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Parade of Nations highlights dance, fashion and music of diverse cultures



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Intercultural Week culminated in the Parade of Nations Friday night, showcasing dances, a fashion show and musical performances in Cohen Auditorium.

BY MARTIN SATTELL
Daily Staff Writer

Tufts University culture and performing arts groups came to the Cohen Auditorium stage Friday night to take part in the annual Parade of Nations Culture/

Fashion Show, presented by the International Club.

Started in 1990, the event represents the culmination of Intercultural Week, a celebration honoring the international components of Tufts that gives students a chance to share aspects

of their cultures through song, dance and theater performances.

According to senior Priscilla Alvarez, International Club vice president and director of the event, the Parade of Nations

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Panel examines Chinese and Indian governance

BY CHRISTY MCCUAIG
Daily Editorial Board

About 50 people gathered in the ASEAN Auditorium yesterday for the final panel in a four-day-long symposium on China and India's emergence as global powers.

The panel, entitled "State, Party and People: Can the Center Hold?" addressed whether today's political systems in India and China could adapt as the two countries improve their economic standing in the world. Sponsored by the Institute for Global Leadership's (IGL) Tufts Initiative for Leadership and International Perspective (TILIP), the panel featured speakers with a variety of perspectives on the future of the two rising powers.

While each predicted some measure of stability for the "center" of each country in the 21st century, at least in the short term, each had very different takes on how it would be maintained.

Dr. Robert Ross, a professor of political science at Boston College who introduced the speakers, expressed concern that the United States lacks respect for China as a superpower. In his view, 99 percent of nations in the world see China as "great power order," with the United States being

the exception.

Ayesha Jalal, a Tufts history professor, spoke next about the role of religion in government.

India, she said, will have to "rethink relations between the center and religion" to take varying beliefs into account, and China can learn from India's shifting position on religion and the center. Reliance "on one party may be China's undoing," she said.

Joseph Fewsmith, director of East Asian Studies Program and professor of international relations and political science at Boston University, began by saying, "Will the center hold? Sure." But he cited a number of problems that might erode the power of India and China's respective centers.

Fewsmith first cited weaknesses in the social order in China, resulting from corruption, local conflicts of interest and income inequality. "China was one of the most equal states in the world 15 or 20 years ago," he said. Now, inequity is very high, he said.

While Fewsmith argued that China needed to focus on major health care reforms and to attack corruption, he did think the system would remain stable for the foreseeable future of 10 to 15 years.

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Experts say plan to increase Pell Grants may be misguided

BY JEREMY WHITE
Daily Editorial Board

President Bush's highly touted proposal to boost federal aid to students has been met with criticism both on and off the Hill due to cuts to other funds the plan would entail.

Specifically, the president's 2008 budget pledges to raise the maximum possible Pell Grant award, thus bolstering a program that has long been a flagship of helping low- and middle-income students pay for college, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Earlier this month, Bush signed into law a congressional spending bill that raised the maximum grant from \$4,050 to \$4,310 in time for the next school year. But his 2008 budget proposal calls for a further raise, first to \$4,600 and eventually to \$5,400.

In a rare convergence with the Republican Oval Office, Senator Edward R. Kennedy (D-Mass.), backed by the Democratic Congress, has been a leading proponent of increasing the grants.

In a Feb. 15 Boston Globe op-ed piece, the senator exhorted lawmakers to "restore the Pell Grant as the foundation of the student aid system."

To accomplish his goal, Bush would draw down subsidies offered to lender companies. Kennedy supports this measure, arguing that the companies have been abusive and kept interest rates too high and that

government loan programs are more cost-effective.

He therefore advocates moving money away from lenders and funneling it directly into increases to Pell Grants. But lenders argue students who need low-interest student loans will suffer.

Kevin Bruns, who serves as executive director of the Federal Family Education Loan Program, a Washington-based coalition of 87 lending agencies, said that he supports increases in Pell Grants, but questioned the accompanying cuts in the plan.

"We have no objections to raising the Pell Grant Award. The experts say it's the most effective way to increase access for low-income families," he said to the Daily. "Our objection is the way the president and the Democrats want to pay for the increases. It certainly would harm the low- and middle-income families that use guaranteed student loans."

Bruns said the members of his organization would be affected "pretty dramatically" by the rollback in subsidies, which would represent the third such cut in a year.

He also emphasized that the most dire implications could be for middle-class families who straddle the line for student aid and look to loans rather than Pell Grants to pay for college.

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Bachelor's/Master of Public Health dual degree program opens to all

BY LANDER ALANIS-CUE
Contributing Writer

Tufts' Bachelor's/Master of Public Health (MPH) dual degree program, previously available only to community health majors, will soon be open to all undergraduates.

"We were happy with the quality of students. We simply wanted to expand the program," Assistant Professor of Political Science Gary McKissick, the dual program's student advisor, said.

Although students still must apply to the program, starting with this spring's application cycle all sophomores can apply regardless of their major. Those accepted can walk away with both degrees in five years.

This count includes their freshman and sophomore years, meaning that students can get the degrees between a half a year and a year sooner than those who pursue both separately.

According to McKissick, the expansion makes sense because students pursuing other majors, including international relations (IR), may have as much of an interest in public health as community health majors.

"It simply didn't make sense to limit the program to only community health majors," he said. "There are problems in international health that are encountered by both community health majors as well as international relations majors. This

program will give IR students a chance to encounter public health as a viable career choice."

According to Dr. Anthony Schlaff, co-director of Tufts Bachelor's/MPH program, this overlap was reflected in the IR curriculum overhaul approved last May. In the new curriculum, Global Health, Nutrition and the Environment is one of the new concentrations for the major.

"Adding a new Global Health concentration to the program, we expected a lot of students to be interested in the dual degree program," he said.

Senior Angela Lee, a dual degree student, thinks an influx of students will help the program.

"Allowing all Tufts undergrads to apply, and not only community health students, can only make the program that much stronger," she said in an e-mail. "I think it's a great decision that Tufts has made, because public health truly is an [interdisciplinary] field and we will need leaders and students with a diverse background," she said.

Lee, one of several seniors in the program, praised its intimacy. "The program is quite small, so the class sizes are also small," she said.

She said she chose to participate because "students have a lot of one-on-one contact and meaningful academic exchanges with professors, guest lec-

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The Daily suffers from 'The O.C.' disorder



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Tufts swimmers get ready to drown out the competition



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WORLD IN BRIEF

CHENEY SAYS MILITARY OPTIONS REMAIN VIABLE FOR IRAN

While insisting that the United States is committed to seeking a diplomatic solution to Iran's apparent pursuit of nuclear weapons, Vice President Dick Cheney said Saturday that military options are still available.

"All options are on the table," Cheney said during a news conference alongside Australian Prime Minister John Howard, a staunch U.S. ally.

Cheney maintained that the United States will work with the U.N. in trying to avert Iran's development of nuclear arms. He warned that it would be "a serious mistake if a nation such as Iran were allowed to become a nuclear power."

His words reiterated a theme the Bush administration has voiced for more than two years. Yet it comes at a time of increasing tension over Iran's processing of nuclear fuel — which the International Atomic Energy Agency reported this week is ongoing. Iran insists it is building a civilian nuclear power program.

"We are deeply concerned about Iran's activities," Cheney said. Yet the United States wants to bring the leverage of international sanctions to bear on Iran if it does not forfeit its nuclear ambitions, he said.

NAMIBIA, RUSSIA DISCUSS NUCLEAR COOPERATION

Namibia and Russia are discussing the possible use of Russian nuclear technology to make up for Namibia's energy deficit, Namibia's prime minister said Friday.

Namibia expects a reduction in energy supplies from South Africa in the next three years and forecasts an energy deficit of 300 megawatts.

"The Russian side said there are a number of available technologies, one of them being nuclear," Nahas Angula told journalists after a meeting with the Russian delegation.

Angula said the environmental and economic expediency of using nuclear technology in bilateral cooperation should be assessed, adding that Namibia produces uranium.

The Namibian premier said he discussed with Russia's natural resources minister, Yury Trutnev, and nuclear chief Sergei Kiriyenko cooperation prospects.

In January, Renova Group and Technabexport, Russia's state-run nuclear exporter, signed a cooperation agreement to set up joint ventures as part of a joint investment project to prospect and develop uranium deposits in Africa and Asia.

Technabexport and Russia's leading asset management company, headed by tycoon Viktor Vekselberg, plan to set up joint ventures in South Africa, Namibia and the Democratic Republic of Congo, the company said in a statement.

AMBASSADOR APOLOGIZES FOR U.S. DETENTION OF SON OF IRAQI POLITICIAN

U.S. troops temporarily detained the son of one of Iraq's most prominent Shiite politicians as the son returned from Iran on Friday, sparking bitter rebukes by Shiite leaders in Iraq and prompting an apology by U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad.

Amar al-Hakim, son of Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, was detained around 9 a.m. while American forces searched his car and security detail after they came through the southern Iraqi border crossing in Badraw Jassan. He was released 11 hours later.

Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim heads the country's largest Shiite political party, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, which was founded in Iran to oppose the regime of Saddam Hussein. He appeared with President Bush at the White House in December, and his party is in the coalition behind the government of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

U.S. officials said they could not immediately explain why the son was arrested. Khalilzad said the arrest was being investigated and stressed that the United States meant no disrespect to al-Hakim's father or his family.

—Compiled from McClatchy Newspapers

Etish-Andrews wants more students to attend Parade

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seeks to diminish biases by exposing students to different cultures.

"It's very important to have cultural awareness," she said. "If you're not open to other cultures you can't reach out; you can't help."

The event began with a video presentation by the International Club entitled "Stereotypes: a Short Documentary." The video addressed the way in which many people use harmful stereotypes in order to differentiate themselves from members of other cultures.

Later, campus organizations, including the Chinese Students Association's Traditional Chinese Dance Troupe, the Irish Dance Club, La Salsa and Explosion Latina performed dances. Aftab, a non-campus-affiliated Persian dance company, also performed.

On the musical side of the event, the band BaShuk played two Israeli songs and Guilty as Charged played two songs honoring Nepal and Brazil. Both bands are from Tufts.

Pan-national and non-national performances by B.E.A.T.S., Turbo, the Tufts Tap Ensemble and Spirit of Color took place as well.

Aside from the performances, an international fashion show highlighted traditional and contemporary global fashions.

As a further expression of the event's commitment to culture, the 15th Annual Oliver Chapman Leadership and Community Service Award was presented to senior Sebastian Chaskel during the event.

The award goes to a senior who best exemplifies active community service in the international community both on- and off-campus and dates back to an attempt in 1993 to honor the May 1992 passing of Oliver Chapman, a Panamanian Tufts student who was involved in the International Orientation program and was an executive officer in the Latin American Society.

