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Partisan disagreement on Romney's legacy; impact on Healey

BY ROB SILVERBLATT
Daily Editorial Board

With a new gubernatorial election on the horizon, Mitt Romney's term at the helm of the state is drawing to a close.

Still, the debate over his effectiveness on Beacon Hill is likely to continue well into the future.

For Republicans, he will be remembered as the fiscally responsible politician that steered the state out of a recession and guided it toward universal health care.

Democrats remember Romney as the source of an endless number of vetoes, decreased local aid and socially backward policies.

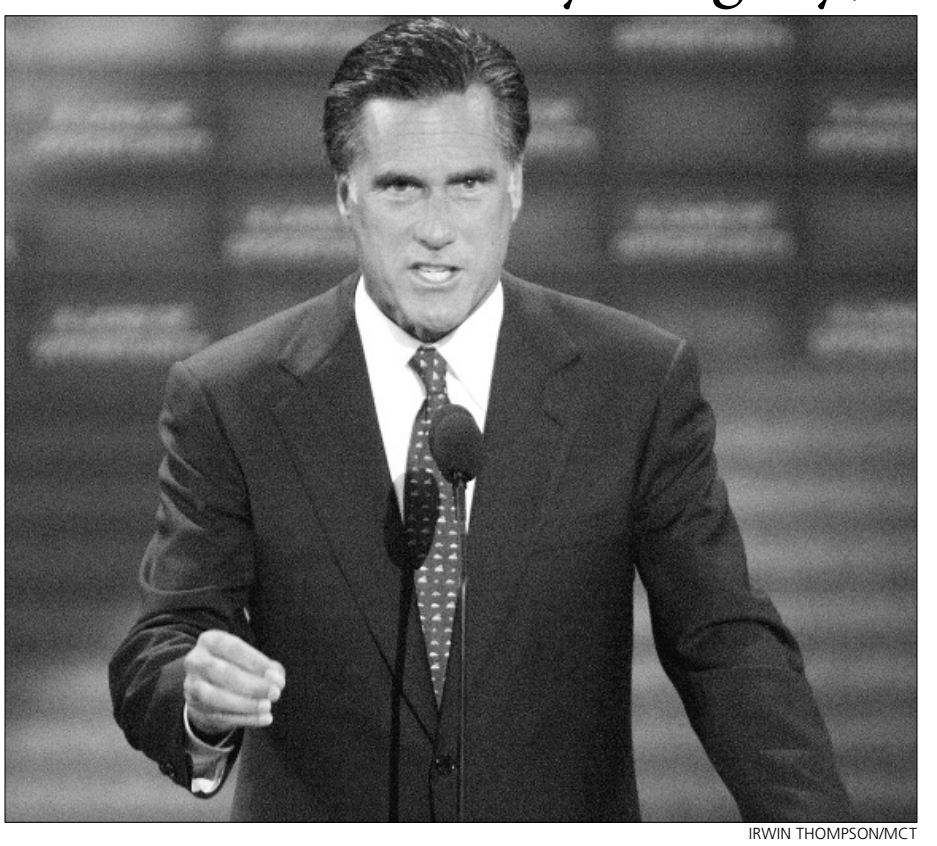
In a four-year term that has been characterized by frequent and often widely publicized disputes between the Governor's office and the state legislature, Romney has left very different impressions on each party.

"From my party's perspective, the [administration] ... has been very helpful both in terms of how they've approached the district in Massachusetts that we represent, but also from the point of view of making sure that the administration was accessible and communicated ... policy goals," Republican state Senator Michael Knapik told the Daily.

Many Republicans feel that this communication played a key role in bringing the Massachusetts budget out of debt and leaving it with a surplus.

"You can say what you want, but it's through [Romney's] leadership and his initiatives that have gotten us to that point," Republican state Senator Scott Brown told the Daily.

Democrats have taken an opposite viewpoint. "In my opinion, [Romney] didn't really feel as though he needed to interact with the state legislature," Democrat and Assistant Majority Leader in the Massachusetts House of Representatives Lidia Harkins told the Daily.



IRWIN THOMPSON/MCT

Governor Mitt Romney (R-Mass.) speaks at the 2004 Republican National Convention in New York City on Sept. 1, 2004.

Although they admit that the economy has improved, Democrats have tended to credit both the work of the legislature and external factors.

According to Harkins, the economy highlighted Romney's lack of communication with the state legislature.

"He would write his budget, and we would write ours, and often times there were areas of his budget that we would not embrace," she said, with the final product often bearing the mark of the legislature.

She said that at least some of the growth

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BY ROB SILVERBLATT
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As the Nov. 7 gubernatorial election approaches, Republican candidate and current Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey has taken great care to lay out a very specific agenda for the state.

At the polling booths though, it is possible that voters will treat the election as an evaluation of the administration of current Governor Mitt Romney rather than Healey's individual plans, according to many election observers.

"This election is a referendum on the Romney/Healey administration, and they are about to receive a resounding repudiation," U.S. Representative Ed Markey (D-Mass.) told the Daily.

He said that the consistent lead that Democratic candidate Deval Patrick has maintained in the polls is the result of discontent with Romney's policies.

"A big part of that huge mandate that Deval is about to receive is a repudiation of the Romney message," he said.

Tufts sophomore and Healey campaign volunteer Daniel Hartman agreed that Patrick's success in the polls is a reaction by voters to the current administration. "If the polls are correct … I believe it is a referendum on Romney," he said.

Still, there is disagreement about the fairness of this voter evaluation.

According to Democratic Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone, it is only appropriate that Healey be judged based on the record of the Romney administration.

"She was part of his administration, and they own the record that they have, good or bad," he told the Daily.

Kayt Norris, the president of the Tufts Democrats, agreed. "I think it's only fair that

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Experimental College makes the switch to SIS registration

BY JENNA NISSAN
Daily Editorial Board

Students will be able to register for Experimental College courses using Student Information System (SIS) starting next semester.

This option was not available to students last semester. Previously, students signed up for ExCollege offerings on a list or on Tufts Webcenter, and then could attend the first class to decide if they wanted to enroll. If space for a class was limited, the final roster decision would fall to the professor.

"In the past, we've had people sign up for classes but not really register," ExCollege Director Robyn Gittleman said. "It was not on a first-come, first-serve basis. You had an equal chance of getting into the course if your name was on the list."

Yet this turned out to be a complicated process. "Many classes had as many as 60 people sign up even if they had to get down to 20 or 30 people," she said. Professors "had their own reasons" for choosing some students over others, she said.

Gittleman said that the ExCollege Board decided to remove this element based on feedback from students.

Students will be able to add ExCollege courses during the add/drop period when they can adjust other elements of their schedule.

"The registrar was very happy that we made this choice," Gittleman said. "We discussed for a number of weeks what this meant and how it was going to affect the students. We hope that everyone will be able to get the classes that they want, and that the instructors will know who is in the class and be able to start with a little less fluctuation."

Which is not to say the problem of entering and exiting students will go away entirely.

Phil Primack, who has taught in the ExCollege in the past and will offer a course entitled Media, Law and Ethics this spring, still expects the class to fluctuate even with a more sophisticated add/drop procedure.

"It's very, very hard to establish a good class chemistry," when students can still enter the class for two weeks afterwards and drop for four weeks afterward, he said.

But ExCollege registration will still take place at the beginning of the semester, not with regular course registration several months before.

Opening ExCollege registration this early would present a major logistical challenge, ExCollege board

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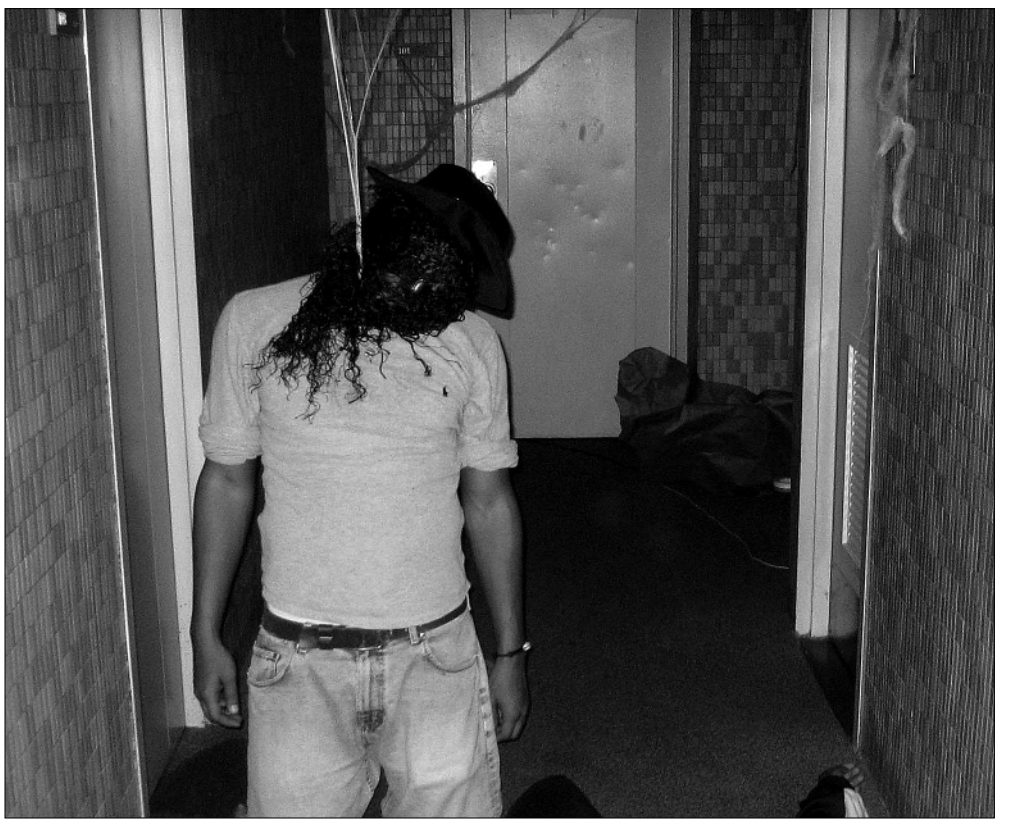
Miller Hall turns into Ludd's house of horrors



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A haunted house created by Resident Assistant Jamil Ludd spooked Jumbos who stopped by Miller Hall last night. Ludd built a similar haunted house last year in South Hall, complete with actors and scary music, and decided to recreate it this year. With lines of people outside the door, the scary attraction was an overwhelming success.

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Find out what you can make with that leftover pumpkin.

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There's a Method to the concert board's madness.

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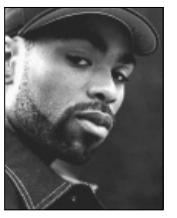

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NORTH KOREANS SWITCH TACK ON NUKES

North Korea agreed Tuesday to return to multilateral talks aimed at dismantling its nuclear program three weeks after it tested a nuclear weapon.

The announcement marked a sudden turnaround for North Korea and came amid signs that China had leaned heavily on its neighbor, even slashing vital oil supplies.

Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, the senior U.S. envoy on the nuclear crisis, said he spent seven hours in meetings with his Chinese and North Korean counterparts before obtaining agreement from Pyongyang that it would return to the talks.

President Bush said resumption of the talks was a positive step, but that much difficult work needed to be done before negotiations occur. "We'll continue to resolve this in a peaceful way," Bush said at the White House.

Hill said the renewed talks are unlikely to occur until December, and wouldn't affect the implementation of U.N. sanctions, which call for a ban on trade with North Korea in nuclear materials, major weapons and luxury goods.

NASA AGREES TO REPAIR HUBBLE TELESCOPE

The Hubble Space Telescope, responsible for some of astronomy's most startling and visually bewitching discoveries, received a reprieve Tuesday.

Reversing a previous decision that dismayed scientists and schoolchildren alike, NASA managers authorized a risky space shuttle mission to repair the 16-year-old orbiting telescope and prolong its life.

The 11-day repair mission is tentatively scheduled for May 2008 aboard shuttle Discovery. It will require four or five spacewalks 375 miles above Earth. It will cost about $900 million, NASA said.

Launched on April 24, 1990, and named for astronomer Edwin Powell Hubble, the telescope has recorded about 750,000 images of 24,000 celestial objects for 4,000 astronomers who have published 6,300 papers based on the research, according to NASA.

But the flight will be more risky than the three most recent shuttle missions: the crew will not have the option of parking a damaged shuttle at the International Space Station.

Since the Columbia accident of February 2003, which killed all seven of its astronauts, NASA has required this "safe haven" option for every launch it authorizes.

IRAQI LEADER ORDERS U.S. TROOPS TO ABANDON CHECKPOINTS

Moving to wrest control of his army from the United States, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki ordered U.S. forces to take down the barriers they'd erected in their search for a missing U.S. soldier and to end the blockade of Baghdad's largest Shiite Muslim district.

U.S. officials complied, a development hailed as a victory by supporters of Shiite Muslim cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose Mahdi Army militia is suspected of kidnapping the soldier.

For the past week, Maliki has been openly critical of U.S. policies in Iraq.

In Washington, White House spokesman Tony Snow dismissed any suggestion of a rift. "To deal with checkpoints does not necessarily change the situation in terms of how you deal with Sadr City," he said, focusing on how Maliki has "been very assertive and aggressive" in combating sectarian violence.

But White House concern over Maliki's stance was evident in the decision to send National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley to Baghdad on Monday.

Hadley met with Maliki and his security chief, Mouwafak al-Rubaie, but there was no announcement of what they discussed.

— compiled from McClatchy Newspapers

ExCollege still to register at beginning of semester

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member and junior Alejandro Piñero said.

The board is still soliciting and deciding upon course proposals to be taught throughout the semester and currently cannot announce the offerings in time for regular SIS registration.

If introduced earlier, Piñero said, ExCollege offerings could see an increase in popularity, as they could be considered when students make their general course selection.

The ExCollege courses will be open for registration from Jan. 17 to Feb. 21 and will have a typical class size of 25 to 30 students with a waitlist of up to 10 students, Gittleman said.

Gittleman said that the decision to switch to SIS is a pilot program, and the student response will affect whether it will continue.

"I think that people will take the class more seriously when they register. But we won't have as much flexibility as before, because large numbers of people can't get in," Gittleman said.

ExCollege courses for Spring 2007 will soon be voted on and will be listed on its Web site by mid-December, she said.

Marc Raifman contributed reporting for this article.

Some of Healey's stances do differ from Romney's

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if she wants to run on the good the things in this administration, then it's only fair that she also take some of the blame for some of the mistakes of this administration," she said.

According to Hartman, though, there are several important differences between Romney and Healey. Unlike her current boss, she is pro-choice, pro-civil unions and pro-stem cell research. Her problem has been in convincing the voters, Hartman said.

"If she can … show that she is not Mitt Romney within the next week, I think she has a chance."

This might prove particularly difficult because Lieutenant Governors are often overshadowed in administrations, according to Republican state Senator Scott Brown.

Although he said that she will receive some credit for what he perceives as the successes of the administration, she has still not been in the public eye very much.

"In some [ways], it's hurt her because she hasn't been able to be in the forefront of many issues, even though she's working hard on them," he told the Daily.

Norris said given Romney's managing style, this has become particularly problematic for Healey.

"Because Romney hardly let her do anything has Lieutenant Governor, she as very few accomplishments to run on."

Norris cited a recent commercial that features Healey and Romney. "The whole ad Kerry Healey is walking behind Mitt Romney and its just very exemplary of how the Romney/Healey administration was," she said.

