

Rate of TEMS calls stays stagnant, despite policy change

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Tufts' new alcohol policy appears to have had little effect on whether students seek aid from Tufts Emergency Medical Services (TEMS), countering much speculation and concern that the new regulations would deter students from seeking medical assistance due to fear of disciplinary measures.

TEMS Executive Director Allie Krill noted that so far this

year, the policy has not affected the number of students seeking the group's help.

"[The number of alcohol-related calls] has not decreased because of the policy," Krill said. "The volume of calls we've gotten has been in line with around the same time last year."

Administrators changed Tufts' alcohol policy at the beginning of the semester in response to a rise in alcohol-related incidents over the past

several years. Under the new policy, underage students charged with alcohol violations are immediately placed on level-one disciplinary probation (pro-one), which limits numerous student privileges. In prior years, first-time violators received a warning.

Many students raised concerns that the policy's harsher disciplinary repercussions would not address the root cause of dangerous drinking practices and would instead

discourage students from calling TEMS when they were overly intoxicated and in need of medical assistance.

But consistency in the volume of TEMS calls indicates that the new policy has neither acted as a deterrent nor considerably changed the drinking practices of Tufts students, as the administration had hoped in enacting the new regulations.

Krill dispelled the notion that the new policy has altered

the drinking habits of students. "We've always seen quite the range [of levels of intoxication] amongst students that we pick, and we've seen the full range this year."

Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) Capt. Mark Keith agreed that he had not seen a drop in the number of calls, but he said that it was too soon to tell the greater effects of the policy.

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ARTS FEATURE

In Dorchester, art that reaches for change

BY CHARISSA NG
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With a mural from street artist Shepard Fairey on campus, Tufts students have been exposed to public art as a method of drawing attention to political issues and fostering social change within the community.

That concept took center stage in Dorchester on Sunday, during the USA WEEKEND Magazine-sponsored "Make a Difference Day." A group of students and local residents painted a mural outside of the Fields Corner T station to raise awareness about the importance of the 2010 Census.

U.S. Census Bureau worker Norman Eng explained the government's decision to target Fields Corner. "What we want to do today on Make a Difference Day is to beautify a pedestrian walkway that has high traffic of walkers, drivers and T riders," he told the Daily on Sunday. "The reason why we're here at Field's Corner is because [it] is one of the hardest-to-count neighborhoods in the city of Boston."

Eng said that underrepresentation in the Census often occurs in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods with linguistically and culturally isolated populations.

Seniors Angela Lam and Daniela Valenzuela got involved with the mural as part of their project this year as Tisch College Citizenship and Public



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Students helped create a mural at the Fields Corner T stop to encourage people to fill out the Census.

Service Scholars. It is titled, "Census on Campus 2010."

"The first part of our project is doing community outreach and the second part is focused on campus, making sure that all the students, or at least the majority of them, are counted," Valenzuela said.

Lam and Valenzuela joined other Tufts students and Field's Corner-area residents for a day of fun and painting. The volunteers grabbed brushes and composed a mural of colorful hands reaching across

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Sleeping out to raise awareness of climate issues

BY AMELIE HECHT
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Tufts students walking back from late-night studying at Tisch Library may notice a few unexpected bodies on Tufts' Academic Quad for at least the next couple of weeks.

This past weekend, Tufts' branch of the Leadership Campaign, a movement led by college students to raise climate awareness, began the first of many sleep-outs on campus as part of a statewide effort on college campuses to promote new climate legislation in Massachusetts and encourage nationwide strides toward clean energy.

Eight Tufts students braved the rain on Saturday as part of the International Day of Climate Action, kicking off the effort by sleeping outside in tents on the Academic Quad.

"It was pretty wet and cold, but if we can't bear a little rain, how are we going to deal with the challenges that climate change poses?" said sophomore Chelsea Hogan, Tufts'

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DA celebrates anniversary of program fighting domestic violence

BY SAUMYA VAISHAMPAYAN
Daily Editorial Board

The Middlesex District Attorney's Office earlier this month marked the first anniversary of its pro-bono domestic violence program, which provides free resources for victims whose cases might otherwise remain unresolved.

The program, initiated by District Attorney (DA) Gerry Leone, is a unique partnership between public and private entities to provide victims of domestic violence with legal representation.

Since a restraining order is under civil, not criminal, jurisdiction, the DA's office is unable to provide representation for the victims. Instead, by partnering with private law firms, the office can refer

victims on a need basis to pro-bono lawyers who will represent them in court.

"This program allows us to represent and empower victims of domestic violence who, until now, have had little to no voice in the restraining order process," Leone told the Daily in an e-mail.

Although the victim's admittance into the pro-bono program is determined strictly by need, not all of its clients come from poor households. According to Amy Crafts, an associate at the Boston law firm Proskauer Rose and the pro-bono program's coordinator, many victims are well-off but are not financially independent from their abusers, so they cannot afford a lawyer by themselves.

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Senior helps unite anti-poverty groups

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Student organizations bent on solving global poverty are constantly popping up at colleges across the country. But they almost always work alone — and that, says senior Will Herberich, has made them weaker.

But now Tufts students are partnering with peers from 17 other colleges in the Millennium Campus Network (MCN), an organization that promotes collaboration among humanitarian campus groups.

"Today, the conventional wisdom is you see a problem and you start your own non-profit," said Herberich, the network's president and executive director.

"What we provide our groups with is a network," MCN Boston District Coordinator Nicole Theobald, a Harvard University sophomore, told the Daily.



COURTESY WILL HERBERICH

The Millennium Campus Network held a rally on Oct. 16 at MIT that brought together 600 Boston-area students in support of poverty eradication.

The MCN accepts any student organization pursuing one of the eight United Nations Millennium Development Goals, adopted in 2000. The goals provide a set of benchmarks for eradicating poverty and improving socioeconomic conditions in developing

countries to be met by 2015. "Sharing ideas and realizing places where there is overlap is important," junior Will Merrow said. He is the representative to MCN from Building

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Millennium Campus Network brings together student groups from 18 colleges

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Understanding through International Learning and Development (BUILD), a Tufts student group that joined the MCN this year.

"For example, there is a group at Harvard that is working in Kenya, and they have a program that gives farmers information about agriculture. BUILD works on agriculture in Guatemala," Merrow said.

Engineers Without Borders, which also joined MCN this year, is the second Tufts group to become part of the organization.

MCN members from the network's Boston district participated from Oct. 16-18 in Stand Up

Against Poverty, an international series of events orchestrated by the UN annually in support of the Millennium Development Goals. Approximately 600 Boston-area students attended a rally at MIT and raised several thousand dollars for the MCN, Herberich said.

The goal of the event was to "show our politicians that these issues matter, that there's a grassroots support behind [the issues]," Herberich said.

Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) and famed economist Jeffrey Sachs, a member of the MCN's celebrity-studded Board of Advisors, delivered video messages during the event. More than 173 million people worldwide participated in Stand Up Against

Poverty, earning it recognition from Guinness World Records as the largest mobilization of people in history.

The MCN has districts in Chicago, Washington, New York City and Boston, where Herberich co-founded the organization in 2007. Districts hold monthly meetings, in which the college chapters discuss common challenges and potential solutions. Groups from Harvard, Brandeis, Northeastern and Boston Universities, Curry College, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Tufts are part of the Boston district, which holds meetings twice a month.

The Boston district has proven the most effective at bringing

together student groups within individual universities.

"Just because [groups] are from the same school doesn't mean they're talking to each other and planning together," Theobald said. Increased cooperation can yield many benefits, such as co-sponsoring events to increase attendance.

MCN member organizations send minutes from their own meetings to Theobald, who identifies common themes and puts organizations into discussion groups for the next district meeting.

MCN members discuss topics ranging from encouraging meeting attendance in their individual student groups to finding grants.

One conversation involved

learning to make an organizational pitch in under two minutes, which Theobald said a lot of students benefited from.

"You can use that information to get people interested in your group or get a potential sponsor," Theobald said.

MCN sessions provide opportunities for learning and development, fostering "stronger groups, more effective groups, better at doing the jobs they're doing," Theobald said.

Starting in the spring, the MCN national branch plans to distribute grant money to its nationwide network. About \$20,000 will be available in 2010, and the organization plans to distribute \$60,000 in 2011, according to Herberich.

Leadership Campaign demands clean energy legislation with sleep-outs

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media coordinator for the Leadership Campaign.

The Leadership Campaign, formerly known as Massachusetts Power Shift, is made up of branches from 24 college campuses throughout Massachusetts. They are organizing sleep-outs to galvanize state legislators, including Gov. Deval Patrick, into action. Their ultimate aim is the passage of a bill committed to using 100 percent clean electricity by 2020.

"We are trying to send a message that we refuse to sleep in dorms and houses that are powered by dirty energy," Hogan said. "We want our legislature to recognize that we are serious about finding a solution to climate change."

On Sunday night, another seven Tufts students traveled to Boston Common and camped out with approximately 75 other college students and community members, according to sophomore Sarabeth Buckley, a coordinator for the Tufts' branch of the Leadership Campaign. They woke up on Monday morning to lobby at the State House.

"There was just so much energy there," Buckley said. "People were so excited to take action and have a real effect on the legislature."

Tufts students plan to sleep out on the Academic Quad Mondays through Saturdays and in Boston Common on Sundays until the bill is passed or until the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark from Dec. 7-18.

The Campaign hopes that by passing strong climate legislation in Massachusetts, Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) can use the state's example to gain legitimacy when representing



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Tufts students in the environmentally oriented Leadership Campaign slept out on the Academic Quad last weekend, the first of many sleep-outs to promote climate legislation in Massachusetts.

United States at the conference. Kerry will be one of the principal negotiators at the conference.

"We are going to sleep out as long as it takes to get the bill we want passed in Massachusetts or until the Copenhagen conference in December," said senior Sarah Yoss, Tufts' campus coordinator.

Though Tufts students will be sleeping on the Academic Quad, they hope their efforts make waves among legislators.

"Our main agenda is to get the atten-

tion of Sen. Kerry and Gov. Patrick," Hogan said. "We want Senator Kerry to bring whatever promise we make in Massachusetts to Copenhagen this winter to show that the U.S. is committed to solving climate change."

Kerry, one of the authors of the recently introduced Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act, has been a strong advocate of progressive climate legislation.

The senator praised the Leadership Campaign's sleep-out efforts.

"This kind of grassroots activ-

ism sends a strong message across Massachusetts that climate change must be addressed now, not years from now," Kerry told the Daily in an e-mail through an office spokesperson. "The best way to do that is by passing the comprehensive legislation we're writing in the Senate that secures our clean-energy future and protects and creates jobs. I look forward to continuing the fight to ensure that the United States becomes the world's leader on climate action."

Junior Sally Sharrow, who serves as the Boston community outreach coordinator for the Leadership Campaign, emphasized that the United States needs to take action on climate legislation before the U.N. conference in Denmark.

"There is a big collective action problem surrounding climate change right now, and if the U.S. fails to take leadership on the climate front, then there will be major issues in Copenhagen this winter," Sharrow said.

Tufts' campaign coordinators have recruited individuals and groups throughout campus to participate in the sleep-outs.

"We are trying to get as many teams and campus groups involved as possible," Yoss said. "It's a great way to create more of a community. Groups have an opportunity to get to spend time together and bond while supporting a good cause."

Hogan said the group hopes to enlighten students across campus on the need for environmental action.