A committee comprised of International Club officers, leaders of other cultural groups and Jane Etish-Andrews, the director of the International Center, chose the winner.

Chaskel was selected for, among other activities, his involvement in Pangea, the Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service and the Somerville Community Language Bank, which offers online translation services.

He said that what pleased him most about receiving the award was that his peers selected him to win. "It shows that

there are people around you who admire you, which, for me, is pretty exciting," he said.

Chaskel said that he first came to Tufts because of the school's reputation for having a global focus and, since arriving, he has tried to take full advantage of the university's various internationally oriented activities.

"It makes me feel like a global citizen," he said. "That's something you can't get many other places."

This year, Tufts alum Dr. Hamid Salamipour (LA '92), a former roommate and friend of Chapman and participant in Tufts' first-ever Parade of Nations, delivered a speech commemorating Chapman's value to the Tufts community prior to the presentation of the award.

Although the event was well attended, the audience was mostly comprised of international students.

"You can see that it's a lot of the international community and their friends," sophomore Monica Malowney, who worked backstage at the event, said.

According to Etish-Andrews, this should not be the case. "I wish more people would come," she said. "It's a great opportunity for people to see a variety of cultures under one roof."

Capati-Caruso: Technology key to strengthening institutions

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Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at the U.S. Naval Academy Kingshuk Chatterjee spoke next, beginning by saying that he disliked the title of "rising giant" for his home country of India, a term that for him carries a bully-like connotation.

"I'd like to rise but not as a giant," he said, doubting whether the term was appropriate for the world's largest democracy.

Chatterjee discussed the importance of both growth and development in India. While encouraged that India is considered an emerging superpower, he pointed out that per capita income

is still low and development is spread unequally over regions.

"The strength of the state should not be the strength of the government, but rather the strength of the people," he said.

Suisheng Zhao, the executive director of the Center for China-U.S. Cooperation and a professor at the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver, next turned the discussion back to China.

Zhao said that while democratization is most likely in China's future, the change will not be immediate. Currently, he said, efficiency is the single-party government's greatest hurdle.

Angela Capati-Caruso, an Economic Affairs Officer for the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the U.N., took a slightly different approach, addressing how rather than if the centers of the India and China will hold. She used slides to show how technology can help with governance and improve public well-being.

Capati-Caruso presented the U.N. Global E-Government Readiness Report, which gave both China and India low ratings in the use of technology in government.

"It doesn't help if the national GDP increases. If the per capita income doesn't change, nothing has been helped," Capati-Caruso said.

Reilly says shifting funds won't lower cost of education

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be a top priority for the government and the current proposal only represents a partial solution, Bruns said.

"We think there needs to be greater federal investment in increasing access [to higher education]," he said. "We're in a global economy right now that is very competitive, and it is imperative that the country produce highly educated young people. We're not going to achieve [this] goal if we're

going to do it on the cheap by raiding other financial aid programs."

The increased Pell Grants also come with another cost: reductions in other sources of student aid. The plan would eliminate the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program, a complementary loan program for students with Pell Grants.

Opponents to this tradeoff say the proposal simply shifts money from one program to another, rather than increasing

overall funding for financial aid.

"The issue is the amount of federal support for need-based financial aid," Pat Reilly, Tufts' director of financial aid, said. "So moving money from one need-based grant program to another doesn't increase the number of dollars to higher education."

Kennedy agreed in his op-ed piece. "[Bush] should abandon this unwise course and help students by bolstering the Pell Grant without hurting them at the same time," he wrote.

Program can provide 'smooth transition' to masters study

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turers and experts in their respective fields."

It is due to the current level of intimacy that Doug Glandon, who is currently on the last year of his dual degree track, thinks that enrolling more students might weaken the individual attention given to students.

"Opening the BA/MPH program to all students regardless of major may increase enrollment and tuition revenue but I fear it will dilute the quality of the

MPH education for all involved," he said in an e-mail.

Glandon said that the ability to offer small classes is critical. "The excellent courses and strong, supportive relationships I developed within the community health program as an undergraduate convinced me that the Tufts public health network was one I wanted to stick with," he said.

For the students who will now be able to enroll in the program, the ability to pursue the dual degree will offer several advantages. According to Glandon, the

financial benefit is very much worthwhile.

"[The] program gives students the advantage of saving a year of studying and \$40,000 in school costs if they are interested in pursuing an MPH," he said.

The program also offers a smooth transition for undergraduates to pursue public health at a higher level, according to Schlaff.

"This program is a nice way to make a leap from undergraduate to graduate or professional education," he said.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Today
Monday, February 26

Mostly Cloudy
Sunrise: 6:25 AM
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Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Highs in the lower 30s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday



Snow Showers
39/29



Showers/Wind
41/35

Wednesday



Mostly Cloudy
40/25



Cloudy
42/34

Thursday



Partly Cloudy
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I fall asleep during 'Golden Girls' and have fevered dreams of Bea Arthur transforming into a bottle of Sudafed."

Kate Peck
columnist
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‘Helicopter parents’ don’t hover over this Hill

Overbearing mom and dad trend hasn’t come to Tufts yet, according to professors

BY MARISSA CARBERRY
Daily Staff Writer

Ahh, college: a time to get away from the choke-hold parents have on every aspect of student life, from parental permission slips to Parent-Teacher night to report cards. The relationship between students’ parents and their instructors was important, maybe even overwhelming in high school. But all that changes after graduation, right?

Perhaps not. Some universities have reported seeing more and more “helicopter parents” — mothers and fathers who hover over the academic lives of their children in an attempt to exert the same control they had when their child was in secondary school. ABC News and Career Journal have both reported on the phenomenon and its potentially harmful effects. But professors at Tufts say moms or dads rarely — if ever — get involved for academic reasons.

Some see this as a testament to the independence of most Jumbos, while others say Tufts parents should be more involved.

French lecturer Anne-Christine Rice said that in her six years at Tufts, she has never had a parent contact her. For Rice, the level of communication she has with parents is disappointing.

“I think it’s a shame,” she said. “As a parent, I know that I would want to have an idea of what my child is learning at college. I wouldn’t want parents to contact me over a student’s grade, but

I’d like to see more parents sitting in on classes.”

Associate Professor of Sociology Paula Aymer classified her communication with parents as “irregular but necessary.”

“I usually am only contacted by parents when a student is struggling either emotionally or health-wise,” Aymer said. “Parents call to make sure I’ve heard about their child’s condition.”

According to Dean of Undergraduate Education James Glaser, his office receives several phone calls each day from parents with questions about their child’s health, well-being, and academic standing. The office handles parents’ concerns by referring students to the Academic Resource Center, Health Services, the Rules and Regulations Committee, or the Counseling Center.

Glaser said that while some parents do attempt to overstep boundaries, the majority are respectful of the university’s authority.

“Parents generally recognize that the students are the ones who are supposed to have an adult relationship with their professors,” he said.

Glaser elaborated by saying that parents most often call because they want to see their child’s transcripts.

“Most parents are paying for the tuition bills,” he said, “so they feel they have a right to see the student’s grades.”

According to Glaser, since most students are legally adults, the university may not share their grades without con-

sent. In an effort to facilitate convenient communication between parents and the administration, Student Services is launching a new Web site for parents this spring that will allow parents to see their child’s grades online if the student has permitted them to do so. The site will be linked to the Parents Program Web site, which is also being redesigned.

According to Aymer, the university is set up to prevent communication between parents and professors. Instead, she said, Tufts encourages parents to first contact the administration with their concerns.

“Our job as professors is primarily to provide academic support to students,” Aymer said.

Glaser agreed with Aymer’s assessment of the administration’s role.

“It is my office’s responsibility, not the professor’s, to deal with parents and make sure that the student is okay,” he said.

Many students concurred with Glaser that communication between parents and professors is inappropriate in the college setting.

Sophomore Ashti Mistry, a child development major whose mother is an associate professor in the same department, said that she would be against her mother talking to one of her professors about an academic issue.

“In college you are supposed to go out on your own as an adult,” she said. “If

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IN OUR MIDST

This award-winning Jumbo aims her trunk to the future

Senior uses multilingual health fair to educate local immigrants on women’s health

BY ELEONORA KINNICUTT
Daily Staff Writer

When senior Julia S. Goldberg was growing up in her Arizona home speaking English, Spanish and Portuguese, she didn’t realize how unique or important her language skills would be.

But at Tufts, Goldberg has put them to good use. As a community health and Spanish double major, a Latino studies minor and a scholar with the Tisch College, she has been working with Somerville’s Brazilian and Hispanic immigrant communities to survey occupational environmental health risks that affect the community. With the data, Goldberg aims to understand the main occupational concerns to improve the overall health of the community.

In the spring of 2005, Goldberg started a multilingual health fair program sponsored by the Immigrant Service Providers Group of Somerville. The fair brought in different organizations and groups as well as professors from the Friedman School of Nutrition to discuss issues concerning women’s health.

“That one health fair I started, I set up — it was my baby, so to speak,” Goldberg said. “We’ve had more since then. We usually have one [at least] once a semester.”

The immigrant health project became Goldberg’s Tisch Scholar project, and her research grew out of her interest in the issue. Since the first fair, she has worked as a Spanish-English medical interpreter and has trained high school students in Somerville to do the same. She said she hopes to break the language barrier between medical professionals and local immigrants.

“I got the idea to kind of fuse the interpreting with a health fair,” Goldberg said.

Goldberg said she initially came to Tufts so she could study in the East and experience something new. But while Goldberg said that she has enjoyed studying at Tufts, she said she still feels more at home in the Southwest.

“I don’t take advantage of the liberal atmosphere of Boston,” she said, explaining that it is too different from the environment at home in Arizona.

After becoming initially involved in



COURTESY JULIA GOLDBERG

Local immigrants discuss health issues with medical professors and professionals at a health fair run by Julia Goldberg in 2005. Since then, Goldberg has helped coordinate several more health fairs in the area as her Tisch Scholar project.

the immigrant community of Somerville, Goldberg left her junior year to go abroad with the Tufts-in-Madrid program. The experience, she said, proved to be anything but ordinary.

Just as she had settled in to her life in Spain, Goldberg learned that she had won the prestigious Truman Scholarship, which compelled her to fly home to Tucson for five days. Though Goldberg was able to find time to win the scholarship and further explore her passion for Portuguese literature while abroad, she said she missed the community involvement she’d felt at Tufts.

“I felt very disconnected during my time abroad,” Goldberg said.

Back at Tufts, Goldberg has once again focused on immigrant health issues, specifically those related to the U.S.-Mexico Border. As an Arizona native, Goldberg said, she feels directly affected by the issue, and believes that having a bi-national commission could be a step towards improving healthcare.

Earlier this month, Goldberg was honored as a College Academic All-Star by USA Today. Goldberg is also a member of both the track and cross-country teams at Tufts, and she plans to run the marathon this year as part of the President’s Marathon Challenge.