Pressure to separate herself became particularly acute when Healey was asked during an Oct. 19th debate to criticize Romney for making jokes about Massachusetts in other states. When pressed, she refused to give a definitive rebuke.

Hartman said that he understands her reasoning, but the failure to actively chastise Romney in the situation had a negative effect.

"I think that definitely hurt her," he said. "I think the people would have wanted her to criticize Mitt Romney."

Even so, many Democratic legislators have noticed a difference between Romney and Healey.

"The Governor himself was not very accessible. Kerry Healey as Lieutenant Governor was very accessible," Curtatone said. "I'd give her an A-plus in terms of communication."

Still, according to state Senator Pat Jehlen, who represents both Somerville and Medford, communication does not necessarily translate into agreement.

"Her job description has been to communicate with local communities," she told the Daily.

"If she doesn't actually represent and try to do the things they ask her for, then it's not helpful."

Despite recognition by legislators, state Senator Michael Knapik said that Healey is not receiving enough credit for her role in helping cities and towns.

"Kerry Healey went out into the eye of the storm in 2003 and 2004 meeting with all the officials who were furious with Mitt Romney and Kerry Healey and the legislature," he told the Daily. The result, he said, was two very helpful municipal relief bills.

According to Hartman, the best way for Healey to emphasize these successes is for her to continue the current lack of reliance on Romney in campaigning.

"[Romney is] letting Kerry Healey show that she's her own leader, and she doesn't need him right now," he said.

At the same time, Hartman said that she shouldn't forget that without Romney, she might not even be a candidate.

The former criminologist and head of the Massachusetts State Republican Committee was only really launched into the Massachusetts inner circle after Romney supported her as his lieutenant governor.

"[Healey] wouldn't be running for governor today if it wasn't for Mitt Romney," he said.

Dems say Romney could have communicated better

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has come from national trends. "I also think that there are cycles that are beyond our control. The economy goes up and down," Harkins said.

With the government still spending from reserves, she said that the idea of a surplus may be misguided.

Such disputes have reached beyond economic issues and have extended to disagreements between the Republican Governor and the heavily Democratic legislature over same-sex civil unions, stem cell research and a score of other social issues.

According to Knapik, these disputes are needed to assure balance in state politics. "A Republican governor and a Democratic legislature ensures that as messy and difficult as it might be from time to time, [you hear all opinions], and with the art of compromise you hope to come to a solution," he said.

The result has been frequent vetoes from Romney, many of which were overridden but still, according to supporters, put pressure on legislators to reconsider many positions.

Representative Bradley Jones, minority leader in the state House of Representatives, said that the threat of a veto from the Governor is one of the main reasons that Massachusetts legislature has not passed the proposed In-State Tuition Bill, designed to grant in-state college tuition rates to children of undocumented immigrants living in Massachusetts.

"The certain veto of that initiative and the attendant dialogue and discussion on that issue made it one that ultimately Democrats were not likely to support," he told the Daily.

Romney has also attempted to use his influence in other ways.

According to Brown, his administration is responsible for making the state safer through support of legislation such as Melanie's Bill, which increases penalties for drunk driving.

In crime prevention, the Governor "really got on the bully pulpit and made a difference," Brown said.

But even in instances of apparent cooperation, tension often existed between the Governor and the state legislature.

Last spring saw bipartisan support for an effort to bring universal health care to the state, but Democratic legislators supported mandatory contributions from many employers whereas Romney vetoed the section of the bill calling for them.

Although the legislature overrode the veto, it left many Democrats with a bad taste.

State Senator Pat Jehlen, who represents both Medford and Somerville, said that the contributions were a critical part of the bill. "He tried to take out one of the legs," she said.

Still, Brown said that Romney deserves much credit for the new health care bill. "We've gotten half a million people insured, and it's at little or no cost to the Commonwealth," he said.

Locally, similar strains have been evident. Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone said that Romney has been unhelpful to cities and towns.

"What has been evident is that there has been a lack of partnership," Curtatone, a Democrat, told the Daily. "Cities and towns have virtually been abandoned."

He said that although Romney promised economic growth when he came into office, local aid has been severely cut.

According to Maeghan Silverberg, a public information officer for Curtatone, Somerville received $6 million less in local aid this year than in 2001 and has seen a 22 percent decrease in the size of the Somerville Police Department.

"For a Governor that touted himself as a Governor who's going to deliver economic development, bring fiscal responsibility, [and] bring new jobs, he has just not delivered," Curtatone said.

Knapik disagreed with this assessment, saying that the blame for cuts in local aid rests equally with the legislature that approved them.

He said that Romney has done a lot to restore the cuts and was responsible for the return of state lottery money to cities and towns this year.

"Cities and towns have received the single largest [influx] of local aid in the history of our state, and the legislature had no choice but to meet that challenge," he said. "The Democrats control the legislature," Knapik said. "I think [Romney's] administration was pretty responsive for the most part."

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WEATHER FORECAST

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

It now seems that any idiot with a not hideous face and decent editing skills can get a top rated video on YouTube.

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Daily columnist
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Quick: name the Senate Minority Leader

Study says that college students are not as politically knowledgeable as they claim

BY CARRIE BATTAN
Daily Staff Writer

Attention Facebookers: taboo as it may be, it might be time to change that political status option to "Apathetic."

While many college students may self-proclaim a definitive political stance and cite the growing number of clubs and courses dedicated to civic engagement, students may not be as civically savvy as they say they are.

According to an intercollegiate study administered by the University of Connecticut's Department of Public Policy and released in September by the National Civic Literacy Board, American colleges are largely failing to teach students important knowledge about America's history, government, and economy.

The study, which surveyed over 14,000 students at a variety of universities, found that freshman averaged 51.7 percent on a civic knowledge test, and seniors averaged 53.2 percent.

That difference, of just 1.5 percent, suggests students experienced virtually no increase in their civic knowledge over their four years at college. More importantly, the study points out, the scores of both freshmen and seniors on the exam would be considered failing by most academic standards.

At Tufts, students say the situation is similar.

When fifteen random Tufts students were asked to name the current Supreme Court Chief Justice, however, just four could name John Roberts, who was appointed by President Bush last year. When asked about the current senate minority leader, only a single student could name minority leader Harry Reid, Democratic senator from Nevada.

"I agree that campus is kind of like a bubble," senior and political science major Jamil Ludd said when expressing his sense of disconnect from America's current state of affairs.

Tufts' home page currently features an election story with the headline, "From the campaign trail to the classroom, members of the Tufts community are getting political."

When their political literacy lags, some Tufts students say they feel pressure to hide any civic ignorance they might have. Senior Francis Dahl admitted that he is "not that much" into politics, which can sometimes be socially unacceptable.

"I play [political knowledge] up, obviously, because I mean, the more you know about it, the better it looks," Dahl said. "I think if you want, it's pretty easy to just get wrapped up in the college bubble and have no idea what's going on outside."

But according to Assistant Professor of Political Science Deborah Schildkraut, the lack of political knowledge some students display does not reflect a lack of emphasis or resources from the University.

"Students here have an embarrassment of riches when it comes to opportunities to improve their civic literacy," Schildkraut said.

Political science professor Jeffrey Berry agreed, saying Tufts students don't fit into the same mold as many of their peers.

"No one knows enough history; everyone has gaps in knowledge," Berry said, "but Tufts students come here pretty well prepared compared to most students their age."

Freshman Abby Marion said that, from her experiences, not all students are lacking in civic literacy.

"In my American Politics class, the knowledge is polarized," Marion said. "There are the kids who know everything and express it loudly and there are the kids who don't know anything."

Berry, however, acknowledged that there are areas that need improvement.

"Take the simple act of casting a vote. There's a theory that young people don't vote at a high rate because they simply don't know the mechanics of the voting process and don't have the self-confidence. They don't want to go out there and make fools of themselves," he said.

Gaps in students' political literacy exist in surprising places. While they were slow to recall knowledge of current officials, eleven of the fifteen Tufts students surveyed could recite the second amendment.

This trend makes sense according to Schildkraut, who said emphasis is placed on the teaching of less recent historical facts as opposed to knowledge of current events.

"In general, students are weakest in the area that I call 'the black hole.' The black hole is the time period of one's youth ... it's not covered by history classes, but students were too young to have firsthand memories," she said. "So for students in college today, this black hole would be the late 1980s, early 1990s."

"Students could also be stronger in their understanding of federalism — the relationship between state governments and the federal government," she added. "To their credit, it's a complicated aspect of our political system."

According to Schildkraut, the ability to place issues in historical context is an important aspect to improving civic engagement.

"It is definitely important to be able to place current issues in context, for several reasons," she said. "Many issues we confront today are not new ... if a citizen wants to influence political outcomes, he or she needs to understand the process and the points of access. So civic literacy is important for being able to navigate the political world."

Berry agreed. "Activism is correlated with knowledge," he said.

While some students may not be up to the political par set by their professors and classmates, Schildkraut said it's clear that the desire to acquire knowledge exists. With politically-charged international relations still being Tufts most popular major, courses offered in history and political science are numerous and deeply varied.

"Civic engagement motivates Tufts courses across the curriculum," Schildkraut said. "All [students] need to do is decide that they want to improve their civic literacy and figure out which issues or parts of the world interest them most. Once they get that far, they'll most likely be able to find something each semester that suits them."

Ludd said this can be easier than it sounds.

"We have cable here," he said. "You can live in C-Span or CNN if you want to. We do live in a bubble, but it's a bubble that can easily be broken out of."

KATE PECK AND BRIDGET REDDINGTON | BROADS ABROAD

Even in Vienna, you can't escape the future

Dear Kate,

I feel like a lot of people feel like they're getting away with something here. A semester full of travel, good food and not worrying about your GPA? Sounds like quite an escape to me.

My program in particular, IES, (officially the Institute for the International Education of Students) is sometimes referred to as "Isn't Exactly School" or "Incredibly Easy Semester." I beg to differ with those descriptions. My classes are enjoyable and engaging, but admittedly, like most other abroad programs, there is nowhere near as much work as at Tufts.

In a way, it's kind of nice — I actually enjoy the reading I do have, and weekend trips never have to be cancelled because of mountains of work. I'm taking exactly one class that could actually apply to my major, and although I'm now realizing that I have a lot left to do in the rest of my time at Tufts, I can't say it's bothering me too much.

I've talked to a lot of people who literally see their semester abroad as one big vacation with just one real goal: to learn the language of their host country (and

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Bridget Reddington and Kate Peck are juniors majoring in English.

CAMPUS COOKING

Pumpkin possibilities: it's more than just pie and jack-o-lanterns

TINA YE
Contributing Writer

Yet another Halloween has come and gone. Our plump little pumpkins have fulfilled their seasonal purpose of sitting around happily on the front porch or windowsill, lending an air of festivity to the environs. How shall we thank them for their efforts? Really, I can think of no better way than to take them into the kitchen and stick a knife in them.

Well, into the uncarved, intact ones at least. I wouldn't trust a pumpkin that has been hanging out, artistically disemboweled, for weeks on end. Luckily, pumpkins are available for cheap after Halloween, and some of us already have them but just plain never had the time to carve it. (Cough, midterms, cough.) As you will see, pumpkins are versatile, delicious, and surprisingly easy to cook. Different cultures around the globe use them in widely different ways: stews, stir-fries, porridges, casseroles, pudding, curries, and, of course, pies.

Closely related to the zucchini, pumpkins contribute a generous dose of lutein, alpha-carotene, and beta-carotene, which get converted to Vitamin A by our metabolism. (These compounds are also found in the decidedly orange carrot.) Of course, while there isn't much scientific truth to the claim that beta-carotene can help you see in the dark (according to snopes.com, this was actually a myth perpetuated by the British during WWII to hide the real reason for their sudden increase in successful night missions: new and better technology), you can always make a Jack-o-Lantern with your pumpkin.

(By the way, Boston currently has the enviable bragging rights to the world record for most pumpkins simultaneously lit in one area.)

Today's featured recipe is a homey stew which, despite the murderous overtones of the first paragraph, is entirely vegetarian. But before we can cook with a pumpkin, we must separate the edible bits from the inedible bits.

This is a bit more difficult than wrestling a zucchini into submission, but it is not an insurmountable feat. I recommend a pumpkin of a size that you can handle (i.e. not a blue-ribbon giant, unless you have a chainsaw handy). That said, here is a simple step by step guide to showing this roly-poly orange vegetable who's boss:

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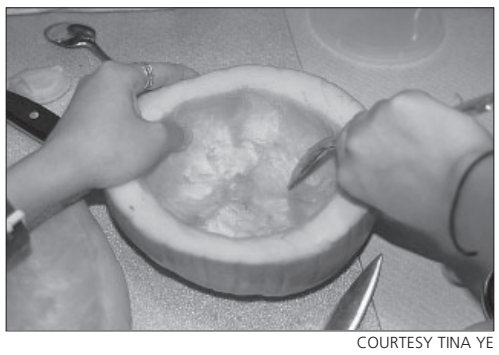

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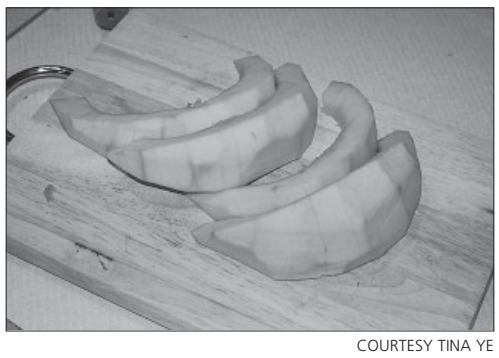

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How to tame your pumpkin

1) Use a sharp knife and cut off the woody tough stem around the base. Stick the knife in at an angle around the stem and slice a circle all the way around it, leaving a hole at the top. Discard stem.
2) Set the pumpkin steady and cut it in half in any direction.
3) Take a metal spoon and scrape out the stringy pulp. You can squeeze the seeds out of the pulp later to use for roasting.
4) Now cut the halves lengthwise into sections. (At this point, they will look suspiciously like cantaloupe slices. Do not be fooled.)
5) Take one section, set it on its side, and start slicing away the peel a bit at a time with firm downward strokes of the knife. (See picture.) Do not try to slice a whole vertical column of peel at once; the curve of the pumpkin won't allow this. Start at the middle, slice off half of the peel, flip it over on its other side, and slice off the other half. The picture will un-confuse you. Repeat this step with all the sections.
6) Now you can chop the pumpkins into whatever shape you want. For stew, you want roughly 1-inch chunks. (Note: For purée, which is used in the famous pumpkin pie, skip steps 4 and 5. Instead, roast the pumpkin halves until tender, scrape out the flesh, and subject them to a blender.)

And now, we cook with it.

Curried pumpkin stew keeps Halloween alive

COURTESY TINA YE

Curried Pumpkin Stew

Ingredients:
2 lbs. pumpkin chunks (about 1 medium pumpkin)
1 small onion
1 can pumpkin purée
1 can vegetable broth
2 tablespoons curry powder
1 clove garlic
1 bay leaf (optional)
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar (less if using a sugar pumpkin)
1 tablespoon oil

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Directions:
1) Chop onion into inch-long sections and mince the garlic.
2) Find the largest pot you can, put it on the stove, set heat to high, and heat some oil.
3) When oil is hot, sauté onion, garlic, and curry powder until onion is translucent.
4) Put everything else in the pot. Yes, all of it. Reduce heat to medium and cover. Allow the soup to simmer until pumpkin chunks are tender.
5) As a final optional step, adjust seasoning (curry, pepper, sugar, and salt) to your liking. Serve with a roll and a cup of hot apple cider. Enjoy!

