her goals, she said, is to use her new position to get Tufts students more connected to important discussions. "I'm trying to use the program to help promote other programs on Tufts' campus already involved in child health," she said.

Like the rest of the Tufts students elected, Awerman will hold her position for one year. After that, she said, she is unsure if she will seek re-election. "I might possibly run again for it next year," Awerman said. "I'll see how it goes this year, and if I feel I can really help the issue, I'll go for it again."

The convention, which was entitled "Health Care Justice: Pursuing the Dream of a Healthy Society," featured several notable guests, including Dr. Paul Farmer and Dr. Sanjay Gupta.

Farmer is the Presley Professor of Medical Anthropology at Harvard University and a founding director of Partners in Health, a charity organization that aims to provide direct health care on an international level. Gupta is a senior medical cor-

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Class combines philosophy and sunshine



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Philosophy Lecturer Kim Leighton holds her Philosophy 92 seminar about French philosopher and historian Michel Foucault on top of the bridge between Paige Hall and Miner Hall to let students take advantage of the warm weather on Tuesday afternoon.

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Laptops in class lead to solitaire, Snood, and low grades, study says



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The Daily predicts a tightly packed Oxfam tonight



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WORLD IN BRIEF

U.S. ALLIES IN AFRICA MAY HAVE ENGAGED IN SECRET PRISONER RENDITIONS

A network of U.S. allies in East Africa is engaged in a secret program of prisoner renditions — the transfer of detainees without court proceedings to foreign countries where they can be interrogated, often in secret, and sometimes, according to critics, subjected to torture — involving more than 150 people who were captured while fleeing the recent war in Somalia, according to human rights advocates in Kenya.

Kenyan authorities made the arrests as part of a U.S.-backed, four-nation military campaign in December and January against Somalia's Islamist militias, which Bush administration officials have linked to al-Qaeda.

The prisoners, who included men, women and children of 17 nationalities, were held in Kenya for several weeks before most of them were transferred covertly to Somalia and Ethiopia, where they're being held incommunicado, the groups charge.

The transfers violated international law, according to the rights groups. They charge that the program is being driven by the United States; American officials declined to comment on the allegations.

Representatives of Islamic groups who'd visited detainees in late January in their jail cells in Nairobi said they'd spotted U.S. diplomatic vehicles outside the holding facilities. They also said some detainees had reported being questioned by U.S. law enforcement agents.

CZECH PRESIDENT TO VISIT RUSSIA IN APRIL

Czech President Vaclav Klaus is planning to pay a return visit to Russia in April, a Czech government official said Monday.

The official said that the upcoming visit by the Czech leader will focus on expanding bilateral economic and technical cooperation, including mutual investment.

One of the key discussion issues during the upcoming visit, however, could be proposed plans to deploy elements of a U.S. missile shield in Central Europe.

The United States recently announced plans to build a radar installation in the Czech Republic and a missile base in Poland. Moscow has strongly objected to the proposed deployment of the shield as a national security threat and a destabilizing factor for Europe, though U.S. officials insist it is merely for defense against possible attack from "rogue states." The Czech Republic, a former Soviet ally and now member of the EU and NATO, reaffirmed in February its willingness to allow the United States to place elements of its missile shield on its territory.

A top Russian military official said Tuesday he hoped East European NATO countries would refuse to deploy U.S. air defense missiles on their territory.

PERES BELIEVES SANCTIONS WILL FORCE IRAN TO ABANDON NUCLEAR PROGRAM

"Economics, not the military or politics," is the key to solving various challenges in the Middle East, including Iran's nuclear ambitions and the Palestinian crisis, Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Tuesday.

"The Iranian economy is in terrible shape," Peres said. "Sanctions by the United Nations Security Council, although very weak ones, still have rather strong effects on Iran," he said, noting that Iranian banks' credit ratings have been downgraded. "You can not feed children with enriched uranium."

On comparing the current Iranian crisis with the Iraqi nuclear crisis in the early 1980s, when the Israel Defense Force launched an air raid destroying the country's nuclear facility in Osirak, Peres said, "(The situation is) totally different," ruling out the possibility that Israel will preemptively strike Iranian facilities any time soon.

—Compiled from McClatchy Newspapers

Lecture met with mixed reactions from students

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and the National Rifle Association (NRA), Barr argued that the United Nations offers America nothing to protect and preserve these rights.

Barr said the first U.S. president understood the need for relationships with other nations but remained deeply leery of a body that could supercede or infringe upon the law of the land.

"Washington never took the position that we should have nothing to do with other nations," Barr said. "But we needed to pay attention to protecting, not isolating ... things that were uniquely American so they could take hold and strengthen again over the years."

Today he is concerned about encroachment from the United Nations on one cherished American freedom: the right to bear arms.

Attempts to get the United States to give up on this right have been unjustified and untenable, he argued. "If you look at any of the areas around the world where firearms have been used very inappropriately, it hasn't been American firearms at all," he said. Instead, the semiautomatic weapons from Eastern Europe and China are the ones that turn into "the [weapons] of choice of genocidal regimes."

Barr said U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. John Bolton, as a "plainspoken" and "straightforward" speaker, stood up for Second Amendment rights and gave the bureaucracy a reality check.

"He did something that nice people don't do in the United Nations," Barr said. "He said, 'You're not going to mess with our constitution in our country. Part of our sovereignty is founded on the Bill of Rights.'"

He also spoke to concerns about U.N. encroachment on privacy rights and on criminal justice.

Not only is the United Nations misguided, but it utterly lacks transparency, accountability and "makes [the U.S.] Congress look efficient," he said.

"The United Nations is the most un-

open entity, certainly on the international level ... that I've ever seen," he said. "They don't make decisions in an open way, at least not in my experience. They don't themselves feel bound by the same laws and restrictions and limitations that the rest of the world operates under."

To illustrate that the organization considers itself "a cut above" the rest, Barr cited the policies of the U.N. headquarters in New York City. Although the United Nations is markedly in favor of gun control and although the city of New York forbids smoking in public buildings, a visit to the headquarters would not suggest these commitments: "All these people are walking around smoking and carrying automatic weapons," he said.

An organization with a \$3 billion budget, he said, should be held more accountable.

"This was very graphically illustrated in the Oil-for-Food program, which was riddled with corruption, with special favors that went in the pockets of U.N. officials and their relatives," he said.

Likewise, he argued that U.N. secretaries-general have little other to do except please the actors that keep them in power.

Indeed, he saw few constructive results whatsoever from U.N. initiatives. "I can't think of any instance [in] which they've even come close to succeeding," he said. "What have they ever succeeded at? I'm not quite sure that they've succeeded at anything but [keeping] themselves in office, so to speak."

While Barr offered only limited input onto his thoughts on how the organization should be improved, he did say that international involvement and cooperation are important.

"There are a number of areas in [today's] technologically-based society where international organizations could play a very important role," but in a more focused and less expansive sense, he said, suggesting better-coordinated privacy controls and a humanitarian element as worthy uses of international

will.

While there has been pressure in the past for the United Nations "to clean its house and get its act together," little seems to have come from it, he said.

One audience member questioned whether the United States, too, might be guilty of imposing its sovereignty on other countries. Such interventionist policies, however they are justified, are worth questioning, Barr said.

"Because the United Nations is there ... Bush I, the Clinton administration and now Bush II, have used the U.N. to try and justify their interventionist policies," he said. "That to me is inappropriate."

Reaction to the speech was mixed. Freshman Courtney Morrissey thought that Barr's remarks were interesting, even if didn't embrace his views. "I came into this lecture determined to disagree with him just because of my liberal stance," she said. While she still was not in agreement with him after his speech, she said that the lecture was more thought-provoking than she had expected it to be.

Freshman Nick Burns was not as impressed, but was still happy to hear an opposing viewpoint. "I think he made relatively poor arguments in terms of dropping out of the U.N. [and relied only on] anecdotal evidence. I'm disappointed with the justifications, but I'm glad he came," he said.

Reaction from campus political leaders was split along partisan lines. Tufts Republicans President Jordan Greene enjoyed the event. "I was very impressed," he said. "I think the most interesting part was the suggestions he gave for reforming the United Nations."

Tufts Democrats President Kayt Norris said that these very suggestions for reform made the title of the event a misnomer. "I think it was clearly inaccurately titled," she said. "He clearly doesn't think we need to pull out of the U.N."

The event, which attracted around 60 students, was sponsored by the Tufts Republicans.

Effectiveness of new RIAA initiative remain to be seen, says Rennie

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Although the campaign will bring in money for the RIAA, Reitman said that the new efforts may be more about startling people into rethinking their downloading habits than seeking compensation for pirated music. "I think with all of these cases, [the RIAA is] trying to make a point more than it is in essence trying to collect money for sales of the songs," he said.

If Tufts gets a batch of letters, Reitman said that they will be distributed to the appropriate students, who will then choose if they want to settle at a cheaper cost or face legal action. "Tufts is not telling students what to do with these letters, but rather providing more time and options for how to resolve the complaint," he said. "And I think part of our advice would be to consult an attorney."

Rennie said that illegal file sharing is a highly discussed topic in the higher education community and that the RIAA's new plan did not come as a surprise. "[The RIAA] is

taking it to the next level and that was expected," she said.

Although Tufts does not "actively seek out" students who are illegally sharing, she said that the RIAA and the Motion Picture Association of America, among other groups, have complained to Tufts about sharing done by students.

After receiving a complaint, Tufts gets in touch with the offending student. First-time violators are suspended from the university's network until they complete a class that Rennie teaches on digital copyright laws. If Tufts receives a second complaint about a specific IP address, Rennie files a complaint with the Dean of Students Office and the student receives probation level 1.

She said that it remains to be seen whether the RIAA's new plan will be an effective way of discouraging violations. "It will be interesting to see how successful this approach is at reducing file sharing," she said.

In the meantime, some Tufts students will likely experience the effects of the new campaign. "That's my expectation," Reitman said.

Conference shows care in medicine

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respondent for CNN.

Tufts' Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education and Program Director for Health Professions Advising Carol Baffi-Dugan also led a lecture about "revising the premedical curriculum to highlight the more qualitative attributes of individuals interested in medicine," Agarwal said.

During the convention, students attended discussions on issues such as human rights in North Korea and AIDS. According to Agarwal, the discussions and the event as a whole had several goals. "The whole purpose of going was to enhance the premed experience, to learn about what it takes to apply to med school, to interact with med students and to find out [about] other aspects of medicine like activism, advocacy and humanistic medicine," he said. An overarching message, he said, was that future doctors should adopt a holistic view of medicine.

"Medicine isn't a vacuum focused on disease. It's also focused on a broader social context — like a political context, an economic context — and that's what a lot of attendees realized at the convention," he said.

—Lilly Riber contributed reporting to this article.

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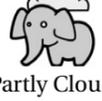
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"All these people are walking around smoking and carrying automatic weapons."