As she continues her studies, Goldberg hopes to concentrate on how Public Health is affected by immigration. She is enrolled in Tufts’ five-year Master of Public Health program, and will be taking all of her classes at the Tufts Medical School next year. Over the summer, she will begin an internship at the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C.

As for the future, Goldberg is unsure, but knows that she doesn’t want to take the conventional approach and work in a clinic.

“There are different options,” she said. “I could either apply to nurse practitioner’s school, medical school, or go straight into the government.”

KATE PECK | WEALTH AND HELLNESS



On surviving the winter: A week in the life of a sick Jumbo

It goes like clockwork. Just as I’m finishing up my last class of the week

on a Thursday evening, I feel a little twinge in my throat. I look at the girl sitting next to me who’s been coughing on

my desk for the past 50 minutes and glare

at her. She looks like death in a pair of Uggs

boots.

Earlier, when she wiped her nose with the back of her hand and passed me the class handout, I wished I’d had some antibacterial spray in a fire extinguisher to unleash on her and the six meter contaminated zone she’d spread about her. I try not to touch anything, not to breathe and think healthy thoughts. I’m not coughing like her; my throat only hurts when I swallow. I can defeat this.

I go about the rest of my evening ignoring my throat, perhaps popping a few Airborne throat lozenges. I eat dinner and pretend that solid foods feel good. My friends make plans to go out, find parties, watch movies, and I pretend I’m not horrified at the thought of walking across campus and exposing my nasal passages to arctic temperatures. I make a weak attempt at having a social life and am mocked mercilessly as I head home early to get my requisite eight hours of sleep.

Friday morning I wake up unable to swallow. My solution is to chug some tea to get down Vitamin C tablets — this is not a full-blown cold, it is merely the result of sleeping with my mouth open. I will get through this. The sore throat goes away for a while as I tackle some homework, meet friends for dinner ... and promptly pass out at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday I wake up and wonder who I can pay to carry me to Health Services. Could I roll down my street and hope I don’t land in busy traffic? I briefly consider calling a cab to take me two blocks, but instead I bundle up and stagger down Packard. Other pedestrians cross the street as I approach.

I get to Health Services promptly at opening time, but somehow there are four other students in front of me. I have brought some reading to work on in the waiting room, but my eyes are fuzzy and instead I doze off. A nurse calls my name and I knock over the basket of condoms next to me before slinking off to an examining room. Here comes the fun part.

“Yes I sleep enough, probably more than most toddlers. Yes I eat well, except for occasional meals of those little smiley-faced potato things at Carmichael. No I don’t smoke, but I think my apartment might have asbestos, does that count?” After an exam, tests for strep and mono are conducted. They take my blood (hey, don’t I need that?) and I wait slumped over on a couch before being told I have nothing to worry about, it’s just an old-fashioned cold. If I don’t get better in a few days, I should come back.

The rest of the weekend I model my favorite pajamas around the apartment. I rummage through my cookbooks for recipes that are mushy or liquefied, but I’m too tired to make it to the grocery store to assemble the ingredients. Occasionally, I use my croaking voice and threaten to lick my housemates if they tell me about the

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The Community Health Program at Tufts University



Spring Open House
February 27 at 12:00 p.m.

112 Packard Avenue
Medford Campus

Please call us or visit our website for more information.

Forms available online.

Tel: 617-627-3233

Web: www.ase.tufts.edu/commhealth

Sudafed pills, a little time and some warm weather might cure sick Peck

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parties they're going to later. I fall asleep during "Golden Girls" and have fevered dreams of Bea Arthur transforming into a bottle of Sudafed. I wake up and consider moving to Miami.

By Sunday I am well enough to stare at my textbooks without the words swimming in front of me, but my recovery has not brought any higher understanding of math theorems.

Classes start up again Monday and I console myself about my wasted weekend by saying, "At least I don't have that stomach thing." (This is where I suddenly clutch my stomach and lean over a garbage pail).

Finally, I'm feeling better, ready to get on track. I jump into the week ready to rejoin the world as a functioning member of society — only to find that everyone and their professor is sick, and they're all blaming it on me.

University offers parents many legitimate ways to get involved at Tufts

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your parent is speaking to your professor, then you are still leaning on them."

Freshman Denise St. Peter, who attended a small public high school in rural Maine where her parents knew many of her teachers personally, expressed similar feelings, saying that while her parents were eager to hear about the grades she received in college, she wouldn't want them to contact one of her professors.

"I would absolutely not be okay with that," St. Peter said.

On the whole, administrators said that parents are generally happy with the level of communication they have with Tufts. Dean of Student Services Paul Stanton, the father of a former Tufts student, said that although he knew many of his daughter's professors, he never spoke to them about her.

"I believed that her academic issues were her academic issues," Stanton said.

However, Stanton described his experience of being a Tufts dad as being "tremendous."

"Being a Tufts parent allowed me to learn so much more about the school," he said. "I think that Tufts is a very parents-friendly place."

Director of the Tufts Parents Program Jessica Papatolicas said the feedback she receives from parents is "overwhelmingly positive."

"Parents send handwritten notes to me regularly, send kind comments to us through our Web address and frequently express their happiness with Tufts to President Bacow, Provost Bharucha, and other university administrators," she said in an e-mail. "Their high level of attendance at our events, strong participation in our fundraising campaigns and overall involvement with the university also speaks to their satisfaction and positive regard."

For parents who do wish to increase the level of their involvement with Tufts, Papatolicas said the Parents Program provides them with plenty of options for doing so.

"There are so many opportunities and outlets for involvement, both formal and informal, from preparing snacks for an athletic team trip, to joining the Parents Committee," she said. "Parents can employ Tufts interns, lend career advice, host an event, speak at an event, promote student performances or athletic events ... they can even run the marathon to support Tufts health initiatives."

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Reno' cops are as bad at making movies as they are at fighting crime

BY KRISTIN GORMAN
Daily Editorial Board

"Reno 911!: Miami" teaches us one lesson: a gimmick that is amusing for half an hour won't

Reno 911!: Miami
★☆☆☆☆
Starring **Thomas Lennon, Cedric Yarbrough and Niecy Nash**
Directed by **Ben Garant**

necessarily work when stretched out an extra hour. Under some circumstances, you might be able to survive "Reno 911!"'s never-ending stream of cheap humor, vomit-inducing outfits and generally ludicrous situations for 30 minutes, but if you can stand to stay awake for the cinematic horror that is "Reno 911!: Miami," you've really accomplished something.

The premise of the film is that the Reno police force in all its glory travels to Miami Beach to attend a national police convention. Much to everyone's dismay, Lieutenant Dangle failed to register for the event, forcing the team to be relegated to a "suck fest" hotel. Upon their return to the convention the next morning, they are informed that the convention center, containing over 2,000 law enforcement officials, has been quarantined due to a



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Despite the team effort, the 'Reno' cops weren't able to salvage a decent movie.

terrorist biological attack, rendering the Reno team the only available force to patrol the Miami area. Dutifully, the team struggles to keep the streets of Miami safe from everything from lewd conduct to beached whales.

Two hours are spent watching the absurd officers attend to various unrelated 911 calls around the city, intermittently displaying naked women and drunken

debauchery. The documentary style ends up appearing like something a six-year-old with a camcorder might come up with, and although it does succeed in highlighting the amusing characteristics of each of the squad members, it is so mundane that it just isn't worth it.

The real joy of it all is when "Reno" attempts to pull off an ever-so-shocking plot twist in the

end, finishing off what should only be referred to as a disgrace to comedy. Reno enthusiasts beware: if you've seen the trailer, that's all you're going to get because everything else is the same run-of-the-mill crude humor. There is nothing remotely complicated about anything that occurs in the film. "Reno 911!" has about as much originality as "Rugrats" when the cartoon went big with

"The Rugrats Movie" (1998).

To harp on the acting ability would be excessive; if you have ever watched an episode, you are well aware of what to expect. Sure, Thomas Lennon as Lt. Jim Dangle is amusing, and admittedly, he has pretty toned legs, but we've seen it all before. His character has nothing more to offer, whether in Reno or elsewhere.

The film's one bright spot is Nick Swardson's cameo as a flamboyant beach roller-skating enthusiast Terry, also a friend from back in Reno. With his brief appearance, something shocking occurred: people laughed. The lack of screen time for Swardson, (best known as Jeff from the equally vulgar, but much funnier "Grandma's Boy" [2006]), is a travesty; it might have salvaged what dignity "Reno 911!" had left.

The terrible acting could, however, be a result of the flimsy plot and inane dialogue that sets up utterly ridiculous situations with only a hint of humor which is, predictably, always sexual. Maybe a sexually frustrated 15-year-old boy might get a kick out of the nude beach scenes and constant masturbation, but for almost anyone else it is almost embarrassing to watch. Shows like "Reno" keep repeating the same lines in different situations, and for a lame Comedy Central gig, that's acceptable. For a full-length film, the

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'Half Nelson' and 'Sun' shine at the arty Independent Spirit Awards

BY HARRY WAKSBERG
Daily Staff Writer

There is a very clear, though rarely articulated, reason why people like the Independent Spirit Awards: they simply are not the Oscars. Everything that is wrong and awful about the Oscars is completely absent from the Independent Spirit Awards, and this year's were an excellent example.

The Oscar ceremony is widely regarded as an exercise in self congratulation. Does anyone remember when Chris Rock hosted the 2005 Oscars and insulted Jude Law, causing Sean Penn to take offense and lose whatever was left of his sense of humor? Of course, Rock was not asked back. Apparently any jokes that are not at the god-natured expense of Jack Nicholson are taboo.

The Independent Spirit Awards, on the other hand, were hosted by Sarah Silverman this and last year. Silverman didn't back away from her normal racy humor. Whether or not you think she is funny, hers is the sort of humor that the Independent Spirit Awards gets away with by not taking itself so seriously.

As much as mainstream Hollywood is a contest of big-budget cheesiness, independent cinema is the truly serious pursuit of making art films that people actually see. There have been complaints in recent years, though, that big-name actors are making a move toward more independent cinema so they can attend this event, be photographed with John Waters and diversify their awards portfolio.

Despite these allegations, the Independent Spirit Awards reward



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Independent awards love Gosling like — well, like Rachel McAdams loves Gosling.

exceptional filmmaking with very few politics involved. This year, for example, Frances McDormand won Best Supporting Female for her role in "Friends With Money" (2006). The movie itself was met with lukewarm reviews and spent about as much time in theaters as Britney Spears spent in rehab. However, McDormand's performance in the film was fantastic. She would never have a chance at an Oscar (Give an award to "Friends with Money?" The Academy could never sink so low!), but the Spirit Awards recognize what was very plainly excellent work.