COURTESY TINA YE

Meeting people abroad leads to comtemplating the future

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some people don't even have a desire to do that.) It's a time to get away from major requirements, distribution requirements, and, basically, dealing with real life. Funnily, I never thought of it that way until I was here.

For me, though, this whole conversation is a little anxiety-inducing. I have about five thousand different interests, I've changed my mind about my major every week since freshman year, and I can barely decide what I'm going to wear tomorrow, let alone where I want to live in a few years.

But for a place where everyone thinks they're shirking their responsibilities and putting their lives on pause, I've never talked so much about what I want to do with my life. Even simple introductions — "Hi, I'm blank, I'm from blank, and I'm majoring in blank,"— end up in discussions of where I want to live in five years, where I want to go to grad school and how I'm going to use my majors. I suppose when you're just meeting someone, asking them what they want to do with themselves is an accurate way to get at least a cursory impression of who they are.

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So it was a little disconcerting when I started actually having some answers to these questions. They still change every day, but having a response — at least a few vague options that I might pursue — is a good feeling.

Now that I think about it, maybe this focus on the future is occurring because the semester abroad is such a milestone. It marks the halfway-point (or the more-than-halfway-point) through college. And everyone knows that this is going to be the four months of their lives that they tell the most stories about (you can bet I'll be telling people about accidentally breaking into the grounds of a UNESCO World Heritage Site via a hiking trail and a construction site for years to come.) So now that this huge event is here and is happening, we can't help but think, okay, what's next?

For me, the "what's next" mentality has been kicking in every day that I'm here in Vienna, but on a smaller scale. It's mostly my weekend adventures — like deciding at the absolute last minute to meet you in Barcelona last weekend (I still can't get over how good the food was there!), biking to Hungary, or planning ski trips in the Alps when I'm afraid of skiing in the Poconos.

On that scale, it's almost easy to have something to look forward to. Here, almost anything feels like an adventure. Remember how just going out in public was an ordeal for the first few weeks because of our nonexistent language skills?

Now that it's almost November, though, "what's next" is starting to include my next semester at Tufts. I just realized (as in, about an hour ago) that we're registering for classes REALLY soon. And it's just a little depressing that I have to figure out how in God's name I'm going to get a schedule for next semester that somehow fulfills all my requirements yet involves no morning classes before I figure out my glamorous weekend of skiing in the Alps.

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CONCERT PREVIEW

Method to turn Dewick into '37th Chamber'

BY MUSSE HAILE
Contributing Writer

It may be the day after Halloween, but the Concert Board has one more treat in store for the campus: Tonight, at 9 p.m. in Dewick, rappers Method Man and Saigon will come to Tufts. Headliner Method Man has a long history in the rap industry, while opener Saigon is an accomplished rapper who has just recently gained mainstream notoriety after his stint on the popular HBO series "Entourage."

Method Man and Saigon
At Dewick-MacPhie Dining Hall
Tonight, 9 p.m.

The reaction to this one-night opportunity to see two rap heavyweights has been extremely positive, according to junior and Concert Board Co-Chair Devra Bergman. "The fact that tickets sold out in about six hours says it all. I can't remember the last time a Concert Board show sold out that quickly," she said.

The tickets were a hot commodity to get, largely due to their price. Tickets sold for $8; a concert with a rapper like Method Man usually costs at least three times as much. "It took a little effort to secure the deal, but Method [and his agent] were really cooperative," Bergman said. "We're really appreciative that he's coming."

Apparently, the campus is, too. The day of the ticket sale was characterized by long lines clogging the Campus Center foyer, as students waited for a chance to get a stub. "Everyone seems to be really excited about it," Bergman said. "People who I hardly know are congratulating Concert Board, which is really nice to hear."

DEF JAM

After seeing the success of Rod Stewart's 'American Songbook' series, Method Man reinvents himself as a standards singer.

Method Man's celebrity has been some years in the making. His career started as a member of the rap group Wu-Tang Clan in 1993. He had one of the few solo tracks on the debut album in "Method Man," with its infamous intro describing in graphic detail how Method Man would torture someone if he got the chance.

As Wu-Tang shot to rap stardom, Method Man did as well. The group served as his launching board as he made his way into the rap industry. He became known for his powerful flow and sense

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Babel' towers in complexity, content and vision

BY KETAN GAJRIA
Daily Staff Writer

One of the more disheartening news stories out of filmdom is the apparent dissolution of the partnership between writer Guillermo Arriaga and director Alejandro González Iñárritu.

Babel
★★★★½
Starring **Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett, Mohamed Akhzam**
Directed by **Alejandro González Iñárritu**

As a pair, their past collaborations have resulted in "Amores perros" (2000) and "21 Grams" (2003), each a swirling, dense examination of a series of interconnected characters. Arriaga recently claimed much of the credit for "21 Grams," only to be shut out of the Cannes screening of their latest effort, "Babel," by none other than Iñárritu himself. The potential for future cooperation is looking grim.

It's a shame, because the talents of both Arriaga and Iñárritu are on full display in "Babel." While the themes of personal responsibility that run through "21 Grams" and Iñárritu's "Powder Keg" (2001) are preserved in this film, "Babel" succeeds in expanding into new thematic and political territory. This expansion comes courtesy of a global storyline which interweaves multiple characters, several continents and no less than four languages.

PARAMOUNT VANTAGE

Brad Pitt is upset after Angelina called him to say that Madonna beat them to the next foreign child they wanted to adopt.

The plot follows a deaf-mute girl in Japan (Rinko Kikuchi), an American couple traveling in Morocco (Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett) and the Hispanic caretaker for their children (Adriana Barraza), all of whom become linked by a horrific accident. "Babel" is fundamentally about a failure of communication (hence its Biblical title) and the gulfs that we allow language and fear to create. While some problems arise from a lack of shared language, others are created when the characters only hear what they want to hear.

Iñárritu and Arriaga have fashioned a narrative where the associations between different cultures are forged by violence, a sole common denominator that bridges our divisions. "Babel" speaks volumes in its demonstration of how an unlikely act of bloodshed does more to focus our attention on each other than any number of personal interactions. Save for a few choice exchanges scattered about the film, "Babel" seems to imply that our global culture is not that of common experiences and values, but of mis-

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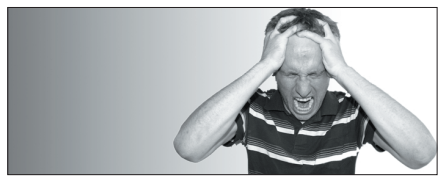

Broadcast your rage

Like every other college student who would much rather do just about anything other than his homework, I am much enamored with the phenomenon that is YouTube. Through YouTube, I learned a great amount of usefully useless crap. Not as much as from Wikipedia or IMDB (both great procrastination tools), but a significant amount nonetheless.

For example, did you know that Fred Flintstone used to be in the employ of Big Tobacco? That's right, everyone's favorite caveman hocked Winston cigarettes. He wasn't alone, either; his neighbors and Wilma were in on it as well (probably even as Wilma was pregnant).

Another trip through YouTube enlightened me to the budding Xtreme sport in Europe called Parkour (or, if you will, urban gymnastics). This is essentially people running around and jumping off buildings like Spider-Man. I personally can't wait 'til this sensation hits the States and some kids seriously injure themselves trying to imitate it.

Sadly, though, not all is right in YouTube Land. Amongst the music videos that you would prefer not to pay iTunes $2 for and the movie trailers that have been recut to humorous results, there is a cancerous growth spreading. Day after day, cheesy '80s commercials and clips from talk shows that you forgot to Tivo find themselves more and more outnumbered. It now seems that any idiot with a not-hideous face and decent editing skills can get a top-rated video on YouTube. How do they do it? Simple.

Step One: Take a song we're all sort of nostalgic for, but not really. This could be a theme song to a cartoon. ("Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" seems like a safe bet, seeing as how everyone nowadays gets misty-eyed over thinking about the Turtles — or at least pretends to for good social standing. It does not matter if they say, "God bless you" when you say "Krang" or think that Splinter is merely something you remove from your finger.)

These posers will still act all excited when they hear the song. You could also be a bit edgier and try to go for the growing '90s nostalgia, picking "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers" or perhaps (if you are feeling particularly daring that day) "Pokémon." And of course, if a theme song is not your thing, there are always tons of other songs that everyone liked, and even if they didn't, they still kind of do anyway. "Wonderwall" by Oasis. Anything by Smash Mouth. Most one-hit wonders of the '80s. The list can go on for eternity.

Step Two: Got your song? Awesome. Now get a few of your friends together and grab your video camera. Make sure you guys wear some REALLY goofy outfits (as in, perhaps a size too large or inside-out or something). Not goofy enough to alienate the potential viewers, though. You want to assure them that

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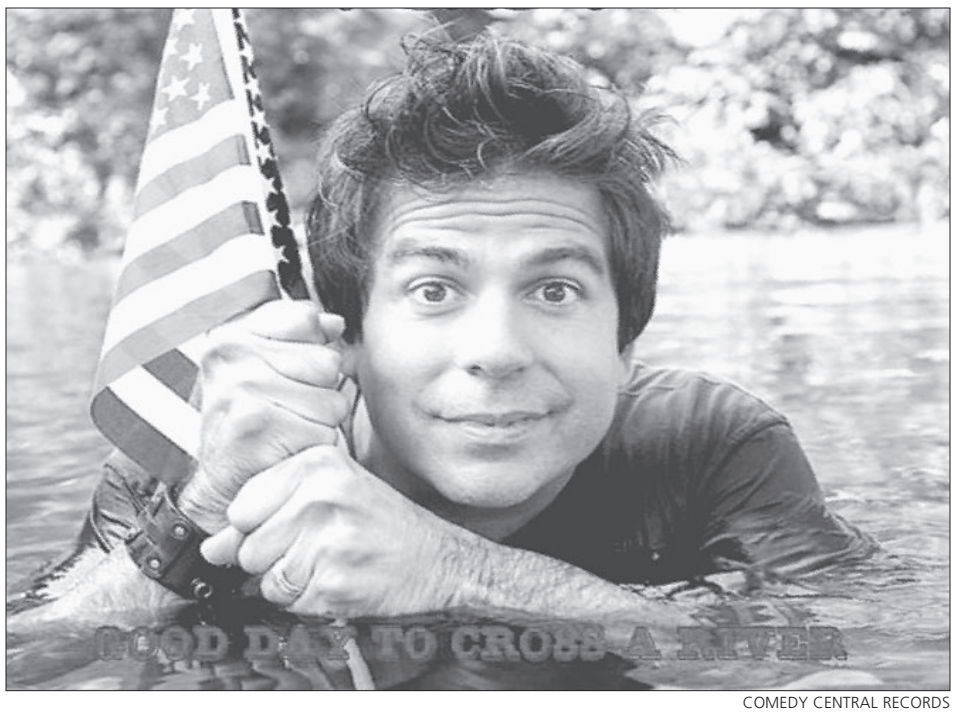
COMEDY REVIEW

New Comedy Central releases elicit nostalgia for days when stand-up was funny

BY HARRY WAKSBERG
Contributing Writer



COMEDY CENTRAL RECORDS

Perhaps Greg Giraldo should hold a white flag instead and officially surrender to being lame.

It's been just over 40 years since Lenny Bruce died. This is significant, because it means that stand-up comedy in its present form has been around for about 50 years. And in this past half century, there have been very few people who have been able to reinvent the form in a lasting way.

There's the Lenny Bruce School of Self-Exposure (a form which Richard Pryor absolutely perfected), the Mort Sahl School of Political Commentary (a style that lives on in "The Daily Show" and "Weekend Update"), and the Steven Wright School of Non Sequiturs (R.I.P., Mitch Hedberg).

There have been those who have done excellent jobs working within these boundaries, but really, nothing new has become available. Comedy Central's two new comedy albums by Greg Giraldo and Christian Finnegan showcase this fact and also show how easy it must be to get a stand-up CD made.

This is not to suggest that Giraldo and Finnegan are talentless; it's probable that few people reading this paper could do better. Still, they are just mediocre — nothing special — and highlight why comedy clubs serve drinks. As the albums progress, the laughs get louder, and it's not because the jokes are funnier. But the middle-of-the-road jokes these comedians deliver certainly seem funnier after consuming mandatory drinks for 40 minutes.

Both these comedians practice sort of in the Bruce School, though they'd make more sense as descendants of Woody Allen; they mix stories of their personal lives with general observations of the social mores of the day. Unlike Allen, neither one really has anything very interesting or impressive to say.

Finnegan stays basically within the realm of subject matter that all people can relate to: "Hey, you know that guy at the office? You know the one. He's always acting a certain way? There's one in every office."

"Yeah," the audience thinks, "I know that guy." But how does Christian Finnegan know that guy? The problem here is that these jokes (not just office ones) have all been explored in better ways by numerous other comedians. Office humor is an especially difficult genre to improve on after "Office Space" (1999) and "The Office" which point out the humor in the mundane daily grind.

Giraldo, too, talks about things like how, as he ages, his scrotum apparently elongates. The 40-something set in the audience cheers. It's admirable that he keeps his jokes honest and relevant to his own age, but it still doesn't amount to anything special or particularly funny.

All these topics have been covered again and again. What made Richard Pryor one of the best comics in history was his ability to be perfectly frank about his own personal life. Pryor would say things that made people genuinely uncomfortable, things that may not have elicited a laugh. His routine made audiences more uncomfortable than, say, hearing about Greg Giraldo's testicles or hearing Christian Finnegan tell an audience member that her parents must have had sex in order to procreate.

The same problem must face painters. For centuries, painters have been painting nude women. There's little a painter can do to make his nude women seem more interesting than his predecessors'. It is only through personal honesty (van Gogh choosing unusual people as subject matter) or real reinvention that these things get interesting. And this is why Giraldo and Finnegan will never be great comedians, though it's nice that they make a living at it.

This well illuminates why it is generally a bad idea to try and reinvent comedy. There's better comedy out there to enjoy, and hopefully it's not too conservative a notion to suggest some of the old classics.

Toohey prefers to watch professionals, not lonelygirl15, when procrastinating

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you're only normal people acting goofy, not naturally goofy people. Once you've gotten on the proper attire, start rolling that camera! Now, c'mon folks! Lip-synch your hearts out and REALLY ham it up (but follow the same rules that apply to dress).

Step Three: Find a friend who's slightly competent when it comes to technology. By that, I mean he or she is probably a step above decorating his or her MySpace page. With this friend on board, voilà! You have a video ready for YouTube! Prepare for fame, fortune ... or at least a few hits by some very bored (and possibly stoned) college kids.

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is the problem of the day. Yes, YouTube is a great procrastination tool. Yes, lip-synching can be funny ... when you're in the car with your friends or perhaps when really, really drunk ... or both at the same time. No, it's not worth flooding the Internet with them. And it's certainly not worth sending me the links to them. When I encounter something like that, well, my problem sets just become all that more enticing.

Seriously, these endless streams of lip-synching videos are the modern-day equivalents of the vaudevillian ventriloquist dummy: They're everywhere, their job takes nowhere near the amount of skill that you think it does, and, after all is said and done, they're not that funny.

In the end, all you're doing by watching these videos is wasting your time and helping some people with no talent get some credentials to rest on. (We'll soon enter an age where YouTube ratings are indeed appropriate resumé fodder.)