Bob Barr
former U.S. congressman
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Dining Services aims to transition away from trans fats

BY MARISSA CARBERRY
Daily Staff Writer

Students looking to stay healthy in the dining halls may want to stick to the salad bar.

According to an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, many college campuses have followed the lead of New York City and begun to ban unhealthy trans fats in their dining halls. Though Tufts Dining Services (TUDS) is not planning to eliminate trans fats in its foods, according to TUDS Nutrition and Marketing Specialist Julie Lampie, the university is looking to reduce its use of unhealthy fats and oils.

"Tufts is not thinking about completely banning trans fats, but we are looking to cut back on the use of them," she said.

Trans-fatty acids, which are found in many processed and fried foods, behave more like saturated fats than unsaturated fats, according to the textbook *"Understanding Nutrition."* According to Professor Lynne Ausman of the Friedman School of Nutrition, some manufacturers are trying to remove trans fats from their processed foods in response to consumer pressure over its unhealthy properties.

Ausman said, however, that some companies have substituted the use of trans fats with tropical oils that are almost as unhealthy. Lampie said that trans fats are also found naturally in many dairy products, such as milk and cheese, and that these natural trans fats are not as harmful as synthetic ones.

In fact, Ausman said, manufacturers were only recently required to disclose the use of trans fats, or "hydrogenated oils" on products' nutrition labels.

"If you go down the peanut butter aisle of the supermarket, there are the natural peanut butter brands, and then there's JIF and Skippy," Ausman said. "Because peanut butter needs something to solidify it in order to prevent separation of the peanuts and oil, companies ... have replaced trans fats, which used to hold them together, with palm oil."

"I'd say buy the natural stuff, mix it up with a spoon, and put it in the refrigerator," she added.

Student opinion on the use of trans fats in the dining hall was split. Students who said they who knew a fair amount about trans fats generally wanted them banned from Tufts

dining halls, and those who said they were unknowledgeable were unsure how they felt.

Freshman Becky Gallagher said that while she tries to think about the amount of fat in foods she eats, she does not know much about trans fats beyond that they are unhealthy.

"I think about fat in general when I eat, but I don't necessarily think about it just in terms of trans fats," she said. "I think I'd need know more about them in order to say whether or not I'd want the university to eliminate them."

On the other hand, freshman Benjamin Filippo said that because his mom is a nutritionist, he knows a lot about the negative effects of trans fats. He is very conscious of the foods he chooses to eat.

"When I buy products or eat in the dining halls, I try to think about the amount of trans fats and saturated fats they have in them," he said.

Filippo says that he thinks trans fats should be eliminated from the dining halls.

"I would definitely want Tufts to get rid of trans fats. It would just be so much better for students' health," he said.

Ausman felt similarly. She stressed that students are old enough to worry about the effect the food they eat can have on their body.

"When you eat too many trans fats, they deposit in the body in plaques in your arteries," she said. "This leads to heart disease ... Everyone should be concerned with trans fats."

According to Ausman, the type of margarine or oil used in cooking makes a marked difference in a person's cholesterol level.

In the late 1990s, Ausman, along with Senior Scientist Alice Lichtenstein and other colleagues at the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, completed a study on the effect of different products on cholesterol levels.

In order of increasing amounts of trans fats, she studied soybean oil, soybean margarine, liquid margarine, soft solid margarine, hard margarine and butter. As the amount of trans fats in a product increased, the consumer's cholesterol level increased as well.

"The cholesterol level of those who used butter was highest, the level of those who



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Foods like funnel cakes offered in Tufts dining halls are full of trans fats. The university is looking to cut down on their use.

used soy bean oil was the lowest," Ausman said.

While the study proved that hard margarine, which contains trans fats, is unhealthy, Ausman said that consumers should still choose margarine over butter, which is composed of saturated fat.

Lampie said that TUDS has been committed to decreasing the use of trans fats in the dining halls for some time.

"Three years ago, we changed our frying oil from hydrogenated oil containing trans fats to trans fat-free canola oil," she said. "For students who eat any kind of deep-fried food, this oil is much healthier."

Ausman agreed that the switch to canola oil was a good decision on the part of Dining

Services.

"Canola and soybean oil have Omega 3 and Omega 6 fatty acids, both of which you need in your diet," she said.

Lampie added that Dining Services is continuing to improve its healthiness.

"This year, we changed to trans fat-free the oil we use on our grills to prevent sticking," she said.

While Tufts is making an effort to improve the healthiness of the food served in the dining halls, Ausman said that it is up to students to permanently stay away from foods high in trans fats.

"We have to get used to maybe having jelly on our toast instead of butter, or just using different recipes," she said.

Study shows that in class, students boot up laptops and shut down their brains

BY LIZ YATES
Daily Editorial Board

Modern technology has changed the face of college classrooms in recent years. Rather than relying on mere pen and paper to take notes in class, more and more students are utilizing the many capacities of their personal computers to keep up in the classroom.

While the potential benefits of laptop use during class are numerous — they allow for easy note taking and fact-checking during class — a recent study suggests the costs may outweigh the benefits for some students. With the lure of the Internet only a click away, many students find themselves checking email, perusing Facebook.com profiles or instant messaging during their classes.

According to the study, which was conducted at Winona State University in Minnesota, such indicators as information retention rates and course grades suggest students who bring laptops to class are less likely to be successful than students who do not.

The study followed students in two large lecture-style psychology courses. Students who regularly brought their laptops responded to a weekly survey regarding their use of class



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Three students in Nutrition 01 find that using their laptops helps them take notes faster. According to a recent study, however, many students who use laptops in class actually get lower grades.

time. Their grades in the class were then compared with those of students who didn't bring laptops.

According to Political Science Lecturer David Rezvani, who teaches one lecture-style class at Tufts but has spent the

majority of his teaching career at neighboring universities, there are both pros and cons to laptop use in class.

"At Harvard, they block Internet use in classroom buildings, so students cannot surf," Rezvani said. "I would notice that students who had brought laptops were always frantically taking down every word. They would even ask things like 'What was the first word of the second sentence of what you just said?' So that certainly could be an advantage for students."

But some students use their laptops for less productive purposes while in class.

According to the study, students who used laptops in class reported spending an average of 17 minutes within the 75 minute class on their computers doing something other than immediate class work. Furthermore, their grades at the end of the term were an average of five percent lower than those of students who relied on pen and paper.

In spite of such data, many at Tufts still believe in the utility of laptops in the classroom.

"I take better notes, [while using a laptop]," sophomore Jane Olszewski said, "which is good because I would end up typing them up anyway."

In other situations, however, students were not as attentive.

"You can tell whether or not a student, while using a laptop, is paying attention or not," Rezvani said, imitating the demeanors of zombie-like students versus attentive students. "You could be talking about genocide in Rwanda, and you can tell that they are not thinking about that."

Junior Jahn Sood said that, while note-taking is certainly improved with a laptop, the many temptations offered by a computer can be too much to resist.

"I am often distracted by other student's laptops," Sood said. "In one class, the entire front row was playing Snood. I was like 'I can either watch the professor, or watch the little colorful thing going by.' It's very visually stimulating."

Yet computers aren't the only things drawing students minds away from lectures.

"I find it distracting when students use laptops in class," said Tufts Professor of Mathematics Christoph Borgers in an e-mail, "almost as distracting as when students read newspapers in class."

Olszewski agrees, pointing out that there are just as many distractions available to students who do not use their laptops.

"People sometimes read the entire Daily in class," she said. "It's up to you; if you want to be distracted you will find a way."

What do you think of the early media attention on the 2008 presidential election?



MACKENZIE KIGIN/TUFTS DAILY

"[I] don't really care about the early media buzz, except that the public is creating heroes out of the political candidates."

Katia Porzecanski
sophomore

"It's a waste of money. Candidates should only be able to campaign five months ahead of the election, like in Canada."

David Rodman
senior



MACKENZIE KIGIN/TUFTS DAILY

"All the media doesn't surprise me. Obama and Clinton are rock stars in their own right. With the first legitimate black and female candidates running for president, there is a dynamic bowl of chips available to voters."

Justin Saint Cyr
senior



MACKENZIE KIGIN/TUFTS DAILY

"I feel that the money could [be used] in other more necessary and pressing areas. Then again, we do not have a reputation for always spending our money wisely."

Elizabeth Yiu
junior



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CAMPUS COMMENT

'Un-presidented' amount of coverage for candidates marks 2008 campaign

BY MACKENZIE KIGIN
Contributing Writer

It's still barely 2007, but watching the news might make one think it's 2008. Though the presidential election is still over one and a half years away, America's news cycle is already freckled with campaign coverage and political analysis of the primary candidates.

According to the Associated Press, campaign stories on television have already taken up more than 95 minutes of airtime on the ABC, CBS and NBC evening newscasts from the first of this year to Feb. 27, piling in comparison to coverage of the last four presidential elections.

With a pantheon of political superstars such as Rudy Giuliani, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and John McCain fighting for party nominations, the media has a wealth of celebrity-esque material to present to the public.

But is the American public happily consuming what the media is offering? Some Jumbos had a cynical view of the presidential campaign.

Junior Dan Jozwiak dislikes all of the early media attention. "It's corrupt and all about money," he said.

Senior David Rodman agreed. "It's stupid and a waste," Rodman said. "Now it's all about who has enough money to buy their way in to office ... You can't just dream of growing up to be president anymore."

Junior Elizabeth Yiu said she's not "big on American politics," but finds the hype surrounding the presidential election "mind-boggling."

"We still have to wait a year an entire year and a half before voting actually takes place, what on earth will they be doing when the deadline isn't so far off?" she said. "I

cannot begin to fathom what campaigning will be like, as it gets closer to the date."

Others, like freshman Sarah Cleary, haven't noticed the surge of media focus on the campaign and don't really care.

"The election is obviously very important, but I almost never watch the news — especially in regards to politics," she said.

Senior Charles Bonello felt similarly. "It doesn't affect me," he said.

Senior Taylor Salditch theorized that all the media attention serves as a distraction.

"The media surrounding the election is drawing attention away from other ugly issues that people want to forget about such as the war in Iraq and the Scooter trial," Salditch said. "The public is looking for something positive to focus on, and another option beyond George Bush."

Some Tufts students reflected positively on the early media attention, like freshman Marie Cole.

"I think the early attention allows people to really get to know the candidates and make their decision fully aware of what each has to offer," she said. "This election involves issues surrounding race and ethnicity, and the public might need time to wade slowly in to them."

Senior Jessica Feinberg had similar sentiments.

"It's good in the sense that it gets people thinking early and allows for independent research to help form a personal opinion," Feinberg said. "[The candidates are] so diverse that a longer campaign might aid in forming a more solid base of support."

Junior Judah Levine agreed, and said there is nothing negative about the extra attention. "It can only make people more informed of their choices," he said.

