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College tuition is going up, both on the Hill and across the country

BY SARAH BUTRYMOWICZ
Daily Editorial Board

College costs across the nation continued to rise this year, growing at a faster rate than inflation, according to recent reports from the College Board.

Average tuition and fees at private four-year colleges and universities increased by \$1,404 to reach \$23,712, a 6.3 percent jump.

When room and board charges are included, the average total price tag for four-year private schools comes to \$32,307 this year, 5.9 percent higher than in the 2006-2007 school year.

With a 5.7 percent tuition increase and a 5.3 percent growth in total fees, Tufts is below the national average. The actual tuition rate of \$35,842, however, remains above the mean.

Tuition increases at Tufts have been approximately five percent for several years, according to Director of Financial Aid Patricia Riley. Like most other universities, this consistently outpaces inflation, she said.

Inflation in the United States grew 2.8 percent between September of 2006 and September of 2007, according to a Federal Reserve report.

Joe Paul Case, the director of financial aid at Amherst College said that tuition typically outpaces inflation by around two points. This is because inflation rate calculations do not reflect the nature of a college's expenses.

"The general rate of inflation is measured on the family household, not what colleges buy," he said. Thus, items such as laboratory equipment, books and periodicals are not

taken into account, he said.

While an institution does not necessarily have to buy these products, administrators may find such purchases useful for attracting students.

"They want to outpace inflation because they want to step up what their university offers," Economics Lecturer Christopher McHugh said. "I think there's been an upgrading of the product."

Leah McIntosh, the executive administrative dean of arts and sciences, agreed that costs could be lowered, but only if the university's standards suffered as well.

"Universities and colleges do know ways to keep costs down. But, parents and students are not enthusiastic about [fewer] faculty and larger classes or more crowded dorms or decaying labs," she said. "Running a high quality research university is expensive."

McIntosh, along with Dean of Arts and Sciences Robert Sternberg, Dean of Engineering Linda Abriola, President Lawrence Bacow, Provost Jamshed Bharucha and the Board of Trustees, set the tuition every year.

"We look at the costs necessary to provide the caliber of education that we believe our students deserve," she said.

Part of the money goes toward sustaining a high quality faculty, according to Director of Central Development Programs Christopher Simoneau.

Other factors outside of colleges' control also impact tuition rates.

"Two of the most important costs on a

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Outdated technology causes Tufts to lag behind other universities on points

BY GIOVANNI RUSSONELLO
Daily Editorial Board

The points problem: As the Senate prepares to announce a new restaurant on points, the Daily takes an investigative look at the MOPs system. This is the second of three articles.

Dining Services introduced the Merchants on Points (MOPs) program in the late 1990s as a way to increase late-night food options for students who wanted to eat after the dining halls closed.

At the time, this was a relatively innovative scheme. But since then, many competing universities have surpassed the Tufts model for offering off-campus dining options.

Harvard and Boston College, for example, added programs in the last few years that permit their students to use points at off-campus eateries. These newer programs act to expose a number of ways in which Tufts' MOPs system has become outdated.

For one, while Tufts students can use points at only six off-campus restaurants, Harvard gives its students access to 28 local eateries via the school's "Crimson Cash" program.

BC students, meanwhile, can now use their ID cards to purchase food from 12 off-campus locations, according to David Morrisette, a spokesperson for BC's Dining Services.

And unlike Tufts, whose older system still restricts students to ordering delivery with their points, BC and Harvard permit their students to use points for dine-in and carry-out options.

The time restrictions that Dining Services puts on Tufts' points system demonstrate another way in which Tufts' system proves

archaic.

Harvard and BC allow their students to use points to buy food from sponsored restaurants at any time. But Tufts students can order with points only after 7 p.m. on weeknights and after 1 p.m. on weekends.

So why has MOPs not expanded to match the systems of other local universities?

In part, Dining Services still views MOPs primarily as a late-night replacement for its dining halls, not as a full-time competitor with on-campus food options.

Also, boosting the MOPs program has the potential to compromise Dining Services' economic well-being, according to the office's director, Patti Klos. [See part one of this series for details.] Harvard gets around this problem in part by requiring that virtually all students purchase unlimited meal plans.

But another, equally problematic issue stands in the way of expanding MOPs: Dining Services employees must sift through the receipts of every MOPs transaction completed by one of the affiliated restaurants, and must manually verify each slip.

This is because Tufts uses an old communication system, which many have called outdated and cumbersome, in order to keep track of MOPs transactions.

Because of this system, adding restaurants to points could result in significantly more manual work for Dining Services, something that Klos said she is not prepared to handle.

"It's quite a cumbersome process," she said. "We don't really have the resources to devote to [doing] more of that type of work."

Harvard does not run into this roadblock

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REBEKAH SOKOL/TUFTS DAILY

Seniors Will Madden (left), Lee Kellogg (center) and Jake Gross (right) promote Theta Delta Chi's mustache-growing competition.

Theta Delta Chi brothers are 'stache'-ing cash for charity

BY BRUCE HAMILTON
Daily Editorial Board

Tufts is about to get a bit hairier.

Theta Delta Chi (123) began a two-week moustache-growing contest yesterday to benefit cancer research.

As part of the kickoff, brothers tabled in the campus center, where students could stop

by and make donations. All proceeds will go to the V Foundation for Cancer Research.

There will be another tabling session on Nov. 13.

According to Theta Delta Chi's philanthropy chair, senior Will Madden, the fraternity wanted to hold "an individual event that we could put a spin on" after partici-

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Tufts employee faces incumbent in Somerville mayoral election today

BY LILLY RIBER
Daily Editorial Board

Tufts' own Suzanne Bremer will face incumbent Mayor Joseph Curtatone in Somerville's mayoral election today.

Voter results from the Sept. 25 primary election show strong voter loyalty and continued support for the incumbent, who received 76.5 percent of the 6,164 votes. First elected in Nov. 2003, Curtatone is running for his third term.

Bremer, who was able to claim a spot in today's election with the 13.4 percent of the vote — the most after Curtatone — is a newcomer to Somerville's political arena.

In facing an established figure, Bremer, the project coordinator at the Global Development and Environment Institute at Tufts, understands the difficulty of her position.

"It's an uphill battle," she said. "He's been in office for four years; he was an alderman before that. He's part of the system."

According to Dan Hoffer, Curtatone's campaign manager, Curtatone is putting forth

the same effort he has in previous elections despite his success in the primary.

"We're taking things very seriously," he said. "We're going to have people at every precinct. [It's a] full-scale election-day operation, as if this were Joe's first race."

Curtatone's campaigning strategy includes both house and phone calls.

"Joe goes door to door himself [and] we've made at least 20,000 phone calls since early September," Hoffer said.

Bremer has employed a similar strategy. "I've been going door to door talking to people about the issues that I think are important to Somerville: financial responsibility, the need to improve our school system and the need for a radical approach to development."

Somerville's school system is a personally relevant issue for Bremer, who has a seven-year-old son. Her discovery that the schools could no longer afford to hire teaching aids served as the impetus for her mayoral campaign.

After conducting research, Bremer attributes the financial problems of the city to money

that is thrown down the drain in the form of unnecessary rent payments.

"Our long-term debt increased by \$5.2 million last year," she said.

Hoffer refuted this criticism and questioned Bremer's credibility.

"Ms. Bremer's assertions about us misusing funds are contradicted by the facts, and they reveal her lack of understanding of the city's recent history and of its well-designed and well-publicized public agenda," he said.

While school improvements may be Bremer's top priority, she said she learned during campaigning that housing costs are of utmost concern to Somerville's citizens.

"It's the No. 1 issue that people talk about with me," she said. "Housing costs are [currently] sky-high."

Bremer believes it is possible to increase the amount of affordable housing.

"The current standard for new development in Somerville is to set aside 12 percent of the new units in a housing devel-

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Do you have a friend with benefits? The Daily explores the college hookup phenomenon.

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Both the women's soccer and field hockey teams picked up at-large bids for their respective NCAA Tournaments.

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Former Jumbo brings 'Sunshine' to the Hill



JORDYN WOLFAND/TUFTS DAILY

Producer and Tufts alum Albert Berger (A '79) returned to the Hill last night for a screening of his movie "Election" (1999). He has also produced a number of other films, including "Cold Mountain" (2003) and "Little Miss Sunshine" (2006). The event was sponsored by the Communications and Media Studies Program. See Thursday's Weekender section for more coverage of Berger's career.

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participating in larger community-wide activities such as Halloween on the Hill and Relay for Life.

Additionally, Madden said he had been inspired by a friend who sought out sponsorship when growing a mustache, as well as by a friend who was attending a mustache-only party. Combining these ideas gave him the idea for the project.

Madden said that nationally, Theta Delta Chi chapters have traditionally supported the V Foundation. Started 14 years ago by former North Carolina State University basketball coach Jim Valvano as he battled cancer, the V Foundation has raised over \$70 million.

Junior Jessica Lynn Snow, the public relations chair for the Inter-Greek Council, said that she is enthusiastic about Theta Delta Chi's project and believes that it will attract a good deal of participation on campus.