So remember: It may be free and it may take you away from whatever you're translating for a few more minutes, but there are so many more fulfilling ways to use the Internet for procrastination. Like Wikipedia. You don't know the history of New Coke, do you? And of course, there's porn.

'Cause in the end, like "Wonderwall," everyone — even if they don't — has a soft spot for porn.

Failure to communicate is subject of Pitt's new movie

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understanding.

If the film has flaws, they cannot be solely attributed to either Arriaga or Iñárritu. The first hour wanders in a lengthy set-up that, however necessary, is only intermittently memorable. It is not until a hypnotic sequence of isolation in a Tokyo night club that the film finds its footing, followed by a startling revelation that brings the link between the stories into focus.

Several scenes, particularly a near-end reconciliation between Pitt and Blanchett, lack gravitas when they should be clinching our emotional surrender to the film. "Babel"'s final moments build to a scene that has the potential for a powerful, heartbreaking conclusion. Unfortunately, this opportunity is sidestepped in favor of ending on a mixed message of hope and pessimism that doesn't completely resonate.

Nonetheless, these flaws seem minor, especially in a work of such complexity. The film deserves kudos for effectively juggling a constant undercurrent of xenophobia while compounding it with lessons about terrorism, prejudice and globalization. At the same time, no easy answers are offered for the questions that are raised. Although it is clear that the characters should make more of an effort to understand each other, it often seems that this goal is out of reach.

The real tragedy of "Babel," though, is how the characters, despite their lack of malicious intent, are locked into situations descending into disaster. This is a world where the characters' fates are at the mercy of how others interpret their actions and where feelings and intentions are irrelevant.

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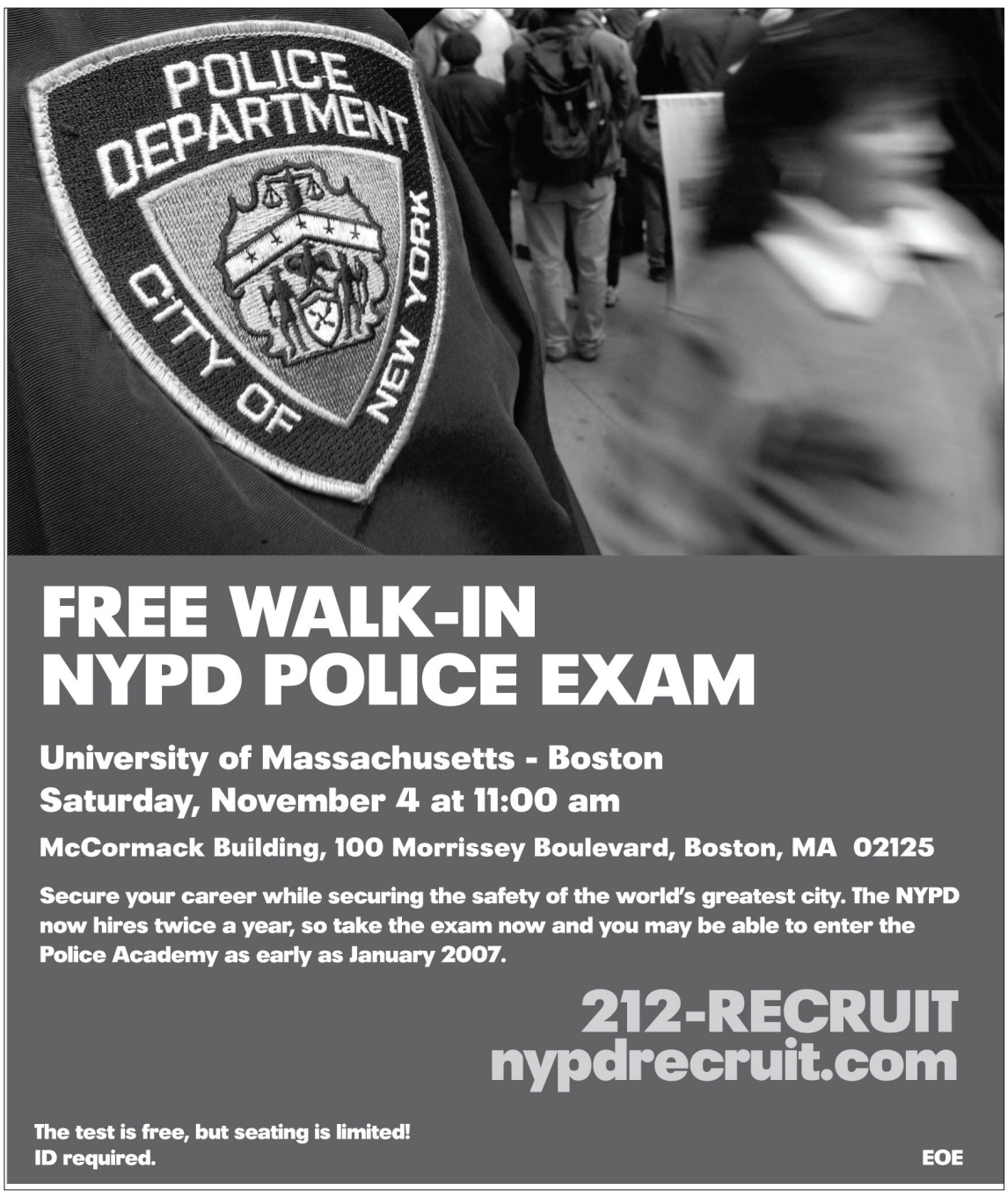
Small triumphs for certain characters are overshadowed by the looming specter of white privilege, while those less racially fortunate are doomed. Nonetheless, any salvation for these individuals is marred by an inability to escape the suffering that they must endure.

After finding himself caught in a nightmare reminiscent of 2000's "Gerry" (think: copious amounts of sand), one of the film's young characters exclaims bewilderedly, "But we did nothing wrong." And in a sense, he's right — but the rest of humanity will just as soon assume otherwise.



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of humor, as well as his distinct voice, which gave the rhymes on each of his songs a fresh sound.

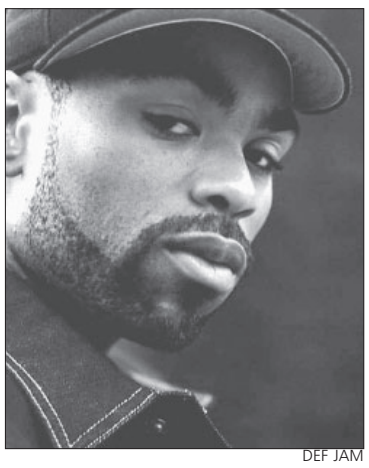
Method Man later signed with Def Jam records and released a string of successful albums. He has also guest starred on a number of tracks by other artists, such as Missy Elliot, Busta Rhymes and The Notorious B.I.G.

After the commercial failure of his last album, "Tical 0: The Prequel" (2004), his newest release earlier this year, "4:21 ... The Day After," is a return to Method Man's former self. He shies away from the more radio-friendly songs on "Tical 0: The Prequel," and the result is something that hearkens back to the Wu-Tang Clan days.

The album features guest appearances from artists such as Ginuwine, Fat Joe, Lauryn Hill and a posthumous appearance by fellow Wu-Tang Clan member ODB. RZA, another member of Wu-Tang, had a hand in the production of many tracks, but only one of his cuts made the final album.

"I hope that we'll get more big rappers, since that seems to be what the population of Tufts wants."

As successful as Method Man's career has been in the music realm, he's also branched out into other media. He has proven himself a competent actor in a range of movies, spanning from the gritty drama "Belly" (1998) to the stoner classic "How High" (2001), where he appeared alongside fellow rapper Redman. He's even been featured in video games, most recently "Def Jam: Fight for NY" (2004).



DEF JAM

Method Man was smiling in this picture until the photographer asked him what he was smoking when he made 'How High?'

Method Man even had his own television show, "Method and Red," on Fox for a short time in 2004.

"Method and Red" detailed his exploits alongside Redman as they tried to fit into a residential neighborhood.

Method Man's also appeared on the other end of the television spectrum, appearing in the forceful and critically acclaimed HBO crime drama "The Wire."

The excitement for Method Man has seemed to tap into a deeper appreciation for rap music on campus.

"After this positive response, I hope that we'll get more big rappers, since that seems to be what the population of Tufts wants," Bergman said.

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EDITORIAL

SIS change good for Ex-College

For many students, the Ex-College has been one of several unique resources offered by the University left untapped.

Tufts tour leaders tout the one-of-a-kind program as an essential part of the Tufts academic experience, but how many Tufts students can now say they have taken an Ex-College course?

Until now, registration for courses offered by the Ex-College was relatively archaic compared to the seamless, online registration process for more mainstream university courses on Student Information System (SIS).

Students interested in the eclectic offerings of the Ex-College previously had to register on Webcenter after they had already registered on SIS.

Online registration via Webcenter, however, did not necessarily guarantee a spot into the course; if too many students registered for a particular class, the visiting instructor would be asked to whittle his or her class down.

The Ex-College should be commended for taking the next step towards establishing a stronger presence on campus by integrating its registration process with other university courses on SIS.

A single method for registering for all courses only enhances the visibility of the Ex-College as an academic force on campus. The more accessible the registration, the more likely students will be to view Ex-College in the same light as more traditional departments.

While students may have been reminded of the late registration on Webcenter via e-mails, many had undoubtedly overlooked the course offerings.

To the Tufts student, the hodge-podge of resources available through Webcenter have never been academic in nature; registering for courses in the same way as one receives their housing lottery number demeans the integrity that the Ex-College has strived to acquire.

Director of the Experimental College Robyn Gittleman adequately noted the importance of the online shift when she claimed that students will take classes "more seriously" through the new procedure.

Registration on SIS also eliminates the inevitable fluctuation of students during the first few weeks of classes: a relief for both the instructor and the students invested in the course.

While some may argue that the new system ignores students' seniority, instructors will no longer be put in the awkward position of deciding which students deserve a spot in their course and which ones do not.

A cap imposed by SIS will leave this debate to the early bird who catches the worm.

The Ex-College board should now consider allowing students to register for their courses at the same time that they register for other university courses.

Despite the change, students will still have to register for Ex-College courses after they have already registered for their other courses.

This, in effect, renders Ex-College classes secondary to other departmental offerings; students neglect the Ex-College altogether after having composed a schedule replete with more "serious" university courses.

Any student who has taken a course through the Ex-College can attest to the importance of a non-traditional course in the midst of a schedule overwhelmed by requirements.

With a few simple changes, the Ex-College will be well on its way to establishing itself as the University's less-than-hidden gem.

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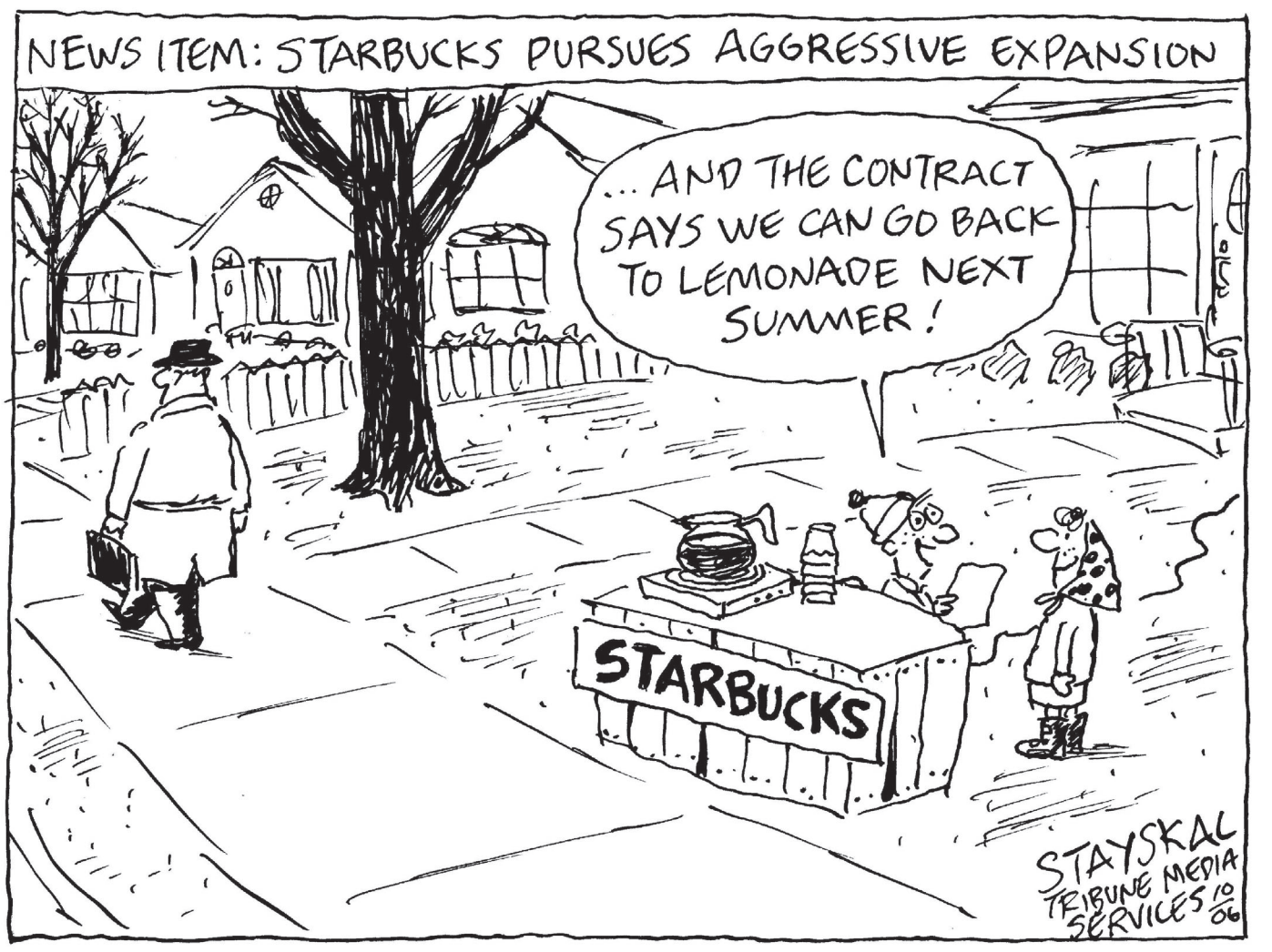

OFF THE HILL | UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Sexualized Halloween trend questioned

Candy, ghosts, scary movies, candy, vampires, ghost stories and candy — all the things that make Halloween fun for children.

Alcohol, parties, men dressed as women and women in as little clothing as their bodies will allow — all the things that make Halloween fun for college students.

It's certainly curious that, in a time when women have made strides in the social and business worlds to be seen as equal to men, female college students see Halloween as an excuse to dress like a street-walker.

At a college Halloween party one could easily think he or she is walking around the red light district of Amsterdam, or down South Robinson in Oklahoma City: The women are normally costumed in about as much material as it takes to make a child-sized handkerchief.

The Daily is not condemning this practice, but merely calling into question the mind-set that these women must have.

Does it make a woman feel empowered to dress like a naughty nurse or slutty Catholic school girl? If so, why?

Or are women forced into the traditional skimpy outfits because that's all that stores offer in their costume section for college-aged females?

If this is the case, are the stores answering to demand, or are they creating the trend?

Does our society sexualize everything so much that it's forced Halloween to become an excuse to play out sexual fantasies and competition for the one night of the year when it can be seen as a joke?