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CONCERT PREVIEW



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Not only are the guys in Ratatat rock stars, they've even got a really cool car.

Ratatat's popularity is a double-edged sword

BY QUINCY BROWNE
Daily Staff Writer

Indietronica duo Ratatat headlines tonight at Oxfam Café in a free show at 8:30 p.m., thanks to the Tufts student-

Ratatat

Tonight at Oxfam Cafe at 8:30 p.m. Concert is free and open to the public

run organization AppleJam. Who are these Rata-mu-thingies? Why Oxfam? Please read on.

The first band to play at New York's

Guggenheim Museum, Ratatat is an instrumental duo comprised of synthman and producer Evan Mast and guitarist Mike Stroud. When they weave their simple but oh-so-catchy micro-melodies together with delectable hip-hop beats, the result is a nicely processed pop pastry. But unlike toaster strudels, Ratatat's offering has a minimal, restrained approach that won't leave you bursting at the waist line.

They walk the line of having music that is light and easy to absorb without falling into generic pop clichés, getting vintage, even folksy sounds out of synth leads that would otherwise be found in European shopping-center music.

Besides the band's electronica offerings found on their newest album "Classics," Ratatat has gained notoriety for their eclectic remixing of some of hip-hop's monuments in pop. The self-released "Ratatat Mixtape Vol. 1" artfully rehashes the likes of Missy Elliott and Jay-Z. It turns the platinum backbeat knob way back to pleasantly geeky lo-fi.

Ratatat's ease at backing up hip-hop acts makes for some unstoppable onstage collaboration with tour partner Despot, who promises to crank up the show's energy level several intense

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CONCERT PREVIEW

Composer Series leads students towards a career of composition

BY NAOMI BRYANT
Daily Editorial Staff

Despite their age differences and varied stylistic persuasions, artists ranging from Beethoven to Jack White

Tufts Composers Series: Beau Kenyon

Tonight at Distler Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Concert is free and open to the public

to a select number of Tufts students have one thing in common: they write music.

For both graduate and undergraduate students interested in composing, there is one class that offers a unique opportunity. Music 113 seminar in composition, taught by Associate Professor John McDonald, serves to encourage students' creative processes. Indicative of this purpose are its very few requirements, something relatively unusual for a high-level seminar.

During a class, students might discuss their work, listen to guest composers or talk about a specific topic. Outside of class, students are expected to take at least four lessons with Professor McDonald. The only other requirements besides going to class and taking lessons are to write and perform a piece by the end of the semester.

"Students have the experience of creating a piece from the bottom up.

It gives you an appreciation of how real music is and ever was, and shows you that composers make mistakes," McDonald said. "Suddenly we learn that music by some dead person who we think doesn't touch us can actually affect our lives."

Since the course's inception around 1995, five years after Professor McDonald's arrival at Tufts, the performances that students are required to give have grown into the yearlong Tufts Composers Series.

While having strict guidelines might make the course slightly easier, relatively loose requirements foster student exploration, and Professor McDonald facilitates this independence even in lessons.

"The whole point of this endeavor is to bring out who [the students] think that they want to be compositionally," McDonald said. "I think teaching ends up ... helping students decide what direction to keep moving in and giving them techniques to get them from the point where they are to the point where they want to be."

The point where many students want to be lies outside the world of academia. A lot of students who take the class aspire to compose professionally, and many of their performances at the end of the semester include their thesis work.

Today, Beau Kenyon will perform in Distler Hall at 8 p.m. A graduate student enrolled in Music 113, this will be Kenyon's graduate thesis recital.

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TV REVIEW



FX NETWORKS

Eddie Izzard takes a break from women's clothing to star in 'The Riches.'

FX adds another 'Rich'ly developed show to its lineup

BY HARRY WAKSBERG
Daily Staff Writer

Every time you think the networks are pulling into the lead in the race against cable, FX puts out a new show,

The Riches



Starring Eddie Izzard, Minnie Driver, Noel Fisher and Shannon Woodward

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and embarrasses everyone. This station has been the home of some of cable television's best programming for a few years now and continues to set the bar higher for the networks.

FX has the best police drama with

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DEVIN TOOHEY | WHEN POP CULTURE GOES BAD



This 'T' is experiencing some cultural difficulties

Today, I am going to give all of you a very important message. In this week's column, I address a problem that you can help solve. Seriously, this time, it is almost like I'm Captain Planet or something. The power is yours, baby.

I am sure you've seen them. You go to college, after all. Maybe there's a kid in your recitation with one. Maybe a friend or roommate has one. Maybe (gasp!) you have one. Maybe you have two (double gasp!). Or three (can you triple gasp?). But whatever the case may be, you will know what I'm talking about.

And what is that exactly? Those "humor" T-shirts. The ones with innocent looking cartoons often accompanying a movie quote or a pun (often dirty, involving a geographic location, or both). Come on, you know what I'm talking about. "Come on feel the Illinois" or "This Sucks" with (get this) a vacuum cleaner.

At first these shirts seemed innocuous, perhaps even mildly (high emphasis on that) clever. They brought a feeble smile to your face for about two seconds in the middle of a lecture about Descartes, and that was the end of it. Innocent enough, right? I suppose it would be, except that was not the end of it.

Ask yourself, dear reader, what happens when you keep seeing that shirt? Are you supposed to smile each time you see it out of mere courtesy? But, if that's the case, what happens if you turn away from the person for a moment? Perhaps the proper code of conduct would be every time that your eyes catch the "wittily ironic" T-shirt, you should smile or give one of those laughs that are not so much laughs as a little air escaping through clenched teeth. That would make you seem like a polite, socially adept sort of a person. Unless the person thought you were being sarcastic (and most likely you would start to get sarcastic after the 10th time of having to do such in an hour).

Even if that were not the case, the constant semi-laughs could begin to bother the wearer of the shirt anyway. Of course you can say that, in all fairness, they asked for it. I would be inclined to agree with you. Their choice of shirt, in theory, shows that they are actively seeking a response of amusement.

As for the proper code of conduct when one blinks ... actually, let's not go into that. I only have about 800 words to say this, after all.

Now, while this advice may calm your fears of social awkwardness (but, let's face it, if you got this far into reading this article, you will never be completely cured), the solution still does not address the problem of the shirt itself. In fact, all that this tactic would really do is make you an enabler.

Your laughter would condone these apparently hip, droll and ironic shirts. Yes, ironic. They have to be, don't they? I mean, the cartoons look so cute and they're not saying anything truly inappropriate, now are they?

While this may have been the case

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Character development is crucial in series about con artists

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"The Shield," the best tragicomic post-Sept. 11 serial with "Rescue Me," the best comedy with "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," and now it introduces "The Riches," the best pilot to air this year.

Dahlia (Minnie Driver) and Wayne (Eddie Izzard, someone not usually known for his acting ability) star as a couple of traveling grifters, specifically known as "Irish Travelers," who are raising three children. Wayne and Dahlia belong to a huge community of Irish Travelers, which is an Irish minority group much like Eastern European Gypsies, in the American South.

When Dahlia's cousin (the son of the community's aging and impotent patriarch) declares that her daughter is to be married off to a member of another clan in order to solidify her clan's power, Dahlia's husband Wayne decides it's time to grab some money and bolt.

Soon enough, Wayne and Dahlia are the Riches, living in a gated community with a golf membership. They decide to live there as a regular family (a "buffer"), rather than continuing their lives as con artists.

There have been those who have compared the show to "Six Feet Under" for its mixing of comedy and tragedy. Actually, it's much better than "Six Feet Under" was when it started, because the characters are already likable — we don't need to wait for Keith to get David to calm down or for James Cromwell to join the cast.

The thing is that "The Riches" is not really a tragicomedy at all — it's just the story of realistic people.

As Wayne, Eddie Izzard is thoroughly likable and charming, but occasionally serious-minded. Driver's Dahlia frequently clashes with him, but the love between them is palpable — it is probably some of the most affecting and believable romance between two characters onscreen since "Brokeback Mountain" (2005).

There are those who would also compare the show to HBO's "Big Love." On



FX NETWORKS

The lesson of 'The Riches' is to never trust any new neighbors; they are most likely grifters.

both shows, a man has married a woman with familial ties to a cult-like community. When the man tries to break these ties, his wife gets upset.

Superficially, that may be true, but here again, "The Riches" pulls far ahead. Unlike "Big Love," where Nikki is one of three wives and tends to be primarily concerned with doing dishes and how to share marital responsibilities, Dahlia is a fully developed person who is allowed to be an equal partner with her husband.

Wayne's unilateral decision to move his family away from the Irish Travelers isn't met with quiet seething and yelling at children; it's met with complete disapproval and eventual abandonment with two of their children (the children, by the way, are also excellently developed characters with minds of their own).

In the first episode, Wayne is chal-

lenged to a game of golf with Gregg Henry of "Gilmore Girls." He has trouble setting his ball on the tee; pretending to be Mr. Rich may be his undoing. He then lets loose with a terrific swing that lands the ball on the green.

Here we are reminded of something that will likely continue throughout the series: that Wayne and Dahlia (and their children) are con artists and they probably possess a huge and surprising skill set. It is details like this that make a show about a family from a cult of grifters living in the house of a dead couple that nobody met so believable. It is the characters' relationships that make the show so affecting, and it is the humor that makes the show so likable. This show has nearly everything you could want out of good television, and it's on the best television station.

'Just say no' to Ts

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back in the early days, the mass spread of this apparel has killed any irony. You no longer appear different for wearing this shirt, and your indie-side is most definitely not expressed. You are just becoming another buyer into mass-marketed-counterculture. To make matters even worse, you're looking like a complete moron as you do so.

Speaking about looking dumb, let me just address one final thing before I leave you. Even if you completely disagree with everything I have said so far, please listen to this one plea: stop with the state shirts. Or at least shirts from states that you do not hail from or went to for an extended vacation.

Ask yourself, dear reader, what happens when you keep seeing that shirt? Are you supposed to smile each time you see it out of mere courtesy?

Yes, we all know the states' names can be used to create all types of puns. I personally am a fan of "What did Delaware? A New Jersey." Also, twisting the names "Mississippi" and "Minnesota" around to come up with the image of a woman drinking a small carbonated beverage can be sort of amusing as well. But to be quite frank, you look stupid if you're wearing an Arkansas shirt and can't even name a city in it or point it out on the map. And seriously, at the end of the day, it's just a drawing of a state. It ain't all that attractive.

So please, reader, I may not be a fashion columnist, but I still advise you to wear with caution. We all have such a short time here at Tufts University. Why would you ever want to spend it looking like a complete tool?

Composers will perform at the end of the semester

COMPOSERS

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Kenyon became interested in composing in high school, and graduated from Berkeley College of Music, where one of his teachers encouraged him to pursue music further and recommended that he go to Tufts.

"The program here is really heavy on self-motivation, which I deal really well with."