As big stars move toward independent cinema, the public is not seeing what people predicted: a slew of filmmakers using big stars to sell their movies at the expense of the film's quality. Instead, they are seeing a huge movement of stars people didn't know could act

turning in great performances. Think of Tom Cruise in "Magnolia" (1999).

There are also those who view the Spirit Awards as something of a preemptive consolation prize for the Oscars. Ryan Gosling won because winner Forest Whitaker was the obvious shoe-in at the Academy Awards last night; Shareeka Epps won because winner Helen Mirren went into the Oscar race as the obvious favorite; the directors of "Little Miss Sunshine" won the Spirit because this simply was the year for the oft-overlooked Scorsese.

The thing that the Independent Spirit Awards do best, though, is give people a heads-up on what movies they should be seeing. Luckily, although lots of these movies have problems finding dis-

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TV REVIEW

'The O.C.' finally rides off into the California sunset

BY DANIELLE PRESCOD
Contributing Writer

After four seasons, Fox aired the final episode of The O.C. last Thursday. Unlike the monotonous, nine-lived "7th Heaven" with its last-minute series renewal, this teen California dream soap may have seen its final episode. Despite one's personal feelings about the sincerity and quality of a program like "The O.C.," the pop culture phenomenon has had undeniable influence.

From spawning reality programs like "The Real Housewives of Orange County" and "Laguna Beach" to launching Mischa Barton and Rachel Bilson's status as Hollywood It Girls, "The O.C." has given us what we never knew we needed. Sadly, we'll now have to get our fix somewhere else, as those infamous chords of Phantom Planet's "California"

have played for the last time (unless of course, you buy the DVD set when it's released May 22).

Borrowing from the death of teen dramas like "Dawson's Creek" and "Beverly Hills: 90210" before it, "The O.C." commenced with a marriage, a birth and a brief look into the future. Skipping six months ahead from where the previous episode ended, we find out that Ryan (Benjamin McKenzie) and Taylor (Autumn Reeser) who had been strangely dating since the middle of the season, had broken up but were still (surprise, surprise) in love with each other.

The entire episode features awkward encounters between the two, with the brooding Ryan demonstrating his usual emotional detachment. Not surprisingly,

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Preparing to leave for the final time, the cast takes consolation in the fact that 'The O.C.' isn't a place, but a state of mind.

2007 MAJORS WEEK EVENTS

ART & ART HISTORY OPEN HOUSE

Monday, February 26, 2007
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
11 Talbot Avenue

The Department of Art & Art History invites you to a majors open house, Monday, February 26th, 12 – 1 PM, 11 Talbot Avenue (across from Aidekman Arts Center). Come for lunch, meet with faculty and current majors to learn more about the Art History major and minor and our Architectural Studies program.

BIOLOGY

Friday, March 2, 2007
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Front Lobby of Barnum (Outside Barnum 104)

The Biology Department will hold an informal information session discussing Biology, Biopsychology and Biochemistry majors.

Biology Faculty will be on hand to answer questions from prospective majors. Refreshments will be served.

CHEMISTRY

Wednesday, February 28, 2007
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Pearson Chemistry Building, Room P112

Majors Week Information Session for the following Majors:

- ACS-Certified Chemistry
- Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Chemical Physics

Refreshments will be served.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Monday, February 26, 2007
4:00 PM

Eliot-Pearson Stevens Library

For pre-majors and CD majors: Make the most of the CD major.

Come meet the CD faculty and learn about exciting research and project opportunities open to majors. Refreshments will be served.

CLASSICS AND ARCHAEOLOGY OPEN HOUSE

Monday, March 5, 2007
12:00 PM
Eaton, Room 202

Enjoy a light lunch while meeting department faculty and staff and hear from current majors and graduate students about why they chose Classics & Archaeology!

COMPARATIVE RELIGION

Wednesday, February 28, 2007
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Miner Hall, Room 110

Please join the Department of Comparative Religion for pizza on Wed. Feb. 28th, from 12 – 2 PM in Miner 110. Stop by for some conversation with our faculty and majors. Hope to see you then!

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Monday, February 26, 2007
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM
Halligan Hall, Room 127

What do you think four years of computer science students look like? Come find out during the open block on Monday, February 26th. Stop by for a burrito or some tacos and to talk to majors at all levels, plus alumni and faculty to find out what life is really like in Halligan—it's kind of fun actually. You'll find out how it prepares you for amazing undergrad internships, and jobs or graduate school after graduation. We're looking forward to meeting you!

DRAMA AND DANCE

Friday, March 2, 2007
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Aidekman Arts Center, Balch Arena Theater

Thinking of Being a Drama Major? Come to a Pizza Info Session. Chat with members of the Drama and Dance Department and enjoy a pizza lunch! Learn about the wonderful opportunities in Drama and Dance at Tufts!

ECONOMICS OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, February 27, 2007
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Lincoln Filene, Rabb Room

Faculty will be available with information and departmental literature on conducting research in economics, on finding an advisor, and on studying economics. Food and refreshments will be served.

ENGLISH

Monday, February 26, 2007
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, East Hall Lounge
7:00 PM - Dowling Hall, Room 745B

Pizza, professors and potential majors! Come to the East Hall lounge (first floor) and join the faculty in the English Department for informal conversation, a truly free lunch, and a chance to get answers to all your questions about majoring in English. All are welcome! And, check out this additional opportunity later in the day! Careers for English Majors, Monday, February 26, 2007, 7:00 PM in Dowling Hall, Room 745B. Come learn how to leverage the skills and knowledge you gain as an English major in the world of work. A panel of Tufts alumni will discuss their career paths and how a major in English contributed to their success. All class years welcome!

GEOLOGY

Tuesday, February 27, 2007
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Lane Hall, Room 011

Minerals! Rocks! Gemstones! Fossils! And Food! Come see what the Geology Department has to offer. We will have a gathering on Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 5 to 7 PM, in Lane Hall, Room 001 in Lane Hall to show you some of the fun and interesting reasons to be a geology major. Pizza, soda, cookies provided – bring a rock to cut open, or we will provide a geode for you – check out the displays and lots of hands-on activities that introduce what geology is all about.

GERMAN, RUSSIAN & ASIAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

Monday, February 26, 2007
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Olin Center, Laminan Lounge

Are you clueless about your Major? Come learn about our Majors and sample our International Cuisine! Our Majors Include: Chinese, German, Japanese, Judaic studies, ILVS, Middle Eastern Studies, Asian Studies and Russian. Refreshments will be served.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Tuesday, February 27, 2007
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Cabot, Room 702

Come learn about the Tufts Program in International Relations from IR faculty, staff, and students. Representatives from the IR Mentors, IR Honor Society, and IR Director's Leadership Council will be available to talk about finding an advisor, studying abroad, and navigating the IR major. Food and refreshments will be served.

MATHEMATICS

Wednesday, February 28, 2007
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Bromfield-Pearson, Conference Room.

Reception for Math Majors, Minors, and Prospective Majors and Minors:

Come chat with members of the math department, math majors, and graduate students, and enjoy some delicious Chinese dumplings.

Come get the Fall 2007 Course Information Booklet hot off the press.

Find out what math courses will be offered next term.

MUSIC

Friday, March 2, 2007
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Marty Granoff Music Center, Murnane Lobby

Come see the new Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center, find out about the music major, and eat pizza!

PHILOSOPHY

February 26, 2007 – March 2, 2007
Miner Hall, Second Floor

During Majors Week, (Feb. 26th – Mar. 2nd) please consider a visit to the Philosophy Department on the second floor of Miner Hall. We plan to have information available on Department programs, fall courses, and spring events.

There are usually faculty, staff, and graduate students around who are happy to field any questions you may have and there will be lite refreshments available.

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Friday, March 2, 2007
10:20 AM – 12:20 PM
Robinson 251

Faculty and current majors will be present to discuss the opportunities for individual research by undergraduates. There will be a series of talks by current majors describing their research projects. Ample time between the talks will be reserved for informal discussions and socialization. Refreshments will be served.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Wednesday, February 28, 2007
11:50 AM – 1:20 PM
Eaton Hall, Room 201

Come meet and greet the members of the department. Hear from faculty and students about the department. Enjoy good conversation about the Political Science major and good, free food. Bring all your questions; it should be a lot of fun! Warning: This event may help you decide on your Major. Contact Yvelle Chery (yvelle.chery@tufts.edu) if you have questions about the event.

PSYCHOLOGY

Wednesday, February 28, 2007
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Psychology Building, 490 Boston Ave., 1st floor conference room

Our Majors Week meeting will be an information session to discuss majoring in Psychology. There will be faculty present to discuss the Psychology, Biopsychology, Psychology/Clinical, and Engineering Psychology Majors. We will also talk about research opportunities and futures in Psychology. Refreshments will be served.

ROMANCE LANGUAGES OPEN HOUSE

Monday, February 26, 2007
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Olin Center, 2nd Floor

Are you interested in a French, Italian Studies or Spanish Major or an Italian Minor? Are you an Engineering Student interested in a French, Italian or Spanish Minor? The department of Romance Languages invites you to an Open House. Come meet the department faculty, ask questions about the majors and minors and preview next fall's course offerings. Pizza and soft drinks will be served.

SOCIOLOGY

Thursday, March 1, 2007
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Eaton, Room 206

It's your event. Come in from the cold. Hear majors reveal their exciting capstone projects and activities – complete with visual - while you munch on good food.

CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES WELCOMES YOU TO A JOINT OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, February 28, 2007
11:00 AM – 1:15 PM

Eaton Hall, Room 102A, CIS Board Room
Attention Undeclared Majors

The Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (CIS) Welcomes you to the Third Annual Joint Open House. The following programs will be represented:

Majors: American Studies; Africa in the New World, Communications & Media Studies, EX-College, International Relations, Latino Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Peace & Justice Studies, Women's Studies.

Information will be available. Faculty and students will be present to answer your questions. Feel free to drop by any time between 11:00 and 1:15. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

COMMUNITY HEALTH OPEN HOUSE

Monday, February 26, 2007
12:00 PM

112 Packard Avenue

Interested in health care reform, poverty, homelessness, hunger, environmental justice, health disparities, or AIDS? Come learn about the second major in Community Health. For more information, call x73233 or email chp@tufts.edu.

Spirit Awards recognize films despite box office results

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tribution, but the Spirit Awards can often help to change that. One nominee for Best First Screenplay, "Wristcutters: A Love Story," is a terrific film that had not yet found a distributor — but with the added press coverage of the Independent Spirits, it will be released in August of this year. It should also be noted that the film for which Forest Whitaker was nominated (and lost to Gosling) is not "The Last King of Scotland"

(2006) — it's "American Gun" (2005). Have you seen it yet?
At the end of the day, you're still watching an awards show, which can make you feel sort of icky. But take heart in knowing that the Independent Spirit Awards recognize achievement beyond distribution (how else could David Lynch even be recognized for the self-distributed "Inland Empire" [2006]?) and manage to have fun doing it. The Academy Awards could afford to take a page out of their book.