Probably.

The Daily just thinks it's funny that a trend like this could have such obvious social causes and consequences, and no one talks about it.

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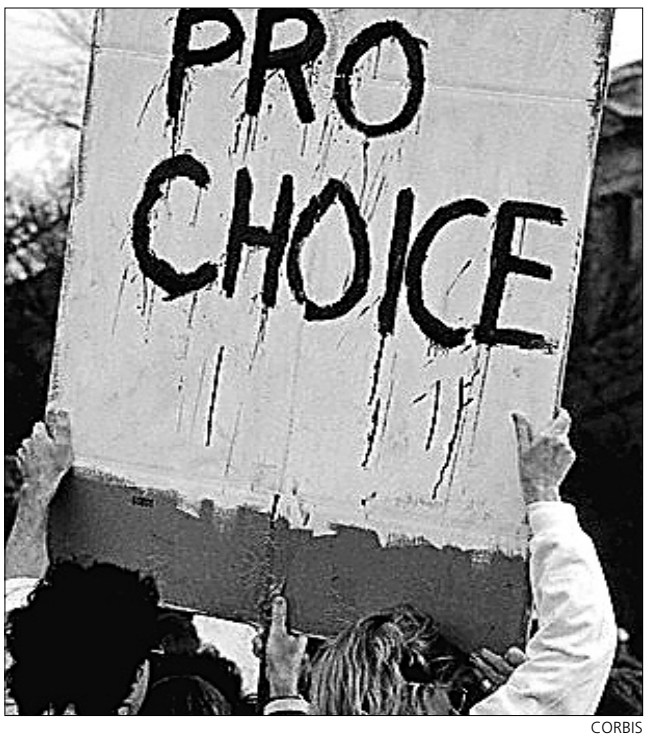

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The abortion debate is about choice

BY ANDREA COTE

This article is a response to the Oct. 23 Viewpoint written by Benjamin Bell regarding abortion.

I, unlike Benjamin Bell, do not refrain from broaching the issue of abortion. In fact, once a week, I sit down with a group of pro-choice women and men and discuss the current state of reproductive rights in our country. When I say women and men, what I really mean is women and man, as there is only one active male member of Tufts VOX. If Benjamin would like to discuss abortion in an open forum, I invite him to attend one of our meetings, which are held every Tuesday evening at 9:30 p.m. in the Women's Center.

I will sympathize with Benjamin in that, yes, when a man approaches a woman with an opinion about reproductive rights or an issue that deals specifically with women, he may often be greeted with skepticism. However, I think it is natural and wise for a woman to be extra-critical in a situation like this. After all, this is her body they are talking about, and that man will never have to get an abortion.

No one wants to have an abortion, but until there are family planning resources and services available to all women before, during and after pregnancy, regardless of economic status, abortion services must exist.

All of this is not to say that a man cannot have an informed and valid opinion about abortion — he is just going to have to work a little harder to have it heard by his peers. Benjamin may call this unfair, but I call it self-protection.

This, of course, is only true in the private sectors of our lives. In the public arena, men's opinions are all that matter when it comes to reproductive rights. The overwhelming majority of our lawmakers are men. Our lawmakers decide who can have abortions, when they can have them, and who will pay for them. So, when Benjamin refuses to abide by this "unspoken, meaningless rule" that men are prohibited from offering their opinions on the abortion issue, he joins the president and all of the male lawmakers who get to decide for me today.

The two main camps in the abortion debate are often improperly categorized as two polar groups. I will focus on the pro-choice camp, because it is the camp with which I am most familiar.

Within the pro-choice community, there are countless women who will never get an abortion. There are countless women who would never get an abortion. There are also countless women who would have an abortion or have had abortions.

The pro-choice camp advocates choice as its main objective. This is why we are most accurately labeled

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To pub or not to pub

BY AARON MILLER

On Oct. 13, the Tufts Daily printed an article by David Pomerantz summing up the previous night's "Community Conversation on Social Life." That night, the conversation focused on two topics as Pomerantz noted: "a perceived increase in aggressive tactics by the Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) [and] the recent Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate proposal of capitalizing on a planned renovation of Hotung Café to convert the space into a pub."

I have no comment on the first issue. However, I believe I am in the majority when I say that, although the campus pub must have some legitimate issues, the positive benefits are much greater. In short: a great idea.

Recently, more than a few students have spoken up to voice their opposition to the pub. Some of these sentiments were heard at the Community Conversation. Leaving their concerns aside for now, what I understand is that not many students have contacted the administration in order to voice support for alcohol — more precisely, bottled beer and wine, as per logistics and the minutae of the license that the establishment retains from years past — being served at Hotung.

Many readers will not find this surprising. After all, one can almost assume that the average student would approve of such a move. Isn't it obvious? So there is no reason to come out and say, "I want an on-campus pub." Unfortunately, we cannot rely on such assumptions.

Why not, you ask? I'm so glad you're interested.

The decision has not been made yet regarding whether Hotung will serve alcohol after the renovation is complete! From what I understood, it was a done deal: Hotung will serve alcohol when it reopens. Apparently, I was wrong. Many other students may be under this false impression, and that probably plays a big part in the reason so few people have expressed their support to the administration.

With the renovation set to begin in mid- to late November, I am imploring whoever is "the decider" to please finalize the decision to convert Hotung into a pub.

Currently, a sub-committee of the Senate is working with others to come up with a design for the new Hotung. Preferably, it will have a nice social atmosphere, regardless of whether or not it serves alcohol. But how, I must ask, can you really design such a place with no idea of whether or not it will? As a matter of fact, the way I see it, there would be no reason to renovate the seating area if alcohol is not introduced. Maybe a few new couches, a television that you can actually figure out how to change the channels on, etc. But renovation? I don't think so.

Now, if you add beer and wine to the mix, it's a whole new ballgame. I would love to see it styled after Underbones. (That is the basement of Redbones, for you unfortunate souls who have yet to

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DAN TOVROV | SEVEN ON SEVEN

I'll do chores when you pay me allowance

Pretty decent Halloween at Tufts University. We got lucky with the weather on Saturday night.

I saw some good costumes this weekend. My favorites were a Terrance without a Philip (group costumes are lame with two people anyway); a quality Hamburglar; a Ferris Bueller, which is a surprisingly uncommon costume; Jesus from "The Big Lebowski," complete with a bowling ball; a Japanese kamikaze pilot; and my personal favorite, Mugatu before he became Mugatu, a.k.a Jacob Moogberg, inventor of the piano key necktie. That last costume works so well because it is obscure, simple and from a movie everyone in college loves. Nice job, Juan.

Worst costume: a guy in a sombrero with a unitar (a crappy, homemade, one-stringed guitar).

Oh, and all those costumes were from my house. You just can't beat us, except for Greg, who sucks.

When you have got seven dudes in a house, you expect a mess. You think pizza boxes as trashcans, piles of garbage high enough to get the hippies at the mountain club hard, and general filth and grime everywhere. You think 20 Capen Street, which I am sure most of my classmates visited when looking for off-campus houses.

So far, this has not been the case in my house. Everyone in the house does a pretty good job keeping the place rat-free, although the neighbors warned us about past infestations. By and large, messes are kept inside bedrooms.

Weekends are generally when things fall apart. People stumble home at two in the morning and make a mess. No big deal. Sometimes rooms like the living room or basement take a couple days to get done, but eventually all the empty Keystone cans and Domino's boxes are thrown out. Usually the only thing we have to worry about is Trash Mountain, which disappears every Thursday.

This week, however, things have gotten the worst they have ever been. Now I don't want to sound like a girl, but seriously, dishes need to be done. I am going to have trouble describing the state which our sink is in right now; it is honestly the worst I have ever seen. I think the roaches in "Joe's Apartment" would not live in there.

Let me try to explain it. There are over a week's worth of dirty dishes in the sink. The people who put them in there not only decided that they wouldn't clean them, but that they wouldn't even take the leftover food off of them. And our house definitely doesn't have a garbage disposal.

So for about a week, whenever someone actually did clean their dishes, the old food would drift towards the drain. As you can imagine, it didn't take long to clog the sink. This somehow led to the walls of the sink and every plate being covered in a mush of grime that resembles vomit. Since there were undone dishes in the sink, and the water was not draining, people would just throw more unclean items in.

Water quickly built up, and we got to the point where water that would not pass government inspection filled up to the rim of the sink, full of dishes that are now growing bacteria.

It has been like this for days. We are

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Alcohol would improve Hotung's atmosphere, but will we have it or not?

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experience its awesomeness.) Another idea would be to model it after the Joshua Tree: a nice sports bar with high bar tables, counters and flat screens galore.

To be honest, as long as it looks nothing like Brown and Brew or Tower Café, I don't really care. Add beer and wine. Add a fun, youthful atmosphere, and provide an on-campus option to have a beer or two with your lunch or dinner or to sip a glass of chardonnay while discussing politics with your professor. With alcohol available, you might even get a few more people out to Club Hotung or Salsa Night.

But keep in mind, everyone knows this will *not* become the place where students go to get wasted every weekend. I cannot imagine people being that excited to go spend their money at Hotung to get drunk, no matter how cool the design is.

That brings me to my next point. Apparently, most of those who oppose the pub idea argue that it will divide the campus. They think that if alcohol is served, only those over 21 will hang out there. I beg to differ. The real question is will students who either just don't drink or who are not 21 feel unwelcome?

I say no.

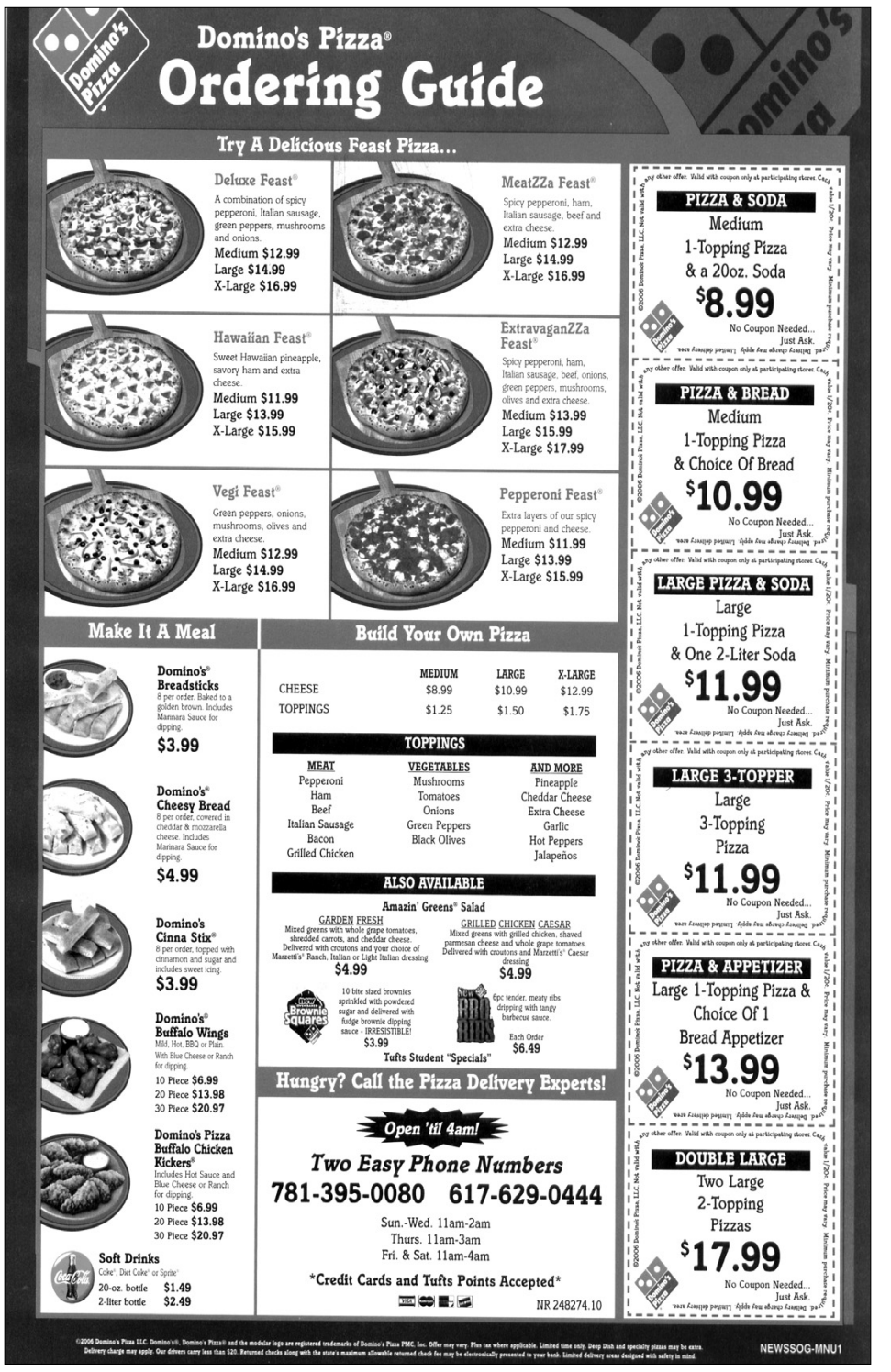
If it has more televisions, just as many people will want to go hang out and watch sports there whether or not other people are drinking. As a matter of fact, if I were a freshman and wanted to watch Monday Night Football, for example, what better place to go than a newly renovated sports bar right in the middle of campus where I can hang out with upperclassmen?

I mean, let's face it, we all looked up to the seniors when we were freshmen like they were gods or something, and for some reason, some of these new guys just might be looking at us that same way. Now that I think of it, especially since the number of freshmen who live in dorms with upperclassmen is either small or nonexistent at this point, I think a sports bar would be a great way to bring at least some freshmen (and sophomores) together with the upperclassmen to create an actual community of students, regardless of age.

I think I'm finished with my rant. I really want to end on a positive note. Everything the administration has been doing is greatly appreciated. I want them to know I am sincere as I thank them for being so open and helpful. They have listened to our concerns; they are asking for our input; they are willing to change and take on risky ideas, like adding a pub. Also, the same goes to the hard-working members of the Senate (not including me, of course): The way they continue to work with the administration in order to make positive changes to our campus is often overlooked.

I want it to be known that I have a lot of confidence in those who are helping to craft a design for the renovated Hotung. All I ask is that whoever in the administration has final say, please, I beg of you, please, please finalize the decision to serve alcohol at the new Hotung. It is a good idea that has had a lot of support, though it has been rather quiet. That way, as people are already thinking about what the atmosphere should be like, they can do so with some extremely pertinent information. One cannot possibly hope to effectively design a café, pub or eatery if the decision hasn't been made on whether or not alcohol will be served. I'm sorry, but it totally changes the whole scene. When I think about what Hotung should look like, there are two very different pictures in my mind — one for each possible outcome of the alcohol discussion.

There you have it, Tufts: my official support for Pub Hotung. If you don't like the idea, I sincerely apologize. To those of you who do, please make your support known, and help make it happen.



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one fork away from overflow. I looked in this morning and saw two tadpoles.

How do we deal with such a situation? Obviously no one will admit that it was him who did not clean up after himself, and all of us are too stubborn to take one for the team. What it has come down to is spying on each other to try and find out who doesn't clean up, which has only half-worked. We know a couple culprits, but they still won't touch it without the rest of the house helping them out. And I am certainly not touching it.