Beau Kenyon
composer

"You spend a lot of time fine-tuning music theory, but you learn that you don't have to follow the rules unless you want to. The rules are there to guide you, but you have freedom in composition," Kenyon said.

The musical program at Tufts has been well-suited to Kenyon's learning style, as it affords its students a great amount of freedom.

"The program here is really heavy on self-motivation, which I deal really well with," he said.

Tonight is the climax of Kenyon's years at Tufts. The performance will include 10 to 20 minutes of prose written by Kenyon to give insight into his creative process, a

piece he wrote for trombone, and several piano compositions.

His thesis work for recorder quartet and mixed ensemble, "Tree of Aureliano," will be the focal point of the recital. Kenyon drew on imagery from "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez while composing the piece.

"It's music to represent the human process of life. It tries to understand the process of time, or light and energy and how they can be transferred to matter," Kenyon said.

Though he writes for many instruments, some elements of Kenyon's style remain constant throughout his work.

"I always have an extra-musical purpose," Kenyon said. "Music is the language I'm best able to articulate myself in. It's difficult to express myself in words without sounding trite, so I use music to help understand myself."

Though speaking in music may encourage introspection, Kenyon said that though they may enjoy his compositions, his audience probably won't perfectly understand his reasons for writing music.

"It's all very subjective, very personal," he said, "But just listening and hearing things you may not have heard before is important. Even if someone comes to my concert and hates it, that's still a reaction."

The popular underground band Ratatat may make Oxfam overflow with students

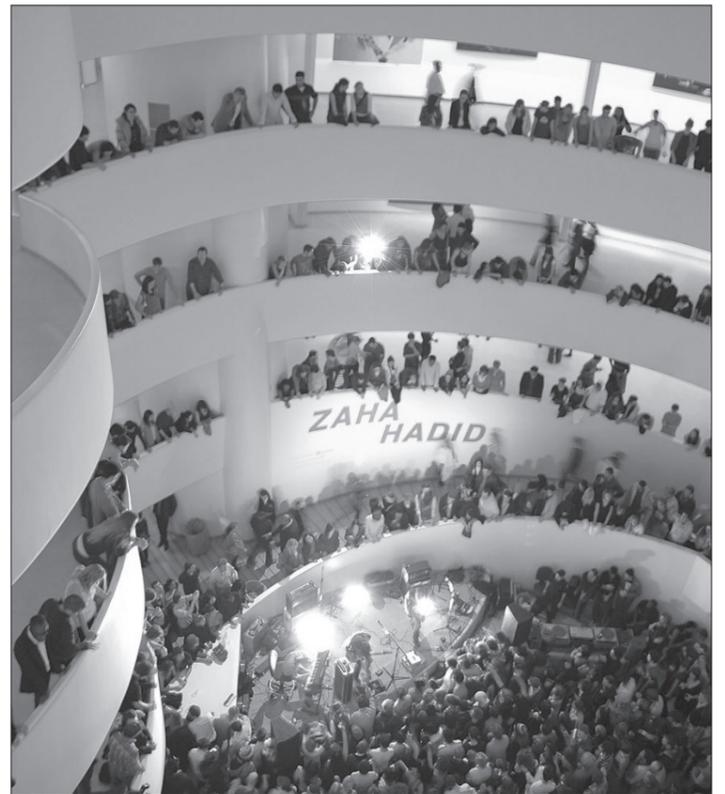
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notches. Since Ratatat's studio recordings, with the exception of tracks like "Seventeen Years," have been closer to the laid-back side, an injection of live energy into Ratatat's mixes will also be greatly anticipated.

Procuring an act like Ratatat is certainly an achievement on the part of AppleJam, and it definitely should not go unappreciated. "Ratatat is possibly the highest-profile act that AppleJam has had so far, and we were hoping that the show will raise awareness of AppleJam among other artists in the music scene, in order to get us more recognition," AppleJam member Pete Millar, a freshman, said in an e-mail to the Daily. If this holds to be true and AppleJam is able to rope in high-caliber bands for later events, it's good news for music enthusiasts at Tufts.

However, the main concern for this upcoming show is that the limited space in Oxfam Café will be less than adequate for such an ambitious feature. Ratatat is well known and sure to draw in a large crowd, but how many students can fit into Oxfam at once? The ironic downside to the band's popularity is that it will make an extremely tight squeeze for the concert-goers in such a small space. Admittedly, hip-hop and electronica acts are much better appreciated close-up and sweaty, but Oxfam is sure to take the notion of this up-close-



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After playing the Guggenheim, performing in Oxfam may make for a more intimate concert than Ratatat is used to.

and-personal experience to an extreme.

The unfortunate venue choice is the unlucky result of the current renovation of Hotung Café and the financial limitations of providing a sound system and stage for a larger space such as Dewick. "[AppleJam] also looked into other venue possibilities, like the Sophia Gordon

multi-purpose room, but they only permit events that are quieter and earlier in the day," Millar said. Despite the space limitations, the bands will surely bust out in one of the biggest shows of the year. Hopefully, through the continued hard work of AppleJam, we will see more underground stars playing at Tufts in the future.

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EDITORIAL

RIAA action hits a foul note

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) is at it again, gearing up for a crackdown aimed at stopping music piracy.

This "spring offensive," as it has been called, seeks to end illegal downloading on college campuses once and for all.

Sadly, the RIAA's efforts are almost certain to fail and will only serve to intimidate a few students.

At the core of these potential lawsuits is a fundamental disagreement over how to distribute media in a digital age.

The public and the industry have never concurred on just how freely media should be shared, and at what price (if any) the distribution should be. CTRAX, Ruckus and other legal sharing programs are not sufficient answers to this problem.

Until this fundamental disagreement is resolved, the cycle of crackdowns, followed by more settlements, will continue indefinitely.

Moreover, these settlements and potential lawsuits only highlight the recording industry's desperate attachment to an outmoded theory of media sharing. The industry does not understand that the days of buying entire, overpriced albums are mostly finished.

No matter how many vacant record stores dot the landscape and prove this point, the RIAA doesn't seem to

get the picture.

More RIAA action is simply an ineffective bandage on a problem that has been hemorrhaging for quite some time and in more than one media.

For example, Viacom's \$1 billion lawsuit against YouTube for posting unauthorized videos may make a nice headline and generate fat legal fees, but, like the RIAA's latest round, will ultimately do little to address the problem. These are just punitive actions with no practical justification to discourage illegal media sharing in the future or through different methods.

In hearing of the RIAA's new plans, one can't help but get the feeling we've been down this road before. Just like the industry's former strategy involving so called "John Doe" lawsuits in the past, no steps are being taken to ensure that illegal downloading will cease once the RIAA moves on from this particular offensive.

RIAA's strategy only works if students and other consumers fear its future wrath. The very fact that the RIAA is having a second go around at these lawsuits shows not enough people fear the industry and are willing to continue downloading unabatedly.

Lacking a comprehensive strategy for reform, the RIAA's latest tactics are simply another attempt to return to a time that has already passed.

Rather than spend its time fighting illegal downloading, the RIAA would best be served by creating a new cul-

ture of responsible file sharing. Their current occupation with settlements rather than relevant and sustainable solutions is fatally flawed.

Closer to home, though, these latest developments show the tough spot universities find themselves in on this issue.

By all but forcing colleges to reveal names, universities are needlessly placed between student media pirates and the industry's lawyers.

It seems two questions concerning colleges' relationships with their students will be answered as a result of the RIAA's actions: Will the RIAA sue a university if it refuses to hand over the name on a particular student IP (Internet Protocol) address?

And more importantly, to what extent will colleges protect students from lawsuits? The eventual answers to these quandaries will demonstrate the willingness of each group involved to stand up and fight this issue.

Finally, like a parent spanking a child without doing anything to prevent the offending behavior from reoccurring, the RIAA's newest slate of legal action does nothing to educate students on why piracy is not in anyone's interest, or to provide a realistic alternative to download music legally.

Absent these critical elements, the RIAA's actions are nothing more than a futile intimidation ploy fully deserving of the militant description of a "spring offensive."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

While plagiarism is a serious offense, most instances are not intentional. Envision this: it's 2:00 a.m. the night before a paper is due, and you've just put the finishing touches on your work. Then you get started on your bibliography and your footnotes. You realize you can't find the page numbers of a couple quotes from a certain book that you've already returned to the library. You have all the other publication information for that book, and it's too late to go back to the library to pick out that

quote ... so you are tempted to make up those page numbers.

Something as small as entering a page number incorrectly still counts as dishonesty. As the article "Careless citation could lead to serious consequences" pointed out, students can be penalized for improper citations. That's why Tisch Library has a subscription to RefWorks, a citation manager that organizes your citations and formats your footnotes or in-text citations while you write your paper. RefWorks can help you avoid accidental plagiarism, and

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CORRECTION

Stephen Sherman, author of yesterday's Viewpoint "What's the point of bias intervention anyway?" was misidentified as a junior. He is a sophomore.

The United Nations: Renewal, not rejection, is the answer

BY ANDREAS VINDENES

It was with both alarm and amusement that I read Jordan Greene's Viewpoint, "Reject UN-American Values" (March 12). While I understand Greene's interest in advertising the Tufts' Republicans' events, his tirade unfortunately fails to adequately address the issue of whether the United States should remain involved in the United Nations.

Greene's tabloid version of the United Nations is apparently tantamount to "smuggling socialism into the fabric of our society"; please, someone tell me I'm not the only person who smells the McCarthyite rhetoric. The analysis he presents to prove this inference is simplistic and sensationalist in approach. Simply put, it does not stand up to scrutiny.

Let me first, however, discuss the constructive case for why the United States should stay involved in the United Nations. The aim of the United Nations, according to its charter, is to prevent war and safeguard human rights. It functions, essentially, by lowering the transaction costs of diplomacy; that is, by having a permanent body such as the United Nations, it is easier to cut diplomatic deals. The likelihood of successful diplomacy increases, which, in turn, decreases the likelihood of conflict.

Theory aside, the practical effects of the United Nations on global security simply cannot be denied. The Human Security Report 2005, published by the Oxford University Press, documents a 40 percent decrease in violent conflict, an 80 percent decrease in what is classified as the "most deadly" conflicts, and an 80 percent decrease in genocide since the end of the Cold War. According to the report, this is largely attributed to U.N. efforts, such as a four-fold increase in U.N. peacekeeping missions from 1987 to 1999 and an 11-fold increase in economic sanctions from 1989-2002.

In its humanitarian work, the United Nations has eradicated smallpox through the World Health Organization. In addition, according to its Web site, the World Food Programme currently feeds more than 90 million people in 82 different countries, helping alleviate hunger in some of the world's most underprivileged regions.

In the field of human rights, the United Nations has worked to end child labor and child abuse through the Convention on the

Rights of the Child, and to end state torture and discrimination against women. Through the non-binding agreements and protocols monitored under the human rights treaty bodies of the United Nations, important measures have been taken to promote social, political and human rights throughout the world.