"[It will] get people involved who are not usually involved in philanthropy," she said.

According to Snow, the idea of a mustache competition is a good approach to raising money

because it is a "hilarious" contest and it will be easy for students to participate through donations.

She said she hopes it raises awareness about important Greek philanthropic projects.

"We're trying to put more emphasis ... on all of the great things that [Greeks] do," she said.

According to Madden, the brothers of Theta Delta Chi began the competition by searching for sponsorship from their friends and family, thereby creating a team of support around them.

The tabling event yesterday and the one scheduled for Nov. 13 are designed to get the larger community involved.

Snow said that this falls in line with the goals of the Greek system.

"We would love to see more of the Tufts community help out with this philanthropic work," she said.

Following the two weeks of fundraising, the project will culminate on Nov. 17 in the Mustachio Bashio, a "philanthropy bash" during which the brothers will hold the mustache competition to see who has had the greatest success.

Using a modem rather than high-speed Internet slows down the process

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because its technology is newer, according to Crista Martin, the director of marketing and communications at Harvard's Dining Services. "It's an electronic processing system, so it is not by receipts," she said.

And Harvard is hardly alone.

Sal Airo-Farulla is the general manager of the local Boloco burrito restaurant, which recently applied to be on points and is awaiting the results of the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate's survey. He said that many Boloco branches are on other universities' points systems, and that these schools normally use computerized communication systems.

"Most of our stores [work with] other universities, and essentially it's all computerized," he said. "I just found out recently ... that she has to count all those receipts manually. ... It almost doesn't make sense."

Tufts' system proves wearisome for restaurateurs as well as Dining Services employees.

Every time a customer uses points to order delivery, a restaurant employee must enter the student's number into a machine that communicates with Tufts' modem via a telephone line.

This ensures that the student has a valid account. The food deliverer must then take the receipt that the machine creates, have it signed by the student, and bring it back to the restaurant, where it must be filed until Dining Services comes to collect it.

Richard Warner owned the restaurant Urban Gourmet when it was on the MOPS system. He has since sold it, and now owns City Slicker Café, which does not take points. Warner said that having to account for every receipt one-by-one was too taxing.

"It created a lot of paperwork," he said. "Those points slips — you need to reconcile those every night."

Ismail Draou, the owner of Pasta Pisa/Café de Crêpe, a restaurant that is currently on points, said that he often loses money because of misplaced or unsigned receipts.

"We have a lot of problems with signatures," he said. "Sometimes the drivers just want to get rid of [the food and forget to get signatures]. We get Tufts returning those slips to us."

Draou would like to see Tufts replace the modem with a high-speed Internet system.

Warner said that if Tufts had used high-speed connection, it would have solved many of the problems that caused him to abandon MOPS.

"Certainly, it would have eliminated some of the issues," he said. "It would definitely be a more streamlined process."

But Klos said that many restaurants would simply not be able to accommodate a high-speed connection.

"We still use a modem ... and that has more to do with the restaurants than with Tufts' capabilities," she said.

Still, Klos allowed that this assessment could be outdated. "Now as we're on the verge of 2008 that may have changed," she said.

Indeed, two of the restaurants currently on points already have high-speed Internet access, and one, Wing Works, told the Daily it would consider adding it if required to do so to be part of MOPS.

Other solutions would be to hire another Dining Services employee or have existing employees spend more time working with receipts. Klos said that both were impractical.

"[Counting the receipts is] split up among a couple of people and they do have other duties," she said. "To double that would add to their workload in a way that would compromise other responsibilities they have."

"But it wouldn't be enough [of a] workload ... so that I could justify adding another position," she continued. "Unlike a lot of departments, I don't have room for more people. I don't have physical space. It takes computers and offices, and all that. ... And so I'm a bit capped."

Still, students seem eager for change. "They don't like their choices on points," said TCU Senate Services Committee Chair C.J. Mourning, a sophomore.

Energy efficiency and health care influence what students have to pay

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university campus are utilities and people," McIntosh said. "Over the last few years, we've seen tremendous growth in energy costs. ... We've also seen steady and sometimes dramatic growth in the cost of health care."

In an attempt to lower these costs, Tufts has made large strides in energy conservation, she said.

The College Board reports are based on the "sticker price" of college tuition, according to McHugh. He feels it is impor-

tant to remember that "few people pay the full price."

Simoneau agreed: "While tuition is going up, the amount of financial aid has increased dramatically," he said.

At Tufts, financial aid shot up 11.6 percent this year, according to McIntosh.

About 35 percent of students receive grants from Tufts, and about half have some form of financial aid, including federal and state grants, federal loans, and work-study.

"Federal and state funds had been fairly stagnant," Reilly said. "But last year and this year, federal grants have increased."

Bremer says current administration only works 'project-by-project'

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opment for affordable housing, and I think that can be easily increased to 15 percent," she said.

She also advocates for a more comprehensive approach.

"The current administration takes a project-by-project, square-by-square approach to development," she said. "They do the easy stuff first, and they put off the really tough stuff."

Though the odds may not be in her favor, Bremer is hopeful that the official election will draw a larger number of voters.

"You never know who's going to show up to vote," she said.

Hoffer, however, doubts the election will show any dramatic variation from the primary.

"I think you'll see something similar to the primary," he said. "What I'm seeing out there in the field is that Joe has a lot of support out there. We're not counting Suzanne out, but am I optimistic? Yeah I'm cautiously opti-

mistic." Regardless of the results of today's election, Bremer said she plans to continue to pursue a political career.

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Suzanne Bremer
Somerville mayoral candidate

"This is for the long haul. This is the beginning for me."

Giovanni Russonello contributed reporting to this article.

MARKETS

Yesterday's close

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WEATHER FORECAST

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Tuesday, November 6

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Sunrise: 6:24 AM
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Rain. Highs in the lower 50s.
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Mostly Sunny
50/31

Saturday

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Showers
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Thursday

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Partly Cloudy
47/32

Sunday

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Partly Cloudy
51/38

Friday

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Few Showers
45/36

Monday

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Partly Cloudy
56/41

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Winning the next game is what actually matters, but this is part of a bigger picture. We went from losing to winning, and now we're going to NCAAs."

Marlee Kutcher
junior defender, field hockey
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ANNE WERMIEL/TUFTS DAILY

A recent study by Michigan State University researchers found 60 percent of respondents have had a "friends-with-benefits" relationship. While popular, the relationships drew a number of potential concerns from respondents, who said they often lead to a desire for romantic commitment that may not be reciprocated.

Students stretch limits of 'just friends'

BY SARA SORCHER
Senior Staff Writer

Good sense of humor? Check. Good conversationalist? Check. Good in bed? If so, your old friend might just be your new friend with benefits.

A recent Michigan State University survey investigated the prevalence of "friends-with-benefits" relationships among college students. The term refers to friends who have sex or engage in sexual activity, but are not in a romantic relationship — at least not in the traditional sense.

The survey found that such relationships were surprisingly popular: 60 percent of individuals polled reported having been in a friends-with-benefits situation.

But it also raised a number of potential concerns about how sexual activity can affect a friendship. Participants said that sex can complicate a friendship by "bringing forth unreciprocated desires for romantic commitment," according to the study's abstract, and that friends-with-benefits relationships can be "problematic for the same reasons they are attractive."

At Tufts, students varied widely in their opinions of how common friends-with-benefits relationships are on campus.

"It's really common," freshman Roxie Salamon-Abrams said. "I have more friends that are in relationships like that than in real relationships."

Junior Warren Wertheim, on the other hand, said that he sees fewer friends-with-benefits situations as he gets older.

"It serves as a forum for experimen-

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CAMPUS COMMENT

Jumbos read Web news out of convenience, not due to perceived bias

BY MARISSA CARBERRY
Daily Editorial Board

For Tufts students, it seems that the days of watching the evening news with their parents are a thing of a past. According to a recent Pew report, those Americans who primarily get their news from Internet sources are not only generally younger and better-educated, but they are also typically more critical of mainstream news organizations.

Many Internet readers are particularly wary of cable news channels such as Fox News Channel and MSNBC, which they consider more biased than non-cable news reports. A survey report conducted by Pew found that 38 percent of those whose main news source is the Internet have a negative opinion of cable TV news, whereas only 17 percent of those who depend primarily on TV for their news have a negative opinion of cable TV news.

At Tufts, however, students interviewed said that they get their news from the Internet simply because the Internet is more accessible to them than tuning into the evening news every night. Most did not feel that their choice to turn to the Web for their news was based on a distrust of cable news or other news organizations.

Senior Dan Feldman said that he does not watch the news on television, but only because it is inconvenient for him to do so.

"I do Internet or the newspaper [for my news]," Feldman said. "I never watch the news, but I don't think that's a statement of whether or not it's biased."

Likewise, junior Shiri Raphaely gets her news from the Internet or newspapers.

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Which do you trust more for news: television or the Internet?



MARISSA CARBERRY/TUFTS DAILY

"I never watch the news, but I don't think that's a statement of whether or not it's biased."