A few of us have decided we need to come up with more drastic ways of dealing with problems. We could assign weekly chores, but no one wants to do that. We could hire a maid, but we can't afford to do that. We have tried just asking, then telling, then yelling. I think a strict finger-breaking policy might work the best.

Things were easy with One Source around. I guess that finding ways to cope and finding compromises is the best way to make seven people compatible. But until we work out a quality system, I think that there are going to be a few pissed off people, and maybe a couple broken housemates. If you want to come over and see the spectacle, you are more than welcome. It is definitely a sight to behold. If you want to do the dishes, name your price — I'm sure we can work something out.

I hope everyone got lots of Halloween candy. Have fun trading it with the other kids at school. Try to pass off those stickers that the old lady across the street gave you. Maybe you can trade them for a box of raisins.

Women need ability to choose

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"pro-choice," and not "pro-abortionists," as Benjamin incorrectly asserts. Calling pro-choice women "pro-abortionists" only demonizes us and suggests that we would like to "always be able to abort children as if the 'fetuses' were some sort of cancerous growth that can and should be disposed of at a moments notice." Similarly, claiming that Debra Wise promotes the dumping of newborn babies into the trash by teenage girls is a gross manipulation of her concern for the utter desperation that a teenage girl must have felt in order to commit such an atrocity.

It is Benjamin who is disappointed with what he feels to be the "black or white logic" behind abortion debates. However, I find his oversimplification of this unfortunate incidence to be a prime example of the black-and-white logic he attacks. Why did this teenage girl get pregnant? Why couldn't she go to her parents for help in getting a safe and legal abortion? These are the questions we need to ask if we want to prevent situations like this from occurring.

The fact is this: having an abortion is never desirable. If Benjamin had been present at the Oct. 19 performance of "Mothers and Whores," by Debra Wise and the Underground Railway Theater, he could have taken part in the lengthy and thoughtful discussion following the event that dealt with the moral and emotional consequences of abortions.

No one wants to have an abortion, but until there are family planning resources and services available to all women before, during and after pregnancy, regardless of economic status, abortion services must exist.

Benjamin, I appreciate your meaningful solution to abortion emphasizing sex education and the distribution of contraceptives, but your argument is not new, and I have yet to see its permanence. Until I do, I will remain among other "pro-abortionists" as you call us, fighting on every level for reproductive rights.

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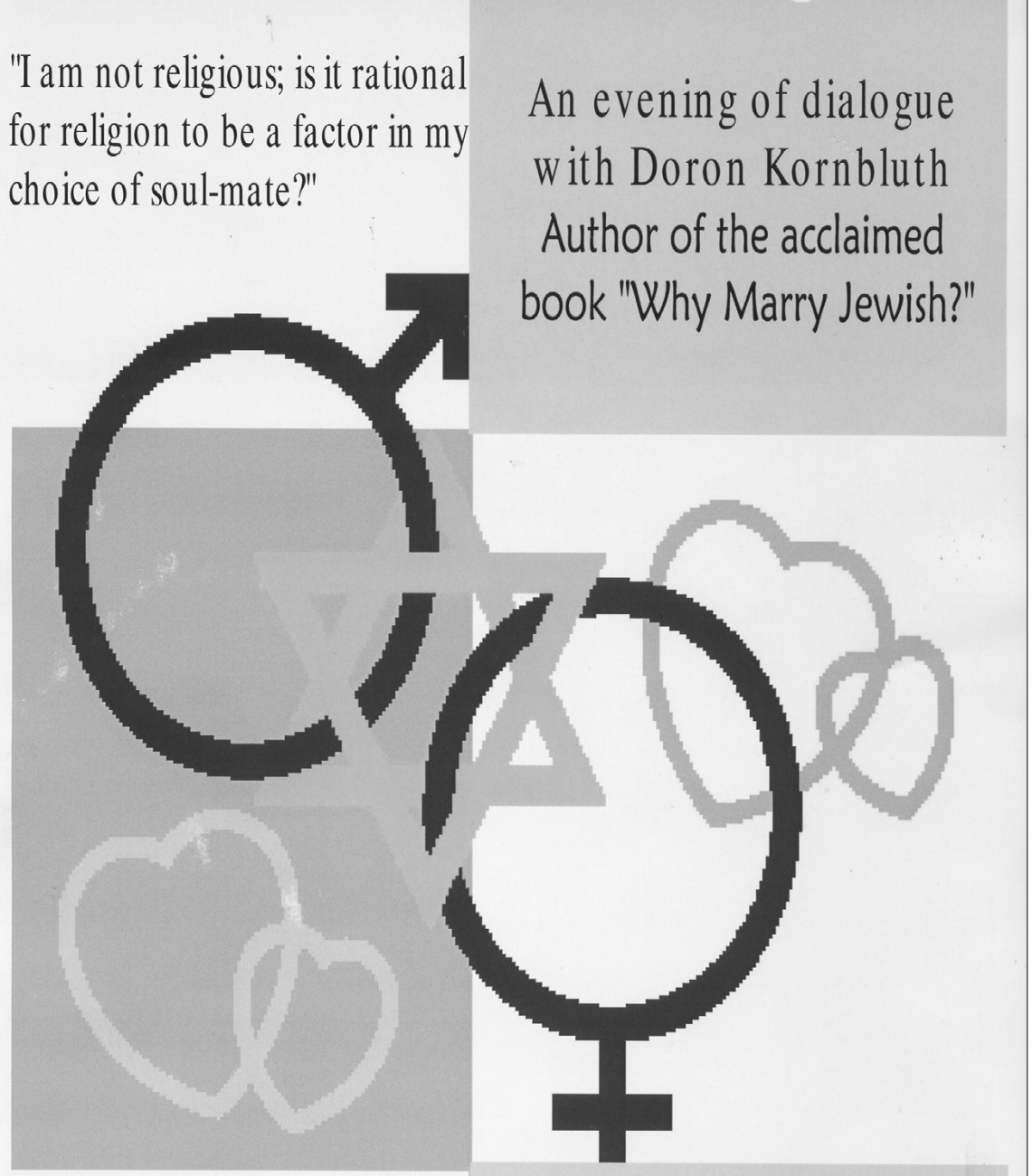

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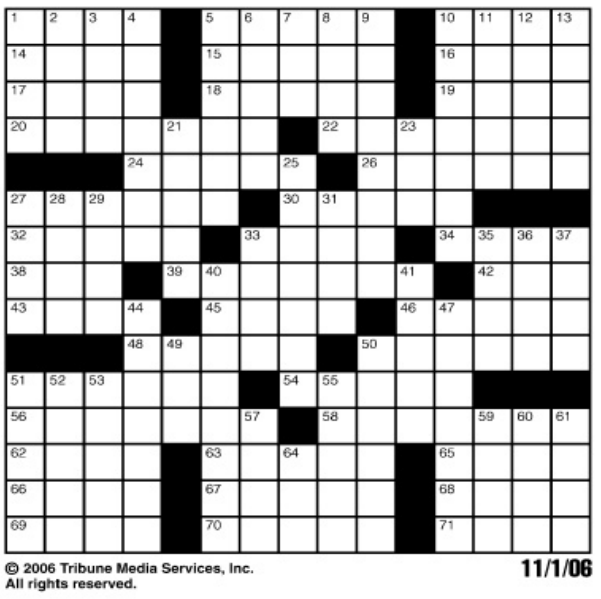

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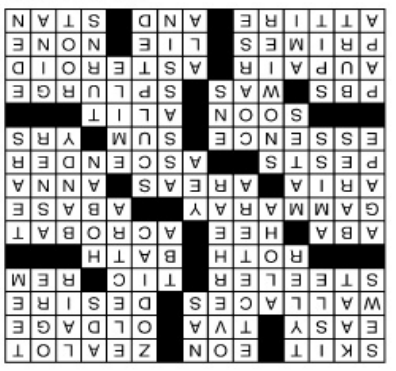
49 Balin or Claire
50 Red table wine
51 Unexpected victory
52 Fashionably old-fashioned
53 Legendary chalice
55 Expunge
57 Mr. Coward
59 Makes a choice
60 Certain tide
61 Turn down
64 Stirling negative

Solutions



JUMBLE

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

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RUFUTE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FETID LOFTY DEFINE CHALET
Answer: When he wanted to tee it up, she got — TEED OFF

LATE NIGHT AT THE DAILY

Leslie Prives: How could you come back later?
Andrew Silver: Well ...
Leslie Prives: No, no, I understand the concept of returning.

DOONESBURY

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

FOX TROT

BY BILL AMEND

DILBERT

BY SCOTT ADAMS

NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY

SUDOKU

Level: Slightly Spooky

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Solution to Friday's puzzle

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6	5	1	8	7	9	3	2	4
9	8	7	6	3	5	4	1	2
5	1	6	4	9	2	8	3	7
3	2	4	7	8	1	9	6	5

Event

Chaplains Table
Chaplains Table, Religion, War and Peace, Thursday, 11-2-06, 5-7 p.m., MacPhie Conference Room. Speaker: Kate Wheeler, Buddhist, Lecturer English Department. Topic: When is a Religion Not a Religion? When It Doesnt Go to War?

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USC loss causes shakeup in projected postseason picture

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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road wins. USC did manage to preserve their streak of an NCAA record 59 straight games of scoring more than 20 points. But that stat will certainly not console the Trojans, who lost more than just than the game — they lost control of their destiny.

The loss dropped USC in the Associated Press and Coaches' Polls and, more importantly, the Bowl Championship Series standings. USC also falls out of first place in the Pac-10 standings, dropping to 4-1 in the conference — one game behind Cal.

The Trojans have looked shaky in recent weeks, with close calls in their previous three games, winning by seven points or less against Washington State, Washington and Arizona State. Though USC was ranked No. 3 in the polls, many pundits felt that this year's version of the Trojans lacked the elite firepower and quality that had been present in the previous three teams. Those three teams won two national championships and were runners-up to the **University of Texas** last year.

The Trojans, who perennially supply the NFL with several top prospects, have found ways to retool and return the following year as tough as ever. However, no one can replace players like Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart without losing some production. This is exactly what happened this year to the Trojans, whose stats are well below last year's levels in almost every offensive statistical category.

Now at 6-1, the Trojans know their only hope is to run the table the rest of the way. But they face the toughest stretch of their schedule in November, with games against **No. 25 Oregon**, No. 12 Cal, and **No. 11 Notre Dame** in successive weeks.

USC is now part of a pack of several one-loss teams that are hoping for some sort of break like the one those teams received this weekend with USC's loss. This group includes a large contingent of Southeastern Conference squads, with the SEC's **No. 7 Auburn, No. 8 Tennessee, No. 9 Florida**, and **No. 13 Arkansas** all at one loss.

The biggest beneficiary of USC's loss may be the winner of the game between the two undefeated Big East teams, **No. 4 West Virginia** and **No. 6 Louisville**, who are set to face off Thursday.

With an epic match-up between the **No. 1 Ohio State Buckeyes** and **No. 2 Michigan Wolverines** coming up on Nov. 18, one of those Big East teams seems destined to finish undefeated, which could place them in the national title game. Of course, this is purely speculation, and there is still plenty of exciting football left to play, which will certainly shape the national championship picture.

Sailing teams prepare for the final races of the fall season

SAILING

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Hornos, Jennifer Watkins, Nate Rosenber, Andrew Criezis, Barbara O'Connell, and Denise Feirstein will represent the Jumbos and look to finish among the top.

"We are expecting them to do really well," senior women's team captain Emily Randall said. "We have a very strong freshman team this year."

Easton echoed Randall's sentiments and looks forward to the Regattas to come.

"We are looking to next weekend to finish off our season on a more positive note," Easton said. "There are a few regattas that we have a shot at doing really well in."

The women's sailing team competed in the Victorian Coffee Urn at Harvard on Saturday. With a spot in the ACC regatta already secured, the women had no pressure on them and sailed to a third-place finish. No teams sailed on Sunday because of the windy conditions, leaving the standings to reflect only Saturday's races.

In the A Division junior Kaity Storck skippered while classmate Lyndsey Gibbons-Neff crewed, finishing in third place overall. Senior skipper Gretchen Curtis and senior crew Jen Giroux sailed in the B division and finished fourth overall. In the end, Tufts finished third out of 17 teams. The women will now spend the next two weeks preparing for the ACC regatta, hoping to make a splash in the standings.

"The next two weeks we are going to be training really hard," Curtis said. "We want to sail our best at Atlantic Coast Championships."

Along with Tufts, fellow New England teams include Harvard, Boston College, Yale, Dartmouth, Conn. College, and Roger Williams, all national powerhouses. All the teams will be competing to win a Championship in two weeks at the Atlantic Coast Championships held at Kings Point on Long Island.

The women are currently ranked fourth in New England and 11th in the nation.

Clinchy proposes a life-for-life trade to Ainge

CLINCHY

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terrible call in 1988; come and tell. This could be your place to speak your mind. It's all the media attention you could ask for — it's almost as much fun as throwing basketballs in Mario Elie's face.

I'll give you my column, and you give me the Celtics. On my end of the deal, my promise is a simple one: I'll do a slightly less crappy job than you've done. I don't promise to be perfect, since I'm still just a kid, and I don't really know what I'm doing. But here are two things I *won't* do.

First, I won't trade Antoine Walker again — twice is enough. Danny, you sent him to the Mavericks once, out of some sort of strange desperation for Raef LaFrentz, and then after you got him back, shipped him to Miami for Qyntel Woods and Curtis Borchardt.

I obviously wouldn't have made those deals — first, because I don't even know how to pronounce those guys' names, much less like them as basketball players; and second, because both trades were downright stupid. If I manage to bring 'Toine back for a third stint in Boston, I'll keep him. You have my word.

And second, I'll stop bringing in bad point guards. Shammond Williams lasted six years in the NBA and played for six teams, never once averaging double figures in scoring, and got laughed out of town in 2003, your first year on the job. Marcus Banks, your replacement for Williams, was equally mediocre, helping the team to a 36-46 finish in his rookie season. Sebastian Telfair, your pathetic excuse for not landing us Allen Iverson this offseason, has more lifetime run-ins with Massachusetts gun laws (one) than triple-doubles (zero). Enough said.

I'd have gotten A.I. I'd have kept 'Toine. Give *me* three years on the job, and I'll rebuild the Celtic dynasty. It's not that I'm that good — it's just that the Celtics have had an extraordinary number of chances to lock in talented stars.

Danny, those are my terms. You can take them or leave them. But think carefully — a lot is at stake here. For you, it's a chance to speak your mind on the topic of your choice, every week, to an audience of, well ... dozens. And for me, it's the chance of a lifetime. The chance to bring back Celtic Pride, once and for all.

Today gives a fresh start to Tufts' winter teams

WINTER SPORTS

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Women's Swimming and Diving: Led by senior tri-captain Chloe Young-Hyman, the swimming and diving team will hope to build on last year's fourth-place NESCAC finish and 6-3 record. The team returns a seasoned crew of sophomores and juniors who will have their eye on ousting powerhouse Williams, which secured its fourth-consecutive conference title last season.

Guided by coach Nancy Bigelow in her 25th season, the Jumbos will host Conn. College in their first meet on Nov. 18.

Men's Indoor Track and Field: The team will look to build on a season in which it sent five people to Nationals and nearly overtook Williams in Div. III New England's in February. With the loss of seniors Matt Fortin, Matt Lacey, and Pat Mahoney, junior Josh Kennedy will have to lead the pack in distance this winter. With senior captain Fred Jones in his usual spot atop the field events, and juniors Dan Marcy, Jeremy Arak, and Nate Scott, the team should not lose its stride.