Finally, in the area of international law, the United Nations has administrated successful war crimes tribunals in Rwanda, Sierra Leone and the former Yugoslavia.

Greene would certainly have you believe the United Nations is at its heart an un-American socialist menace, but examine the facts. Where was Bretton Woods held? Answer: New Hampshire. Where was the U.N. Charter drafted? Answer: San Francisco. Who invented the name of the organization? Answer: Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Where are its headquarters? Answer: New York City.

The United States enjoys veto power in the Security Council and leads the effort to reform the United Nations institutions. This is hardly an anti-American organization. Through the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, free market systems have effectively been imposed on dozens of third world states — if this is the socialism that Greene speaks of, I have a copy of "The Communist Manifesto" I'd like him to borrow.

Greene portrays the United Nations as a Europeanizing agent, concerned only with spreading what he calls "socialist humanism" throughout the world. He fallaciously warns of the raging feminism sweeping across Europe and attributes it to high levels of unemployment in that continent.

If we examine the facts, however, we find that these European "dystopias" have comparable Human Development Index values to the United States. If we take Norway as an example, it has had lower unemployment than the United States during the past 15 years — even with a female Social Democrat as Prime Minister.

Notice also that Greene provides no real analysis — he simply states that social democracy leads to unemployment, which leads to rampant feminism. One would think that with such sweeping accusations, there would at least be something there to back them.

And, for that matter, I was unaware that gender equality had become a thing to be



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feared and avoided at all costs.

Greene's simplistic analysis of Europe is complete when he says that their "reflexive opposition to American unilateralism is predicated on a deep mistrust of traditional American values." If indeed aggressively policing the world is a traditional American value, then I would have to agree that European states oppose this set of values. Yet these are hardly the values the United States was founded upon.

Lastly, there is no rational reason for the United States to leave: the United States has not paid its U.N. dues in years; it can safely ignore General Assembly resolutions if it so chooses and it has veto power in the Security Council. It is clearly not costing the United States anything to remain in the U.N. system. Why on earth, then, would a rational state in such a situation simply leave?

Let us then examine the alternative: ad hoc agreements. As previously mentioned, the United Nation's *raison d'être* is the reduction in the transaction costs of diplomacy. For all its detractors' uproar regarding the United Nation's inefficiency, the reality is that the absence of such a body would result in

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Xenophobia: More than a great Scrabble Word

In sixth grade, it was my dream to go to France. I was learning French in school, and I loved the sounds of the words and their similarities to English words. I loved French culture — the food, the buildings, the ... food and buildings. I was even fascinated by French people. They seemed classier than other people, always dressed carefully and carrying on about relaxing and cheeses.

I saw my French fantasy as being exactly opposite to my reality: I was a schlepper, a clod. I was hauling my textbooks back and forth and grabbing a quick snack between soccer practice and Hebrew lessons. I wasn't cavorting Parisian streets in Chanel couture.

One thing I remember distinctly from French class is a video in which students at a high school received three hours away from school each day. During this time, they returned home to *déjeuner*. Their parents would be waiting for them with Brie and other tasty snacks, and maybe they'd even have a little time for a nap before getting back to school. I used to seethe with jealousy. Why couldn't I have been born in France? I'm sitting here falling asleep in my desk, and some Frenchie halfway around the world gets to excuse himself from school for a quick nap before afternoon classes? Unfair.

And so, the seed of uncertainty was planted. What were French people really like? Did they really behave like the people in the textbooks, perpetually gallivanting around town eating, shopping and enjoying tasty cheeses? I had to get to the bottom of this.

A very close friend of mine recently came back from a short stay in Europe. She felt absolutely no remorse in reporting to me that France was quite the unpleasant experience, wholly due to the fact that French people were ... rude. I told her she was wrong — that it was because she made no attempts to speak French.

I told her she must have met some strange breed of Frenchmen, and that French people were quite possibly the nicest, kindest, most calming people around, to which she replied, "Well, I'm not going back there. They freaked the heck out of me." Since this trip, she's actually been back to Europe a few times, but not France.

"I refuse to submit myself to their rudeness," she says. "Never again."

I suppose this is the beginning of xenophobia. Having never actually been to France, I don't see myself as being in the prime position to defend the French people. I can only say relatively lame things, like, "don't go lumping all the French people into one category" or "French people are people, too": the arguments of losers.

So how exactly does this fear play out? If you think about having a "fear of foreigners," you would imagine being in an international airport to be a heck of an ordeal. All those people around you, wearing strange clothes, dancing around, selling you books.

I think this is the only phobia that manifests itself as more of an aversion

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I'm jealous of every girl my boyfriend talks to

BY ANGELA SIMENTAL
The Round Up

Jealousy is an emotional response to an actual or perceived loss or threat involving someone or something we believe is essential to our happiness, our security or our well-being.

Jealousy provides valuable information about our partner, the state of the relationship, or the condition of our self-esteem.

If we change our focus from the jealousy itself to the underlying source of the problem, we can deal more effectively with it.

The first challenge is to determine who owns the problem and whether the problem has any basis in reality.

Do you have reason to mistrust your boyfriend? Has he done anything in the past to give you cause for concern in the present? Does he treat other females in a way you wish he would treat you? Do you know how he really feels toward his former girlfriend or what it means for him to maintain a relationship with her? Is what he

tells you consistent with the way he behaves? If you determine that he is giving you reason to feel insecure, which means that he owns the problem, you need to talk openly with him to see if you can come to some kind of understanding; perhaps establishing some new ground rules for the relationship.

If you can find no basis in his behavior or attitude for your jealousy, then you need to look within to see if you own the problem.

Is he too important to you — so much that you can't bear the thought of losing him? Is your self-esteem too heavily invested in him and the relationship? Are you more concerned about what he thinks of you than what you think of yourself? If so, remember that no one person can possibly meet all our needs. For that reason, it is wise to invest time and energy in friends and pursuits of your own, so that you can feel secure apart from him.

Is there something missing in the relationship? How honest and open is

your communication? Can you freely discuss your fears and your concerns, or are you making assumptions about how each other feels? Are your expectations based on reality or fantasy? Do you respect, understand and trust one another? If you decide that the relationship owns the problem, discuss your concerns and your needs with your partner. It is not what you say that hurts the relationship; it is those hidden suspicions and unstated fears that do the real damage. By creating mutual trust and satisfaction, you will minimize the potential for destructive jealousy.

If you are unable to pinpoint the source of your jealousy or to discuss it with your boyfriend, consider individual or couple's counseling as a way to improve communication and enhance understanding. In the words of sociologists Gordon Clanton and Lynn Smith, "Jealousy is neither proof of love nor evidence of personal failure. It is merely a signal that tells you to attend to your relationship and to yourself."

CUSTOMS CHECK...

“Is that a STD IN YOUR LUGGAGE?”



Few students who had sex during spring break used condoms, even if a condom was available.

75% of male students & 55% of female students involved in sexual assault were drinking and/or using drugs.

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We're all a little xenophobic

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or an avoidance than a fear. It's not that you'll see the foreigner, scream and run away. I mean, you might (depending on relative size of goiters and horns), but the most common symptom of xenophobia is just a general malaise.

Tufts in general is particularly anti-xenophobic. If our school was xenophobe-friendly, we wouldn't have culture houses or international orientations. Well, maybe we would, but for segregation purposes.

But all joking aside, xenophobia is a serious problem. You may be thinking to yourself, "Come on, Olivia. No one is really scared of foreigners. After all, we are for-

eigners to everyone else!"

And you would be very right, young grasshopper. But what if I asked you if you ever felt uncomfortable around a group of people you had never previously met or if you've ever been in a situation where all the people around you are speaking a language you don't understand? A little bit different, eh?

It's my personal opinion that most conflict in the world has its roots in some form of xenophobia. Maybe one group doesn't particularly share the same religious ideology as another. Maybe one group feels that its neighbor's cultural rituals are barbaric and backward.

Maybe — no, definitely — we've all got a little xenophobe in us.

Vindenes asks, "Why withdraw from United Nations?"

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even more inefficiency. Agreements would "cost" much more in terms of time spent negotiating and traveling.

The painful truth is that diplomacy has a cost — it takes time. It provides considerable benefits, however: international legitimacy, decreased likelihood of war, increased human rights and relief for environmental and economic catastrophes. In this case, the benefits clearly outweigh the costs.

I am certainly not denying the imperfections of the United Nations. It is a vast and inefficient bureaucracy. However, reform is the correct action, not abandonment of this important diplomatic channel.

The United Nations isn't about "irrelevant values like 'peace' and 'justice'" as Greene so eloquently put it. The United Nations is about having the machinery in place to facilitate international agreements. It's about preventing war, alleviating disaster where it strikes and promoting basic human rights throughout the world.

Greene is quite right when he says the United States can solve its own problems — the United Nations exists to collectively solve problems of an international nature. Human rights, avoiding major war, humanitarian crises — these are issues that are relevant to all of humanity, and we will always need a forum in which to discuss them.

In our age, that forum is the United Nations.

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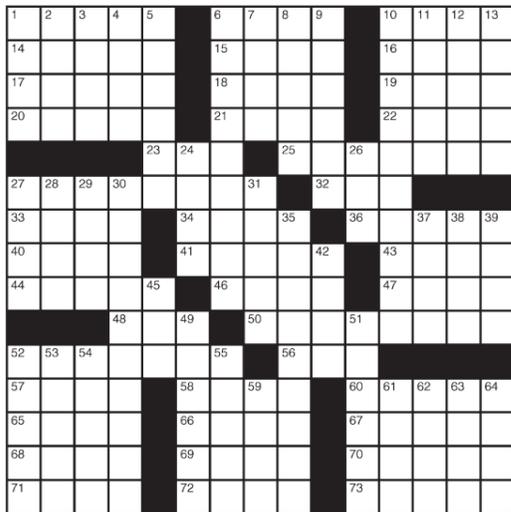
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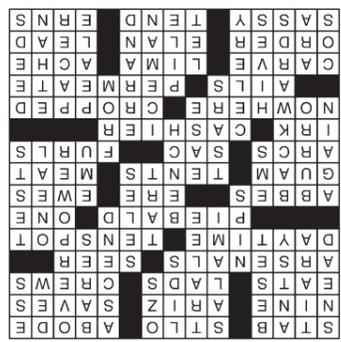
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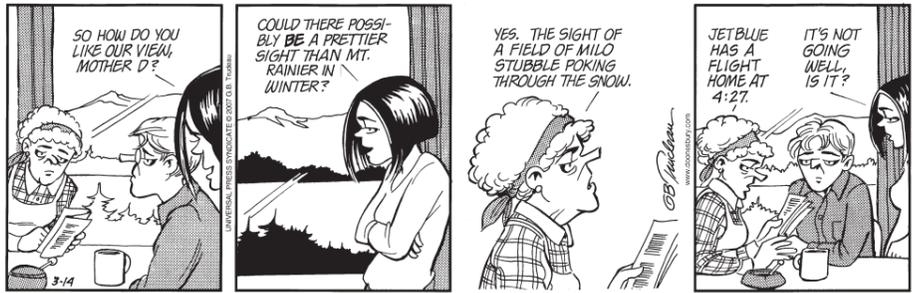
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 Answer: After years of study, the porty scholar was — WELL "ROUNDED"

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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

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It's only spring training; wait until the regular season

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What's the point of beating the Yankees if there's no Derek Jeter to boo? No Johnny Damon to call a traitor? No Alex Rodriguez to laugh at every time he attempts to do what he calls "playing third base?"