"We are aiming to raise awareness among students about important environmental issues and get them involved in our campaign," Hogan said. "We want to make this a community effort."

Anti-domestic violence program's anniversary coincides with awareness month

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"Domestic violence is all about control," Crafts told the Daily. "Typically [in] a husband-wife situation, the wife doesn't have access to money and in that case we will represent her because she doesn't have means to obtain a lawyer on her own."

The program's first anniversary takes on a greater significance because it arrives during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Elaine Theodore, Tufts' sexual violence resource coordinator, believes that the program's value lies in the spreading of knowledge about assistance.

"In this day and age there is still the inherent assumption that if you are smart, well-educated and informed, that [sexual violence] doesn't occur — which is not the case," Theodore said.

The pro-bono program has enjoyed a comfortable success

rate in its inaugural year, and Leone is optimistic about the future of the program.

The program has assisted in legal proceedings for 36 victims of domestic violence, and has won 94 percent of its cases, Leone said.

Crafts said that one of the program's most encouraging areas of success has been convincing victims to seek permanent restraining orders. Before the program, she said, it was common for abuse victims to attain temporary restraining orders but then never attend the subsequent court hearings at which permanent restraining orders could be given.

"We're really empowering victims to go forward and get protection," Crafts said.

At the program's inception, Proskauer Rose was its sole legal partner. Former State Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, the firm's senior counsel, was integral to its involvement.

"We commend District Attorney Leone for initiating this public-private partnership," Harshbarger said at a press conference on Oct. 9. "For the law firms, it provides a significant opportunity for attorneys to develop their legal skills, gain valuable court room experience and, as importantly, make a difference in the lives of domestic violence victims."

Legal partners now include law firms Cooley Manion Jones LLP and Brody, Hardoon, Perkins and Kesten LLP.

Theodore stressed the importance of talking about sexual assault on campus, especially for victims.

"There is a lot of stigma and shame involved with all matters of sexual violence, but there are many excellent resources where the survivor of violence is kept in the seat of control. Coming forward for help doesn't mean [the victim is] going to lose control of the situation," Theodore said.

Number of TEMS calls steady despite stiffer discipline policy

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"It's a little tough to tell whether or not there's been a change in people's habits given [that] it's only been seven or eight weeks, but so far it really hasn't been any big deviation from the last several years," Keith said.

TEMS advisor Geoffrey Bartlett also cautioned that it was too early to draw significant conclusions about the new regulations.

"We are really only a month and a half into this new policy," Bartlett said. "That's too little time to come to a conclusion on effect."

Critics felt that the policy might lead students to wait until friends reached more severe levels of intoxication before calling for medical assistance. But so far this semester the severity of cases has not worsened from that of prior years, according to Keith.

"Personally, I haven't

noticed a lot of people worse off than they were in the past," he said.

Bartlett said that the amount of alcohol-related calls does vary from year to year but for the most part the changes in numbers are insignificant, and he expects that pattern to continue regardless of the new policy.

"From one year to the next, if calls go up or if they go down a few numbers, you could make that seem significant in percentage points, but the truth is that the numbers have basically been the same," Bartlett said.

Keith is optimistic that despite the new policy, students will not be discouraged from helping fellow students.

"I would hope and expect that if any Tufts student found a person in need of medical attention, the first thing on their mind would be to help their friends by calling for medical attention," he said.

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Books on budget: Rentals gaining popularity

BY CHRISTINA LUO
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High prices and high turnover rates for textbooks have long burdened students' budgets and are especially problematic in light of the recent economic downturn. Now, several university bookstores are doing something about it.

Textbook rental programs are addressing the need for more affordable book options and are on the rise around the country. California State University, Sacramento is one of approximately 100 schools in the nation using such a program, in which book warehouses or publishers sell popular book titles to universities, allowing schools to then rent these textbooks to students instead of selling them, according to the National Association of College Stores.

In order for many universities to be able to rent these titles, however, professors must commit to using the textbooks for a minimum of four semesters. The commitment helps to guarantee a substantial payoff on these books.

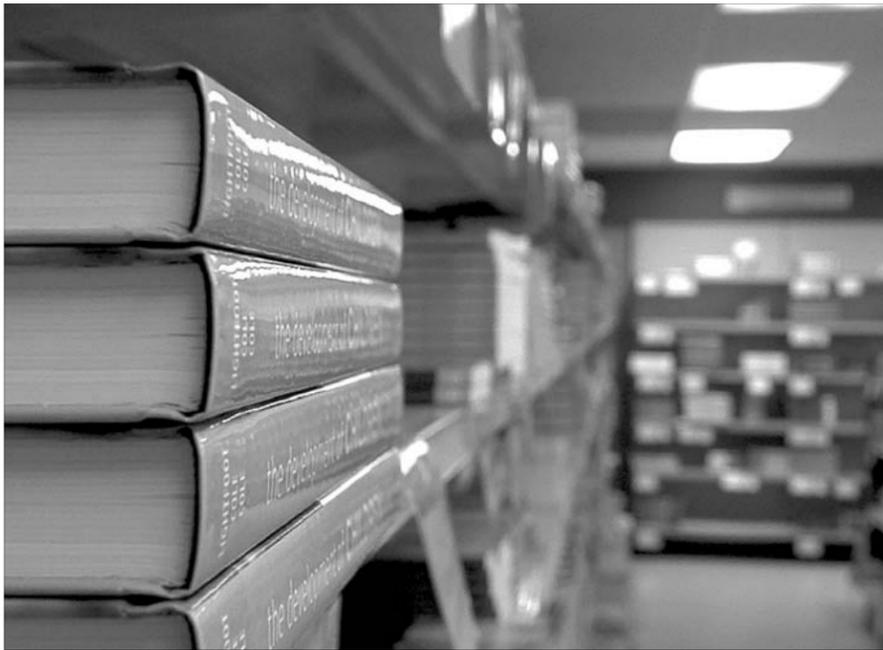
Sacramento State avoided this issue altogether by using a different retail warehouse with atypical procedures.

"We are a Follett vendor store, so it's Follett that actually decides whether they can use this book or not at a location," said Pam Parsons, Sacramento State's bookstore director. Follett, a retail and wholesale distributor of educational materials, doesn't require faculty commitment.

"Because we don't have faculty commitment, it is purely Follett's decision ... whether they believe the book can be used," Parsons said.

According to Sacramento State's Rent-A-Text Facebook.com page, not all textbooks are allowed to be rented. A book needs to be "a popular title and early on in its lifecycle ([a] recently released edition to qualify." Large lecture classes, like Psychology 101 and Anatomy, are likely to have rentable textbooks, while more specialized, concentrated courses might not. About 15 percent of the texts in the Sacramento State bookstore are rentable.

Other programs allow every textbook to be adopted and rented. But because professors rarely guarantee that they will re-use the same textbooks, such programs usually are not options. Only approximately 20 schools implement this type of rental program, said Carolyn LaQuaglia, store manager for



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College bookstores are implementing rental programs for textbooks.

the Tufts bookstore.

The Rent-A-Text program is not the first time Sacramento State has tried to rent students textbooks; they initially tried requiring professors to commit for four semesters, but that was ineffective.

"When we tried it that way, we got very little response," Parsons said.

LaQuaglia agreed that "it'll be difficult to get the commitment out of them."

Barnes and Noble, the vendor used by the Tufts Bookstore, is offering its own pilot rental program this fall. But according to the New York Times, only three universities are participating due to the fact that many faculty members were unwilling to commit to using the same textbook for multiple years.

Yet at Tufts, the faculty's willingness to commit doesn't appear to be a big concern.

"It sounds like a good idea to me, especially with the changing economy," history professor Gary Leupp said. Although departments such as history are subject to continuously changing scholarship, and therefore a barrage of new textbooks each year, Leupp said that committing to re-using a textbook would still be possible, though not necessarily desirable.

"For about 10 years I was using the same textbook," Leupp said. "It's just that I kind of like to have the flexibility

of changing."

For the math department, where the subject material doesn't frequently change with new studies, renting textbooks to students could be a possibility.

"For the large courses we have, such as calculus, we have in fact used the same textbook for quite some time, close to 10 years now," mathematics professor Boris Hasselblatt said. "However, at the same time, publishers keep changing editions whether we want that or not."

The math department has tried in the past to make it easier for students to get by without buying a textbook. Calculus I students currently do their homework online using Webworks.com, an online program converter. Webworks allows professors to "create problems and put them on the Web, allowing students to have instant feedback," Hasselblatt said.

According to Hasselblatt, due to the program's success for the Calculus I class, the math department will do the same for Calculus II in the spring and will accordingly make the calculus textbook recommended instead of required for students.

Aside from faculty commitment, the cost of a textbook rental program is holding back universities from moving for-

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ROMY OLTUSKI | WORD UP

The boy who cried literally



As I was exiting Carmichael Hall yesterday, I shoved open the colossal doors to realize that it was significantly colder out than it had been when I entered just a couple of hours earlier. The group of students behind me seemed to take notice as well, zipping up sweaters with haste, and — mourning my lack of earmuffs at that moment — I couldn't help but over-herd one of them complain.

"It is literally so cold outside," she said.

In her defense, it was. Shockingly so, even for Medford in October. Still, I got the inexplicable feeling that she was not using the word "literally" to avoid confusion among her friends, who might have thought "cold" was a metaphor for something else going on outside. What she meant — and I'm speculating here because it's possible that she really was considering her over-analytic friends — was that, in simplest terms, it was cold. Not just cold. Very cold. But the word "literally" is not synonymous with "very" or "extremely" or any other intensifier you've heard it used as. Over time, colloquial English and some dictionaries have falsely popularized the word as a hyperbolic adjective that serves to embellish factual statements. Derived from the Latin "litteralis," meaning "of letters," "literally" means "strict to the absolute meaning of words and distinct from allegorical, metaphorical or mystical translation." In a word, unembellished.

Of course, once the word's meaning was distorted, it continued down a path of warped evolution. People began to use "literally" not only to exaggerate the truth but also to imply — antithetically — figurativeness: "I'm literally dying from all this homework;" "I'm literally bending over backwards;" "he literally glowed." What a miraculous, terrible world that would be!

In a society that doesn't exactly preach moderation, the common use of hyperbole comes as no surprise. It is with great discontent — but not with disbelief — that I reveal the last example above to have been a quote from F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby." According to the Boston Globe, other notable enablers of a misused "literally" have included the Pope, Thoreau, Dickens, Alcott and Nabokov.

Even within our figures of speech, we strive to be the most evocative, the most logical, the most believable — sometimes even to the point of discredit.

The tragedy, though, lies in what is left of the word's original meaning after its overuse. Like in the stories of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" and the recent alcohol policy changes, the abusers have ruined it for themselves and for the rest of us, causing "literally" to be forever tainted by their excess. Now, when used literally, the once meaningful word is rendered powerless. (See what I mean?)

And "literally" — in addition to synonyms like "truly" and "really" — is not the only victim of overuse. "Awesome," for example, is a biblical adjective for the divine being, the impression of something sublime, powerful and fear-inducing. Try using it to describe just that in an essay, though, and you run the risk of having it sound more like a reaction to something mildly impressive, addressed to someone called "dude."

"Awkward" seems to inhabit a similar zone. If I'm to trust my peers, then everything is awkward: haircuts, handwriting, slight lulls in conversation, carpet stains, ceilings, everyone I meet. In effect, when something is particularly awkward — an accidental first date, Parents Weekend, finding yourself next to your boss on the Chinatown bus — the word loses its ability to aptly convey that.