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Not surprisingly, Lt. Dangle's everyday outfit isn't out of the place at the beach.

'Reno' is a cinematic crime of the first degree

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humor borders on cruel, especially under the premise that it will, in fact, be funny, as the trailer would have one believe.
Even for a fan of the show, this film is certain to be a disappointment. As proven by shows like

"Family Guy," crude humor can be done in a unique way, but this production certainly doesn't cut it. The mistake lies in the fact that the film feels like an extension of a single episode. It goes on, and on, until it self-destructs in neither an amusing nor an entertaining fashion.

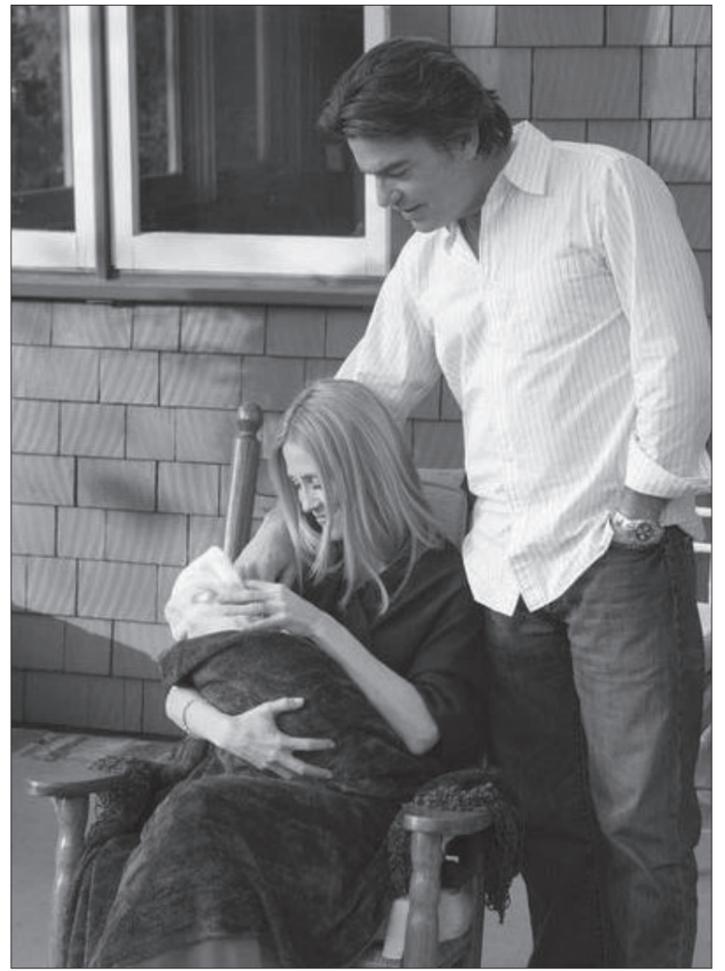
'O.C.' finale provides some unwanted closure

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their exchanges culminate with an intense make-out session because they could not control their feelings of lust (or love, depending on how you see it). Despite the peculiarity of Ryan and Taylor's relationship, due to Ryan's inability to cope with the horrific and traumatizing death of Marissa (Mischa Barton), the finale brought more strangeness with the relocation of "The O.C." to Northern California.

One of the main attractions of the show has always been its location. Watching beautiful people with beautiful surroundings living beautiful lives is irresistible. Since the Cohen house was destroyed in an earthquake in the previous episode, however, they were forced to reconsider this living arrangement. With Sandy (Peter Gallagher) and Kirsten (Kelly Rowan) set to buy a pedestrian multi-million dollar mansion, Seth (Adam Brody) and Ryan hop on a plane and beg a comical gay couple in Berkeley to sell their apparently more suitable house. Interestingly, the abode turned out to be the house that Sandy and Kirsten originally lived in as a young couple. The current residents, of course, conveniently sell it, allowing for a Happily Ever After moment in the span of an hour.

Despite all of the warm fuzziness, there is no true happiness until we see Seth and Summer (Rachel Bilson) married in a flashforward, after Summer travels the world in order to single-handedly save the environment while Seth goes off to Rhode Island School of Design.

Though the ending to the series might have given fans closure, it did not successfully represent what "The O.C." was all about. Fans didn't tune in to "The O.C." to feel happy and fulfilled. The essence of "The O.C." was a mixture of trag-



FOX

Peter Gallagher and his eyebrows enjoy some quiet moments with their family.

edy and comedy, not predictability and cheesiness. Viewers watched "The O.C." for intense drama, to see impossibly rich, well-dressed people suffer due to their own stupidity.

All of those characteristics that originally drew viewers in by the millions were absent from the finale. (No one even died!) It is clear that the writers might have wanted

to stay away from the killings after the huge blunder that was the axing of Barton at the end of the third season, but it seems that "The O.C." has gone too far in the other direction.

Despite the move from Newport, which represents ennui, to Berkeley, an epicenter of cultural change, the last episode of "The O.C." was not able to escape tedium.

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EDITORIAL

College funding plan a start, but incomplete

The President's commitment to make college more affordable through the expansion of the federal Pell Grant program is laudable but sadly incomplete. In expanding the Pell Grant program, some students are aided while others are left behind.

The first signs that this proposal was inadequate should have been obvious. The last major educational policy that President Bush and Senator Kennedy agreed on was No Child Left Behind — another proposal that had inadequate planning for the full scope of the issue it wished to address. Though in this case the two are not as united in their goal's execution, this new policy could still suffer the same fate. The administration and Congress should not repeat prior mistakes and should make sure that a program designed to help students afford college actually does so.

Despite the shortcomings of the expansion, there are significant positives within the new measure. The Pell Grant proposal offers more to the lowest income students attending college. Any time that the students who need the most help funding their education get aid, it is great news. It's within the realm of possibility that the expansion of Pell Grant lim-

its could increase college enrollment of lower income students and make more expensive colleges within reach of new students. There are undeniable benefits to expanding aid to students who need the biggest boost in making a college education a reality. We're glad the administration and Congress are addressing this issue.

However, Congress' work is by no means done. Like many of this administration's education policies, there are too many students "left behind." Middle class students who rely on federally subsidized loans and their lower interest rates could suffer under the plan as it is currently constructed. Elimination of the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program removes part of the safety net that makes college more affordable to families in the middle of America's income spectrum. These families will now have to look elsewhere to find relief from spiraling college costs.

Whatever the end result of this policy, the government should aim to increase the level of student aid in general for students of all socio-economic backgrounds. As stated by Tufts Financial Aid Director Patricia Reilly, a Pell Grant increase that comes at the cost of cutting funding to

other programs isn't actually an increase to total funding to financial aid in this country.

On the Tufts campus, the effect of the expanded Pell Grants might be less obvious. The elimination of federal low interest grants and federally subsidized student interest rates could be harmful to middle income Tufts families who do not qualify for federal grants.

For those families who rely on both federal and private loans to handle their college costs, higher interest rates could potentially add thousands to their debt. For the many Tufts families who must rely solely on loans, this development certainly would be unwelcome news.

While there is a kernel of good policy here, the work on this issue is far from done. The President and Congress should look out for all college students who need federal financial assistance and not just those in need of and who qualify for Pell Grants. The government should find the necessary funds to expand its successful Stafford Loan program as well.

This issue is not yet settled, and it is possible that key changes will emerge before anything is signed into law. In the meantime, elected officials must make sure to truly leave no student behind.

NATE BEELER



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Equality in tennis

THE DAILY VIDETTE

According to The New York Times Associated Press, Wimbledon, one of the most well known tennis tournaments in the world, has reached a decision to pay men and women equally in prize money.

After 123 years of unequal pay we, at the Daily Vidette, commend the tournament chairs in their decision for equal pay. However, we cannot help but wonder what took them so long?

Men and women have been playing in Wimbledon together since 1884 and even as recently as last year Wimbledon's male champion received \$1.170 million while the female champion received \$1.117 million.

Even as renowned tournaments like the U.S. Open and the Australian Open have moved toward paying equal prize money years ago, Wimbledon only decided on equal pay last week.

What was it about female tennis players that made the Wimbledon

chairs, for all these years, believe they were not worth the same amount as male tennis players?

Both males and females train vigorously for the tournament, both have worked to become some of the best tennis players in the world, and especially today, women are getting just as much sponsorship as men.

So, why did Wimbledon take so long?

Do they believe women do not measure up to men as athletic specimens?

Perhaps they think tennis is a man's sport.

The reason could be based merely on the principle that Wimbledon has never paid men and women equal prize money.

Whatever the reason may be, this decision is one that has also made us turn toward the professional world in general and examine the unequal pay between men and women that seems so standard.

The general statistic is that to every \$1 men are paid, women are paid

about \$0.75.

Both genders go to the same colleges and universities, take the same tests, and for the most part our scores and grades are similar.

This made us think, if women work as hard as men in college, just to potentially be paid less, why are they working so hard? Maybe women should just give in to that fact and work accordingly to save themselves the frustration.

However, if that actually happened, nothing would change. The professional world could kiss any possibility of equal pay between genders goodbye.

What if the women of Wimbledon took on that attitude? They might never receive the same prize money as men; after all it only took them 123 years.

Still, beyond all the injustices that may lie underneath the equal prize money decision made by Wimbledon, we do celebrate the occasion.

As for the rest of the professional world, the ball is in your court.

Sex fair sends the wrong message

BY ASHLEY SAMELSON

On Valentine's Day I made the mistake of walking through the campus center.

I imagined there would be people selling flowers that one could buy for a friend or sweetheart, chocolates, kiss-o-grams, candy hearts — all things related to love, friendship, or kindness, values the world understands Valentine's Day to celebrate. What I discovered instead was a disgrace, a stark reminder that I am at Tufts, an unhealthy sexual playground.

As a female, but also as a human being, the sex fair held in the name of "feminism" and "education" was insulting and disturbing. It was disconcerting to see on Valentine's Day, of all days, that meaningless sexual pleasure appears to have replaced any concept of love and respect.

Why do I say sexual pleasure and not sexual awareness, dialogue, education, or any of the other polite terms under which people tended to categorize it? Because anyone who walked through the campus center that day was thrown into a carnival of sexual gratification that had little to no relation to education.

Buckets of condoms, sex toys, sex games, genitalia cookies and masturbation tables sent the message that sex is virtually meaningless, something to joke about, and that sexual awareness comes through learning to be free and detached mentally and emotionally by ridding oneself of any moral and emotional barriers that may accompany sex.

Any notion that the fair was about health is entirely specious. If there was a table on comprehensive pregnancy prevention, disease, rape prevention, how to treat a sexual partner respectfully, how to recognize personal sexual boundaries, or on any of the emotional aspects relating to sex, I didn't see it, nor did I hear anyone talk about it. Furthermore, I didn't see any advertisements mention such tables.