It just didn't feel like a real win, at least not to me. Anytime a Red Sox fan gets to watch the Yankees lose, it's supposed to be a special occasion. But this time, I think it may have gone too far.

Whenever I get into a debate with a Yankees fan, I will inevitably be reminded that this "rivalry" is all on the Boston side and that the Yankees don't actually care about the Red Sox that much. I

always denied that until now.

Todd Pratt, Josh Phelps, Kevin Reese, Chris Basak, Alberto Gonzalez all started for the Yankees Monday night, even though it was the last time the two teams will meet until late April. If it were the other way around, all of New England would be calling for Tito's head. But I will admit that as much as I hate everything it stands for, the Yankee faithful got it right.

I've always admired the fanatic support that the Red Sox fans have for their team. But March is March, and I think that support's gone a bit too far.

Save it for the regular season. It's gonna be a great one.

Several teams have chance to score upsets

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think not" department, tomorrow will mark the 10-year anniversary of then-11-seeded Boston College upsetting the No. 6 **Indiana Hoosiers**, coached by Bob Knight, in the 1996 NCAA Tournament's opening round (BC had also ousted the Hoosiers in the Sweet Sixteen two years earlier). Tomorrow, the Eagles meet No. 10-seeded **Texas Tech**, which is coached by none other than Bob Knight.

Upset City, Baby: Of course, it won't be an opening weekend of the tournament without its share of upsets.

Last year, No. 16-seeded **Albany** led **UConn** by as many as 12 points in the second half, almost doing the impossible and

dispatching the No. 1 Huskies in the first round. This year, the committee respected the Great Danes with a No. 13 seed in the South and the chance to send **Virginia** packing. With senior guards Jamar Wilson and Jason Siggers bringing memories of last year's near-miss against UConn, don't be surprised if Albany isn't just one-and-done.

The dreaded 5-vs.-12 game in the South could also provide an upset. No. 12-seeded **Long Beach State** brings five senior starters and one of the highest scoring averages in the nation (80.3) to the table against **Tennessee**. This contest could turn into a shootout as the Vols sport a high-octane offense as well (79.7 ppg), and if the 49ers get hot early, they could get the

confidence to send the Vols packing.

Lastly, don't sleep on the East's No. 14 seed **Oral Roberts** in its opening-round matchup against the vastly overrated third-seeded **Washington State**. Oral Bob brings a starting lineup of three juniors and two seniors, including three-time Mid-Continent Conference Player of the Year Caleb Green (20.8 points, 9.3 rebounds per game) to the table and is poised to take advantage of the committee's most egregious seeding error.

Tomorrow's action kicks off with Virginia and Albany at 12:15 p.m., and it won't stop until well after midnight, so skip class, cancel your plans and strap yourself in for March Madness.

Basketball, hockey play national semifinal games Friday

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you play,' or 'You play as you practice,' I think it really applies to her. She's got a habit of making it her sole goal to keep goals from being scored."

In the span of three weeks, the Jeffs have completely rewritten their program's record books, earning their first victory in a NESCAC Tournament game, their first NESCAC title, and their first NCAA Frozen Four appearance. The women's hockey team is the first Amherst squad in any winter sport other than men's basketball ever to reach the Final Four of a national tournament.

And the Amherst community has taken notice.

"All of a sudden, professors start noticing," Plumer said. "Kids have told me that their professors at the beginning of class will be reading an article from the local newspaper about our team mentioning some of our kids. All of a sudden, the president of the college e-mails the whole team. People on campus do take a lot of notice. It makes the experience that much more special. All of a sudden, you walk down the hallway and everybody's giving you a thumbs up."

Meanwhile, the school's women's swimming and diving team has also exceeded all expectations this season. Three weeks after posting a second-place finish at the NESCAC Tournament,

where they won the most events of any participant and captured a conference-best 37 All-NESCAC honors, the Jeffs stunned the field at last weekend's NCAA Championships, swimming to a second-place showing that placed them ahead of two-time defending champion Emory, national powerhouse Calvin, and seven-time NESCAC champion Williams.

"I haven't seen a team swim like this, maybe ever," coach Nick Nichols said. "After about two events, when we were in second, kids were taking pictures of the scoreboard because [they] knew we were going to be out of second in a heartbeat. There were more pictures of the scoreboard probably than of people on the podium at that point. Then we were hanging in there, but we thought we'd fall to fourth, maybe fifth. It's so far beyond satisfaction because we had no expectation to even be in the ballpark."

Keying the team's second-place run was junior Brittany Sasser, who took Swimmer of the Meet honors after breaking her own national records in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke events and contributed to four other top-five relay finishes.

"Genetically, she's got it all," Nichols said. "She's put together the way a swimmer needs to be put together. But it's a lot more than that. Brittany is a very rare combination of an extraordinary talent, someone who's incredibly motivated, incredibly determined, and

an incredible hard worker."

While the women's swimming and diving season has concluded, the men's basketball and women's hockey programs will both resume their quests for national titles on Friday, when each will make appearances in the national semifinals of their respective NCAA Tournaments. While no Amherst winter sports team has ever won a national championship, this season may see two Jeffs squads take home the gold.

"Our seniors will go to the Final Four for the third time," Amherst men's basketball coach David Hixon said. "So the national championship's the goal, and that's what we've been shooting for all year long. We won 23 in a row during the year, which was the school mark, but we never really thought about that. Our focus has been on a more final goal."

But regardless of where the Jeffs finish in the NCAA Tournament, their success will only benefit the NESCAC as a whole.

"We're not just proud of how Amherst has done," Hixon, also the school's Associate Athletic Director, said. "It speaks toward the strength of our conference. Naturally we've had a good year. We're proud to carry the banner in a couple of sports right now for the NESCAC. But it helps our league when the rest of the country perceives that we have this strength."

Jumbos get singles play ready for trip out west

WOMEN'S SINGLES

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net and figuring out which shots are the smart ones to come to net on."

This week will be a valuable one for the squad as it hopes to hold its first outdoor practices of the semester. The transition from an indoor court to an outdoor one can prove tricky, and the Jumbos will have to work quickly in order to be fully prepared for next week's trip out west, which will feature five dual matches in the California sun.

"This week our focus will be mainly on the adjustments needed when moving from indoors to outdoors," Bayard said. "Reading the ball outdoors is completely different from reading it indoors. Big adjustments have to be made with footwork and timing as we move outside."

The Jumbos start their season off on Monday when they take on Point Loma, followed by a Wednesday match-up with Pomona-Pitzer and a contest against Linfield at Pomona March 23. The squad will wrap up the spring break trip with two matches at Chapman University, one against the host Panthers and one against UC Santa Cruz on March 24 and 25, respectively.

STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Men's Lacrosse (1-0, 0-0 NESCAC)

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

Individual Statistics

	G	A	Pts
Chris Connelly	1	1	2
Connor Ginsberg	1	0	1
Clem McNally	1	0	1
Mark Warner	1	0	1
Stephen Ginsberg	1	0	1
Kevin Williams	0	1	1
Mike Cortese	0	0	0
Wiley Dornseif	0	0	0
Matt Caple	0	0	0
Perry Choren	0	0	0
Team	5	2	7

	GA	S	S%
Matt Harrigan	4	12	.778

Div. III Men's Indoor Track and Field Poll

- Mt. Union
- Monmouth
- Wisconsin-Oshkosh
- SUNY Brockport
- North Central
- Wisconsin-La Crosse
- Wisconsin-Whitewater
- Tufts**
- Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- Augustana
- Wisconsin-Platteville
- Ohio Northern
- Bates**
- SUNY Cortland
- Wartburg

Div. III Women's Indoor Track and Field Poll

- Wisconsin-Oshkosh
- Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- Tufts**
- Ohio Northern
- Baldwin-Wallace
- Illinois Wesleyan
- Wartburg
- Augustana
- North Central
- SUNY Cortland
- Chicago
- SUNY Brockport
- Rochester
- St. Lawrence
- Monmouth

Div. III Men's Lacrosse Poll (3/12/2007)

	Record	Pts
1. Salisbury (12)	6-0	240
2. Gettysburg	2-0	228
3. RIT	3-0	211
4. Wesleyan	2-0	202
5. Middlebury	1-0	191
6. Lynchburg	3-0	176
7. Nazareth	3-0	170
8. Wash. (Md.)	3-1	130
9. Stevens	2-1	128
10. Geneseo	0-1	112
11. Roanoke	5-1	111
12. St. Lawren.	1-0	106
13. Hampden.	3-0	97
17. Tufts	1-0	18

Div. III Women's Lacrosse Poll (3/6/2007)

	Record	Pts
1. TCNJ (6)	0-0	152
2. Gettysburg (1)	1-0	150
3. Amherst (1)	0-0	145
4. Bowdoin	0-0	136
5. Salisbury	3-0	112
6. Cortland	1-2	112
7. Colby	0-0	109
8. Frank./Marsh.	0-0	102
9. Middlebury	0-0	100
10. Wash./Lee	4-0	89
11. Dickinson	0-0	80
12. Mary Wash.	2-1	78
13. Williams	0-0	67
19. Tufts	0-0	25

SCHEDULE | March 14 - 18

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Baseball			at Lynchburg TBA	at St. Paul's 1:00 p.m.	vs. Endicott at Guilford 1:00 p.m.
Softball					vs. Elmhurst 4 p.m., Dana 8 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse			at Williams 5 p.m.		
Women's Lacrosse	Wellesley 4:30 p.m.			Williams 1:00 p.m.	
Men's Tennis			at MIT 5 p.m.	Middlebury 11:30	
Women's Tennis					
Men's Track and Field					
Women's Track and Field					
JumboCast					

Five opponents await Jumbo doubles squad for spring break out West

WOMEN'S DOUBLES
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possible pairings. With the return of junior Andrea Cenko, who spent the fall semester abroad, freshman Meghan McCooey has found herself a new partner. McCooey spent the fall season playing doubles almost exclusively with sophomore Mari Homma.

"The teams are getting better with each practice," Bayard said. "Meghan and Andrea are either hot or cold as a team

on any given day. The key with their success as a team will be their ability to fire each other up. They have the potential to be a great team."