I'm not proposing a hyperbole-free society; I know that suggestion would be futile. But even as we watch some of our words deteriorate into informal speech, pass through slangville and make the inevitable, tragic descent into the realm of unusable clichés, let's not throw "literally" out the window. Figuratively.

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Lunar fireworks display? Not quite

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Although NASA's much-hyped event of sending two spacecrafts to crash into the moon turned out to be an anticlimactic showing rather than a fantastic spectacle, NASA remains enthusiastic about what the results of the collision could implicate.

On Oct. 8, the Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite (LCROSS), a two-ton empty rocket



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A spacecraft's search for water on the moon doesn't lead to expected explosion.

stage, hit the dark Cabeus crater near the moon's south pole at about 4:31 a.m. PDT, and a second craft crashed four minutes later. Instruments on the following spacecraft, a lunar orbiter and telescopes on Earth acquired data that could soon show whether there was ice on the moon. Despite the fact that the second spacecraft did not capture an image of the impact as hoped, scientists are confident that the explosive hit successfully took place as planned.

Anthony Colaprete, the mission's chief scientist, remains optimistic about the results of the occurrence.

"We were blown away by the data returned," he said in a report from the Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., which managed the launch. "The team is working hard on the analysis, and the data appear to be of very high quality."

NASA invested \$79 million in this mission to verify the presence of water on the moon for a number of reasons.

"Eventually, NASA wants to return to the moon and go from there to other planets, like Mars for example," Tufts Research Associate Professor of Astronomy Robert F. Willson said. "They'd like to establish bases on the moon where people could be for a period of time. And so rather than have to take things like water with them, if they could extract water from the moon, that would help them and the project."

Tufts Astronomy Professor Kenneth

Lang also discussed the potential benefits of water on the moon.

"Water is of interest if you're going to explore the moon for two reasons," he said. "One is [that] humans drink water. So humans would need a source of water. The other is you can decompose water to get the hydrogen out of it, and the hydrogen can be used as rocket fuel to move into other parts of the solar system."

Assistant Professor of Astronomy Danilo Marchesini added that if water was on the moon, it could help to reduce the cost of lunar missions. "If water is already [on the moon], we wouldn't have to bring the water from the Earth ... You always have to remember that anything you send to the moon has a cost proportional to the weight," she said. "If you don't have to ship water from the Earth to the moon, it saves a whole lot of money."

For nearly a decade, scientists have speculated about buried ice below the moon's poles.

"Comets strike bodies all through the solar system with a decreasing frequency as time goes on. But back when the moon formed, they were hitting the moon all the time," Lang said. "Comets are just frozen balls of dirty ice ... They're water ice."

Elaborating further on the possibility of buried ice, Marchesini explained,

Startup costs, policy questions make rental programs hard to implement

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ward with these programs; it is often much more than a budget can allow.

"In order for the university to have to pay for [a rental program], it costs millions of dollars up front," LaQuaglia said. Once the school pays the lump sum in the beginning, it can then allow textbooks to be rented out.

Not only does a school bookstore need the money to start a program, but school stores also need to take into consideration storage space, determining a pricing scale and how to handle unreturned rented textbooks.

"It wasn't something hugely successful in that regard, because ... you don't want to dig yourself into a hole you can never get out of," LaQuaglia said.

For students, the cost is minimal. Renting textbooks can be significantly cheaper than having to buy them new and, according to Parsons, this means students would not have to pick and choose

between two expensive textbooks.

Not surprisingly, students are eager to jump on the rental bandwagon.

"I would participate in the program if Tufts did it," freshman Nora Vanni said. "It seems crazy that we have to buy textbooks, especially for introductory classes where you don't have to get into course material as deeply."

Parsons said that the cost of a used book would be slightly cheaper than a rented one. Still, with the rental program, students save that amount of money up front, as opposed to having to buy a used textbook and then selling it back to the store, which would mean waiting a full semester before having saved money.

Whether or not Tufts will implement a rental program of its own remains uncertain. "We're testing it, so we're ready to operate if the school demands it," LaQuaglia said, "but there are certain things that need to happen first."

Explosive test on moon searches for potential source of water

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"The light day on the moon lasts for about 29 days. During the 29 days, the temperature rises to about 200 degrees [Fahrenheit], so if there was any water it would have evaporated. However, there are craters on the moon — some craters [in which] the bottoms are completely in shadow. In these craters the temperature is able to stay about -400 degrees [Fahrenheit], and in this case the water stays frozen. If water is on the moon, it is in these craters and probably has been there for billions of years."

During the early morning of the crash, hundreds of space enthusiasts gathered in parkas and sleeping bags to watch the impact on a big outdoor screen at the Ames Research Center in Silicon

Valley, while others tuned in to live television coverage. Lang admits that there was some disappointment regarding the lack of a grand explosion.

"A lot of people were waiting to see some explosive debris hurl off the moon when the LCROSS hit it, but that didn't happen," he said. "In fact, scientists had hoped, independent of [the] public, that there would be debris because telescopes all over the world, such as Hubble space telescope, were trained to examine the debris to see if there is water in it."

As for the results of NASA's mission on the moon, Colaprete said it was too early to say what the plume from the crash contained. But several clues, including the temperature of the flash created by the impact, will help scientists find out in coming weeks.

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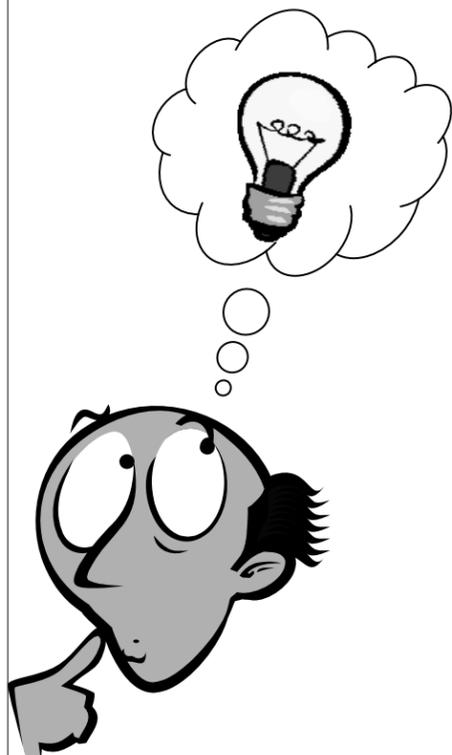
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MOVIE REVIEW



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"Did you guys hear about the one where Hollywood made a thriller that wasn't over-hyped? No? Neither did I!"

'Citizen' turns protagonist into villain

But thriller forgoes character development in favor of explosions

BY JOSHUA HALE
Contributing Writer

The typical vengeance movie adheres to the mantra "an eye for an eye," and this adage takes a turn for the graphic in "Law

Law Abiding Citizen



Starring **Gerard Butler, Jamie Foxx**

Directed by **F. Gary Gray**

Abiding Citizen." The film, directed by F. Gary Gray, follows the vigilante hero Clyde Shelton (Gerard Butler) as he exacts his calculated and gruesome revenge in a "Saw" (2004) meets "Se7en" (1995) action-thriller.

After Clyde's home is invaded and his wife and daughter are raped and murdered, the ambitious prosecuting attorney Nick Rice (Jamie Foxx) strikes a lenient plea bargain with the guilty perpetrator in which only his accomplice is sent to death row. Rice justifies the decision, explaining that "some justice is better than none." Clyde feels as if the justice system has cheated him and waits 10 years

before springing into an intricate and ferocious plot to take vengeance on those who wronged him.

Exhilarating and at times disturbing, "Law Abiding Citizen" begins in true thriller style: It pins viewers to their seats while enticing them to keep watching the screen with suspense and excellent casting.

Butler's characters from other movies shine through into his "Law Abiding Citizen" role. The seething anger Butler showed in "300" (2006) suits Clyde, as he exacts brutal

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BOOK REVIEW

New book investigates fictional crime in Boston

'Mystic River' author gathers dark stories from Beantown

BY RACHEL CHARATAN
Daily Staff Writer

Editor and contributor Dennis Lehane attempts to answer the question, "What is noir?" in his introduction to *Boston Noir*,

Boston Noir

Edited by **Dennis Lehane**



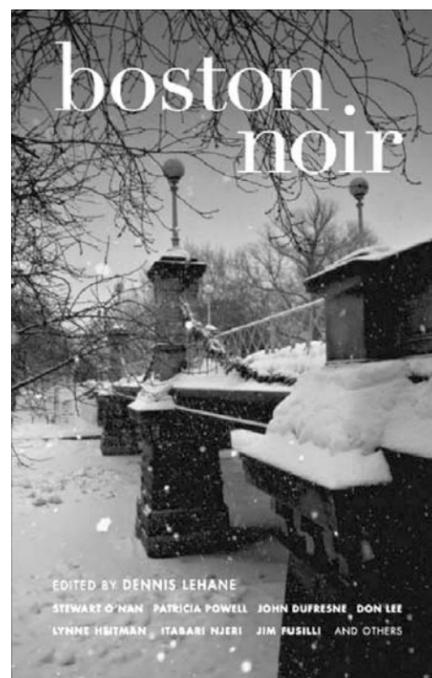
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after murdering her boss for failing to promote her. Her plight is pitiable — she is overlooked for her gender, not for her qualifications — and her end is upsetting. While Heitman's writing may not amaze, her plot opens the collection well.

The next and best story, by Lehane himself, "Animal Rescue," succeeds from the very first sentence — "Bob found the dog in the trash." — to the end. His writing simply amazes as he develops rich, complex characters that find a dog and are blackmailed by its original, abusive owner. Lehane maintains a mood that invites but does not reveal the twist ending. The author subtly gives the city, with its biases, camaraderie and crime network, a role in the action.

Jim Fusilli's "The Place Where He Belongs" is the next story and the first in which an outsider moves to Boston — in this case, from New York. The protagonist's disdain for Boston-area bagels may resonate with readers from other parts of the country, but he is soon revealed as the villain after stealing a baby. In "Dark Waters," a short story by Patricia Powell, a middle-aged, black woman named Perle is visited in the middle of the night by an injured, escaped convict. Watertown remains irrelevant until the final few pages of the story; up until then, the story could take place anywhere.

The next section, "Skeletons in the Closet," offers four more tales, the first



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A new book examines crime in Boston.

two of which are set in the past. Post-WWII "The Dark Island" works cleverly as the story of a private investigator who attempts to help a woman retrieve a box of mementos left by her deceased hus-

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CARYN HOROWITZ |
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Where's the beef?

Before I dive into this week's topic, I would like to hold a moment of silence for *Gourmet* magazine. I mentioned three weeks ago that the magazine was closing, but now it officially has the announcement on its Web site. Subscribers will receive *Bon Appétit* magazine for the remainder of their subscription, but it's just not the same. There's a reason I don't subscribe to *Bon Appétit*: They are much more focused on recipes than actual food journalism. I feel like the reporting in *Gourmet* was completely unique. The magazine often focused on how food plays a role in current political and social issues; we will be hard-pressed to find another publication that lives up to the standards *Gourmet* set during its 68-year history.