Women's Indoor Track and Field: Taking second for the fourth year in a row behind Williams in Div. III New Englands, the Jumbos have something to strive for in 2006-2007.

Junior Catherine Beck will continue to lead her squad this season in the distance events, hoping to improve upon a year in which she won the NCAA New England Regional Athlete of the Year award for season-long dominance in the 5,000 meters. Along with classmate Katy O'Brien, who specialized in the 800 for the Jumbos last season, the pair won't get much of a break from cross country, in which they will likely head to Nationals in mid-November, before suiting up for indoor track.

Men's Squash: Last year's 11-12 record vaulted the team to No. 16 nationally, earning it a spot in the Hoehn Division at the College Squash Association team championships where it subsequently lost matches to Cornell, Bates and Navy.

The squad said goodbye to three seniors at the end of last season but will return a core of strong, young players, including junior No. 1 player Jake Gross, who concluded 2005-06 with a 15-8 record.

Women's Squash: Despite finishing the season at a respectable No. 21 in the national polls, the team dropped five spots in the polls from the previous year and lost in the first round of the NESCAC Invitational. This year, however, the team will return 13 of its 16 players from last season, and while last season's No. 1 player, junior Rebecca Rice, will be abroad in the spring, there are plenty of Jumbos waiting in the ranks. A more experienced group will undoubtedly look to build on last year's 10-12 clip.

Women's Fencing: Sophomore Christine Lee will try to help her team improve upon a successful 2005-2006 campaign in which the team finished third in a field of 17 at the NIFWA championships.

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INSIDE COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Upset Saturday: Oregon St. bests third-ranked Trojans

BY ZACHARY SCHILLER
Daily Staff Writer

The No. 3 **University of Southern California Trojans'** surefire path to the national championship game took a devastating setback on Saturday, as the **Oregon State Beavers** shocked the Trojans by building a 23-point lead late in the third quarter and eventually holding on to vanquish the Trojans, 33-31.

The Trojans turned the ball over four times and still almost pulled out the win. However, the Beavers were able to make one more play than the Trojans, when they stopped USC on a game tying two-point conversion attempt with seven seconds left in the game.

The Trojans were the highest ranked team to lose at Oregon State since a No. 1 USC team, featuring a tailback named O.J. Simpson, lost 3-0 in Corvallis, Ore., in 1967.

Saturday's game featured tremendous efforts from two receivers. Oregon State receiver Sammie Stroughter had eight catches for 127 yards and also a had 70-yard punt return that made it 30-10 OSU in the third quarter. In a losing effort, USC receiver Steve Smith had 11 catches for 258 yards, just short of the USC single-game receiving record. He also had two touchdowns but failed to catch the potential game tying two-point try.

This was the Trojans' first regular season loss since September of 2003, when they lost to the **California Golden Bears** 34-31 in triple overtime. The loss snapped several Trojan streaks, including 38 straight regular season wins, 27 straight Pac-10 wins, 18 straight road wins, 18 straight wins in October, and 13 straight Pac-10

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MIKE CARDEW/MCT

Coach Jim Tressel, quarterback Troy Smith, and the rest of the Ohio State Buckeyes stand to benefit in the BCS standings with USC's 33-31 loss to the Oregon State Beavers on Saturday.

Volleyball sweeps Hamilton, drops match versus Williams

VOLLEYBALL

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pionship happens to include a rematch against Williams, the Jumbos are anything but hesitant about the facing off against the rival Ephs once more. "Our goal is to win NESCACs," Harrison said. "But I can't think of a better way to reach the championship game than by beating Williams in their own house."

Barring an upset win for Conn. College or Middlebury, a rematch against Williams would be in the cards for Tufts. If both the Jumbos and the Ephs win their first round games, they will meet again in the semifinals on Saturday afternoon.

However, the team's strategy is to take it one game at a time and knock down the competition as it comes along, and that starts with a repeat of a regular-season 3-1 win over the Camels.

"Connecticut College is a great team," Harrison said. "They have really good outside hitters, and we need to work on our deep defense and keeping our energy up. That's how we beat them last time."

Thompson also recognized the threat the Camels pose to her team.

"They are going to give us a good run for our money," she said. "If we serve our toughest game, pass well, and play good defense, we will come out on top."

Williams has the home-court advantage this weekend, but according to Thompson, the Jumbos thrive on big pressure and even bigger competition.

"We play better with big crowds," Thompson said. "And when it comes down to it and it's all on the line, you will see a different Jumbo team. We've proven that we can beat the good teams, with the exception of Amherst, and we'd love the opportunity to see [Williams and Amherst] again."

The Jumbos are no strangers to postseason appearances. The 2005 squad earned a second-place finish at the NESCAC Tournament and an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, where they advanced to the quarterfinals.

This year's team is looking to improve on that performance and take its game to the champions' level.

"The NESCAC teams are pretty evenly matched this year," Allende said. "Whichever team shows up to play that day is going to take it. Williams showed up to play on Saturday. We will be there this weekend."

DAILY DIGITS

10

The number of different recievers that Tom Brady connected with in the Patriots' 31-7 drubbing of the Minnesota Vikings on Monday night. Tight end Ben Watson and wide reciever Doug Gabriel each caught his first touchdown of the year in the win.

10-0

Brady's career record in dome stadiums following his dismantling of the Vikings.

5

The number of goals scored by field hockey freshman Michelle Kelly in the Jumbos 3-0 week. After a hat trick in Tufts' 6-0 dismantling of Endicott on Tuesday, Kelly added the eventual game-winners in a 2-0 win over Conn. College on Saturday and a 2-1 win over Trinity in Sunday's NESCAC Tournament.

3

Number of consecutive sacks by the Patriots against Vikings' replacement QB Brooks Bollinger.

SCHEDULE | November 1 - November 7

	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Field Hockey				@ Middlebury 1:30 p.m.			
Football				vs. Colby 12:30 p.m.			
Men's Cross Country				@ Williams ECAC Champ. 12:00 p.m.			
Women's Cross Country				@Williams ECAC Champ. 12:00 p.m.			
Men's Soccer							
Women's Soccer							
Volleyball				@ Conn. Coll. NESCAC 8:00 p.m.			

STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Field Hockey
(11-4, 6-3 NESCAC)

	CONFERENCE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Bowdoin	8	1	13	1
Middlebury	8	1	13	2
Williams	7	2	12	3
Tufts	6	3	11	4
Trinity	5	4	9	6
Amherst	3	6	8	7
Wesleyan	3	6	6	9
Bates	2	7	6	8
Conn. Coll.	2	7	6	8
Colby	1	8	4	10

Individual Statistics

	G	A	Pts
Michelle Kelly	10	0	20
I.Casellas-Katz	4	9	17
Marlee Kutcher	6	2	14
Stacey Watkins	4	6	14
Brittany Holiday	4	1	9
Tess Jasinski	1	5	7
Kathleen Martin	1	1	3
Emma Kozumbo	1	1	3
Brianna Sullivan	1	0	2
Dana Svendsen	1	0	2
Corey Green	1	0	2

Goalkeeping	**GA**	**S**	**S%**
M. Duffy-Cabana	15		.842

Women's Soccer
(9-4-2, 6-1-2 NESCAC)

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	7	0	1		1	1
Tufts	6	1	2		4	2
Middlebury	6	2	1		2	1
Williams	4	2	2		3	3
Colby	3	2	3		2	3
Bates	4	4	0		4	0
Bowdoin	4	4	1		6	2
Wesleyan	3	6	0		8	1
Conn. Coll.	0	8	1		10	1
Trinity	0	8	1		10	2

Individual Statistics

	G	A	Pts
Lauren Fedore	9	1	19
Martha Furtek	3	6	12
Fanna Gamal	3	1	7
Rebecca Abbott	2	2	6
Jessie Wagner	2	2	6
Jesslyn Jamison	2	0	4
Joelle Emery	1	1	3
Abby Werner	1	1	3
Ali Maxwell	1	0	2
Whitney Hardy	1	0	2
Kim Harrington	0	1	1

Goalkeeping	**GA**	**S**	**S%**
Annie Ross	18	67	.788

Men's Soccer
(7-6-2, 3-5-1 NESCAC)

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Williams	7	1	0	12	1	0
Amherst	6	1	1	11	1	2
Wesleyan	6	1	2	10	2	3
Bowdoin	6	3	0	10	4	1
Middlebury	5	4	0	10	5	0
Bates	3	4	2	8	5	2
Tufts	3	5	1	7	6	2
Colby	2	5	2	6	5	3
Conn. Coll.	1	8	0	4	8	2
Trinity	1	8	0	2	10	1

Individual Statistics

	G	A	Pts
Mattia Chason	8	2	18
Dan Jozwiak	7	1	15
Alex Botwinick	3	4	10
Bob Kastoff	3	3	9
Bear Duker	3	3	9
Ben Castellot	3	3	9
Jon Glass	3	0	6
Peter DeGregorio	2	2	6
Greg O'Connell	1	1	3
Sam James	1	1	3
Alex Bedig	1	1	3

Goalkeeping	**GA**	**Svs**	**Sv%**
Pat Tonelli	24	77	.762

Volleyball
(23-7, 7-3 NESCAC)

	CONFERENCE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Williams	10	0	23	6
Amherst	7	3	24	4
Conn. Coll.	7	3	19	8
Tufts	7	3	23	7
Wesleyan	7	3	18	8
Trinity	6	4	16	6
Bowdoin	4	6	20	10
Middlebury	3	7	13	14
Bates	2	8	12	19
Colby	2	8	13	19
Hamilton	0	10	9	21

Individual Statistics

Offensive	**Kills**	**SA**	**A**
Harrison	399	31	6
Wysham	294	35	2
Filocco	266	17	13
Allende	130	5	8
Denniston	91	3	19
Helgeson	56	3	3
O'Reilly	40	14	912

Defensive	**B**	**Digs**
Wysham	129	84
Allende	62	25
Filocco	27	231
Ripecky	0	344
Goldstein	0	495
Harrison	37	335

Football
(3-3 NESCAC)

	CONFERENCE		
	W	L	Pct
Williams	6	0	1.000
Amherst	5	1	.833
Trinity	5	1	.833
Middlebury	4	2	.667
Tufts	3	3	.500
Wesleyan	3	3	.500
Colby	2	4	.333
Hamilton	2	4	.333
Bates	0	6	.000
Bowdoin	0	6	.000

Individual Statistics

Passing	**C-A**	**Yds.**	**TD**
Russo	60-112	607	5

Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**TD**
Georges	73	336	1
Forde	47	187	1
Cammuso	33	125	0
Ricketson	2	93	1
Anderson	17	65	0
Gaylord	15	39	1

Receiving	**No.**	**Yds.**	**TD**
Menty	20	221	1
Halas	12	176	4
Von Ancken	6	75	0
Jagiela	6	41	0

New England Regional Rankings- Women's XC
(as of Oct. 23, 2006)

Ranking, Team, Points
1. Amherst, 90
2. Middlebury, 79
3. Tufts, 69
4. Williams, 67
5. Keene State, 50
6. Colby, 47
7. MIT, 39
8. Coast Guard, 25
9. Brandeis, 16
10. Bates/Conn. Coll., 5

New England Regional Rankings- Men's XC
(as of Oct. 23, 2006)

Ranking, Team, Points
1. Williams, 67
2. Bowdoin, 66
3. Amherst, 51
4. Wesleyan, 49
5. Trinity, 38
6. MIT, 33
7. Bates, 26
8. Tufts, 23
9. Brandeis, 12
10. Middlebury/Keene State, 9

FOOTBALL ANALYSIS

Tufts silenced by weather, league's top defense

BY EVANS CLINCHY
Daily Editorial Board

It's been a tough couple of weeks for the football team.

In the past eight days, the Jumbos have faced the league's best offense and the league's best defense, and have come away with two tough losses, devastating blows to a season that began with a 3-1 record and an optimistic outlook.

Last weekend was a 38-14 slugfest, as the Jumbos ran into a Williams offense that averages over 31 points a game. This weekend, they hit a brick wall in the form of the Amherst defense that has allowed 29 points all season, a statistic which puts the Lord Jeffs atop the national rankings in that category.

The troubles of the Tufts offense were threefold on Saturday. Not only were the Jumbos facing the league's best defense, but they were battling two other obstacles: the bad weather, and the questionable health status of top receiver sophomore David Halas after a calf injury sustained n the Jumbos game against Trinity two weeks ago.

The Jeffs' defense has yet to allow a single passing touchdown all season. The Jumbos' lone score in Saturday's game, which gave the Jumbos an early 6-0 lead in the second quarter, came on a seven-yard run from sophomore Will Forde. According to senior quad-captain Brian Schurko, there was a simple explanation for the Jumbos' changing game plan.

"With the weather the way it was, it was really sloppy out there," said Schurko, a key part of the team's offensive line. "We didn't throw the ball that much."

Tufts senior quarterback Matt Russo was held to just 17 pass attempts, and he finished the day with five completions and 75 passing yards. He threw two interceptions, and of course, no touchdowns. It wasn't any easier for Amherst senior Nick Kehoe, who was 8-for-23, for 97 yards, one interception, and one TD.

With the rain putting a damper on the passing game, the Jumbos were forced to adjust. Eight Jumbos carried the ball in Saturday's game for a total of 187 yards. Forde led the way with 72 and the lone touchdown, while senior Brian Cammuso added 52. Junior Brendan Georges remained the Jumbos season leader, adding 43 yards to improve to 336 on the season.

"I thought we did a good job today," Schurko said of the offense. "I thought the runners did a good job, and I thought the O-line did a great job, especially with the conditions the way they were."

The passing game should be revitalized by next week. Halas, who has 12 catches for 176 yards this season to go along with his four TDs, is on the way to being 100 percent healthy, which should make the offense much more explosive down the stretch.

"Dave played a little bit today," Schurko said. "He's been getting healthier every week. Hopefully he'll be back next week against Colby at full strength."

Colby just downed Bates, 10-7, in a dramatic quadruple-overtime struggle this past weekend. With the win, Colby improved to just 2-4, as the Mules, a once-perennial NESCAC power, are on their way to their worst finish in years. But the Jumbos have lost three straight, and as Schurko pointed out, they can't afford to get complacent.

"Colby always plays us really tough," he said. "It's a really big game for them, and it's a big game for us too — we're 3-3, so we really need a win. Plus it's our Senior Day, so that's very special for all of us."

INSIDE THE NFL

Steelers in dire straits while Patriots steamroll

JEFF WHEELER/MCT

New England Patriots' Rodney Harrison (37) picks off a pass intended for Minnesota Vikings' Mewelde Moore at the goal line in the first quarter on Monday night. Patriots quarterback Tom Brady was nearly perfect on the night, leading his team to a 31-7 victory.

BY ANDREW BAULD
Daily Editorial Board

What happened in Oakland on Sunday was beyond comprehension. It wasn't just that the **Oakland Raiders** defeated the defending Super Bowl champion **Pittsburgh Steelers,** 20-13. It was how they did it.

Ninety-eight yards of total offense — that's what the Raiders amassed against the Steelers. With only nine first downs and zero offensive touchdowns, the Raiders still found a way to come up with a win off of two defensive interceptions that were turned into TDs, including a 100-yard return to the end zone by CB Chris Carr in the fourth quarter. Raiders QB Andrew Walter was abysmal, going 5-for-14 for 51 yards and throwing one interception.