Another new pair for the Jumbos will be Homma with freshman Erica Miller. While Homma spent the fall playing with McCooey, Miller took the court alongside senior Silvia Schmid. Schmid has since joined forces with freshman Laura Hoguet, who was brought up to the varsity squad after a

stellar fall on the junior varsity level.

"Silvia and Laura's games compliment each other," Bayard said. "Silvia's powerful serve and groundstrokes set Laura up at net."

Since the Jumbos have added two players to their roster, a junior returning from abroad and a freshman from the JV squad, they are still uncertain as to who will compete at No. 2 and No. 3 once the season begins.

"It's too hard to tell right now where the other teams will fit in," Bayard said. "We're going to try these combos for at least the first couple of matches on the spring trip, then we will reassess. We may keep these teams for the season, and we may switch things around."

Until the final doubles ladder becomes apparent, the squad at least knows its pairs for now and can focus on perfecting the minor facets of its game that will make it more successful.

"Since we have pretty much figured out the teams, we are working on our doubles strategy and working on making everyone a better doubles player all around," Lutten said. "Since we have some new combinations, everyone has to be doubles-ready for the spring."

The Jumbos will be able to put their doubles play to the test early next week when they travel out west to take on five different opponents from the West Coast during spring break.

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DAILY DIGITS

393.10
Points earned by freshman diver Lindsay Gardel in the NCAA Diving Championships, held this past weekend in Houston, Texas. Gardel's total was good enough for an 11th-place finish at the event, earning her an honorable mention All-American recognition in her first trip to Nationals.

3
Games the Dallas Mavericks have lost over the last three months. The Mavs, who snapped a 17-game winning streak with a 17-point loss at Golden State Monday night, are 28-3 in 2007 and an NBA-best 52-10 on the season.

2
Silver medals earned by senior Fred Jones at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, hosted by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology this weekend in Terre Haute, Ind. The senior, who finished second in the nation in both the long and triple jumps, now has nine career All-American distinctions.

6
At-large bids earned by mid-major teams out of a possible 34 at-large bids in this year's NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, down from eight bids netted by non-power conference programs last season. Those teams are: Butler (Horizon), BYU (MWC), Nevada (WAC), Old Dominion (CAA), Southern Illinois (MVC), and Xavier (Atlantic 10).

25
Games on the schedule for the baseball and softball teams over spring break. The baseball team heads to Virginia and North Carolina for 13 games in 10 days, while the softball team plays 12 times in seven days on its trip to California.

117-10
Combined record of the No. 1 seeds in this season's NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament. Duke (30-1), North Carolina (30-3), Tennessee (28-3), and Connecticut (29-3) all took top regional seeds following commanding play during the regular season.

INSIDE WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Familiar faces get top spots in women's tournament

BY RACHEL DOLIN
Daily Editorial Board

So it probably didn't take an expert to predict this year's four No. 1 seeds in the women's NCAA Tournament. But that doesn't mean the road to the Final Four will be a walk in the park.

In fact, of the tournament's four top seeds — **North Carolina**, **Duke**, **Connecticut** and **Tennessee** — only one has avoided a major hit to its confidence over the past week or so, and the Big Dance hasn't even begun. The nation's top team, Duke dropped its ACC semi-final match-up to **NC State** on March 3, while UConn fell to tournament four-seeded **Rutgers** in the Big East final on March 6, and the Lady Vols similarly succumbed to SEC foe **LSU** on March 3.

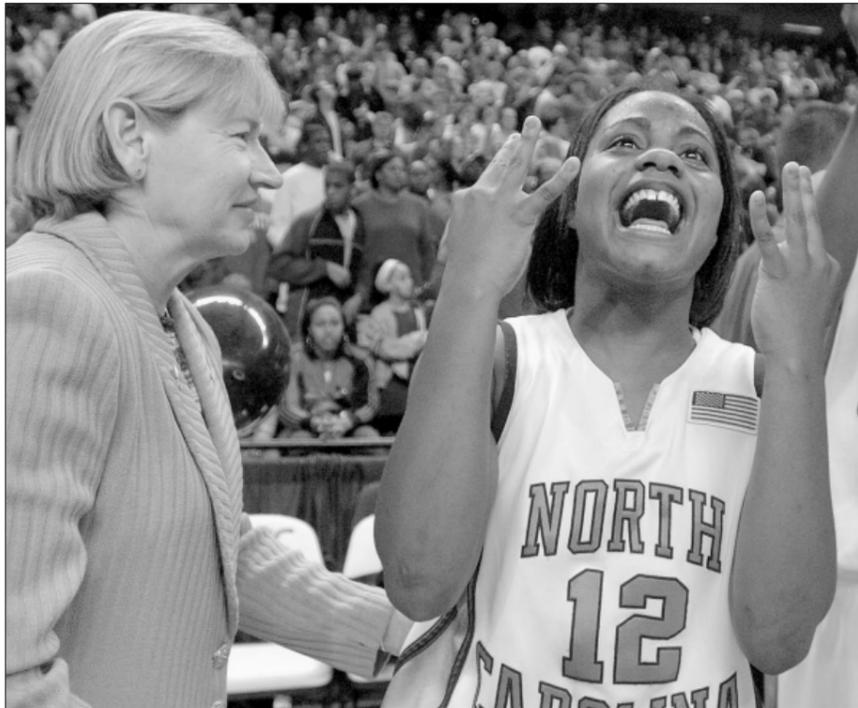
These losses, however, did not prevent the 2007 NCAA selection committee from penciling in these perennial powerhouses at the top of their respective regions.

Sailing through the regular season with 30-consecutive wins and receiving their 13th-straight NCAA tournament bid, the Blue Devils set themselves up for success in the postseason, having virtual home court advantage throughout the Greensboro Regionals. But for a team that has historically been unable to win the big game — epitomized in last year's title-game loss to **Maryland** — Duke could be its own worst enemy.

And although it is not in the toughest region, an award reserved for the Dayton bracket, it could have a date with a red-hot No. 2-seeded **Vanderbilt** club straight off an SEC tournament championship win over No. 3 seed LSU. Unfortunately for LSU, its bid for a No. 3 seed in the Fresno region will be lost amidst the controversy surrounding coach Pokey Chatman's March 7 resignation after the surfacing of allegations involving her sexual relationship with a former player. The postseason burden now falls on the shoulders of assistant coach Bob Starkey.

Lurking in the shadows of that league is an arguably underrated Rutgers team, coming from a Big East conference that boasts eight teams in the tournament, the largest number of invites from any league.

Still the face of the Big East despite finally succumbing to the Scarlet Knights in the championship game, UConn heads the Fresno region, but could be challenged by No. 2 **Stanford**, No. 3 LSU, or No. 4 **NC State** — all teams familiar



North Carolina women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell looks on as senior guard Ivory Latta holds up three fingers, one for each of the Tar Heels' ACC titles in the past three years.

with the tournament scene. Interestingly, Connecticut's trademark over the past few years has been its lineup of seasoned veterans, and this season it is the team's inexperience that has perhaps been its major flaw, most evident in its mid-season loss to the Lady Vols.

Without a senior on the roster, the Lady Huskies will look to sophomore point guard Renee Montgomery, who led the team on a 15-game winning streak following an 82-76 Jan. 15 loss at the hands of UNC.

After winning the ACC Tournament, the Tar Heels are rolling, but Ivory Latta will need the support of her teammates if they are going to race through the Dallas bracket. If last year's Final Four appearance serves as any indication, the team has the talent to go all the way, as Latta's teammates are chipping in on the offensive side more effectively than last season.

With wins against Tennessee on Dec. 3, UConn on Jan. 15 and Maryland on Jan. 28, the Heels have shown they're not intimidated by strong competition, and they hope that this year's No. 1 seed, their third in a row, will not go to waste.

Of all the No. 1 seeds, Tennessee has the toughest road to the final weekend in Cleveland, Ohio. With reigning champion and No. 2-seeded Maryland, No. 3-seeded **Oklahoma**, which returned all five starters from last year's Big 12 champion squad, and 2006 one-seed **Ohio State**, the Dayton region is stacked.

But Candace Parker and Sidney Spencer lead a multi-pronged Tennessee attack that handled Stanford, UConn, Vanderbilt, **Arizona State** and LSU on its way to a 28-3 record and a perfect regular season conference clip. If any team knows how to win, it's coach Pat Summitt's team, which has captured a record six NCAA titles and has appeared in all 26 Div. I women's basketball tournaments.

Although the women's bracket is never quite as upset-filled as the men's tournament, 60 teams will still be looking to dethrone the top four, who do not look as infallible as in past years.

First-round tournament action will start Saturday, with the four regional winners meeting on April 1 at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

East and South regions offer plenty of star power

BY ANDREW SILVER
Daily Editorial Board

We're just 24 hours away from tip-off of the NCAA Tournament, so let's take a closer look at the right half of the bracket.

Star Power: The East and South Regionals somehow managed to monopolize the majority of the tournament's big names, starting at the top with freshmen phenoms Greg Oden of **Ohio State** and Kevin Durant of **Texas**.

Don't blink, because this month will probably be your last chance to watch these two guys play in their college uniforms. Oden (15.3 points, 9.3 rebounds, 3.5 blocks per game) leads the South's No. 1-seeded Buckeyes, but he has plenty of help, including his classmate and former high school teammate Mike Conley Jr., who is averaging 10.1 points and 6.4 assists per game.

It has been more of a one-man show, on the other hand, for Durant and Texas. Durant averaged an astounding 25.1 points and 11.4 rebounds per game, making him perhaps the best freshman in NCAA history. While the East's No. 4-seeded Longhorns are not extraordinarily deep, don't be surprised to see Durant lock horns with Oden on March 31 in the Final Four if the Longhorns can get past sophomore Tyler Hansbrough (18.8 points, 8.0 rebounds per game) and **North Carolina** in the Sweet Sixteen.

A pair of superstars lead the East and South's No. 7 seeds, as well. **Boston College's** Jared Dudley, who led the ACC in scoring and rebounding (19.3 and 8.5, respectively) on his way to earning con-

ference Player of the Year honors, almost single-handedly helped the Eagles recover from the midseason dismissal of Sean Williams, the nation's blocked shots leader. Despite this, don't expect the Eagles, who are only 7-7 since Jan. 20, to get past twin towers Roy Hibbert and Jeff Green of **Georgetown** in the second round.

The South's No. 7 seed, **Nevada** has a primetime player of its own in senior forward Nick Fazekas, a three-time WAC Player of the Year who averaged 20.9 points and 11.3 rebounds per game this season. Fazekas and the Wolfpack are poised for a meeting in the second round with No. 2-seeded **Memphis**, who went 30-3 but played in the weak Conference USA.

Set Your TiVo: The early rounds in the East and South regions could be ones to remember.