Dan Feldman
senior

"I don't have a TV or time to watch TV."

Sarah Johnson
sophomore



MARISSA CARBERRY/TUFTS DAILY

"You can get whatever kind of news you want [online]. You don't have to listen to everything else like on the news."

Shiri Raphaely
junior



MARISSA CARBERRY/TUFTS DAILY

"[The Internet] is more convenient. When I do watch news, it's not the news stations that are considered more biased, like MSNBC or Fox. But honestly, I've found that they're all basically the same."

Fanna Gamal
sophomore



MARISSA CARBERRY/TUFTS DAILY

LARA LEVI | JUST THE TIP

Give yourself a hand

After a 15-hour camping trip in Tisch, you navigate out between towering book stacks and trek your way up to the printers. Print, staple and feel so damn good.

That type of satisfaction is especially sweet because it was you who worked hard all day to write that paper. You got all the research done and somehow made it all make perfect, coherent sense. All you. Badass number one right here.

I know I'm not the only nerd who feels proud after finishing a lot of work. Being a productive, efficient, real person in college is a hard task! Getting things done all by yourself and having confidence in them afterwards is such a gratifying experience.

There's nothing quite like the feeling of total self-sufficiency.

Now, as fabulous as it is to have a competent partner in the bedroom, the same satisfaction from our independence applies in bed.

For a moment, just reflect how awesome it is that we are capable of achieving the same euphoric rush of dopamine and serotonin in our brains as a heroin injection all by ourselves. No assistance necessary.

That type of power is really remarkable. A body-numbing, euphoric high sans illegal poison? I'll take it.

It's certainly no wonder that 98 percent of undergraduate guys have masturbated and that they do it an average of 12 times per month, according to a study from the Journal of Psychology and Human Sexuality.

Masturbating is one of the most gratifying examples of self-sufficiency. To name a single benefit: orgasms.

Do you remember your first orgasm? Was it at the hand of another or your own marvelous doing?

If the first time you orgasmed was with someone else, it should have sparked a series of really critical questions: How did he just do that? Shouldn't I be able to do that? Why can't I feel my face? Will you please do that again?

And from there, you should have initiated a little investigation into your anatomy.

For boys, I'm going to go ahead and assume you discovered all the great tricks your partner in crime could do during some solo training. And if you didn't, you probably asked a series of rather different questions after your first orgasm.

Whatever the case, having an orgasm is a hugely adored experience, because it really is that great. Everything around you blurs a little, your body tingles and numbs at the same time, and life just makes so much sense.

Why would you ever deprive yourself of such pleasure? Between the carnal pursuit of self-indulgence and the mind-blowing gratification of acting on it, masturbation is the culmination of hedonism and pride. Regardless of the sins involved, how can you criticize something when the result is orgasmic?

There should be absolutely no shame in masturbating. Being familiar with your own body is crucial for healthy sexuality. If you don't know what feels good and where, then how can you expect a partner to know?

Being in touch with your body is key. In an environment of external expectations, where papers are due and tests are scheduled, there are very few activities that are totally under your control. Having 100 percent authority over your own enjoyment, void of external requirements or influences, is pretty rare.

What could give you greater satisfaction than being the captain of a purely pleasure-seeking experience where you win from start to finish?

After a long day of doing hard work for other people, some selfish indulgence is definitely in order. No need for a helping hand — you've got everything you need right at your fingertips.

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Convenience plays large role in relationship choice, but is that healthy?

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tation when you're first learning about your sexuality as a teenager," he said in an e-mail to the Daily. "Now, as an upperclassman, I have many friends in serious relationships and none in friends-with-benefits situations."

Many Tufts students viewed friends with benefits as a compromise between "hooking up" and dating.

"Friends-with-benefits situations usually begin with two friends who are attracted to each other but are not willing to be exclusively committed," freshman Arissa Young said in an e-mail to the Daily. "People can 'hook up' with people they know and care about without locking themselves in a relationship."

Wertheim said that friends with benefits don't hook up every time they hang out.

"That would remove the 'friends' part from the 'friends-with-benefits,'" he said. "You call when you want to 'hang out,' but you also do typical friend things, like getting lunch together, drinking — whatever you'd do with a friend."

Senior Alejandro Pinero, who co-teaches an Ex-College freshman seminar about college relationships, said lack of time is one motivation for entering friends-with-benefits relationships.

"Students today are expected to achieve a lot, and that doesn't leave enough time to have a relationship, so people opt out of them," he said.

Pinero's co-teacher and senior Rachel O'Donnell added that many men in the class said they didn't want the financial responsibilities of dating.

By contrast to dating, many students described the friends-with-benefits situation as easy.

"It's something that is convenient for both people," Salamon-Abrams said. "You don't have to go out of your way to fulfill your needs."

Salamon-Abrams described friends-with-benefits as a way to boost confidence.

"A lot of people are really insecure about themselves," Salamon-Abrams said. "Being in a friends-with-benefits relationship makes you feel like someone wants to be around you without being in a real relationship."

According to O'Donnell, social groups often fuel the decision to choose friends-with-benefits over other options.

"Often within big groups of friends, it's not acceptable to be dating," she said. "People think they will be seen as being 'married' or 'joined at the hip,' and they don't want to be labeled. Being friends with benefits is acceptable."

Junior Steven Elsesser said simply the dialogue about friends with benefits unduly "legitimizes" monogamous relationships.

"Although monogamy may certainly be the majority's gold standard in relationships, I feel it is important to note that it is not everyone's," he said. "Some people feel very strongly against monogamy."

Tufts Violence Prevention Programming Coordinator Elaine Theodore said that she approves of the concept of friends with benefits.

"I like the fact that it sounds like people have the grounding of a friendship before, during and after sexuality is in the mix," she said. "If exploration and sexual expression could be in the context of a friendship, it sounds like friends-with-benefits situations meet people's needs for a time period."

But Young said that, while having a friend to "come back to night after night" sounds like an attractive idea, it is one that she finds unnatural.

"You're hooking up with someone you care about as a friend and a person. How is it natural to prevent feelings from arising?" she said.

Participants in the Michigan State survey mirrored Young's concern that

friends-with-benefits relationships can — and in some cases inevitably will — lead to romantic attachment and a desire for commitment. Ironically, respondents also said such relationships are only appealing because they incorporate trust and comfort while avoiding romantic commitment.

While the survey showed that people in friends-with-benefits relationships "often avoided explicit relational negotiation," according to the study's abstract, Theodore said that friendship implies communication.

"They say that eventually they'll settle down with someone. And I think to myself, 'When is this switch going to happen? When will it suddenly get easier? When will you have more time?'"

Nancy Bauer
Philosophy professor

"If someone says that they're a friend with benefits and they're not talking about [their relationship], I would question the 'friends' part of it."

Associate Professor of Philosophy Nancy Bauer, who works on issues relating to women and sexuality, also found friends-with-benefits situations to have complications.

"In theory, friends with benefits makes a whole lot of sense," she said. "But in practice, according to the girls I've talked with, it can often be a lopsided situation, because one person feels more strongly than the other."

Salamon-Abrams agreed that it's not always easy to stay emotionally unattached.

"Everybody kind of wants the other

person to be like, 'This is what I want from you,'" she said. "If you become too invested, then it skews the relationship."

Some students said that friends-with-benefits relationships can be difficult situations, because there is no way to "break up" and no "relationship" to discuss.

"After a while, you get sick of hooking up to no end, and you want it to go somewhere, to mean something more," Wertheim said. "That's why friends-with-benefits situations don't usually stay that way for long. Either they end or evolve into a full-blown relationship."

Bauer said most students tell her that they do not intend to "hook up" or participate in friends-with-benefits relationships all their lives.

"They say that eventually they'll settle down with someone," she said. "And I think to myself, 'When is this switch going to happen? When will it suddenly get easier? When will you have more time?'"

Hook-up culture has received much recent media attention, such as a New York Times article concerning the Michigan State study. O'Donnell said that the uproar about friends-with-benefits phenomena is due to overhyped media and can give inaccurate impressions about college students' lives.

"The studies give the impression that we've forgotten what love is," she said. "But if you talk to students, they're not actually confused about what a marriage is, what love is."

"Just because people choose to hook up or have a friends-with-benefits relationship doesn't mean that they're confused," O'Donnell added. "They understand what love is, but this is the relationship that they're choosing. It's not going to last. People are not going to hook up into their 80s."

"Although that would be fun," Pinero said.

Jumbos shy away from TV news for its inconvenience

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"They are accessible," Raphaely said. "I don't have a TV or time to watch TV."

Though sophomore Sarah Johnson believes that Fox News Channel, the top-rated cable news network, does have a politically conservative bias, she said it is inconvenience that leads her to avoid watching the news on television. Instead, Johnson, like Feldman and Raphaely, peruses Internet sites for news.