Thankfully for the Raiders, the Steelers were much, much worse. Although both teams sent out relatively strong defenses, the Raiders were able to capitalize on Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's many mistakes. Still banged up from the concussion he sustained last week against Atlanta, Roethlisberger threw four interceptions on the day, with two returned for touchdowns. Big Ben wasn't a complete disaster, though, going 25-for-37 for 301 yards, but he came up short with his team in scoring position.

Stuck on the one-yard line with about three minutes left, the Steelers were down 20-13 with a chance to tie the game, but a Raiders defensive stop on the goal line and a false start penalty pushed the ball back to the 10, and a last ditch fourth-down pass broken up in the end zone spelled the end for the Steelers.

The slightly less pathetic Raiders improved to 2-5 with the win, while the Steelers joined them with the same record, putting them in last place in the AFC North and jeopardizing any chances of a postseason appearance, let alone a return to the Super Bowl.

A team that does look like it will be making its way to Miami in February is the **New England Patriots,** who stomped on the **Minnesota Vikings** Monday night, 31-7. This match-up looked to be a potential challenge for the Pats against a strong defense, and the Vikings defense was able to shut down the Patriots' running game. Unfortunately, they couldn't stop quarterback Tom Brady.

Brady, virtually unstoppable in a dome setting, went 29-for-43 with 372 yards and four touchdowns in his best performance yet this season. Brady is now 10-0 lifetime in domes, averaging 272.1 yards per game. The Pats' defense chipped in as well, with four interceptions on the day, including Rodney Harrison's goal line interception near the end of the first quarter. And Laurence Maroney sealed his return home with a 74-yard kickoff return.

Vikings' quarterback Brad Johnson looked confused all night against the Pats' defense, throwing three interceptions, including a costly drive-ending pick that would have tied the game at seven. Johnson went 20-for-33 with 185 yards before being benched in the fourth-quarter. Back-up Brooks Bollinger didn't fare much better under center, completing 6 of 9 passes and throwing one interception.

The Patriots will face their biggest challenge of the season when the **Indianapolis Colts** come to Gillette next week. The Colts finished Sunday with a down-to-the-wire victory over the **Denver Broncos**, 34-31, thanks to Mr. Reliable, former Patriots' kicker, Adam Vinatieri.

With a Broncos defensive strategy specifically designed to stop him, Peyton Manning meticulously drove down the field, scoring on seven of the Colts' eight final drives. Manning finished the day 32-for-39 with 345 yards and three TDs, all to wideout Reggie Wayne.

With the game tied, Vinatieri kicked the game-winner through the uprights with two seconds left to play following a march up the field by Manning, including 14- and nine-yard catches by Wayne. The field goal propelled the Colts to a perfect 7-0 record. This is the second consecutive season the Colts are 7-0, making them the first team to accomplish the feat since the **Green Bay Packers** did so three times in a row from 1929 to 1931.

EVANS CLINCHY | DIRTY WATER

A modest proposal

Congratulations to the St. Louis Cardinals, the 2006 World Series champions.

I can't believe I just wrote that sentence. Honestly, if you had told me six months ago that the World Series would end with Adam Wainwright striking out Brandon Inge, I'd have told you to look for a good mental hospital.

Some people love baseball because of postseasons like this. October is exciting and unpredictable — anything can, and probably will, happen. But not me. Seeing a team as bad as the 2006 Cardinals win a title is just depressing. Thank god baseball's over. I am sick and tired of watching this game — any time a team can go 83-78 and get a championship ring, it makes me sick.

So...who's in the mood for some irony? It's time to move on; which means it's time for basketball: a sport where you don't even need a winning record to make the playoffs. You've gotta love it.

Unfortunately for me, the only thing more depressing than watching the World Series is watching basketball. Being a Celtics fan is tough these days. The Green went 3-5 in October basketball, and that can't be a good sign heading into the regular season. I wouldn't be surprised if we were in for another 11th-place finish in the Eastern Conference.

Today's the beginning of a new month, and with it comes the beginning of a new season. And to this bitter Celtics fan — one who was born four months after the team's last title and fears that he'll never see a single one won in his lifetime — that means a fresh new chance to find someone to blame.

The answer is simple. In my mind, I can see him standing before me —all six feet, four inches and 175 pounds of his scrawny little frame. His name is Danny Ainge.

The team's current Executive Director of Basketball Operations — and former overrated, annoying, whiny shooting guard — is what's wrong with the Boston Celtics today. But I come before you today not to complain; nay, that would be the easy way out. I write with a nobler purpose. Believe it or not, I think I have the answer.

Danny, I know you're reading this. Anyone with an ego as big as yours is sure to have a Google alert set to his own name, ready to show him every single scrap of media exposure to bear his name. And since you're reading, I hope you can respond to this modest proposal. Danny Ainge, I hereby request: *will you trade lives with me?*

Think about it. It's perfect. I could get a chance to carry out one of my lifelong dreams — running a pro sports team — and you, Danny, could go back to college. You of course went to Brigham Young, and with all due respect to Jesus Christ and his Latter Day Saints, I have a feeling that you missed some of the college experience.

The religious fanaticism, the strict honor code, the fact that you lived in Utah, in the middle of nowhere ... be honest. There's no way you enjoyed those four years. Try getting a liberal arts education in New England. It'll be like nothing you've ever experienced.

And then you can come write for the Daily. You could take over my column and get free reign every Wednesday to write about whatever you want. I know you can't resist.

Do you want to gripe about baseball? I'm sure you're still pissed off about how you couldn't cut it with the Blue Jays in the early 80s; come here and tell all. Or how about basketball? You're probably still mad at some ref who made some

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

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VOLLEYBALL

Jumbos seeing purple as they gear up for NESCAC Tournament

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The volleyball team ended its regular season with a road trip to Hamilton, N.Y., this weekend, where the Jumbos played back-to-back NESCAC games against the host Continentals and Williams. The team ended up splitting, burying Hamilton in three straight games on Friday but dropping the match to Williams on Saturday. The Jumbos returned home with a No. 4 playoff seed, their lowest since 2003 and a disappointing drop from the two-spot they occupied heading into the weekend, but a sparkling 23-7 overall record nevertheless.

VOLLEYBALL
at Hamilton, Friday

Tufts	**30**	**30**	**31**
Hamilton	20	19	29

Harrison: 14 kills, 10 digs

at Hamilton, Saturday

Williams	**30**	**30**	**30**
Tufts	25	27	21

Harrison: 15 kills, 14 digs
Feiger: 40 assists

The Jumbos swept Hamilton in three straight games on Friday night with a match score of 30-20, 30-19, 31-29, denying the Continentals a spot in the NESCAC playoffs and ending Hamilton's season without a league win. Tufts senior co-captain Kelli Harrison raked in 14 kills and 10 digs while junior Cecilia Allende took advantage of the Continentals weaknesses, adding 10.

Just 24 hours later, the Jumbos lost a tough game to NESCAC rival and No. 1 seed Williams with a match score of 25-30, 27-30, 21-30. The Jumbos came out strong behind Harrison's 15 kills and 14 digs and sophomore Natalie Goldstein's 19 digs, but were unable to rally against a clean and focused Williams team. The defeat was made even harder to swallow given the Jumbos' sweep of the Ephs just a week earlier in a non-conference match at the Hall of Fame Tournament.

"We came out strong in the first game, but froze a little in the second," Harrison said. "We started playing reactionary volleyball and never regained the momentum we started out with."

Williams had already wrapped up a No. 1 seed with an 9-0 conference clip entering the NESCAC weekend and sealed a perfect NESCAC record with their victory over the Jumbos. The Ephs are now set to host the NESCAC Tournament this weekend and will open against No. 8 Middlebury on Friday at 6 p.m.

The loss to Williams dropped the squad from a possible No. 2 seed in the playoffs to a No. 4 seed, giving Tufts a first round match against fifth-seeded Conn. College this Friday at 8 p.m. Despite a drop from the second seed that they have occupied for the past two seasons, the Jumbos know what it takes to be a contender for the NESCAC title.

"We are looking forward to proving ourselves once and for all as a top team in New England," junior outside hitter Stephanie Viola said. "We want to win NESCACs and earn an NCAA bid."

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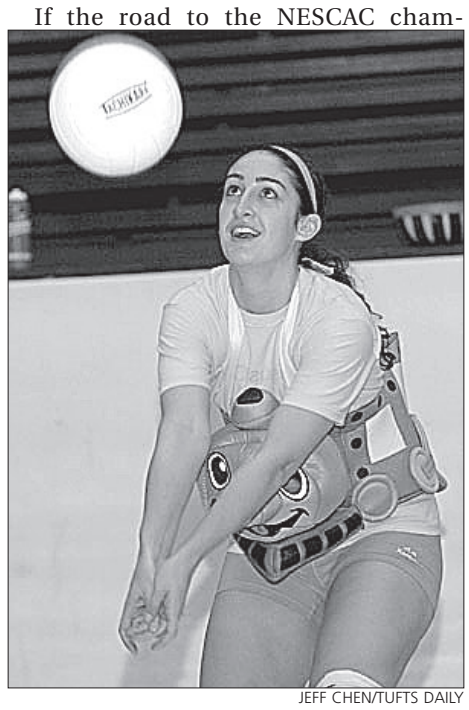

JEFF CHEN/TUFTS DAILY
Junior Stephanie Viola, a.k.a Thomas the Tank Engine, takes a hit aduring the volleyball team's in-costume Halloween practive yesterday.

Field hockey picks up second straight Player of the Week

For the second straight week, and the league-leading third time this year, the NESCAC player in the spotlight is a Jumbo.

Freshman Michelle Kelly was named the conference Player of the Week on Monday for her outstanding offensive week that included five goals in three games, the program's first hat trick in six years and all three game-winners, including the one that vaulted the Jumbos over Trinity in Sunday's first-round NESCAC playoff game.

In the team's 6-0 spanking of Endicott on Tuesday, Kelly provided the first, third and fourth goals, getting the Jumbos started early and putting the game away in the second half. In a must-win game on Saturday to secure homefield advantage in the first round of NESCACs, Kelly knocked in the first of two Tufts goals to sink the Conn. College Camels and earn the first home berth in program history.

Kelly wasn't done yet, however, and with the game against Trinity knotted at one with four minutes to go, the freshman came up big one final time, tipping home a penalty corner shot from senior co-captain Stacey Watkins to put the lead back on the Tufts side, where it would stay.

COURTESY SCOTT BECQUE
On the heels of five goals in a three-game span, the NESCAC awarded Player of the Week honors to freshman Michelle Kelly.

Kelly leads the Jumbos with 10 goals this year, the most by a freshman since 1999. At left wing, the freshman has quietly surged to third in the league in goals scored, the result of good field sense and a quick stick that has tipped in almost a third of the Jumbos' goals this year.

— by Liz Hoffman

SAILING

Winds deal co-ed sailors a tough blow

BY LAUREN EBSTEIN
Daily Staff Writer

The inclement weather this past weekend handed a couple of Tufts squads tough losses, and the sailing team was no exception. Competing in the Schell Trophy Regatta at MIT the co-ed team came up short, failing to qualify for the Atlantic Coast Championship regatta, which will be held next weekend at Brown.

The team battled horrible rain and powerful winds on Saturday and finished in eighth place, just a couple points short of qualifying. The Jumbos remained hopeful for a good finish on Sunday and a chance to compete in the ACC regatta. However, the weather conditions proved to be too much for the Jumbos to handle, and the team finished the regatta without qualifying for ACCs.

"Unfortunately, this weekend we had a few too many bad races and didn't qualify for ACCs," co-ed skipper junior Michael Easton said. "It is the first time in a long time that the team has not gone."

Heading into Sunday and dependent upon some great finishes to push the team into a qualifying finish in order to be able to compete in ACC's, the Jumbos were faced with nothing but horrifying winds. Instead of battling to earn a spot in the regatta in two weekends, the Jumbos fought to keep their boat afloat amidst winds that reached up to 30 knots and gusts up to 50 knots.

"It was by far the windiest regatta I have ever sailed in," Easton said. "We just were not able to handle it as well as the other schools who had heavier boats and more experience sailing with their heavy combinations. It was also hard to concentrate on shifts and tactics when you are spending most of your energy on keeping the boat upright."

Although the co-ed team did not qualify for ACCs, they will sail in a couple of different regattas next weekend and have a quality chance at finishing near the top. The Freshman ACCs will be held next weekend at Brown, and Tufts looks to send a strong first-year class to the competition. Freshmen Tomas

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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

Positive outlooks all around as winter teams hold first practices

BY RACHEL DOLIN
Daily Editorial Board

For winter athletes, today is more than just a chance to flip the page on the calendar to November — it is the culmination of weeks of offseason training, an end to pickup games and captains' practices, and one of the most highly anticipated days of the year.

Coaches will now resume the leadership roles that fell on their captains during the last eight or so months, and players must kick workout regimens into high gear. The winter sports season is officially here.

Last winter on the Hill was filled with both historic success and frustrating failure. With clean slates, Tufts teams will be hoping to either maintain the level of excellence achieved last year or improve upon sub-par play. Here's a glance at what's at stake for this year's winter season.

Men's Basketball: The team has a daunting task ahead of it if it wants to outdo last year's team which set a school record for wins with a 23-7 record and made an historic postseason run to the Sweet 16 of the Div. III NCAA tournament. Losing just big man and tri-captain Dan Martin from last year's squad, and returning six players that averaged over 20 minutes per game last season, the Jumbos shouldn't need much time to adjust to each other on the floor.

With over two months to gear up for NESCAC competition, the team should be hitting its stride just in time for its showdown with Amherst on Jan. 12. A seasoned squad will undoubtedly have some revenge on its mind, as the Lord Jeffs' overtime wins in the NESCAC championship game and in the Sweet Sixteen cut Tufts' run short last season.

Women's Basketball: Coach Carla Berube's team will look to rebound from last year's disappointing 10-13 season — the first sub-.500 year during her four seasons at the helm of the squad. With the loss of last year's senior tri-captain Jess Powers, the team will look to seniors Valerie Krah at guard and Laura Jasinski at forward to help the Jumbos produce a consistent offense unlike the one that mired them last season.

Like the men's team, the women's squad does not begin NESCAC play until mid-January. Until then, though, it will need to string together consistent play and to gain momentum if it hopes to topple powerhouses Bowdoin and Bates, which have played in each of the six conference championships since 2000.

Ice Hockey: Finishing the season just short of a NESCAC playoff birth last year, the ice hockey team certainly has something to prove this winter. Despite stringing together an impressive 7-1-1 streak from mid-December to mid-January, the Jumbos ultimately succumbed to injuries and finished the season 9-12-3, second to last in the conference.

Coach Brian Murphy's team has anything but an easy schedule to begin the season. It opens with back-to-back games against Middlebury and Williams — the teams that finished first and second, respectively, in the NESCAC last season.

Men's Swimming and Diving: After compiling the most successful seasons in 25 years, capped off with a No. 10 finish at Nationals, the men's swimming and diving team is ready to jump right back into the water. Losing three of the seven swimmers that went to NCAAs last year, including All-Americans Brett Baker and Jon Godsey, the Jumbos will rely heavily on a senior class led by All-Americans Greg Bettencourt and Justin Fanning, as well as Honorable Mention All-Americans Mike Kinsella and Jason Kapit.

Like the hockey team, the swimming squad will dive right into NESCAC competition on Nov. 18 when it squares off against Conn. College.

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