A potential second round meeting between Texas and No. 5-seeded **USC** in the East will renew the rivalry between these traditional football powerhouses on the hardwood. Expect that contest to play out similarly to the 2006 Rose Bowl, in which Vince Young and Texas edged out the Trojans. USC will need a heroic performance from its guard trio of senior Lodrick Stewart and juniors Nick Young and Gabe Pruitt to hang with the Longhorns.

The Sweet Sixteen could also see the renewal of one of college basketball's great coaching rivalries between Rick Pitino and John Calipari.

Kentucky's coach in the 1990s, Pitino twice eliminated Calipari and his alma mater **UMass** in the NCAA Tournament, once in the Sweet Sixteen and once in



Texas freshman forward Kevin Durant throws down a dunk in the Longhorns' 90-86 loss to the Kansas Jayhawks on March 3. the Final Four. It will be a golden opportunity for Pitino to pick up the hat trick against his nemesis, this time coaching **Louisville** against Calipari's **Memphis**; but the Cardinals will first have to overcome Acie Law (18.2 points, 5.3 assists) and **Texas A&M** in the second round for that matchup to come about.

And, finally, in the "Coincidence? I

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EVANS CLINCHY | DIRTY WATER



We've only just begun

The last week before spring break is always the toughest week of the year. Every professor piles on the work, desperate to get in that one last paper, problem set, lab, or exam before the week off, and meanwhile, all we students can think about is getting the hell out of here.

For me, Monday night was especially painful. I had boatloads of reading to do, a take-home exam to finish, a paper to start, and, of course, a column to write. So naturally, when I got home Monday night, I knew exactly what I had to do.

I turned on the TV.

Why, you ask? Because Monday night, for the only time this March, the Red Sox and Yankees took the field for a spring training game. Not one to miss a chapter of everyone's favorite rivalry, I tuned to NESN and watched every pitch.

I'm not usually one to care about spring training. Obviously, spring results don't translate to regular-season performances — all it takes is one look at the Grapefruit League standings to prove that. (Next time the Reds or Orioles make a run at winning a real league title, let me know.)

But watching spring training is not, however, completely useless. I'm a believer in the spring's ability to teach you the little things. Monday night, for example, taught me that Craig Hansen can handle the pressure of the Yankees in the ninth inning; that Jerry Remy liked the movie "Flubber"; and that, contrary to popular belief, Carl Pavano does not actually have a genetic defect rendering him unable to retire a single AL batter.

And unfortunately, it also taught me one other lesson — one that I've probably already known for years, but that I've always resisted. On Monday night, I finally realized the awful truth.

We Red Sox fans care too much.

Let's back up for a second. In case you didn't watch the game in question (and I can't blame you), the Red Sox won 7-5, overcoming an early 3-0 deficit when a sixth-inning homer from J.D. Drew opened the floodgates for five unanswered runs in two innings.

Manny Delcarmen and Javier Lopez pitched the seventh and eighth innings, setting up for a Hansen save, and the game ended on a double play turned by Julio Lugo, to a triumphant cry of "the Red Sox have beaten the Yankees in their first meeting of 2007!" from Don Orsillo.

Apparently someone forgot to tell the guys in the NESN booth that these games don't count.

It seems that all of Red Sox Nation put everything it had into this game. The announcers, Orsillo and Remy, spent all night hyping the match-up for all it was worth; the fans, at least half a dozen of them according to Monday's Globe, camped out outside City of Palms Park the night before to get tickets; and the Sox' manager, Terry Francona, played his entire starting lineup just to win a game played on March 12.

That's right, he played everyone. Tito started the game with Lugo, Youkilis, Ortiz, Ramirez, Drew, Lowell, Crisp, Mirabelli and Pedroia. Joe Torre countered with four major leaguers and five guys you've never heard of.

In 2004, Francona tried to get away with benching his starters in a Sox-Yanks pre-season game. It was the first game (real or otherwise) of his Red Sox career, and he was booed for not trying his hardest to beat the hated Yankees. I guess he's learned his lesson.

He got the job done this time, pushing his team over .500 in Grapefruit League play, at 7-6. The only problem is that none of this matters.

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Evans Clinchy is a sophomore who has not yet declared a major.

WOMEN'S TENNIS PREVIEW

Jumbos bring strong singles play from fall into spring season

BY LAUREN EBSTEIN
Daily Editorial Board

With plane tickets to California in hand, a junior team member back from abroad, and the chance to play outside this week for the first time since winter reared its ugly head, the women's tennis team eagerly awaits the beginning of its spring season.

The Jumbos have worked all winter at perfecting small aspects of their singles game and look to dominate the competition on the singles side of matches this spring. By mixing veteran players with newcomers, the Jumbos have a solid lineup, no matter who plays what position.

Senior tri-captain Jen Luten will lead the way for the Jumbos from the No. 1 spot, a slot she has held more-or-less since her freshman year.

"My individual goals are to be undefeated in the spring and to finish number one as a team and as a singles player," Luten said. "I also want to be a strong leader on the team and be a fighter on the court."

"I think Jen is strong enough right now to beat anyone she plays," coach Kate Bayard said. "She has always set up the point well with her big baseline weapons, and recently she's been working a lot on following

her shots to net and finishing more points there. She's playing the best tennis I've seen her play."

Freshman Meghan McCooley will follow Luten in the No. 2 slot. The rookie netted valuable collegiate experience by playing from that position throughout the fall and is prepared to take on the Jumbos' spring schedule.

"Meghan is hitting a heavier ball than she was in the fall," Bayard said. "She has a really well-rounded game and is able to mix up spin and pace effectively. Her consistency is also a great asset. She is continuing to work on finishing more points up at net."

While the other spots in the lineup still remain somewhat up in the air, the Jumbos have a fairly good idea of who will be rounding out the middle of the lineup. Junior Andrea Cenko, who spent the fall semester abroad, has since returned and will contribute strong singles play to the Tufts ladder. A consistent force on the varsity roster since her freshman year, senior tri-captain Kylyn Deary will complement Cenko's leadership.

In addition to Deary and Cenko, senior Silvia Schmid will also bring valuable experience to the court as a Tufts veteran. Schmid saw a majority

of her time at the No. 5 spot last year, and she's worked hard all fall on improving her singles game. Experienced leaders will certainly play a vital role for the Jumbos this season, as they look to stay mentally tough on the court throughout their matches.

"Our mental toughness is certainly an asset in our singles lineup this year," Bayard said. "I have been particularly impressed with the ability of this team to stay positive and focused during close matches with each other. I feel confident this mental toughness will translate over during our matches against outside competition."

Also vying for time in the singles lineup, sophomore Mari Homma and freshman Erica Miller both played singles for the Jumbos this fall and matched up as a doubles pair as well. While it is still uncertain who will play in what positions, the Jumbos have worked hard on fine-tuning their singles game across the roster.

"I would say about half the team is working on cutting down on unforced errors and making smart decisions during the point," Bayard said. "The other half of the team is working on finishing more points at

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ROB KIM/TUFTS DAILY

Freshman Meghan McCooley takes a swing during team practice on Monday. The Jumbo rookie will start at the No. 2 singles slot this spring, the same position she held during the fall portion of the season.

WOMEN'S TENNIS PREVIEW

Jumbos open spring hoping for newfound doubles success

Senior tri-captains Luten, Deary lead doubles play

BY LAUREN EBSTEIN
Daily Editorial Board

When the women's tennis team kicks off its spring season next week, the Jumbos will put a reworked doubles game to the test in the first dual matches of 2007.

The doubles aspect of the Jumbos' play has perennially taken a back seat to the singles game, but with a few months of offseason refinement, the women are hoping to make their doubles team just as strong.

While in singles play a player can work individually on perfecting her every move and developing certain strategies, in doubles, both players and coaches must match up doubles teammates in order to complement different styles of play. Finding a good doubles pairing is not always easy, but success on the court often hinges on team dynamics.

"Most teams rely on the leadership of both players at different times," coach Kate Bayard said. "The chemistry is key, because each team member needs to be able to figure out what her partner needs at any given time."

"Chemistry has a lot to do with it, but the main thing is having a desire and the initiative to want every ball," senior tri-captain Jen Luten said. "One needs to take leadership of themselves and really focus to become better in doubles. Chemistry is important, because it is good to feel comfortable with your partner."

Luten and her doubles partner, senior tri-captain Kylyn Deary, are a testament to the effectiveness of team chemistry, as the pair have competed together since their freshman year and will be starting No. 1 doubles for the Jumbos this spring. Luten and Deary went 3-1 in doubles competition this fall and are 28-15 in their careers at Tufts from the No. 1



ROB KIM/TUFTS DAILY

Senior tri-captain Kylyn Deary takes a practice overhead on Monday.

spot.

"I think they're in a good place right now to be going into the spring season," Bayard said. "They'll have some tough competition at No. 1, but they're more prepared than they were last year. Their returns are more consistent, and they've cut down on their errors. Their communication on the court continues to be an example to the rest of the team."

"Our goal is to finish No. 1 in the NESCAC and to make it to Nationals as a doubles pair," Luten said.

Luten and Deary will also lead the younger and less experienced doubles pairings. While it still remains uncertain as to who will play in what position, the Jumbos have been working out several teams of girls in order to find the best

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INSIDE THE NESCAC

Amherst enjoys nationwide success in strong winter season

BY SAPNA BANSIL
Daily Editorial Board

In recent years, Amherst's storied men's basketball program has deservedly received the attention of the Lord Jeff faithful, routinely drawing capacity crowds to LeFrak Gym during the team's annual treks deep into the NCAA Tournament.

The squad has shown no letdown this season, as the Jeffs reached the Div. III Final Four for the third time in four years Saturday night, with an 81-69 victory over Rhode Island College in the sectional finals.

But for perhaps the first time in recent memory, the men's basketball program is hardly the only Jeffs team grabbing headlines in the school's winter sports season, as the women's hockey and swimming and diving teams have grabbed the spotlight with program-best runs in their respective national tournaments.

Amherst's women's hockey team is

arguably one of the greatest underdog stories in the recent history of the NESCAC, keeping its improbable run alive Saturday night after a 2-1 victory over the Rochester Institute of Technology in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament.

Once again, a strong effort from freshman goalie Krystyn Elek propelled the squad, as she extended her unbeaten streak to seven games after stopping 14 Tiger shots and yielding just one goal. In her last 185 minutes of hockey, a run dating back to the third period of Amherst's NESCAC semifinal victory over Bowdoin on March 3, Elek, the conference's Rookie of the Year, has surrendered just two goals.

"She dies to keep the puck out of the net," Amherst women's hockey coach Jim Plumer said. "It's her personal challenge to keep every puck out of the net. When you think about some of the old coaching clichés, like, 'You practice as

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COURTESY WILLIAMS SPORTS INFORMATION

Amherst junior Brittany Sasser broke her own national records in two backstroke events and contributed to four top-five finishes in relay events at last weekend's NCAA Tournament. The Jeffs' women's swimming and diving team finished second at Nationals.