And now I'll officially put my soapbox away and move onto some far more intriguing topics in the news right now: bankruptcy, Iceland, excess, technology, Japan, museums and the French. Surprisingly, I am not talking about anything related to Bernie Madoff, Carla Bruni's clothes or plot lines from a Dan Brown novel. All of these subjects relate to none other than the goings-on of two of America's finest cultural and culinary representatives abroad: McDonald's and Burger King (so the soapbox came back a little — sorry).

First, let's dive into the most outlandish of all of the hamburger-related stories. A Burger King restaurant in Tokyo is selling a seven-patty Whopper to promote the launch of Windows 7. The five-inch-tall burger is on sale through today, weighs about 1.6 pounds and is retailing for 777 yen, or about \$8.44. There is a slew of YouTube.com videos popping up of people attempting to eat the Whopper 7, and they all resemble a bad horror movie — disturbing, terrifying and hilarious all at the same time. The amount of press the Whopper 7 has received seems to be achieving the cross-promotional goals of Microsoft and the King; everyone from *Nation's Restaurant News* to *Computerworld* has run articles on the burger. After I initially became queasy from thinking about eating that much Burger King at once, one thing popped into my mind: Where's my Snow Leopard Snack Wrap, BK?

Things for McDonald's have not been so highly entertaining this week. Iceland's three McDonald's locations, all situated in the capital city of Reykjavik, are closing on Halloween. Magnus Ogmundsson, the owner of the three franchises, told the *Associated Press* on Monday, "The economic situation has just made it too expensive for us." The Icelandic banking system fell apart last year, causing the collapse of the krona. Ogmundsson explained that his restaurants were required to import beef and produce for the burgers according to a contract he had with McDonald's; the shipping costs became too high with the failure of the krona. Remember all those joke suggestions to buy Iceland with the returned embezzlement money last year? We could have saved Mickey D's on top of founding Tuftstonialand!

And finally, something a bit more scandalous. McDonald's France, the second most profitable McDonald's organization in the world after the United States', is opening a franchise in the commercial mall in the Louvre. *Sacre bleu!* The French seem to be split in their opinion of a Mickey D's being located in one of their foremost cultural institutions. The *New York Times* reported that most Parisians interviewed about the new location had a blasé attitude, while those in the museum world see it as cultural degradation. *Zut alors!* The Louvre, however, is an institution of tourism, and having a familiar restaurant in the mall could keep tourists in the building. But there's that soapbox again ...

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Is it the Flu or a Cold?

People **WITHOUT** fever do not need to be concerned about having an influenza-like illness.

Symptoms*	Flu	Cold
Fever	Usual, 100° F or greater	Rare
Cough	Common; can become severe	Mild to moderate; hacking cough
Sore Throat	Sometimes	common
Body Aches	Usual; often severe or sudden	Slight
Headache	Common	Rare
Fatigue, Weakness	Usual; can last up to 2 to 3 weeks	Sometimes
Exhaustion	Usual; at the beginning of illness	Never
Stuffy Nose	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	Sometimes	Usual

Students who experience flu-like symptoms should not go to class. Students on the Medford/Somerville campus may come to Tufts Health Services to be evaluated. Students in Boston and Grafton should contact their doctor with concerns about flu symptoms. Faculty and staff who are ill with flu should not come to work and should contact their primary care provider.

*These symptoms have been identified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, including the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

'Boston Noir' teases out the mystery and intrigue of a familiar city

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band, who served in the army. Like "Animal Rescue," the story offers a spectacular finale complete with vengeful murder — classic noir style.

Stewart O'Nan's "The Reward" repeats the use of animals to bring people together, as the protagonist finds lost pets and returns them to Brookline residents for rewards. Another notable story is "The Cross-Eyed Bear," in which Father Tom Mulcahy is accused of molesting an altar boy thirty years earlier. The story toys with the reader's notions of justice versus punishment and victim versus villain. Here, everyone is

hiding something, and no one gets off scot-free.

The final section of the book, "Veils of Deceit," begins with a story that features a classic protagonist: a detective with a complicated history. He's being played by both his client and the subject of his investigation, two poets who take competition to a whole new playing field. Although the story, "The Collar" by Itabari Njeri, fails with respect to the genre, it's an interesting drama nonetheless.

Unfortunately, this anthology ends with Russ Aborn's "Turn Speed," which, while offering the classic elements of noir, simply seems like a series of criminal scenes mashed together without

a continuous plot line.

The stories in "Boston Noir" are written by tremendously gifted writers who were born in or have spent many years in the Boston area. Most of the authors write with eloquence and affection for neighborhoods within the city and their localities' distinct characters, moods and offerings. Unfortunately, a few of the authors do not have an equally sufficient grasp of noir, and stories in the collection only succeed when they capture both. "Boston Noir" provides an impressive anthology of lovely writing and creativity, but not all of its pieces ultimately deliver what the title promises.

'Law Abiding Citizen' all flash, little substance

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revenge on the killer.

Nick's blatant ambition and neglect for his family fit the typically arrogant character Jamie Foxx plays on screen. Nick makes for a fascinating foil to Clyde, intentionally missing his daughters' cello concert to view the execution of the accomplice.

Clyde and Nick play the classic game of cat and mouse between hero and villain throughout the film. In a scene reminiscent of "The Silence of the Lambs" (1991), the two characters face off in a large metal cage. Like Lector behind bars, Clyde manages to exact justice as he moves each person like a pawn on his chessboard of vengeance. Nick becomes his primary tool as Clyde continually outsmarts, manipulates and plays him with ease, giving weight to the film's portrayal of the law as

naïve and self-interested.

Any deeper or refined message about the legal system ends in the film's early scenes, for it is too distracted by blood and explosions to take time to develop themes to their fullest extent. When Clyde arbitrarily kills his cellmate, his character loses the moral righteousness with which the audience allowed his horrific killings to occur.

Both Clyde and Nick remain emotionally and intellectually hollow for most of the film, which makes it hard for the audience to care what happens. After the first few complicated killings, the ones that follow become simplistic — they're just excuses to blow things up.

Plot holes aren't enough to halt the story, but the film's increasing implausibility — as demonstrated by the easy explanation of Clyde's skills and resources as a result of his CIA training —

undermine the audience's interest in the plot's progression.

The resolution for all of the film's violence unsurprisingly involves an archetypal cleansing fire and sappy character growth. The pandemonium begins and ends with a peaceful cello concert, and this is just one of the film's visually compelling elements — a positive aspect of "Law Abiding Citizen" that should not be overlooked. This film's expressive lighting could translate well to any black-and-white film noir, while the backdrop of Philadelphia completes the tough-town, rough-life feel of the film.

"Law Abiding Citizen" falls short of its Hollywood marketing hype and its initial intrigue as a psychological thriller. What remains is still an entertaining mix of explosions and vengeance that the casual moviegoer can enjoy.

Many hands create mural

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banners that stated, "Everyone counts," in Vietnamese, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Portuguese. The Census Bureau chose to translate the mural's message into these four languages in an effort to reach populations in the Fields Corner community for the Census.

Sophomore Nancy Wang, who volunteered in the project, said, "I just really like the idea of art for social change," Wang said. "I find it cool, and this sounded really fun."

Although the Fields Corner mural only took a day to paint, several groups were involved in organizing the event. The Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA), which runs the T, granted the Census Bureau permission to use the wall space for the mural; the group Artists for Humanity created the design; and the Fields Corner Main Street organization gathered volunteers in the area to help paint.

Among the local volunteers were Bruce Dryer and his young daughter, Olivia. "It's for the community and I'm from Dorchester," Dryer said. "My daughter loves to paint, too."

According to Eng, the concept behind the Fields Corner mural is that "we want everybody to know that it is true: Everyone counts, regardless of your citizenship status, whether you rent or own. It doesn't matter. Everyone needs to be counted in the 2010 Census."

Lam stressed the importance of letting the government know where people live. "It's just really at people's advantage to fill out [the Census] because we take a lot of government services for granted," she said. "We're just going to end up paying for more if the government doesn't know that someone

exists there and ... they won't be able to allocate funds or reapportion representatives in Congress."

Eng agreed. "Programs for kids like Head Start, the building of roads and bridges and all other federal grant programs are based on a formula that is dependent on Census data," he said. "We need an accurate count. We want to count everyone once and in the right place ... That's our goal."

Damon Butler, the artist behind the project, described the significance of the various hands in the Fields Corner mural. "The concept behind the mural is [that] when you raise your hand you want to be seen, you want to be noticed," he said. The piece is a vibrant representation of the Census Bureau's slogan for the 2010 Census: "It is in our hands."

Fields Corner Main Street worker Julieanne Doherty said, "It's all about really taking the Census in our own hands and making sure your neighbors, friends and family are counted."

Eng is hoping that the art will raise awareness and encourage marginalized populations to take part in the 2010 Census. "[The mural] obviously affects people because all of these commuter residents come to this major T station," Eng said. "They'll be reminded of it daily and it'll be in different languages, so hopefully it'll get the message to those folks that don't speak English."

Doherty said that the Dorchester project for "Make a Difference Day," which was sponsored by USA WEEKEND Magazine, achieved its goal. "Our mission is to enhance the business district, and I think this mural does just that," Doherty said. "I think [the Fields Corner mural] really promotes a lively, involved community, and it also beautifies the streetscape."

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This past weekend, about 200 children lurked around the Tufts campus, armed with candy and blood-curdling shrieks. Halloween on the Hill, hosted by the Leonard Carmichael Society, brought together volunteers and various student groups to provide Halloween activities for children from neighboring communities. Programs ranged from Theta Chi's annual haunted house to the Minority Association of Pre-Med Students' anatomy lesson using skeletons. Kids also had the opportunity to trick-or-treat a week early, creeping through the corridors of Hill Hall. A Magic Show kept the little ghouls mystified, and the ZBT story-telling was a spooky success.



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EDITORIAL

Preparing for the future, not just cutting budgets

Despite the economic recession, college tuition fees continue to rise at an alarming rate. According to a recent report issued by the College Board, tuition costs in the last year jumped 6.6 percent at public institutions and 4.4 percent at private ones. Colleges and universities keep hiking up the cost of education, in spite of a 2.2 percent decline in the Consumer Price Index over the past year. This is not only appalling on the surface; it is also the result of uncreative thinking on the part of colleges and universities, which have not taken advantage of this opportunity to implement better infrastructures for the future.

Obviously, the immediate cause of the tuition rise is the lack of funding from states and from endowments. However, state and private institutions should not put the bulk of the economic burden on students and their families alone. Raising tuition is a quick fix, providing universities with much-needed immediate cash. But after four years, it leaves many students financially ruined or, in some cases, unable to finish college.

Colleges and universities need to be looking to other cost-cutting strategies that would not only alleviate some of the immediate economic pressures but also permanently change how they spend their money. As Jane Wellman, the executive director of the Delta Project on Postsecondary Education Costs, Productivity and Accountability, said, "Colleges need to be looking for ways to permanently restructure, not just cut their budgets."

Universities are being short-sighted. There will be another recession in the future, and they will again have to deal with budget cuts. And yet again, they will be unable to adequately deal with economic issues without financially burdening students.

Practical changes such as installing energy-efficient lighting, turning down the heat and installing water-saving devices on showers and sinks are simple changes that universities should make to save money. Not only are these methods environmentally beneficial, but they can cut long-term costs of day-to-day activity. The saved

money can in turn be used to keep tuition costs down and to protect the faculty from layoffs, should the economy go south again.