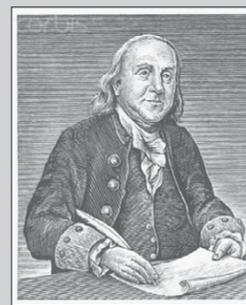
"It's just easier to get it online — you can go wherever you want," Johnson said. "You can get whatever kind of news you want. You don't have to listen to everything else like on the news. I'm sort of against Fox

because of their conservative bias, but I don't harbor any resentment towards any other news sources. I just don't have time."

Sophomore Fanna Gamal does watch the evening news occasionally, but she tends to watch non-cable channels such as NBC or ABC. Still, these are not her preferred news sources.

"I actually get most of my news over the Internet," Gamal said. "It's more convenient. I listen to my local news broadcast through streamline. I don't really watch cable news as much. When I do watch news, it's not the news stations that are considered more biased, like MSNBC or Fox. But honestly, I've found that they're all basically the same."

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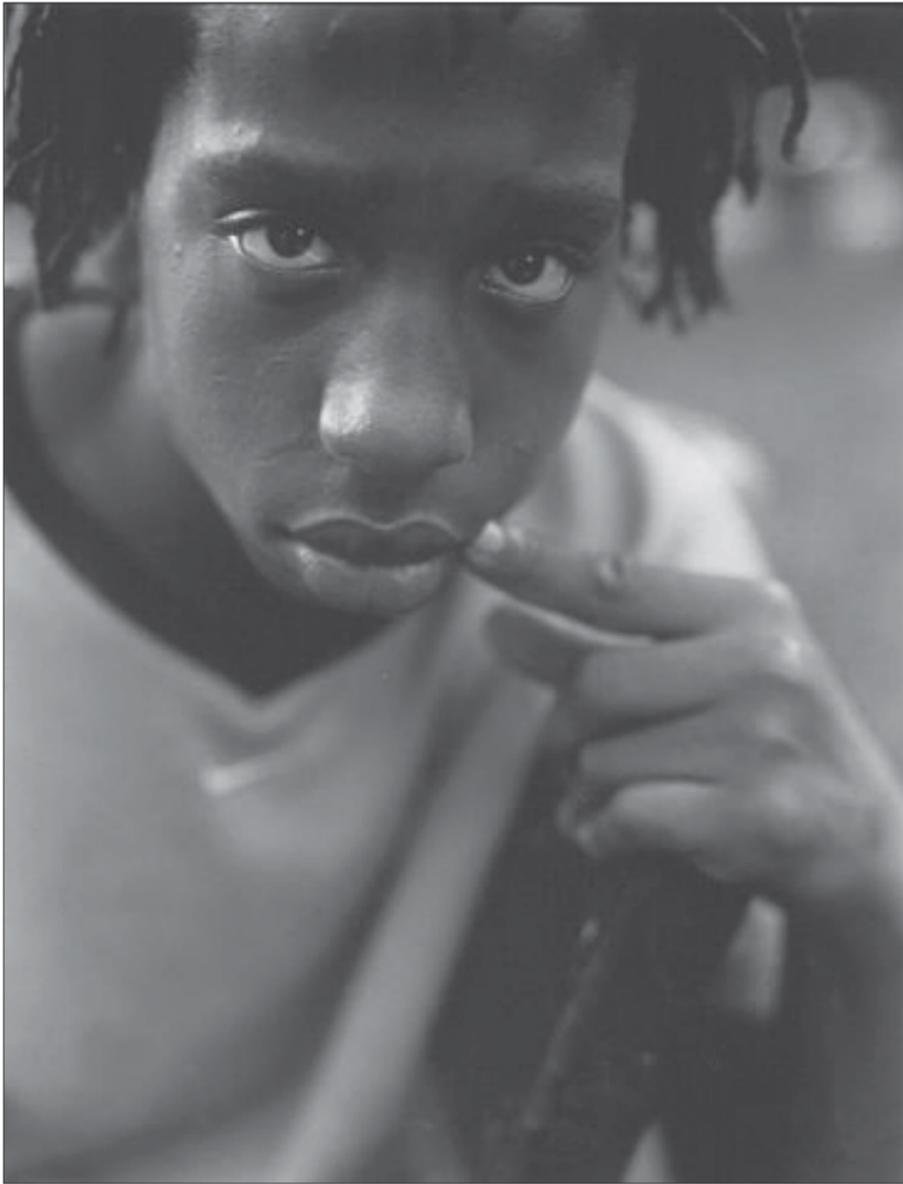
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GALLERY REVIEW

Bey portraits add depth to Newbury Street



DAWOUDE BEY

Dawoud Bey examines Urban youth with his photography.

BY LUMAY WANG
Daily Staff Writer

Just as Diagon Alley blends into its surroundings, so does the Howard Yezerski Gallery on Newbury Street. Situated

Dawoud Bey: Pictures 1975 - 2005

At the Howard Yezerski Gallery,
through Dec. 18
14 Newbury Street, Boston
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between Akris and Juicy Couture, this two-room gallery introduces a world radically and magically different from the commercial and material world of Newbury. The stunning photographs of teenagers in classrooms and on the streets of Harlem reflect the humanism absent from the mega-shopping district surrounding the gallery.

"Dawoud Bey: Pictures 1975-2005" is a panoramic view of Bey's career as a photographer specializing in portraiture. A graduate of Yale University School of Art, Bey has been active in the art scene since the late 1970s. He is a prolific artist who has had exhibits in the Chicago Institute of Art and Addison Gallery of American Art among many other galleries.

From the beginning of his career, Bey has been snapping portraits of everyday people. The subjects always make eye contact with the camera lens, connecting directly and almost eerily with the viewer. "Eyes are the window to the soul" is a cliché phrase, yet it rings true for each picture in the show.

The lens is sharply focused on the subject and the background violently blurred. Sitting in the gallery, the viewer

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BILLY DEGREGORIO | ACCIDENTAL AESTHETE



Craptacular

We are generation Lost.

Watch VH1, MTV, E! or even formerly somewhat-intelligent channels like A&E, The History Channel and HGTV these days and you'll find that there is no end to the number of things we can count down, no end to the excuses to show four second vid-clips of some celebrity doing something "outrageous" or "hot" or "awesome!"

I could put on my scholarly pop-culture pundit persona and over-intellectualize this phenomenon as a horrific consequence of our increased dependency on random cultural stimuli and addiction to the idea of easily accessible fame.

I could write a long, well-sourced academic dissertation, quoting philosophers, theorists and sociologists on the growing lack of differentiation between our authentic non-representational lives and reality TV.

I could also cite the evil origin of these shows as a long-forgotten VH1 program from 1999, "The List," in which C-list talking heads would make a list of top cover songs or something similar.

That's far too easy.

In the spirit of a culture too lazy to bother with anything besides headlines and sound-bites, I simply say, "so what?" Far from being a whiny culture snob bitch about all of this (although, believe me, I've tried), I say hooray for the idiocy of "The Hills," "Laguna Beach," "Rock of Love," "Shot at Love with Tila Tequila," "The Salt 'n Pepa Show" etc. etc. etc. et al, ad infinitum! There's really no stopping all of it anyway.

I'm over being morally outraged that people like Spencer Pratt, Heidi Montag, Brody Jenner, Paris Hilton and Kim Kardashian are famous for doing absolutely nothing. I'm over decrying the death of "good" pop-culture, when movie stars had talent and singers could really sing.

The truth is that movie stars never had talent and singers could never really sing, at least no more than today. We used to think at least some of these people had talent. Look at the origins of our fallen idols today: the Olsen twins started off as "actors" on "Full House," Britney Spears was a "singer" on The Mickey Mouse Club; and even Lindsay Lohan used to be a real actress. They all started off on authentic, old-fashioned, wholesome scripted media. Now, they're more famous for multiple trips to rehab, the relative "hotness" of their bodies and whether or not they are wearing panties. Live and let live!

I used to have a haughty attitude towards the people that like this kind of entertainment. I no longer mock it; now, I revel in it. In the end, I simply see a culture of greater media literacy and discrimination — that is, the ability to recognize good and bad art and still find the time to enjoy, facetiously, the latter. No one I've met actually believes "The Top 100 Celebrity Breakdowns" is comparable to Shakespeare. I now understand that we are not generation List — we are generation Irony.

Inevitably, the novelty of all these shows will wear off, parents will become their biggest audience, and soon advertisers will no longer be interested. The fact that my mother now calls me and asks, "Have you heard about Nicole Richie?" and tells me to turn on "Rock of Love" attests to the fact that the grip these shows have on our generation is slowly wearing off. Until it finally relents though, I say enjoy (ironically) the crap that this culture is currently feeding us — it may not be nourishing, but rest assured that everyone gets sick of junk food eventually.

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TV REVIEW

Move to L.A. gives 'Nip/Tuck' unnecessary facelift

BY MIGUELINA NUNEZ
Contributing Writer

After boasting a series of awards and Golden Globe nominations for an exceptional cast and equally phe-

Nip/Tuck



Starring Dylan Walsh, Julian McMahon, Roma Maffia

Airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on FX

nomenal production, the creators of the primetime drama "Nip/Tuck" have made a bold move in an effort to compete with up-and-coming shows.