That's not to say it wasn't there, but it was undeniably not a central point or emphasis of the event. In the end, the sex fair was little more than organized animalism, a glorification of the most base understanding of



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human sexuality.

Interestingly, most of the people I spoke with regarding the sex fair agreed that it had little to do with education and instead described it using words such as "weird," "creepy," "distasteful," "disgusting" and "degrading." I only heard a few people, most of whom admitted that they had not gone, say that they were "all for it," convinced it was educational and conducive to important dialogue. I will not argue that having a dialogue about sex is very important.

The fair, however, was anything but dialogue. It blatantly endorsed one and only one understanding of sexuality: that unrestrained sex, so long as there is a condom involved and some basic form of consent (but even this is dubious, as I saw it mentioned nowhere) will be fabulous and problem- and emotion-free.

So, even if you agree with me thus far, you might still be wondering what could really be so bad about teaching people to treat sex lightly and nonchalantly. What is so bad about teaching people to have casual, detached sex?

Here, I am going to push my argument all the way to its uncomfortable end. I believe

events like the sex fair that promote such an understanding of sex facilitate rape. Treating sex flippantly makes a dangerous assumption about humanity. It remains a fact that sexuality is one of the most important and definitive aspects of human nature, and the sexual instinct is one of the strongest, if not the strongest, and most continually present human urge. The emotional and moral boundaries that so often guard our sexual urges are hardly arbitrary. When you eliminate those barriers, a dangerous gray area is created. In teaching that sex should be careless and pleasurable only, you infuse people with a selfish entitlement to indulgence, and make it far easier for people to take advantage of each other.

Encouraging women to be free and casual with their sex (so long as it's "safe") sends the message to men that women are available as sexual objects, merely instruments for obtaining meaningless pleasure. If women are careless and emotion-free about sex, why

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Italian politics and the global war on terrorism

BY PETER MAHER

Italy's prime minister and leader of the Union, the government's ruling center-left coalition, Romano Prodi turned in his resignation to President Giorgio Napolitano last week. His decision to do so came after the senate vote on his planned foreign policy program failed to pass by only two votes.

The most contentious portions of his foreign policy bill included extending Italian troop deployments to Afghanistan, totaling approximately 1,800 soldiers, and expanding a U.S. military base in Vicenza.

Most Italians are concerned with the domestic implications of Prodi's resignation. His decision could signal the return of conservative business and media magnate Silvio Berlusconi to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, while disintegrating the nine-party coalition currently in power, leaving the left-right groups outside of policymaking circles.

At the international level, however, Prodi's decision signals the culmination of Italian dissent in particular and European displeasure in general with American policies in the Middle East and Central Asia. Prodi made good on his campaign rhetoric to bring Italian troops home from an increasingly destabilized Iraq. This discontent is matched by British Prime Minister Tony Blair's decision to finally set forth a time table for troop withdrawal, amounting to a reduction in force deployment levels of 2,000 troops by the end of the summer.

Some may see these developments as the

European equivalent to cutting and running. Rather, they should be seen as a pragmatic decision by these states to cut the losses they have incurred over the past five years in the pursuit of mollifying domestic opposition.

Prodi did not resign as the result of mismanagement, corruption, or general public dissatisfaction with his tenure as prime minister. It was not a vote of no confidence. In fact, those within the coalition who have rejected his foreign policy bill have come out in support of the prime minister staying in office (which might also have something to do with the prospect of losing power if the government dissolves).

Europeans are disgusted by the way in which the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) and its associated ground wars are being conducted. The war in Afghanistan is recognized across the board as a legitimate and worthwhile cause to remove from power a virulent and destructive regime, the Taliban, that harbored the global jihadists responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks.

However, American policies in the GWOT, including the illegal CIA kidnapping and extradition of Osama Mustafa Hassan from Milan in 2003, have added to Italian disenchantment in affecting regime change and nation building abroad.

This all comes to the detriment of those forces on the ground in Afghanistan making the admirable attempt to develop and maintain (and, for that matter, create) governmental and security institutions capable of extending central control outside of Kabul and of neutralizing the resurgent Taliban

threat in the south and east border regions.

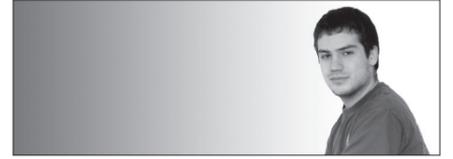
Failure in Iraq will be seen by the international community as a misguided and contemptible U.S. bid to exert military primacy in the hopes of establishing a new world order based upon American intendant. Failure in Afghanistan, however, will truly be a blow to the more admirable aspects of the GWOT, and will give a morale boost to a reenergized Taliban with reestablished connections to al-Qaeda.

Afghan insurgents do not operate within the bounds of Western military doctrine or psychology. Relatively, they have far fewer numbers and less equipment, resources and training in comparison to NATO troops attempting to establish security in a tenuous environment. They are driven by moral (that is, their perception of morality) and religious ideology.

Continuous troop withdrawals from other states within Afghanistan and Iraq constitute a validation of their efforts and they will become emboldened even further by any success in a prospective spring campaign against cities in the south. The United States is in a dire situation indeed when it cannot count on its allies to contribute to military engagements supposedly for the benefit of all and will likely face diminishing security environments amenable to success in the face of constricting troop availability.

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Kristof's message: an 'uncomfortable' awakening

When I asked two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and New York Times columnist

Nicholas D. Kristof about his guiding moral doctrine, he hummed, hawed and ahed for a few seconds before he offered this line: "I don't think I have any sort of, you know, particularly unusual or even sophisticated moral doctrine. I think it is more a matter that I try to push people to care equally about injustices that are a long way away versus those that are next door."

Many deem Kristof to be an intellectual figure looked to for moral insight and guidance. Readers see him as a voice of courage worthy of praise. The New York Times Web site proudly describes him as one of the only Americans to be a "two-time visitor to every member of the Axis of Evil." And his knack for finding himself amidst danger makes him all the more intriguing: he was once in the midst of an Indonesian mob "carrying heads on pikes," he survived a plane crash in Uganda, and he has navigated several other dangers far removed from the American suburbs where many of his readers reside.

But his true fame stems from his groundbreaking work in the Darfur region of Sudan, where he has chronicled the destruction and chaos through his biweekly column in The New York Times. After nine or 10 trips to the region, Kristof came to know the crisis intimately.

For Kristof, the solution to unmitigated calamities — such as unprovoked genocide and mass rape — is simple: awareness and diplomacy. The more people know about the tragedy in Sudan, the greater the likelihood that a solution will arise. After all, he said, "if any of these things were happening next door, if the Janjaweed was, you know, pillaging New Hampshire or if, you know, young girls were being dragged out, kidnapped, [and] sold into brothels in North Carolina, then it would just seem intuitive and obvious that we should take greater action."

Kristof is exactly right — we would never let what is happening in Darfur happen here in the States.

But let's assume that these atrocities were happening next door ...

Would we have the audacity to hold vigils on the National Mall to encourage diplomatic action while the murders continued to take place?

Would Americans urge President Bush to organize talks among those running a brothel in North Carolina?

I would hope that Kristof would urge those with power to be proactive — to prevent the destruction and devastation, even if military action were necessary. But he won't go this far. He does not even advocate military action against the Islamists who inflict terror, murder their citizens and rape women as soon as they leave their houses to fetch wood from the forest. Instead he advocates giving these events more "public attention."

The fact remains that people are increasingly aware, yet the destruction in Sudan and elsewhere continues. America offers the most aid to the region and even Kristof has noted that, while this does make him proud, it will

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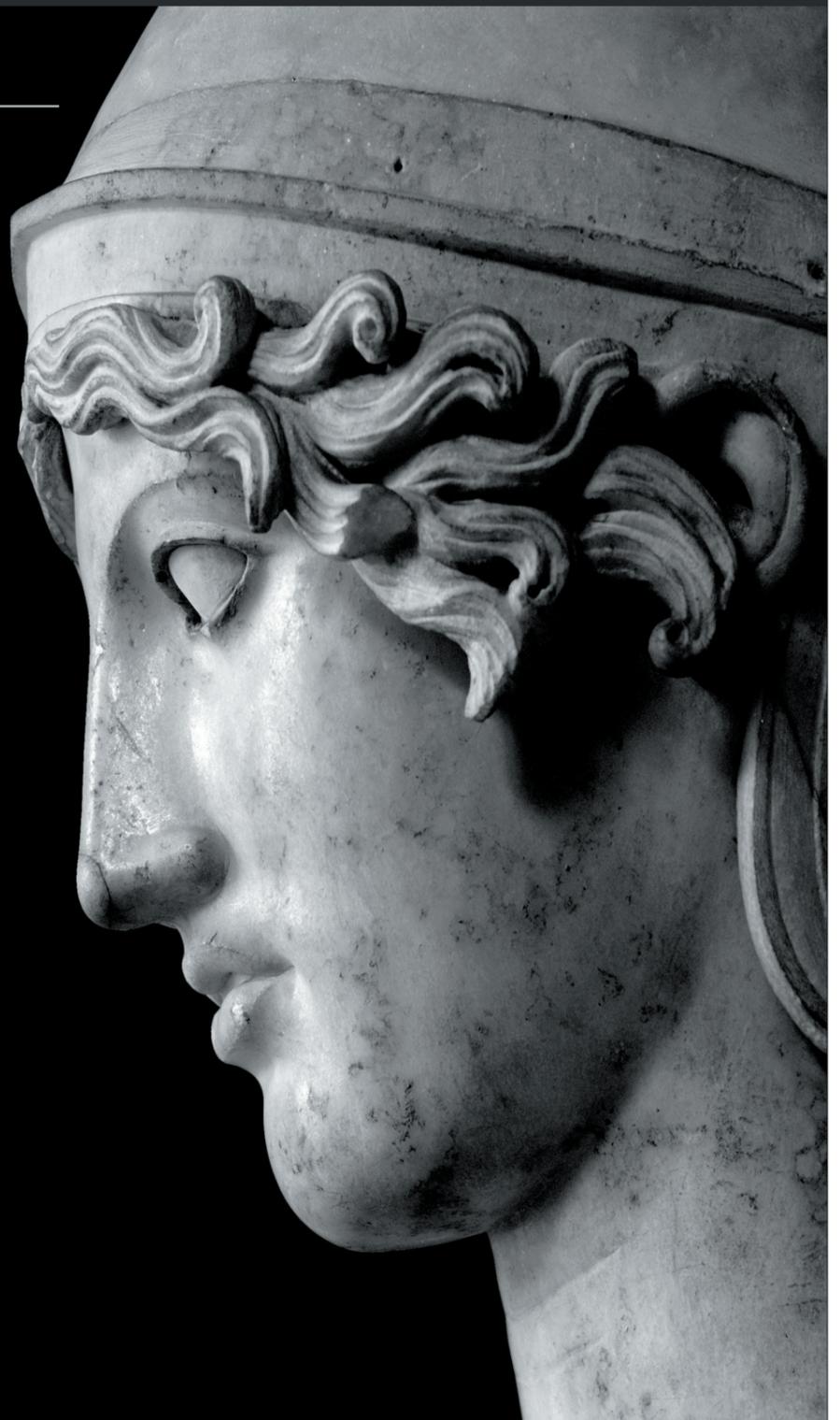
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Samelson calls for a return of chivalry

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should they be treated with any care at all? When we start teaching that any and every sexual activity should not only be permitted but encouraged, where do you draw the line as to what is okay and what is not?