However, these are not the only adjustments that need to be made. As of November 2008, the median salary for public university presidents was \$427,400, while it was \$527,000 for private university presidents. Over one third of university presidents were earning over \$500,000 a year.

The idea of paying university presidents half a million dollars a year is deplorable, especially when so many students — and professors — are facing huge debts and possible layoffs due to lack of funds. Like top executives of companies, university presidents feel an undeserved sense of entitlement. This is more about a message of solidarity than about the money itself — no one should be receiving that much cash when so many others within the same institution are struggling economically.

Raising tuition costs and firing professors is a temporary fix that will not ensure long-term financial security.

ALEX MILLER



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Social networks deplete social skills

BY OLIVER COUGHLIN
The Daily Bruin

The social networks of our generation have alienated people from themselves. The idea that society has become alienated, though, seems inconsistent with the new, broad and instantaneous modes of social networking offered by sites such as Facebook and MySpace.

But these online communities are manifestly centered on the self rather than the other. Status updates, for example, consume most of people's time spent on Facebook. The importance people place on what they do, or perhaps on themselves, is confounding. The communication is between the self and the ego, which isn't communication at all.

Perhaps this sense of isolation doesn't occur strictly within modern networking but on a human level as well.

Once, on a whim, I visited an apart-

ment party. As I approached this particular complex, I was greeted with a blast of music that was too loud and oppressive to even appreciate.

I entered casually and turned to a floater to ask where the restrooms were, only to realize that my voice was lost in the blare. Waking my diaphragm and straining my vocal chords, I delivered a phrase that he apparently understood. He nodded and smiled. Was he agreeing with something I said? I found the restroom on my own.

I spent 30 minutes intently observing the flux and noticed that the human interchange was deprived of personality and voice and that people were subconsciously engaged in themselves, thriving only by suppressing the knowledge of that fact. We believe quite indiscriminately that social contexts, especially in college, are personal and engaging. But many are radically impersonal, static and centered

on the self.

Technology has only accentuated this reality. If Darwin found himself at this particular party, he may have thought the cell phone to be an evolved extension of our arm. There is a sense of nakedness in not having one, really. Any lapse in confidence or social suave is immediately channeled to the cell phone, which provides temporary security. Texting is an electronic means for the insecure to continuously affirm and be affirmed and to avoid being alone with themselves.

There is a silent majority in our generation, though, that unconsciously finds this synthetic trend in socialization disagreeable. But in hushed disillusionment, they choose to embrace a culture that they are shallowly convinced is avant-garde.

The expectations of our culture shouldn't force us to be who we are not. At some level, we retain our freedom to resist and fight before it's written.

Corrections

Monday's article "Rallies support action on climate change" incorrectly attributed graduate student Dallase Scott's quote to junior Sally Sharrow. The mistake was made in the editing process, and was not the fault of the writer.

Yesterday's article entitled, "For students parking off campus, Somerville permits cause headaches" incorrectly stated that a new parking policy in Somerville "will significantly alter parking on Somerville streets near Tufts." In fact, many Somerville streets near campus already fall in permit-parking zones, so the new policy will not make a big difference near Tufts. In the same article, Somerville Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz's name was misspelled.

Personal achievement trumps societal advancement

BY LAUREN GREENBERG

In his Oct. 21 op-ed, "Be in fewer clubs," Alex Baskin exhorted students to increase the quality of their dedication to extra-curricular activities by decreasing the quantity of groups they join. In contemporary society, particularly within the culture of Tufts University, this is not a particularly feasible suggestion. Philosopher Thomas Hobbes once suggested that individual rationality leads to collective irrationality, which in turn creates a terrible state of nature. Not to spend a lot of time interpreting Hobbes, but for the purpose of this argument, the idea is that if each person does whatever is best for him- or herself, it will be detrimental to society. I scored the idea when I was first introduced to it in class. I excluded myself, along with others who shared my paradigm, from the classification of people who put their own interests before those of society. I truly believed that there could be a large enough body of people who understand that compromising on social issues would be better overall, since when the collective benefits, all of its members are able to reap the benefits as well. Baskin's op-ed demolished my unmerited self-righteousness; he caused the façade of idealism that I set up around myself to disintegrate. I realized that I was in no way above submitting to my

own individual desires without even considering their impact on a greater community.

While on big, prevalent issues I would surely compromise, the idea of joining clubs for my own benefit rather than that of the greater good never occurred to me. I was co-editor-in-chief of my high school newspaper, and co-president of our Heifer Club (we fundraised for Heifer International, a non-profit organization that sends animals and resources to impoverished and struggling communities around the world). Of course I did these things to help others. So then why is it that when asked by prospective students or upperclassmen what I am involved in, I start to feel inferior when I cannot enumerate a long list of causes and clubs with which I align myself? Just last week I found myself writing in my journal about my overt affiliation with one particular group, and my desire to be able to transcend being associated solely with that one interest. We all deplore the high school student who lists a plethora of clubs simply to demonstrate to colleges that he or she is well rounded, and yet we find ourselves doing the same thing in college. Why?

The reasoning goes back to the concept of individual rationality. It makes sense that for our own personal sense of identity and self-satisfaction, we want to avoid having other people

brand us as affiliated with only one thing, thereby letting that one thing define us. We all want to know about and understand things and impress others with our ability to contribute positively to the world by spreading (albeit overrated) awareness about copious laudable causes. We all want to diversify our interests and to present to the world a picture of ourselves as cultured, knowledgeable and possessing distinctly varied experiences.

Yet, collectively, if we let ourselves be interested without feeling pressured to compete for more leadership roles than we can execute effectively, we would display collective rationality. Individually, however, we would not each be as well-rounded. And we will never relinquish that. We cannot ignore our desire to know as much about esoteric topics as the next person, even if the only use of such limited knowledge is sometimes just to have meaningless conversations about it. At a school such as Tufts, which is so invested in the liberal arts mentality of trying out and pursuing a wide variety of disciplines, the social standard of being involved in more initiatives than one can possibly fully commit to will never cease to be the status quo.

Lauren Greenberg is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.

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A dirty secret



Exactly a year ago, the U.S. presidential election cycle was in its final days. Emotions ran high in both the Barack Obama and John McCain camps. McCain unleashed a final, furious wave of allegations against Obama — chief among them was the notion that Obama, if elected, would act on his purportedly steadfast commitment to the redistribution of wealth in American society and cause a dramatic, socialist political shift.

Not many in the political mainstream took the allegations seriously, McCain's standings in the polls further declined and the rest, as they say, is history. But now, a year removed from one of the most intense elections in recent years, have McCain's then-seemingly ridiculous allegations of an Obama socialist agenda been adequately quashed?

Socialism, as per the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, is defined as a movement "advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods." It generally is not a concrete philosophy as much as it is a set of social interventions and economic planning initiatives. Furthermore, socialists see capitalism as inherently flawed and argue that capitalism, if it must exist, can only function within the context of centralized planning to address its inherent distribution inequities.

The United States has nationalized a number of major financial institutions and automakers over the past year — nationalization of industry is one of socialism's cornerstones. Yet the major focus of controversy surrounding the bailout was whether or not the plan would actually work and whether more power should have been extended to the Treasury Department. It did not concern the bailout's socialist roots.

What about the federal measures unveiled last week to limit pay for executives in charge of firms who have yet to repay the bailout sums they received? The measures were received as a symbolic act and mainstream concern was raised not over a seemingly socialist encroachment on free-market capitalism's resource allocation, but rather whether the measures extended far enough.

And what of health care? Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has guaranteed that the health care bill to be presented before the Senate will include a public option. Are President Obama and Reid together pushing their socialist, redistributive health care agenda through the Senate? Reid's public option includes an opt-out for states which do not want to participate. This policy ensures that the very costly public option, if approved, can be avoided by individual states. Obama and Reid both know how divisive the public option is — Obama has stated it is not required for him to sign a reform bill into law — but included it to appease those on the left, while the opt-out keeps those on the right happy. The public option was constructed to be non-binding and non-compulsory for states. Obama and Reid are career politicians; if they truly wanted to reorder American society and begin doing so with health care, they'd engineer a strict, binding and more encompassing policy than the current joke of a public option with an opt-out.

The fact of the matter is that our nation has had programs like U.S. Welfare and entitlements like Social Security for many years — the dirtiest secret of American capitalist politics is that our bastion of sheer economic might and high quality of life owes some of its success to a measure of socialism fused with raw capitalism. The exact capitalism-socialism ratio in American politics varies per administration. Although more quasi-socialist philosophy has made itself apparent in the Obama administration's rhetoric and policies — namely the tax hike on the top five percent of earners — the American political system will certainly separate the useful, progressive political wheat from the useless, leftist political chaff over time, beginning with midterm elections next fall.

So is Obama a socialist? That is largely dependent on whether or not one chooses to accept the dirtiest secret in American politics.

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AT&T to charge extra for service already promised

BY ADAM ARINDER
The Daily Reveille

Are you tired of dropping calls on your AT&T network cellular device? Are you tired of having to deal with slow speeds on your iPhone's Internet? Do you wish you could download the I Am T-Pain application at a higher speed, thus allowing you to start synthesizing your voice sooner? Well, have no fear. AT&T might soon have a solution for you — sort of.

Last month, AT&T started testing a new product called the MicroCell in parts of North Carolina. The MicroCell is a little box used to boost coverage in your home or business. The box basically connects to the customer's Internet connection and boosts the 3G network in that area. Your area might not have the best AT&T coverage, so you get this little box, and all of your problems are solved. Sounds like a good deal, right?

To quote coach Lee Corso, "Not so fast, my friend." Instead of AT&T working on improving coverage in these so-called dead zones, they want you, the customer, to pay extra for one of these little boxes that does the same thing.

How much extra, you ask? In these North Carolina test areas, AT&T is tacking on an additional \$20 a month to your cell phone bill if you want unlimited calling, on top of \$150 for the box itself.

Now, while numerous phones run on AT&T's 3G network, the most popular is Apple's iPhone, so that's the phone I'll be talking about today. As most iPhone users know, having Apple's Jesus phone does not come cheap. Monthly minutes, on top of texting and the mandatory \$30 iPhone media package, start to add up. Now think about adding an additional \$20 to have your iPhone run as smoothly as promised. I call foul on AT&T.

AT&T released the iPhone without a strong enough network to support it. Now, with the iPhone's popularity and affordability, AT&T's network is hauling a lot of weight on its shoulders, and some customers are experiencing the negative side of its poor performance. Dropped calls, unreliable 3G speeds and delayed voicemails are just a few of the problems facing some AT&T customers.



Don't get me wrong, AT&T isn't the only service provider screwing its customers with these femtocell devices. Sprint charges \$20 a month for unlimited calling on its AIRAVE femtocell and Verizon charges \$250 for its Network Extender. T-Mobile charges \$10 a month for its @Home service, which uses Wi-Fi instead of a cellular connection but does the same thing. AT&T isn't the only one at this party, but AT&T's prices are the most absurd of the four companies.

Also, with AT&T boasting the iPhone as its crown jewel, it has many more customers for its network to haul around and as many to disappoint. Instead of overcharging customers even more, AT&T should step it up and start improving its network, eliminating these dead zones so many people are encountering.