In hopes of garnering higher ratings,

creator and executive producer Ryan Murphy moved the McNamara/Troy offices from comfortable and familiar Miami to sunny Los Angeles, where the plastic surgeons must rebuild their practice from the ground up.

As the fifth season of the critically acclaimed show takes off, it is evident that to make it in superficial Los Angeles, doctors Christian Troy (played by Julian McMahon) and Sean McNamara (Dylan Walsh) will have to be not only surgeons, but celebrities as well.

A fitting analogy for the show: To survive for yet another season, "Nip/Tuck" needs to retain the level of acting and writing that characterized previous seasons, rather than allowing the excitement of the doctors' move to

Hollywood overcome the fundamentals of the show.

With the help and humble counsel of anesthesiologist Liz Cruz (Roma Maffia), Sean and Christian are able to get their private practice, "McNamara/Troy," up and running. While they embody everything that their patients yearn for — as attractive and successful surgeons, they seem to have it all — their lives are anything but perfect. Through past seasons, it has become entertainingly clear that the McNamara/Troy reality is riddled with dysfunctional relationships, fantastical self-image problems and even crime.

Troy has always been the womanizer: the charmer who feeds off of the inse-

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THEATER REVIEW

Kosoff gives 'bird's' eye view of Depression-era race relations

BY VICTORIA PETROSINO
Daily Staff Writer

Everyone lies — often, even in silence. People lie because the truth hurts too much. Producer Susan Kosoff's presenta-

To Kill a Mockingbird



Written by Harper Lee
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a Mockingbird" is a painful reminder of what is lost when fear stifles the truth.

The play, set in Maycomb County, Ala. in the middle of the Great Depression, opens to an elaborate representation of a picturesque Southern neighborhood. Three house fronts complete with balconies, pure white porches and wooden porch swings, comprise the only scenery, apart from a tall graying tree.

A tree separates the decrepit Radley house from the cheerful neighborhood homes. It serves to remind the audience of the reclusive Boo Radley, though the play largely ignores his character in favor of pursuing the theme of truth.

The actors themselves further the picture of classic Southern ambience. The

women wear long floral dresses and hide curled hair under straw hats; the men wear suits with crisp white shirts and navy suspenders. A chorus of gospel singers lilts through the scene changes.

On the surface, the town looks idyllic, but Mrs. Dubose, the famed Finch family's neighbor, reminds the audience of the underlying tensions. She calls out, "What is the world coming to when the Finches go against their race!" She alludes, of course, to attorney Atticus Finch representing Tom Robinson, a black man, in a rape trial.

Each actor plays the stereotype of his character and though the characters are

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tion of Harper Lee's classic novel "To Kill

These 'Class Pictures' will add a little art to your holiday shopping

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can physically feel the eyes of the portraits boring out of the photographs. His style is reminiscent of Richard Avedon, who took photos when his subjects were relaxed, vulnerable and not posed.

One of Bey's most recent series is "Class Pictures" (2003), composed of photographs taken in a school of teenage students. The gallery has chosen six of the 30-by-40-inch color prints to display. Each picture is accompanied by a short reflection by the subject about his or her life. The wall texts on which teenagers pour out their souls allows the subjects a voice in a world where adolescents are rarely heard. The color prints are filled with expressions of pain, vulnerability and insecurity.

The most striking photograph is "Sarah." She sits up straight and poised, but her eyes betray her true feelings. Despite her

rigid body language, Sarah's eyes speak of fear while striving to be calm and mature at the same time. The viewer is moved by her quiet fierceness and silently cheers her on.

The wall text continues the dialogue between Sarah and the viewer. It speaks of her fears about college applications and revealing her Iranian heritage. As the viewer, you are reminded about your own college application process, or your own identity misgivings, and you understand Sarah's emotions.

On one wall are two photographs from Bey's 2003 "Watsonville Series," titled "Sandra" and "Rafael and Juliana." Side by side, the photographs provide a sharp and poignant contrast to each other.

"Sandra," on the left, depicts a girl of Asian descent in her early 20s standing outside on a cloudy day. Her physical beauty — with pin-straight hair, high cheek bones, full red lips and

dark wide eyes — is arresting. However, she has wrapped her body in a plaid fleece with her hands clutching it around her, as if she were freezing. Sandra seems to be impenetrable, challenging anyone who looks at her. Behind her defiant façade, the viewer can detect a sense of fear.

To the right of "Sandra" hangs "Rafael and Juliana," a young Latino couple. Unlike Sandra, Juliana is not physically beautiful. In fact, she is overly made-up with almost non-existent eyebrows, black liquid eyeliner paired with white eye shadow, lip liner and overly dyed roots growing out. Sandra is fierce yet fearful; Juliana is satisfied and stands smugly. Rafael protectively has his arms around her and they both seem to say, "We rely on each other. We are not alone." Their sense of security in each other is comforting.

Selections from Bey's "Street Portraits Series" also decorate the walls with their jaunty viva-



DAWOUD BEY

A new exhibit at the Yezerski Gallery puts a close-up lens on teens.

ciousness of a young couple in love, a little boy eating a Popsicle and another young boy posing near a wall. Consistent with his style, Bey makes sure that each subject connects with the viewer through the eyes.

In the superficial shopping

world, Bey's exhibit provides a welcomed breather. It is the perfect respite, allowing you to connect with other people as well as appealing to your own vulnerability about anything from relationships to college applications.

Premiere leaves fans nostalgic for 'natural beauty' of the show's previous seasons

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curities of beautiful women and never settles down with any one of them. The writers set up McMahon's character as the pompous better half of McNamara/Troy.

In Los Angeles, however, the tables are turned: Christian's good looks cannot lift the practice off the ground regardless of how many women he sleeps with. Instead of playing the sidekick role, McNamara now begins to overshadow Troy's sex appeal.

Troy is hilariously emphasized throughout the premiere by the duo's cameo in the "Grey's Anatomy" rip-off, "Hearts n' Scalpels." Sean is suddenly

and inexplicably bolder in this one episode than he ever was in any of the earlier seasons. Immediately, then, it becomes clear that the move to L.A. is changing Sean's character, giving him a more confident edge than he had in Miami; although the sudden change is too abrupt for viewers to accept right away.

Christian's ridiculous and overwhelming attempt to steal the limelight from his supposed best friend is equally mediocre. He gets work done in anticipation for his 15 minutes of fame, pins Wilbur, his adopted son, on Sean in order to maintain his bachelor lifestyle, all the while sleeping with a potential patient to squeeze out as

many surgeries as he possibly can from her.

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The premiere was not without its usual guest-stars and amusingly warped storylines. The funny and

always ditzy Jennifer Coolidge made an appearance as Candy Richards, the supposed star of "Hearts n' Scalpels." Coolidge's character gives the audience a much-deserved break from the disappointing acting and slow progression of the episode when she has her lips replaced by tissue from her "lady chacha."

Although the show was not entirely disappointing, the move to Los Angeles is almost too much of a risk to take on an already remarkable show. The audience is already familiar with the dirty habits of McNamara/Troy, and having to re-introduce those qualities to build the practice from the ground up decelerates what was, notably, a fast-paced show.



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**Actors and scenery capture Southern
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likeable, they never move beyond the stereotype in range or shows of emotion. Rather than detracting from the humanness of the play, the stereotypes allow the audience to reflect on the difficulties in amending racist attitudes.

Paul McCallion portrays an angsty Jem, Finch's son, who storms around the stage in too-short overalls with his fists clenched. Eight-year-old Grace Brakeman plays his sister, a sweetly precocious and inquisitive Scout who wears patchwork jeans and her hair pulled into a long blond ponytail. Will Lyman creates a memorable Atticus Finch: ruminative, wise and unyieldingly honorable; he knows he will lose the Robinson case but understands that he must try.

The audience falls in love with the Finch family and the play frequently emphasizes moments when the family is together. When confronted with a rabid dog, Atticus reluctantly picks up a gun to protect Scout and Jem. In the jailhouse scene, where Atticus attempts to guard Tom's cell from the possibility of unjust mob retaliation, the audience sees Atticus's calmness break when his children may be in danger.

Mayella Ewell (played by Laura Morell), the young girl who was raped and Tom Robinson's (Steven Key) skillful contrast strengthens their otherwise predictable characters.

During the trial scene, Mayella sits fearfully secluded through the testimonies, her arms tightly crossed, her lips quivering and her eyes downcast. On the stand, she tearfully recalls her version of the truth, her face perpetually hidden in shame.

Tom, on the other hand, speaks clearly and earnestly, his eyes sharp and forward-facing. He tells the court how he felt sorry for Mayella but makes no appeal to mercy; he yields to the clarity of justice.

Atticus articulately delivers his closing statement in a deep, reassuring baritone. He stands proudly in front of the audience, his eyes squinted in reflective understand-



C. G. BALDWIN

"I know, I think Boo is a strange name for a boy, too."

ing that racism mars the transparency of the truth. "The case is as simple as black and white," he states, and unfortunately for Tom, that is exactly the problem.