When you start eliminating our built-in moral code surrounding sexuality, it undeniably makes it that much harder to control and channel the sexual instinct that leads to rape. The fact is that we do not want a society run by sexual urges, and the sex fair taught people to embrace and indulge in those urges.

After working in the field of rape and domestic violence, I found one common denominator underlying the attitude of every perpetrator. Each of them saw women as sexual objects there for their pleasure and believed they were entitled to sexual gratification when they felt the urge. At some point in their life, they were taught that the primary end of human sexuality is pleasure, free unrestrained satisfaction.

Sound familiar? Sounds like the sex fair.

I always hear women complaining that

men aren't chivalrous anymore. I always hear men complaining that women aren't ladylike anymore. This is not, for one moment, to say that ladies and gentlemen no longer exist at Tufts, but events like the sex fair teach us that treating each other like ladies and gentlemen is an outdated value.

Frankly, Tufts needs a radically new sex education. Promoting "sexual liberation" as a means of awareness and self-realization is breathtakingly naïve. Men need to learn how to ask a woman on a date, how to recognize her limits, and how to treat her like a lady.

Women need to be learning how to say no when they are uncomfortable, how to recognize their emotional boundaries, and how to determine what qualities in a man indicate he will treat a woman well.

Both men and women need to learn that casual sex is emotionally damaging, creates a gray area conducive to rape, and is neither liberating nor fulfilling.

Re-teaching love, respect and reverence is the first step towards eliminating rape and restoring chivalry in men and true awareness and self-esteem in women.

Not in my backyard nor anyone else's

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not solve all of the problems.

Both Kristof and I consider the most fundamental rights to be "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." We can agree on that much, yet I am inclined to go further. So long as the leaders in Sudan seek only to maintain their own power at the cost of the lives and rights of their own citizens, I propose that NATO get involved in Darfur by not just asking for peace but by demanding it. If (or, more likely, when) that fails, America and its allies must take a more forceful, long-term approach.

I agree with Kristof that we should not "shrug and move on" while these atrocities continue. While candlelight vigils are nice, however, they are little more than a diplomatic shrug. We, as Americans, have sat back too many times in the past. Roosevelt allowed Hitler to gain power and systematically mur-

der over 11 million people, and this only ended through mighty military intervention that remains justified. Of course, Sudan poses no military threat to America, but the genocide is an injustice nonetheless.

As Kristof puts it, he wants his "column to give people an uncomfortable breakfast each morning." And tomorrow night in Cohen Auditorium, the Tufts community will be uncomfortable as he has "a whack at encouraging people to care and to be more active on these issues." Yet he could go further himself by offering viable and forceful solutions that would relieve the Sudanese citizens and free them from oppression.

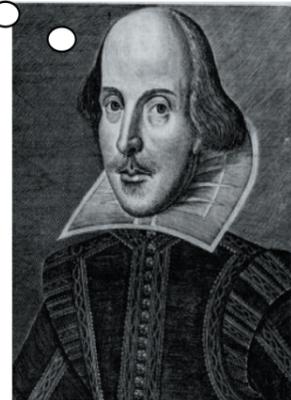
Without an "unusual or even sophisticated moral doctrine," Kristof does his part by showing us part of the way. Alas, the work has only begun. Kristof is right that we would not tolerate oppression in the United States, but let's do more than sit around and light a candle.

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we couldn't put it away."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (18-8, 8-1 NESCAC)
NESCAC Semifinals at Brunswick, Me., Saturday

Bates	9	30	---	39
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Saturday, the Jumbos won the right to face the Polar Bears in the championship game. It was a tale of two halves, but the Jumbos managed to come away with the victory.

The game started out well for Tufts, as its aggressive defense flustered the vaunted Bates offense, propelling it to a comfortable 29-9 halftime lead. Bates was looking to push the ball up on the fast break, but the Jumbos forced 11 first-half turnovers and made the Bobcats take tough shots. On offense, the Jumbos were aggressive in taking the ball to the basket and received some considerable contributions off

the bench.

Sophomores Kim Moynihan and Stacy Filocco combined for 11 points to help spur the Jumbo offense. Moynihan hit two huge threes and provided aggressive defense, while and Filocco poured in five points.

With the NESCAC Tournament run, the Jumbos have made themselves a strong candidate for a Pool C bid to the NCAA Tournament.

While an automatic bid would have been the easy way in, Berube

is still happy with the case her team has made for itself.

"I couldn't be more proud of them," Berube said. "We just grouped together and fought back. We learned some important lessons, we took them into big games in the NESCAC, and we learned how to win down the stretch. It has been a great ride, a fun season, and it is a credit to our seniors and their leadership that we are in a place where we could make it to the NCAA Tournament."

Women's Basketball NESCACs

Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Feb. 25
	at Brunswick, Maine	at Brunswick, Maine
1 Bowdoin 61	Bowdoin 66	Bowdoin 64
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83:21: Brett gets a breakaway shot that the keeper saves. Welcome to my world, Brett.

85:59: Brett slides a beauty of a through ball to Wayne Rooney. For once, the commentators don't make that obnoxious, "Rooney!" call. I do, though, and begin to think that I've been playing this game just a bit too much.

89:02: I score my final goal — the last goal of the game. 13-8, England.

If my life were an episode of "Scrubs," and at the end of each show I were required to come up with a "here's what I've learned" interior monologue, this episode's would go like this: If you play FIFA on a regular basis, play a 90-minute game! It was exhausting, demoralizing, juvenile and incredibly fun.

Thanks to my roommate, also named Will, for taking such copious notes during this epic battle. I wish more than anything that we could publish all 2,000 words that he wrote during the game, but a lot was basically unprintable (mine and Brett's fault, not his).

Athletes of the Week

JENNA GOMEZ, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

In the women's basketball team's biggest win of the NESCAC season, junior forward Jenna Gomez led the way for the Jumbos in a huge semifinal win over Bates on Saturday.

In a crucial match-up against the third-seeded Bobcats, Gomez came up big for the upstart Jumbos, pouring in a game-high 14 points and grabbing eight rebounds in a 52-39 win. Gomez's performance was all the more important because it catapulted Tufts to its first-ever appearance in the NESCAC championship game against perennial powerhouse Bowdoin.

Gomez did most of her damage in the first half, scoring the first six points of the game and finishing with a game-high 12 points in the first half. The Jumbos dominated the game in the first frame, limiting the Bobcats to just nine points on 4-of-23 shooting. Gomez was one of several Jumbos crashing the defensive boards all afternoon, with Bates only grabbing four offensive rebounds in the contest.

Yesterday, in the program's first-ever appearance in a NESCAC championship game, Gomez added seven more points, but the Jumbos came up short in a 64-48 loss to Bowdoin. Gomez's performance against Bates loomed large for Tufts in terms of postseason relevance. Despite the loss to Bowdoin, the Jumbos' advancement to the finals put them in the best possible position to gain an at-large berth to the NCAA Tournament, which begins next weekend.

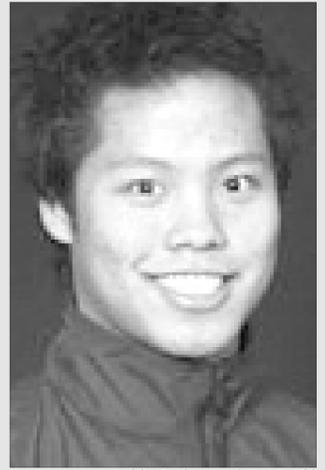


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LAWRENCE CHAN, MEN'S SWIMMING

The freshman swimmer made a splash at his first NESCAC meet, taking first place in the 50-yard breaststroke on the first day of competition at Williams. Chan completed the race in 26.83 seconds, taking first place ahead of Middlebury senior Tim Lux and Williams sophomore Tyler Bonewell, who tied for second, both a mere 0.06 seconds behind Chan. Chan finished sixth in the preliminary race with a time of 27.42, with Jumbo sophomore James Longhurst finishing third in the preliminary race, touching in at 27.02. Chan turned on the burners for the finals and was able to take first place, contributing key points to a Jumbo squad that finished tied for third with Middlebury after the first day of events.

While Chan was the only Jumbo swimmer to take first place, many second- and third-place finishes provided important points for the Jumbos, who ended up all alone in third place, behind host Williams and Amherst. In addition to Chan's win, the Jumbos received key second-place finishes from the 200 freestyle relay team of senior Mike Kinsella and sophomores Andrew Shields, Ben Mitchell, and Matt Murphy, and from senior co-captain Greg Bettencourt in the 200-yard freestyle. Both of these finishes were National B times, and the men will await news on whether these times were good enough for a Nationals berth.



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DR. JULIAN M. EARLS

Dr. Julian M. Earls is a retired director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, where he managed a budget in excess of \$600 million and a workforce of more than 3,000 employees.

Dr. Earls has been referred to as a "renaissance man." He holds multiple university degrees and honorary degrees in science. As a NASA executive he has received medals for outstanding leadership, exceptional achievement, and distinguished service. He received the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award from both President Clinton and President Bush.

Dr. Earls has received many humanitarian awards and founded an organization that provides college scholarships to black students. As a mentor, he has guided many students through college and the professions. Recognized internationally for his oratorical skills, Dr. Earls is a Jennings Foundation Distinguished Scholar Lecturer.

In addition to his many scholarly and career accomplishments, Dr. Earls is an athlete. He has completed 25 marathons, including the Boston Marathon, and was honored to carry the Olympic torch on its route through Cleveland for the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.



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NCAA Tournament is the next step for resurgent Ephs

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off of a Nelson assist, sending the team on a tear to close the first frame trailing by just six points — 34-28.

"Amherst is very good defensively," Shalvoy said. "They pressure the ball very well, and they cut off passing lanes. So we had to get into the lane with our dribble penetration. Early in the game, we were relying on our outside shooting, and that hurt us, because we weren't knocking down those shots."

Later on, however, the Ephs were unstoppable from the floor. After Rose carried the Ephs with 13 points in the first half, it was Shalvoy who stepped up in the second, draining three-pointers at will to propel the Ephs' offense.