AT&T should even be giving these

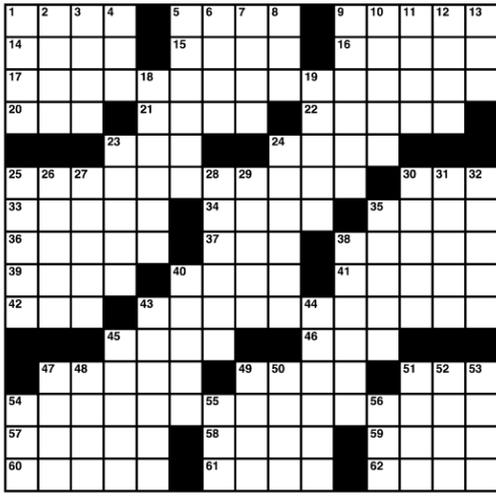
things away. With the MicroCell running through your Internet connection, that's less work the AT&T network has to do, yet it puts more work on your Internet service provider. I'm sure the Internet companies just love that.

I hope these test areas will show AT&T just how pointless these things are. Sure, there are buildings where absolutely no one can get coverage. But it's a little ridiculous when you can have full bars on your cell phone yet magically have no signal when you walk five feet away when your buddy on another network does.

Get your stuff together, AT&T, and maybe you won't have so many disgruntled customers on your hands. And maybe people won't think about jumping ship if Verizon gets its rumored iPhone in January.

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By Barry C. Silk 10/28/09

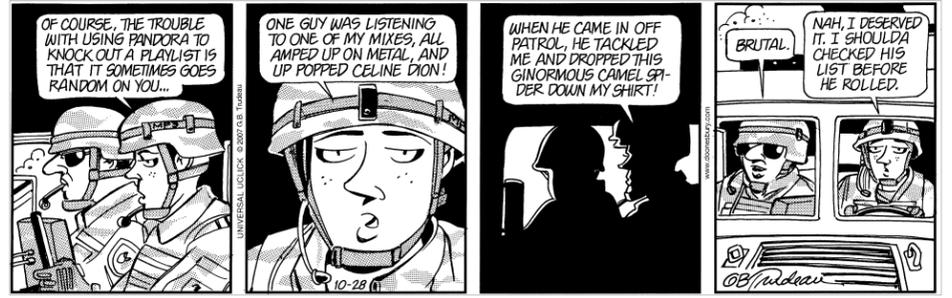
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

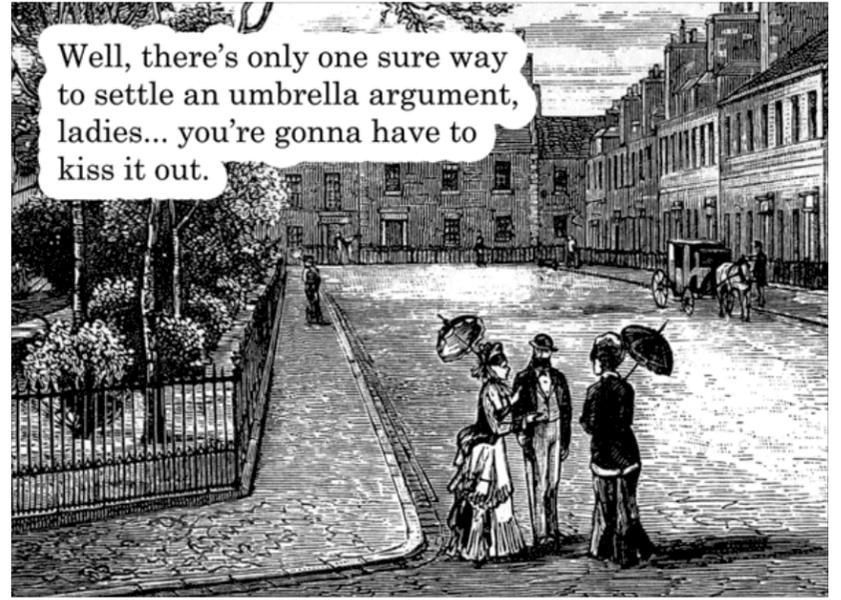


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BY WILEY



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JUMBLE

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

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Ans: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] " [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] "

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



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

Yesterday's Jumbles: FELON CREEK PREFER AVENUE
 Answer: What the feuding neighbors had on the Fourth of July — A "FLARE" UP

SUDOKU

Level: Finding a costume.

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Tuesday's Solution

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Annie: "Stroke that sh-t."



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Yankees captain Derek Jeter, playing in his seventh World Series, and Phillies staff ace Cliff Lee, a newcomer to the Fall Classic, will face off in the first inning of Game 1.

Home-field advantage could give Yankees huge edge in the Series

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tralize their powerful left-handed bats, such as those of Chase Utley, Ryan Howard and Raul Ibanez, as well as their top power threat off the bench, Matt Stairs. Lefties managed just a paltry .182 batting average against Rivera this season, and one in four left-handers Rivera faced struck out.

3. Carsten Charles: One of the team's three big-ticket free agent acquisitions, CC Sabathia has been a horse for the Yankees this postseason. Over three starts, Sabathia has allowed 17 hits in 22.2 innings while striking out 20 batters. After two dominant performances

against the Angels in the ALCS, the latter on three days rest, Sabathia earned series MVP honors.

Because the Yankees avoided having to use Sabathia in a seventh and deciding ALCS game, their ace should play a major factor in the World Series. Already on track to start the series opener against Cliff Lee, Sabathia could also start Games 4 and 7 on three days rest. Considering how well the entire team's starting staff has performed this postseason, going 5-0 with a 2.55 ERA through 60 innings of work, the Yankees could have quite an advantage in the pitching department.

4. Home sweet home: The new Yankee Stadium has not exactly wel-

comed its visitors. The Yankees lost a grand total of eight games at home after the All-Star break and posted a league-best mark of 57-24 at home on the year. Having gone 5-0 at Yankee Stadium in postseason play, the Bronx Bombers clearly have the benefit of a significant home-field advantage.

Thanks to the American League's victory in the 2009 All-Star Game, the road to this year's World Series crown will go primarily through the Bronx, a huge edge for the Yankees given how dominant they have been at home.

5. The bench warmers: A strong bench is imperative in the playoffs, when managers start playing mind games with each

other in the late innings, and the Yankees have several pieces with which manager Joe Girardi can mix and match.

Brett Gardner provides speed, having stolen 26 bases in 31 attempts on the year, while Eric Hinske, expected to be added to the World Series roster, looms as a power threat. Since he was acquired at the July 31 trade deadline, Jerry Hairston, Jr. has been valuable for his ability to play multiple positions, giving Girardi some flexibility. And even if he no longer serves as A.J. Burnett's personal catcher, Jose Molina can contribute some solid defense behind the plate if called upon to replace Jorge Posada late in games.

Manager Charlie Manuel could be key to Phillies' changes at a repeat

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Additionally, relievers Phil Hughes and Joba Chamberlain — New York's primary setup crew for closer Mariano Rivera — clearly had some jitters in the ALCS.

Those Yankee nerves will only be magnified in the Fall Classic, especially when the youngsters are pitching in front of the cruelest fan base in the league at Citizens Bank Park, and that ties directly into ...

3. Home-field advantage, or lack thereof: The Yankees had the best home record in MLB during the regular season at 57-24, and they are undefeated at the new Yankee Stadium so far in the playoffs. But the Phillies have everything it takes to topple the Bombers in the Bronx — including the best regular season road record and a 3-1 mark away from Philly so far in the playoffs.

New York's hitters love to utilize the short porch in right-field, but those dimensions will play right into the hands of the Phillies' sluggers as well, with Ryan Howard, Chase Utley and Raul Ibanez all possessing deadly pull power from the left side. Meanwhile, with Charlie Manuel tossing two lefties in the series, the Yankees' switch-hitters will bat right-

handed, further neutralizing their ability to take advantage of the homer-friendly aspect of their ballpark.

And about those southpaws — one of them has been on a mission, making him the second-most significant factor backing Philadelphia.

4. Cliff Lee: Fans in the Bronx are gushing over CC Sabathia's 3-0 record and 1.19 ERA through his first three postseason starts in pinstripes. But Sabathia's former teammate with the Cleveland Indians, Cliff Lee, has been even better through the first two rounds of the playoffs.

Lee is 2-0 with a 0.74 ERA in the first three starts of his postseason career, the best ERA of any pitcher with at least three playoff starts in Major League history, and Lee has the arsenal to continue his dominance through the World Series.

Lee and Sabathia figure to tangle at least twice in the Fall Classic, in Games 1 and 4, and they'll meet again should it go the distance in what could be a duel for the ages in Game 7. Given the way Lee has been pitching, odds are he should prevail in at least two of those three.

5. Charlie Manuel vs. Joe Girardi: In the playoffs, managerial moves are put under a microscope. Every

pinch-hitter and pinch-runner can come back to bite a team in the end. Every quick hook on a starter could have ramifications on the bullpen down the road, but leaving one in too long could put a game out of reach.

So far this postseason, Charlie Manuel has managed his Phillies masterfully, while Joe Girardi has at times shown his inexperience, opting for pinch-runners in bizarre circumstances and blatantly misusing his relief corps. A single contest won in a managerial chess match could be the difference in a best-of-seven series.

By the time the final out of the 2009 campaign is recorded, if the hypothetical managers' column of the line score reads "Manuel 1; Girardi 0," the Phillies will be the ones in a dogpile and the Yankees recede defeated into their clubhouse. Simply put, whoever outmanages the other will win the World Series.

And that is why the Phillies will be the last ones standing, seven thrilling games into the Fall Classic, having ridden the dominance of their ace and the steady hand of their skipper to a second consecutive world championship.

EDITORS' CHALLENGE: World Series

	WORLD SERIES	WINNER	GAMES	MVP
Alex L.			6	Mark Teixeira
Alex P.			6	Robinson Cano
Daniel R.			7	Ryan Howard
Dave H.			6	Alex Rodriguez
Evan C.			6	Ryan Howard
Ethan L.			6	Jayson Werth
Jeremy G.			4	Alex Rodriguez
Michael S.			7	Alex Rodriguez
Phil D.			7	CC Sabathia
Sapna B.			5	Cliff Lee
Steve S.			6	Mark Teixeira

CLUB SPORTS

New status breeds success for club sports

BY PHILIP DEAR
Daily Editorial Board

It's official: The newest rite of passage for the athletically minded Tufts student has come to fruition.

After years of frustration and discord, the Tufts Athletics Department has begun to collaborate with various unsanctioned club sports. Though not all unrecognized clubs have made equal progress, a few of them, like the club tennis and baseball teams, have successfully been granted the position of a Tier II club sport. The club soccer team, meanwhile, has applied and is waiting for confirmation from the Athletics Department.

The Tier II recognition allows teams to wear the official Tufts name and gives them more flexibility in using Tufts facilities, though they must still do so without any funding from the school. Considering the struggling economy and the decline in the university's endowment, it seems that there is simply not enough money to go around. So for now, the club sports have to fend for themselves.

The Athletics Department has been generous with regard to facility use. However, Tier II sports are still prohibited by Tufts policy from reserving facilities.

A compromise that entails occasional use when the facilities are free is something that the Athletics Department is trying hard to provide for these clubs. Because of the modest increase in facility use, teams are able to practice more, resulting in higher interest and increased participation from the student body, as well as strong results on the field.

Club soccer, also known as TUFC, consists of two squads, a blue and a white, with a total of about 70 players. TUFC, founded in 2006, plays in the New England Collegiate Club Soccer League, which is composed of teams from both Div. I and III. With an overall record of 3-5-1, TUFC has seen some exciting victories this year. The team has five games left this season against NESAC rivals such as Trinity and Conn. College and is hoping to at least match, or surpass, last fall's 6-6-1 record.