The theatrical elements of the play are simple. White lights saturate the stage and illuminate portions of the audience, thereby bringing an element of reality to the performance. The actors cannot hide in the shadows; the audience clearly sees their flaws.

At its heart, "To Kill a Mockingbird" reminds us that truth means recognizing the fallibilities of others. The characters confidently display the ramifications of accepting or ignoring the truth.

Mayella quivers in shame, Scout smiles in her quest for knowledge and Atticus purposefully guides them all.

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EDITORIAL

Variety is the spice of life

Davis Square is a haven for diverse dining options, both in terms of kind of food and price range. But for the average Tufts student on a limited budget, shelling out cash to eat at one of the many Davis restaurants can be a financial burden that forces many to forego that option.

Under the current MOPS arrangement, Tufts students cannot use their points to buy dinner in Davis. Yet students like points, as evidenced from the frequency of late-night pizza deliveries on this campus. The key impetus for students to spend points instead of cash is the seemingly non-pecuniary characteristic of points: Yes, a point equals a dollar, but it's probable that Mom or Dad's dollars are the ones backing the points account.

Given Tufts students' penchant for using points instead of cash, it is likely that if offered the chance to dine at local eateries using their points, they would take it. In doing so, they would enjoy a diverse array of dishes comparable to the options enjoyed by their counterparts at schools like Harvard and Boston College.

However, such a scenario of flavor experimentation is not in the foreseeable future for Jumbo gourmands. Tufts' Dining Services has not indicated any intention of expanding the culinary options available for purchase with points.

And, admittedly, the current options

are limited in a number of ways. For one thing, the current system Tufts uses to reimburse MOPS restaurant owners for points purchases has the capacity to process financial transactions with just eight restaurants, while the one employed by Harvard allows that university's students to select from 28 different dining options.

Furthermore, Tufts students can order only delivery food using points, while students at other schools enjoy the flexibility of paying with their "points" for sit-down meals at the actual dining establishments. Plus, in order to reduce competition with on-campus dining facilities, Tufts students can only use points to buy off-campus food after 7:00 p.m.

For Tufts students to have expanded options, Dining Services would need to update the technology it uses to facilitate the MOPS transactions. Other schools use high-speed Internet connections to process transactions with participating restaurants, but Tufts has stuck with a modem system.

Dining Services has said that to induct more restaurants into the points system it will have to set up another modem pool. If Dining Services really wants to expand dining options, however, it should consider implementing a high-speed Internet system to process transactions with restaurants.

Not all restaurants currently have high-speed Internet capabilities, but it

is likely Dining Services and restaurants could arrange something for a relatively economical initial fee.

Additionally, the greater efficiency of a high-speed Internet system could allow Dining Services to look into setting up deals with restaurants that would permit students to use points when they eat out. And it could allow students to make off-campus points purchases at all times of the day.

The likelihood that Dining Services will actually do any of this depends on its motivations. Dining Services has communicated to the Daily its fear of competition from off-campus eateries.

This is an understandable concern. Tufts needs business from students to generate the finances sufficient to continue offering high-quality and diverse options in its dining halls.

But Tufts should not necessarily shy away from increased competition with off-campus eateries. Competition would force Dining Services to differentiate its products, the benefits of which are undeniable.

Plus, Tufts should consider the culinary education of its students, especially those living off-campus who already frequent dining halls less than their on-campus peers. Eating out exposes students to different kinds of food, and for an institution that prides itself on a global outlook, making it easier for students to taste the world only makes sense.

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Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Wednesday's Feature "Students work to improve drug awareness at Tufts." While I support freedom of speech and expression, I do not feel the Daily should use its satirical Halloween issue to single out Alpha Phi, one of the three sororities on campus.

It is inappropriate and wrong to publish a story that accuses Alpha Phi (or any Greek chapter on campus) of engaging in illegal activities. It is one thing to target fake people or organizations, but it is entirely out of line to imply that members of Alpha Phi use cocaine. The Daily should be used as a forum to raise awareness about issues affecting Tufts students — not as an outlet to defame campus organizations.

As President of the Panhellenic Council, Tufts students should know that

the Panhellenic community (composed of Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi and Chi Omega) will not tolerate the Daily or any other publication that maligns Greek organizations on campus. Furthermore, Jessica Snow, the Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing of the Inter-Greek Council, agrees with our dismay at the Daily's uninformed remark and adds, "I believe that, as a Tufts community, we should all be working to support one another."

This would be unacceptable no matter what group was singled out and it is unfortunate that a Tufts student feels the need to put a great organization down in order to be allegedly funny. I hope that in the future, the Daily will consider the individual members of this organization, who they are, the great work they do, and why it is wrong to accuse them of cocaine use.

There is no basis, in fact, for what the Daily stated about Alpha Phi. In the future, the Daily should be more cautious about what it chooses to print in its articles. Whoever approved "Students Work to Improve Drug Awareness at Tufts" obviously did not consider the possible ramifications of implying that members of Alpha Phi use cocaine.

I understand this was a satirical article that was supposed to be taken as a joke; however, falsely accusing an organization of illicit drug use (particularly cocaine) could have serious repercussions, which is not something to be taken lightly. More importantly, articles that perpetuate stereotypes, false preconceptions and foster ignorance toward organizations should be avoided.

Hailey Fitzgerald
Class of 2008

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Op-Ed

A bad idea: Government-run health care (Kids Edition)

BY XANDER ZEBROSE

President Bush vetoed a bill to expand the State Children's Health Insurance Plan (SCHIP) on Oct. 3. SCHIP is a federal program that funds health care for children whose parents make too much money to be covered under Medicaid.

House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.) called it "a stunning lack of compassion." Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) said, "This is probably the most inexplicable veto in the history of the country." Politicians trotted out pre-teens who gave touching speeches about how they benefited from federal programs.

The message was clear: Support the SCHIP expansion, or you hate children. The veto was sustained by Congress, but only by 13 votes in the House (the Senate voted to override). Now Congress is sending Bush another version of the SCHIP expansion. He should veto it again and the Republican minority should sustain his veto again.

The revised bill raises taxes on the poor to give free, government-run health care to middle-class children, many of whom already have health care. The SCHIP expansion is paid for with a 61-cent-per-pack increase in cigarette taxes. This disproportionately affects poorer Americans. The poor are more likely to be smokers, and the tax will take a larger percentage of poor smokers' income than that of rich smokers.

Of course, smoking is bad and should be discouraged. The problem is that if you smoke, chances are you have a chemical addiction that isn't going to be broken by a price increase. Instead of cutting down on cigarettes, smokers are likely to start buying less of other things, like food and health care.

Tobacco taxes are also an unstable source of government revenue. The fewer people buying cigarettes, the less money available for children's health care. It creates a truly perverse dynamic: For one group to get healthy the other has to get sicker. It is estimated that we will need 22 million more smokers to pay for the SCHIP expansion.

According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, the revised bill would give "free" health care to two million



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children who already have private health care. Why pay for what you can get for free? About 50 percent of the newly enrolled kids, if this bill is passed, will be trading in private health care for public health care. This is simply wasting money and resources that could be spent helping people who don't have health care. The Federal government is providing a solution where there isn't a problem by giving free health care to children who already have health care.

The revised SCHIP bill will increase eligibility to 300 percent of the Federal poverty line (FPL). The 2007 poverty level for the average US Household (four people) is \$20,650. In 2006, the Census Bureau determined the mean household income was \$48,201.

So, 300 percent of the FPL is much more than the mean household income. The

purpose of SCHIP is to cover poor children who just aren't poor enough to be insured by Medicaid. The bill Democrats are pushing through Congress expands coverage to middle-class families, which isn't what SCHIP was designed for. Many of those middle-class families already have health care.

A tax credit that allows poor families to buy their own health care plan could cover uninsured children without crowding out private insurance. Such a tax credit, in addition to renewing the old SCHIP, has been proposed by Sen. Mel Martinez (R-Fla.).

It would take two forms: a non-refundable tax credit for taxpaying families and a voucher for families that don't pay enough taxes to secure a credit. It could be paid for by capping the tax exclusion employers get for offering health insurance. It would give

health care to the "poor" children that proponents of the SCHIP expansion purportedly want to help.

This plan would also give those families a real choice in what kind of health care their children would get, instead of a one-size-fits-all government-run health care plan. They could use the credit to buy private health care or buy into a government plan. It would also not tax thousands of smokers into poverty. It would empower individuals and encourage them to buy health care directly, instead of through their job.

Americans should have more health care options available to them, not less.

Xander Zebrose is a sophomore who has not yet declared a major.

Freethought Society is eager to open fair debate on religion

BY RICHARD SANCHEZ

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to Matt Riezman for sharing his thoughts on the Freethought Society in the Nov. 1 issue of the Daily. As a new student organization which has yet to sponsor any major events or release any publications, there is a very low level of awareness of what the Freethought Society is, or that it even exists. I must therefore thank Mr. Riezman for raising awareness of the Freethought Society, if only just a bit, by addressing the organization in his letter to the Daily last week.