"Both teams know each other pretty well," Nelson said. "So we were just relying on what we've been relying on all season, which is our outside shooting."

Shalvoy finished the game 7-of-9 from three-point land, as the Williams squad collectively made 13 of its 25 attempts from beyond the arc. Defensively, the Ephs had their hands full, as Amherst's lineup includes four players with double-digit scoring averages, including junior Andrew Olson, one of the nation's best point guards.

"He's a great player, and I have a lot of respect for him," Shalvoy said. "We tried to take him out of his comfort zone, which we didn't do that well. He had 12 points and 11 assists, so he pretty much picked our defense apart."

Olson scored nine points in the first half, and junior center Kevin Hopkins chipped in six off the bench, but the Williams defense came to life in the

second half, holding the Jeffs' point guard to just three more points and leaving the Jeffs' two-guard, sophomore Brian Baskauskas, just 2-for-10 from the floor.

While the Ephs were able to employ a 1-3-1 zone defense in last week's playoff win over Tufts, shutting down the Jumbos' outside shooters, that strategy failed in the final weekend at Amherst. Fortunately for Williams and coach Dave Paulsen, they were able to adapt.

"We ran the zone against Trinity, but it sort of fell apart," Nelson said. "Some teams it works well with, and some teams it doesn't. We just had to rely on our one-on-one defense against Amherst."

In the end, the Ephs' defenders prevailed. After a back-and-forth final 10 minutes, the Ephs claimed a 70-69 lead with 16 seconds to go on a lay-up from freshman center Joe Geoghegan. After the Jeffs called a timeout to map out their final play, the Eph defense pressured Amherst senior quad-captain Dan Wheeler to miss his lay-up, and seconds later, the Ephs were celebrating their miraculous comeback win.

The win gives Williams, now 16-11 overall, its first NCAA Tournament berth since the 2003-04 run. While this year's team lacks the experience that it once had, the younger, rawer Ephs are undaunted by the pressures of postseason play.

"I think we're a really confident group," Shalvoy said. "We were young early in the season, and we're still young, but we've come a long way. To have a run like this, and beat a lot of good teams, it feels great."

Men's Basketball NESCACs

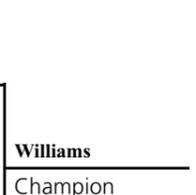
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Williams	70
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bowdoin wins seventh consecutive NESCAC championship Sunday

BY ETHAN LANDY
Senior Staff Writer

When the dust finally cleared in Brunswick, Maine yesterday, the scene was no different from

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
(18-8, 8-1 NESCAC)
NESCAC Championship Game
at Brunswick, Me., Sunday

Tufts	22	26	---	48
Bowdoin	21	43	---	64

last year — or the past six for that matter.

Even in a year that boasted more parity than in previous ones, and a season in which the Jumbos posted an historical playoff run, Bowdoin once again claimed the title as its own, proving that the NESCAC is still a one-team show by beating Tufts 64-48 in the championship game yesterday.

But for the first time in three years, the Polar Bears did not face-off against Maine rival Bates, as the Jumbos cruised to a 52-39 victory in the semifinals on Saturday.

Yesterday's competition was not quite so easy to handle, however. Playing against the No. 1 team in the nation, coach Carla Berube's squad stuck with the Polar Bears for most of the game — even leading 22-21 at the half — but Bowdoin pulled away when it mattered most, showing why it is the best team in Div. III.

Neither team came out with its A-game at the start; both looked a little uptight. Defense was ultimately the name of the game on both sides of the floor, as the Jumbos forced Bowdoin into difficult shots, shutting down senior forward and league-leading scorer Eileen Flaherty. But neither team shot well in the first frame, as the Polar Bears combined to 29.6 percent shooting, while Tufts was not much better at 32 percent.



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Senior guard Valerie Krah led the women's basketball team with 13 points in the Jumbos' loss to Bowdoin in the NESCAC championship game yesterday.

"I don't think we took the best shots that we could have, and we didn't execute our offense the way we should have," Berube said. "Bowdoin played very good defense as well, and we didn't get a lot of second chance opportunities that we got in the first half."

Senior Valerie Krah was the obvious bright spot for the Jumbos on the offensive end, pacing her team with 10 first-half points. Krah hit back-to-back threes in the first half to give the Jumbos a 21-16 lead with 1:48 left, but senior guard Julia Loonin answered with a triple of her own to pull Bowdoin back to within two.

Early in the second half, Krah appeared to injure her hand after her shot was blocked, and was rendered virtually ineffective the rest of the way, adding only three second half points to finish with a total of 13.

The second half saw the tide turn the way of the Polar Bears, as the game unfolded much like the previous day's Bowdoin-Williams contest had gone. In that game, Bowdoin led by one

at the break and pulled away with a convincing 66-46 victory.

Yesterday, Bowdoin capitalized on Tufts' 19 turnovers, poor free throw shooting — something that has been its Achilles heel all season. The inside play of freshman Leah Rubega, coupled with those weaknesses, keyed a seven-point Bowdoin run that gave the Polar Bears an insurmountable 51-42 edge.

"I think the only difference was around the seven-minute mark, the same threes they had been missing, they hit," senior Laura Jasinski said. "They hit a couple big threes. At that point, they kind of opened things up."

The Polar Bears relied on Rubega's inside play down the stretch, beating Tufts at its own game.

"We had a couple of defensive lapses in a row, where our communication just wasn't working as well in the first half, and they hit open shots," senior guard Taryn Miller-Stevens said. "They put together a run with about eight minutes to go, and

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NESCAC MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ephs stun Lord Jeffs to take home NESCAC title

Williams completes miraculous comeback and clinches NCAA Tournament berth

BY EVANS CLINCHY
Daily Editorial Board

For the seventh year in a row, the NESCAC men's basketball championship plaque is heading to Western Massachusetts.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
NESCAC Championship Game
at Amherst, Sunday

Williams	28	42	---	70
Amherst	34	35	---	69

Ever since the first conference tournament was held in 2001, the postseason has been ruled by a two-party system, with the Amherst Lord Jeffs and Williams Ephs taking home the title every year. This year, the Jeffs were heavily favored to continue that tradition, as they headed into this weekend's final four with home-court advantage, a national No. 2 ranking, and a 24-1 record on the season.

But after cruising by Colby in Saturday's semifinals, the Lord Jeffs fell 70-69 yesterday to Williams, the tournament's No. 3 seed, completing the Ephs' Cinderella run to an NCAA Tournament berth in dramatic fashion.

"It feels great," said junior quad-captain Chris Shalvoy, who led all scorers in the game with 23 points. "We're very fortunate to get the win. It's obviously our first win over Amherst [this season], so that's a great feeling."

In fact, not only was the stunning upset the Ephs' first win over Amherst in three meetings this season, but it was their first in three years. The last time the Ephs beat their hated rivals from Amherst was on March 19, 2004, when Williams beat Amherst in the Elite Eight round of the NCAA

Tournament. This team, a much younger one than the 2003-04 squad that reached the NCAA title game that March, surprised everyone by earning a return trip to March Madness.

"I don't think anyone expected us to win," said senior quad-captain Brian Nelson, one of two Ephs still remaining from the 2003-04 squad. "Even getting past Tufts in the first round was a challenge. It's been a great run."

After losing four of their first six games to start the season, the Ephs slowly recovered from their early season setbacks — mainly the inexperience of their freshman class and a minor injury to junior quad-captain Chris Rose — to return to winning form. They entered the NESCAC season with an overall record of just 6-6, but gradually gained momentum over the next month and a half, finishing their season with a NESCAC Tournament run past Tufts, Trinity and, ultimately, the Lord Jeffs.

In yesterday's title game, Amherst built a large padding early on, as junior point guard Andrew Olson and senior quad-captain Dan O'Shea dominated the game offensively. Six minutes in, the Jeffs had built an unthinkable 15-0 lead. Despite the early deficit, the Ephs remained focused, refusing to surrender their title hopes.

"We stayed confident," Shalvoy said. "We were confident in our system and confident in each other, so we just stayed the course."

The Ephs first scored with 13:20 left in the first half, as sophomore guard Kevin Snyder knocked down a three

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

National qualifiers mark a successful season for Jumbos swimmers and divers

BY SAM KRUMHOLZ
Senior Staff Writer

For most of the women's swimming and diving team, the NESCAC meet marks the pinnacle of its season. But this year, four Jumbos — two swimmers, senior tri-captains Chloe Young-Hyman and Jess Bollinger, and two divers, junior Kendall Swett and freshman Lindsay Gardel — did not turn in their suits after the NESCAC meet Feb. 18 and will compete in Div. III nationals March 8-10 at the University of Houston.

This is the largest number of competitors to qualify in the last decade.

Along with the diving qualifiers, freshman Kara Lindquist is the first diving alternate, while freshman Kelsey Bell is the third alternate.

In the national swimming format, each swimmer only has to qualify in one event but can choose two others in which to compete. The races are set up as preliminaries and finals, with the top eight times from preliminaries advancing to the championship final, and the next eight times progressing to the consolation final.

For the dives, each athlete completes 11 dives in preliminaries, with the top eight divers competing in the championship finals and



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Senior tri-captain Chloe Young-Hyman is one of two Tufts swimmers set to compete in Div. III Nationals.

consolation finals. In the finals, the divers are required to dive the first six dives they did in preliminaries. Places one through eight are awarded an All-American plaque, and nine

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Tufts distance medley relay takes first at BU

It was a record-breaking weekend for the Tufts foursome of senior tri-captain Sarah Crispin, and juniors Kaleigh Fitzpatrick, Katy O'Brien and Cat Beck. On Friday, the group combined to set a New England record for all three divisions in the distance medley relay at BU's Open New England Championships.

The crew combined to run the race in 11:39.08, obliterating the second-place Williams team by nearly 13 seconds, and edging out Div. I squads Providence College, UConn, and Quinnipiac, who finished third, fifth, and sixth, respectively. The time also destroyed the previous Tufts record of 11:59 set in 2005.

But because the race occurred on the BU banked track, which allows for faster times, the record will be adjusted, likely placing it behind Wisconsin Platteville's time of 11:40.45. Regardless, Friday's performance handed the Jumbo crew the only other NCAA automatic qualifying time this season.

Such an exceptional race gave Tufts 10 points and helped it place 15th overall with 18 total points against a competitive compilation of Div. I, II, and III squads on Friday and Saturday. UConn won the meet by a landslide, notching 153 points, to blow away Northeastern (107.5), Providence College (58), and



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Senior tri-captain Sarah Crispin runs in a relay race on Friday at the Open New England Championships at BU.

Williams (51).

See Tuesday's Daily for more coverage on the Women's Open New England Championships.

—by Rachel Dolin