"We've had some great wins this season," said senior Dalton Swing, a co-captain and co-founder of TUFC, as well as a tri-captain of club baseball. "We started the year off with a 3-1 home win versus Brandeis. Over Parents' Weekend, we hosted St. Anselm and won 1-0. This past weekend, we beat [Boston University] on a last-second header from [senior] Dan Malmer off a corner kick by [junior] Danny Santarsieri."

Although many of these teams have grown dramatically in both size and ability even without official recognition from the school, there is still much to be agreed upon between the Athletics Department and the various clubs.

"There are so many members of the Tufts community who find themselves involved in some way with club sports that recognition has become a demand which must be met," said Jon Zindman, senior and co-

captain of TUFC. "There is certainly a place for more recognized club sports at Tufts. We all play because we really want to in spite of any difficulties that might arise."

The Athletics Department has made strides to work with these clubs, which say that the Tier II option is undoubtedly a step in the right direction. Still, some believe there is more ground to cover.

"We are aware that field space is limited and would certainly be willing to work around the schedule of the Athletics Department," Zindman said. "I know that I am so proud to have been a part of this program's successful development, and I hope that the administration can understand how much recognition of all of our efforts would mean to us. That said, I think I speak for us all in saying that I am thankful for the strides that the Athletics Department has taken this year in support of club sports at Tufts."

"I think if a sport can get a sizable team together and compete in an organized league, then there is little reason not to recognize them," said Aaron Greenwald, junior and tri-captain of the club baseball team. "Just like with any other activity on campus, if there is a motivated and responsible group of people trying to participate in any kind of activity, they should be recognized."

The club baseball squad is an example of a team that needs plentiful equipment, which is where school funding could play a huge factor. Baseball teams need to pay for bats, balls and gloves, and they need to cover the exorbitant costs of being a part of the New England Collegiate Baseball Association (NECBA), the league in which Tufts participates. However, they are one of the few teams to have earned the right to bear the Tufts name as a Tier II club sport.

"It would be great to get at least some funding from the school," Greenwald said. "Even a couple hundred dollars would be great. The league invoice was \$1300 split among 16 guys, and we have other fees like providing game balls for every home game, which is about 35 dollars per home game. Unfortunately, being in a leadership position means having to spend more money — the captains have picked up a lot of the financial slack."

The lack of funding, though, hasn't stopped the club baseball team from excelling. In probably the biggest win in their brief existence, club baseball unseated the back-to-back defending champion of the league, Northeastern, with a walk-off hit by sophomore Joe Nagel. The win was even more impressive considering that Tufts had to fight back from a 6-1 deficit and that it was only the second game the team had ever played in the league, as this is the club's inaugural season in the NECBA.

"We made the league take notice," Swing said.

Like club baseball, the club tennis team has received official Tier II recognition from the Athletics Department. Considering the extremely high demand for the limited supply of tennis courts, this recognition is

especially significant for club tennis. With Tier II recognition as a shield, the team can tell desperate onlookers that the courts are reserved on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m.

Tennis also happens to be the most popular club sport on campus. In only two years, the team has now grown from around a dozen members to an e-mail list of 170 people, with about a quarter of that number showing up for practice on any given evening. The team sends players to four or five tournaments in the fall and three or so in the spring — the tournaments being a part of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) New England Tennis on Campus league.

"I think that as our base continues to grow, our talent will continue to develop," junior Josh Lund-Wilde, the team's captain, said. "I could definitely see us as a legitimate force in the Tennis on Campus league. There is no school that is completely out of our league right now, and we will definitely be one of the top teams if we have the resources to continue to grow."

Just like all the other club sports, the club tennis team's biggest needs are in the areas of funding and transportation, neither of which is covered by the Tier II status. Players are forced to pay hundreds of dollars out of pocket to compete. They also have to deal with struggles to even meet the demand for cars in order to get to a tournament. Nevertheless, the club tennis players are quick to emphasize the importance of their part of the Tufts community.

"I think that the 170 people that have signed up for club tennis would say that there is a place for tennis as a recognized club sport," Lund-Wilde said. "We are filling a demand for tennis where there was previously a void on campus."

But even club sports with less interest than tennis seem to be performing well above the standards of an unsponsored and unfunded group of players. For example, the club lacrosse team made it to its second straight New England Club Lacrosse League championship game last spring.

The team entered last spring's championship undefeated at 7-0 and as the defending league champions. This success came without a single organized practice, which was a result of the school being unable to lend field time.

Though a few teams have made headway thanks to some generous concessions by the Athletics Department, the club sports scene on campus as a whole remains to be seen.

"There is a huge need for club sports on campus," Swing said. "Tufts students are very proactive and have taken it upon themselves to start these teams. Furthermore, club athletes are extremely proud to play competitive sports in college, and club sports also allow us to still be involved in many other aspects of the Tufts community. For all of us to be able to represent Tufts officially is the next big step and I believe we are definitely going in the right direction."

ETHAN LANDY | CALL ME JUNIOR



London calling?

This past weekend, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers hosted my New England Patriots. But instead of the Patriots going to Tampa Bay, they jetted off to London to play in Wembley Stadium. I suppose that is an upgrade.

Now, I am not a fan of the NFL's London-game gimmick, but that is not my biggest concern. I am much more interested in the comment that Patriots owner Robert Kraft made when he was asked about the possibility of the league eventually placing a franchise in the capital of the United Kingdom.

"I really believe it'd be the right thing to do sometime in the next decade," Kraft told the Boston Herald. "There should be a franchise here."

Fair enough, Mr. Kraft. London has brought us some great things — Led Zeppelin, fish and chips and David Beckham. Okay, scratch that last one. But why have an NFL team there? Forget about the crazy traveling logistics that this would entail or the fact that if there were more than a single game in London during the year, the novelty would probably wear off. Instead, think about the problem that has plagued so many other leagues: over-expansion.

Let's start with the NBA. In the last two years, there was talk amongst the league that increasing global popularity should be capitalized upon by putting teams in Europe. There was even discussion in early 2008 outlining five teams being placed there. The NBA saw success in preseason games in which the league's stars were showcased in European cities like London, Barcelona and Berlin just last year, and David Stern was talking about the prospect of putting an NBA team in Europe within the next decade.

That was first mentioned in 2003. Flash forward to the preseason this year. While the Denver Nuggets traveled to Asia and the Utah Jazz and Chicago Bulls met at the O2 Arena in London, the league scaled back its push to expand its overseas market. And, while Stern would like to put a regular season game in London, doing so seems less realistic now than it did years ago.

In fact, instead of expanding, the NBA might have to contract. The Sacramento Kings and Memphis Grizzlies both averaged fewer than 13,000 fans a game last year and are struggling with economic issues. And for the record, that Memphis team originally was the Vancouver Grizzlies, founded in 1995. How'd that expansion attempt go?

Then there is the NHL, where the Phoenix Coyotes already filed for bankruptcy earlier this year. Though the most recent Stanley Cup Finals enjoyed its highest ratings in years (thanks to the star power of Sidney Crosby and the Detroit Red Wings), it is still not the most popular of sports.

In my mind, that is because there are too many teams. Do we really need to see hockey played in Phoenix, Atlanta or Nashville? Too often the prospect of increased league revenue tantalizes commissioners and owners, making them forget about the failures that litter many expansion teams.

The NFL is probably the most popular league in all of pro sports, but that is not a reason to oversaturate the market. It isn't like there are no bad teams out there — witness the Cleveland Browns or St. Louis Rams. And with all the stories of games being blacked out locally, shouldn't the league focus on those places that are not supporting their teams (that's you, Jacksonville) before it starts thinking about conjuring up new franchises?

In addition, hockey and basketball actually have leagues overseas. The NFL might be popular in London on TV, but that is not an indication that a uniquely American sport will be sustainable in a foreign market.

I know it is tempting to globalize football as a product, but the problems that would arise from such a decision would far outweigh any good that could come from it. Anyway, why mess with a good thing?

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Young guns have a strong showing at Conn. College

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able to finish any better than ninth.

But the large difference in finishes on the second day of the competition could also be partly attributed to the weather, as the conditions were quite different from Saturday.

"The first day the breeze was 15-20 [mph]," Criezis said. "I'm used to sailing hard, so I did well in the breeze. Sunday, the breeze was shifty, which I think is the trickiest condition. It was especially hard for us because we were not used to the 420s they used here. The boats we sail at Tufts are much faster."

Things could have been worse, though, as the Jumbos still managed to earn a ninth-place finish in the B division, amassing 129 points in 14 races, 49 points behind the first-place B division squad from Yale.

But in the A division, Hornos, Brill and freshman Terrell Bulger, who took Brill's place for races seven and eight, struggled to get the Jumbos on the winning path.

After competing in the first Sunday race with Brill and finishing 10th, Hornos went the rest of the way alone, managing third- and sixth-place finishes down the stretch. The A division team ended up in 14th

place with 160 points, nearly 100 behind Boston College's first-place A boat.

The struggles in the A division leveled out the B division's scores, and the Jumbos took 11th place overall with 289 points.

Overall, the competition was a mixed bag for the group of veterans.

"I felt pretty good," Criezis said. "I've been struggling a lot with the 420s. We started to go pretty fast Saturday. It was definitely a positive reinforcement regatta for me. For Tomas, he needs to get pumped up and back in the swing of things."

Yet the Sherman Hoyt Trophy was not the Jumbo's only weekend regatta. While the co-ed upperclassmen were competing at Brown, freshman Natalie Salk and sophomore Katie Booras capitalized on the opportunity to sail in a major event for the women's sailing team, posting an impressive finish in the 17-team Stu Nelson Trophy Regatta at Conn. College. Sailing in the B division, Booras and Salk totaled only 104 points in 14 races, edging out Old Dominion University by a point to take sixth place.

"We did a good job of finding the shifts before the starting sequence and using them well," Salk said. "We had a couple

starts that weren't really good. But we came back from a few of them. We were really happy. We didn't do as well in one set, but we were definitely really happy with our performance."

Their run included a first place, two seconds and a third, with only four results worse than 10th place. But despite the high finish, Salk noted that the she and Booras are still looking to improve on their starts as well as their comfort level with the FJ boats that the team uses.

But, in a similar fashion to the regatta at Brown, Tufts struggled in the A division, as juniors Meghan Pesch and Sally Levinson could only manage a 167-point, 15th-place finish, effectively nullifying the B division boat's impressive result. Overall, Tufts rang in at 11th place with 271 points.

There is little time for the team to dwell on the past weekend, though, as the Shell Regatta will prove to be the Jumbos' biggest task yet. The MIT-hosted event serves as the qualifier for the fall championships for Tufts.

"We need to be [in the] top seven to qualify," Criezis said. "I'm more confident in the FJ, and I'm feeling good about the race. The whole team is much more comfortable with them."