I'll take this opportunity, then, to briefly explain what the Freethought Society at Tufts is: In short, the Freethought Society is a student organization that provides a community for, and promotes the interests of, self-identifying nonreligious students. It would be a mistake to think that we are simply a bunch of disgruntled atheists united against religion; rather, we promote and explore a whole range of philosophies including but not limited to naturalism, secularism, humanism and skepticism.

What are the positive effects of religion on society? What are its negative effects? Where did it come from, how did it get there and where is it heading? Obviously, these are all extremely large questions, and given the vast variety of faiths around the globe, it is impossible to explore all of them at once. The least we can do, then, is investigate them bit by bit.

Therefore, given our interest in religion,

it was quite surprising to see Mr. Riezman accuse the Freethought Society of holding "the minority view that religion does not exist." We certainly like to consider ourselves skeptics at the Freethought Society, but by no means are we that skeptical.

In fact, each and every member of the Freethought Society firmly believes that religion is a very real and very influential part of human culture around the world. To be fair, though, I suspect that Mr. Riezman misspoke in his letter, so the Freethought Society is wholly forgiving of that accusation.

A bit more disconcerting, however, is the accusation that we find religion to be "scary," and documentaries about Christianity to be "terrifying." Now, I can't fault Mr. Riezman for getting that impression of the Freethought Society, for we did in fact describe the films as "terrifying" on Tuftslife.com.

As an attempt to explain that characterization, I would like to offer the suggestion that, as with haunted houses, trashy horror movies, demonic costumes and just about any other typical Halloween tradition, our screening of these so-called "disturbing documentaries" was not so much about genuine fear as it was about having fun. And indeed, I found the films to be quite fun to watch, and I hope the other viewers had fun watching them as well.

However, I will not be accused of using the "it was a joke" defense, so rather than making that suggestion, I will offer the following clarification about the exhibited films:

"Hell House" (2001) is not a documentary about Christianity in the sense that it

informs the viewer about typical Christian beliefs, values or traditions. Rather, "Hell House," is a documentary about a yearly festival held in Texas which, in the spirit of anti-drug campaigns, graphically depicts the worst possible consequences of engaging in various "sins."

Of course, parents have the right to teach their own values and beliefs to their children, but I can't help being disturbed when a church-run festival overtly suggests that AIDS is the direct consequence of homosexuality. Nor can I help feeling disturbed when adults in positions of authority seriously tell children that they will suffer for eternity if they do not accept Jesus Christ.

Although it should be obvious, I somehow feel obligated to point out that, yes, we know not all denominations of Christianity preach those doctrines.

As for "Jesus Camp" (2006), one need not be nonreligious to find Becky Fischer's advocacy of fundamentalism rather worrying; indeed, a major component of the film features a Christian radio host discussing his qualms with Fischer's movement.

Films aside, by far the most troubling accusation made by Mr. Riezman in his letter to the editor is his suggestion that the Freethought Society is a hateful organization. It is rather interesting that, after consciously abstaining from Islamo-fascism Awareness Week, the Freethought Society nevertheless finds itself subject to the same accusations of intolerance as The Primary Source. I understand that many opponents of Islamo-fascism Awareness Week never bought the

argument of "We're not against all Muslims, we're just against militant extremists," so I predict that Mr. Riezman and anyone who agrees with him won't accept similar arguments from the Freethought Society.

Therefore, in order to avoid bickering and to encourage substantive debate, let us suppose momentarily that the Freethought Society and its Halloween fun was as hateful as Mr. Riezman suggests. If that is the case, then I must make two requests of my fellow students. First, I ask that you demonstrate a small amount of faith in some of your peers and believe us when we say that the Freethought Society has no intention of promoting hatred on campus.

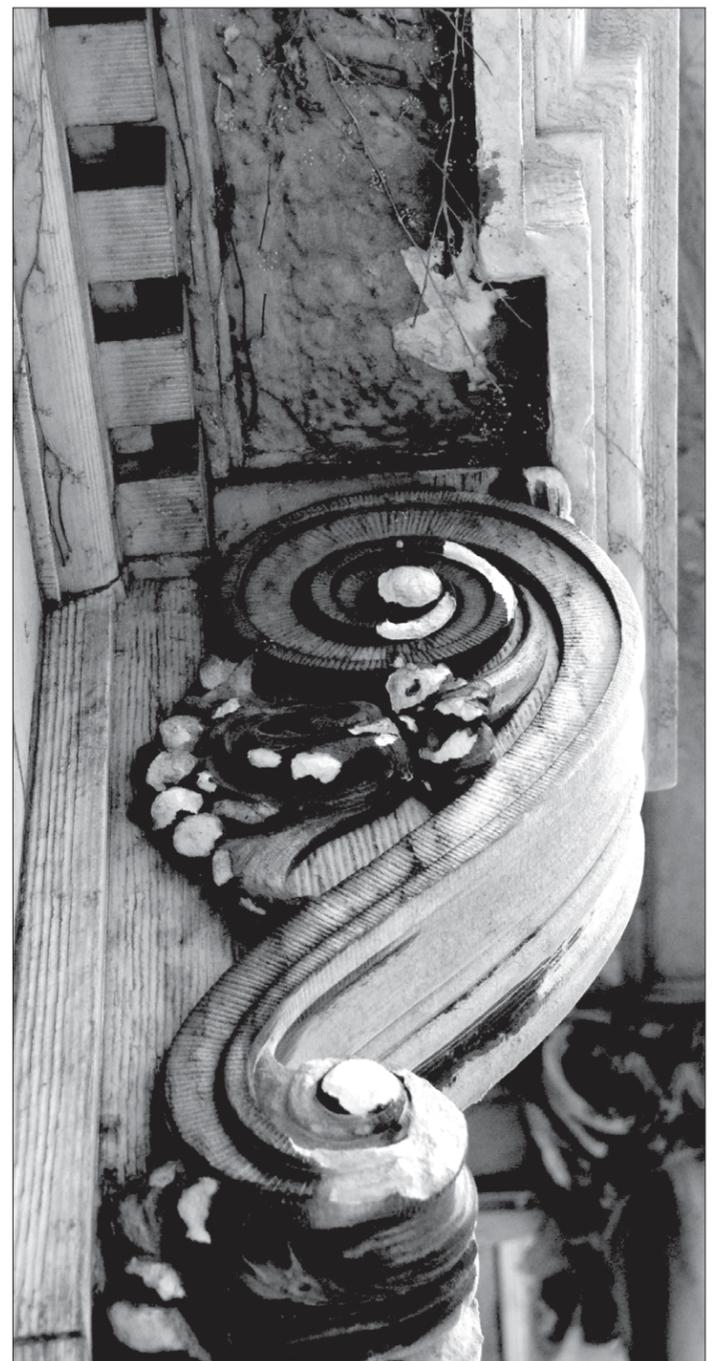
Second, I am asking for your help in finding an appropriate way of criticizing religion. How does one speak against any component of any faith, mainstream or extreme, without being subjected to accusations of bigotry or hatred? Islamo-fascism Awareness Week wasn't good enough. Halloween film-screenings weren't good enough. So what is good enough?