Phillies have what it takes to repeat as champions

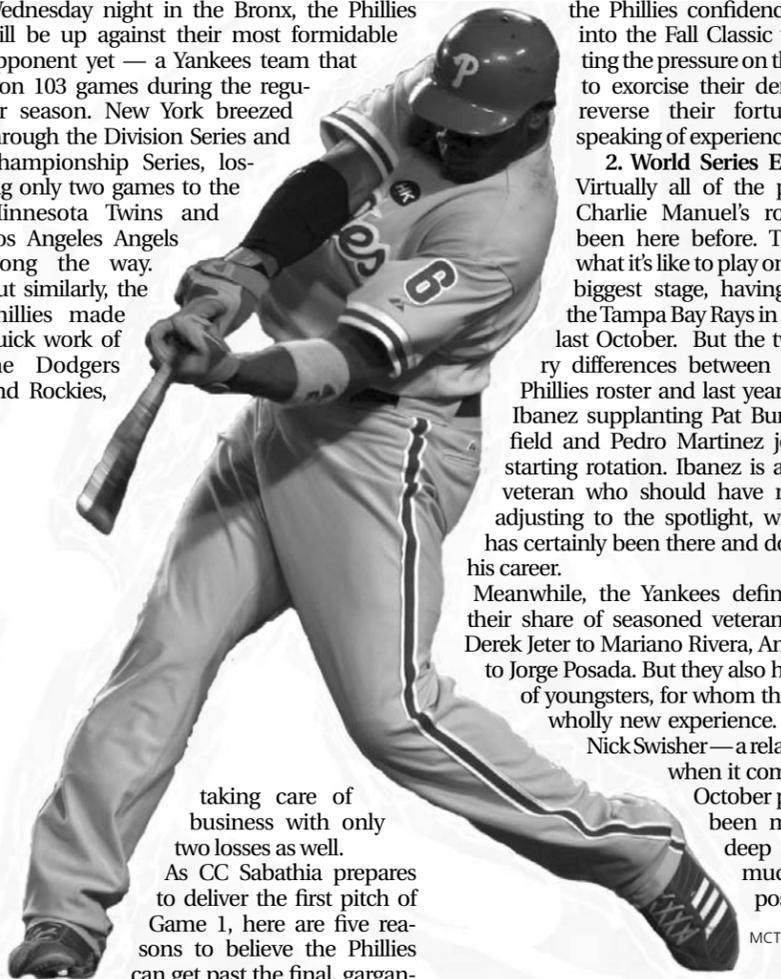
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The last team to repeat as World Series champions was the New York Yankees, who won three World Series in a row from 1998-2000. No National League team has accomplished the back-to-back feat since the 1975-1976 Cincinnati Reds.

But after dispatching the Colorado Rockies and the Los Angeles Dodgers to return to the Fall Classic, this year's Philadelphia Phillies are looking to defy history and start a dynasty of their own.

Manager Charlie Manuel's squad has already etched its name into the history books by becoming the first team to win consecutive National League Pennants since the 1995-1996 Atlanta Braves. But the Phillies are not ready to stop just yet.

When the World Series begins on Wednesday night in the Bronx, the Phillies will be up against their most formidable opponent yet — a Yankees team that won 103 games during the regular season. New York breezed through the Division Series and Championship Series, losing only two games to the Minnesota Twins and Los Angeles Angels along the way. But similarly, the Phillies made quick work of the Dodgers and Rockies,



taking care of business with only two losses as well.

As CC Sabathia prepares to deliver the first pitch of Game 1, here are five reasons to believe the Phillies can get past the final, gargantuan obstacle standing between them and another taste of postseason glory.

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1. Recent History: The Phillies and Yankees met for a three-game interleague series in the Bronx on May 22-24 of this year, and Philadelphia won two of the three contests. The Phillies' sluggers took full

advantage of the handbox that is the new Yankee Stadium, bashing six total homers and outscoring the host Bombers 15-11.

In that series, the Yankees' three starting pitchers were CC Sabathia, A.J. Burnett and Andy Pettitte — the very same trio that manager Joe Girardi will send to the mound in the first three games. If the Phillies were able to handle New York's best in May, there's no reason to believe that they won't be able to do so again.

Having experienced success against their impending opponent should give the Phillies confidence heading into the Fall Classic while putting the pressure on the Yankees to exorcise their demons and reverse their fortunes. And speaking of experience ...

2. World Series Experience: Virtually all of the players on Charlie Manuel's roster have been here before. They know what it's like to play on baseball's biggest stage, having defeated the Tampa Bay Rays in five games last October. But the two primary differences between this year's Phillies roster and last year's are Raul Ibanez supplanting Pat Burrell in left field and Pedro Martinez joining the starting rotation. Ibanez is a seasoned veteran who should have no trouble adjusting to the spotlight, while Pedro has certainly been there and done that in his career.

Meanwhile, the Yankees definitely have their share of seasoned veterans — from Derek Jeter to Mariano Rivera, Andy Pettitte to Jorge Posada. But they also have plenty of youngsters, for whom this will be a wholly new experience. Outfielder Nick Swisher — a relative rookie when it comes to late-October play — has been mired in a deep slump for much of the postseason.

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Five reasons why the Yankees will claim their 27th crown

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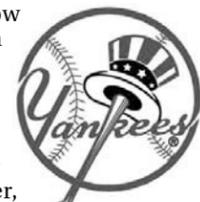
Winners of 26 World Series titles, the New York Yankees are the most storied franchise in the history of major North American sports. All that's in the way of the Yankees adding to that record total is the Philadelphia Phillies, who, with their explosive lineup and top-of-the-rotation strength, are certainly a formidable foe. However, not even the defending champions can stop the Yankees from claiming title No. 27, and here are the top five reasons why:

1. The new Mr. October: Whether it was for his inability to hit in the clutch, his drama with Madonna or his steroid use, few players were as maligned as Alex Rodriguez coming into this season. He was barely even able to avoid torment in his own home park, often booed profusely by the Yankee faithful when he underperformed.

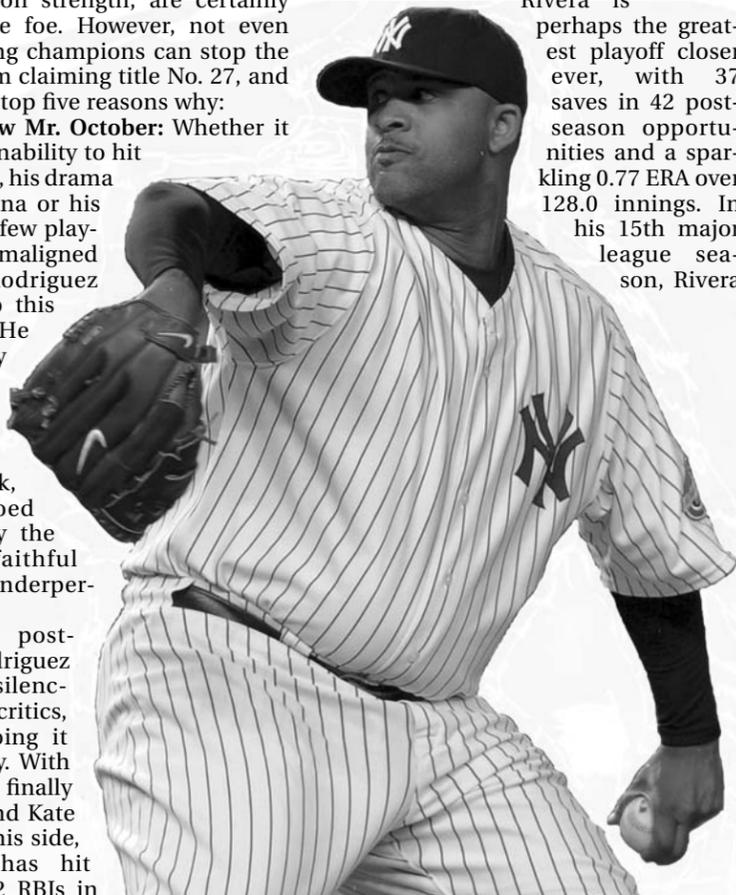
But this postseason, Rodriguez is finally silencing all the critics, and he's doing it in a big way. With steroid talks finally dying out and Kate Hudson by his side, Rodriguez has hit .438 with 12 RBIs in nine games. He has been so dangerous late in games — three of his five home runs have tied games in the seventh inning or later — that the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim intentionally walked him with two outs and no one on in the ninth inning of a one-run contest. Rodriguez has been a one-man offensive machine for the Yankees, and if he keeps it up, he could easily carry them past Philadelphia.

2. Enter Sandman: Six elite closers — Jonathan Papelbon, Joe Nathan, Brian Fuentes, Huston Street, Ryan Franklin and Jonathan Broxton — blew saves over the first two rounds of the playoffs,

underscoring how valuable a closer can be in October. But for the Yankees, the ninth inning of a close game is never even a fright. For opponents, however, it's a nightmare.



Mariano Rivera is perhaps the greatest playoff closer ever, with 37 saves in 42 postseason opportunities and a sparkling 0.77 ERA over 128.0 innings. In his 15th major league season, Rivera



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continues to give batters fits with his cutter, as likely league MVP Joe Mauer of the Minnesota Twins can attest. In Game 3 of the ALDS, Mauer came up to bat against Rivera in the bottom of the eighth inning with the tying run on base. But Rivera shattered Mauer's bat, inducing a weak grounder to first to end the Twins' threat. The Sandman has lost nothing with age and even seems to be becoming more dominant.

Rivera is particularly challenging for the Phillies because he can neu-

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SAILING

Despite veteran leadership, Jumbos stumble at Brown

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The nationally ranked No. 13 Jumbos, who had fallen to their second-lowest ranking of the season earlier in the week, failed to deliver a top-10 finish despite sending a veteran squad to the Sherman Hoyt Trophy Regatta at Brown University this weekend, largely because a Tufts boat was forced to withdraw from one of the individual races.

Tufts finished in 11th place at the event, even with a team that included two senior tri-captains — Andrew Criezis and Jennifer Watkins — in addition to two fourth-years in Tomas Hornos and Rachael Brill. The Jumbos' low finish can be partially attributed to having raced in 420s, which are different than the FJ boats that Tufts regularly uses.

Saturday morning proved to have both highs and lows for the Jumbos. Hornos and Brill,

who put up a promising performance at last week's Navy Fall Invitational, struggled, as they were unable to place in the top 10 in the first five races of the A division. But Criezis, who ran races with both Watkins and junior Catherine Swanson in the B division, got off to a great start, recording two fourth-place finishes and a first place in three of his first five runs.

However, disaster struck in the sixth race, as Criezis and Swanson received a RAE, or retired after finishing, penalty for hitting another boat.

"I had committed a pretty minor foul," Criezis said. "The guy that is hit usually says 'protest.' But the guy never said 'protest,' which means I could keep on sailing or spin."

Though a 360-degree spin — the penalty for a foul — wasn't necessary by rule since the opposing boat didn't say 'protest,' there is a widely-accepted code

of ethics that says that a boat that believes it's in the wrong should spin, regardless of whether or not 'protest' is spoken.

In Criezis' case, though, he thought the foul was so inconsequential that a spin did not seem necessary.

"I chose to sail because it was very minor," Criezis said. "He told me later he was going to protest. The respectful thing to do is pull yourself out of the race, and that's what I did."

The error was crucial in determining the Jumbos' ultimate spot, dropping them far out of the lofty fifth-place position they had held prior to the incident.

While Criezis and Swanson followed it up with another fourth-place finish, the mistake clearly took its toll. The day ended with the duo placing 10th in the final race, and on Sunday, Criezis and Watkins were never

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Junior Catherine Swanson helped the Jumbos finish in 11th place this weekend at the Sherman Hoyt Trophy Regatta at Brown University.