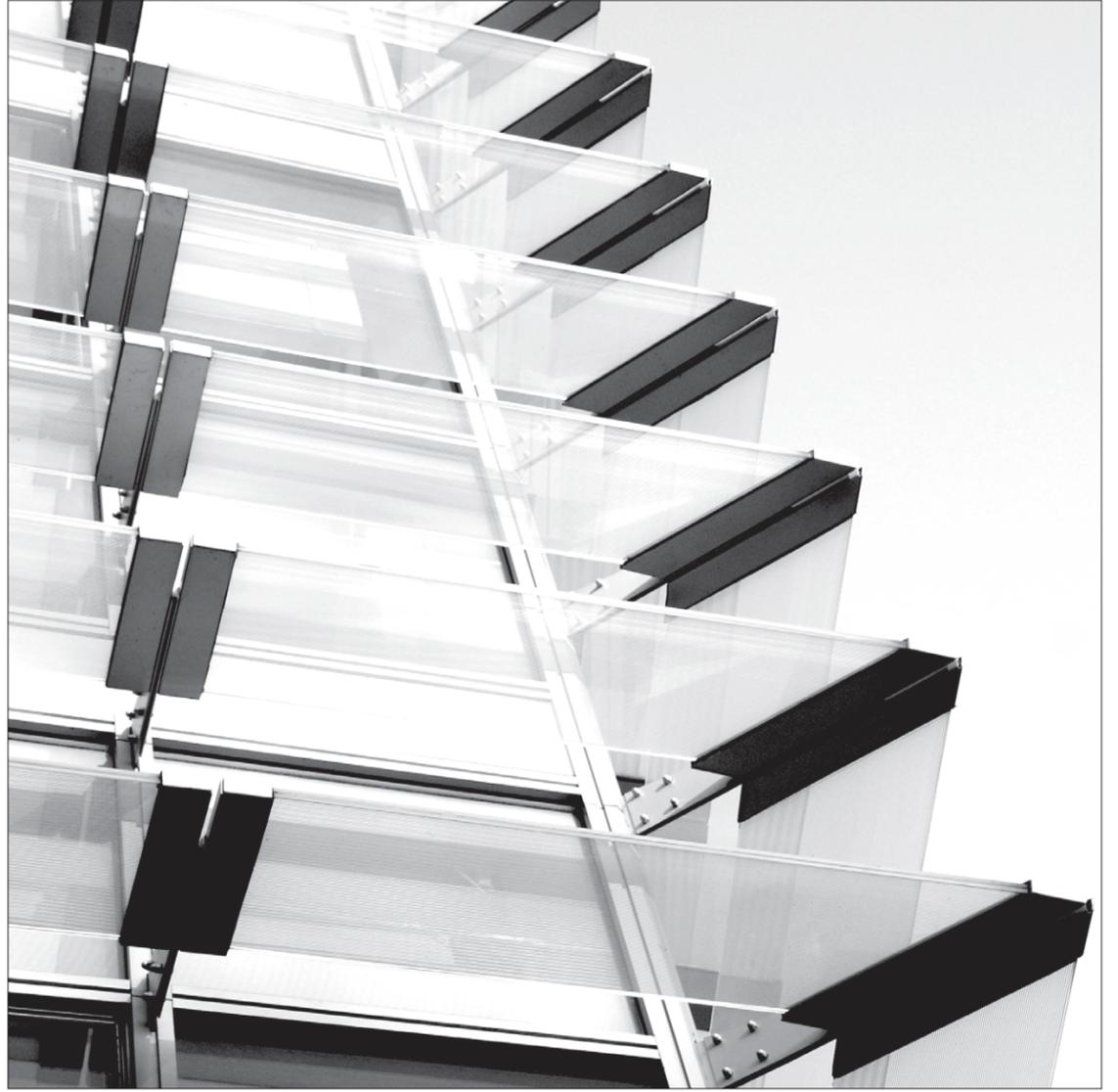
I ask this not just to Mr. Riezman, but to the Tufts community as a whole. I am willing and eager to play by your rules of etiquette if it means we can move this discussion forward in a fashion that doesn't constantly devolve into name-calling and mutual accusations of rudeness.

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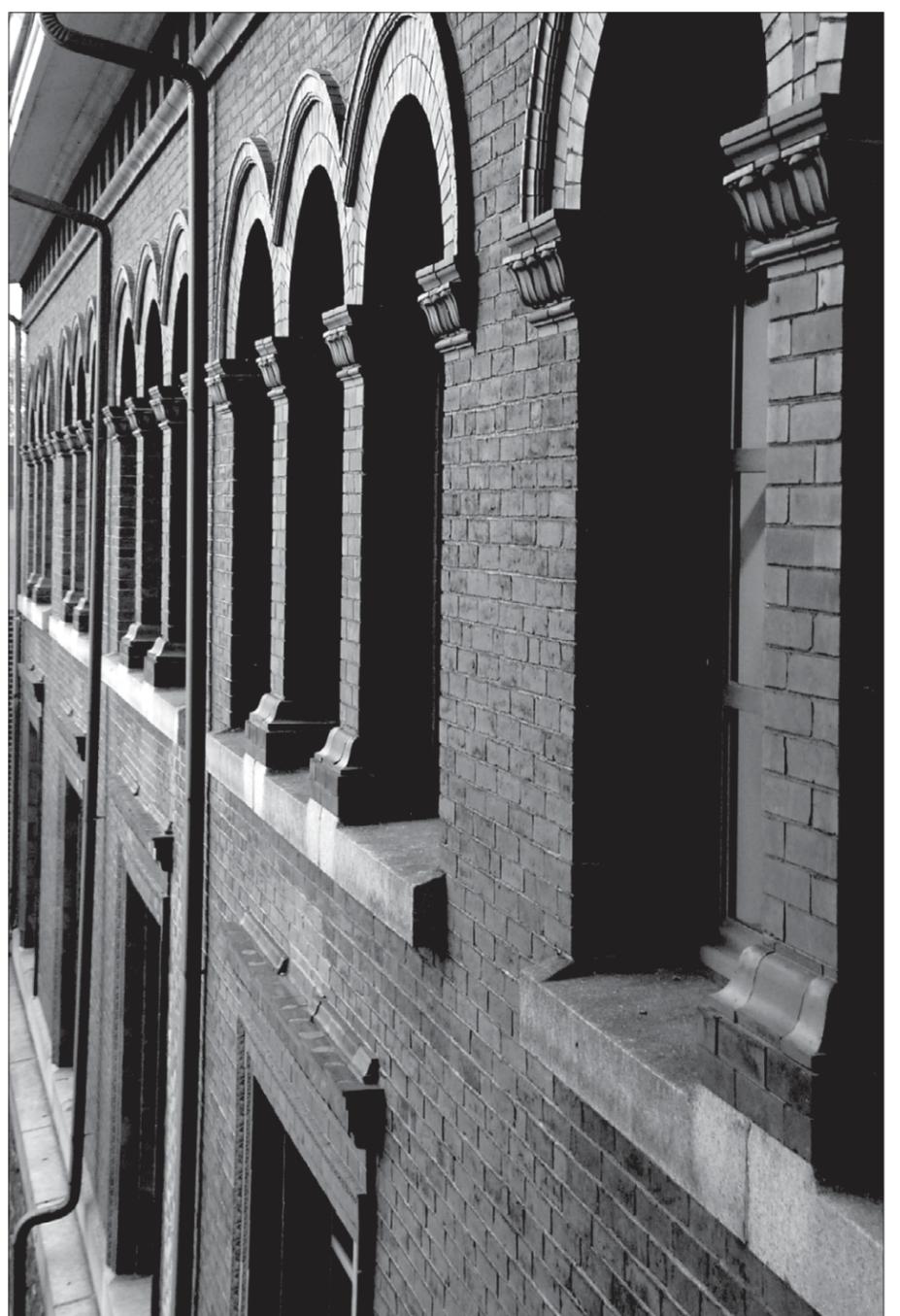




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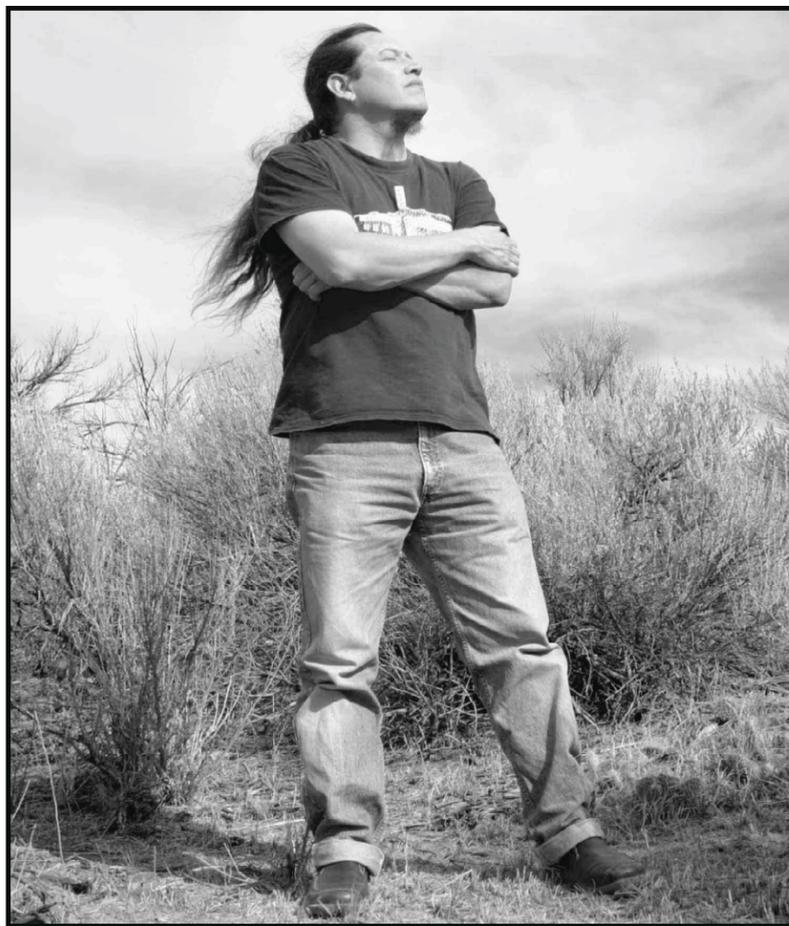
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With just seven at-larges, competition is fierce for non-conference champions

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Middlebury and Williams in the chase, and the tough conference schedule can add losses to a team's record quickly, making at-large bids harder to come by.

"It's definitely hard to win the NESCAC, but I think we're proud in a way that it has the No. 1 team in the country," Kutcher said. "It says a lot about our schedule and what it takes to have a good record. I would rather be in NESCAC any day than run all over a weaker league."

New England College is making its sixth straight NCAA appearance, having captured the TCCC crown and the accompanying automatic bid every year since 2002. The Pilgrims did so this year as the two-seed in the tournament, upsetting top-seeded Gordon — which the Jumbos handily defeated 4-0 on Oct. 4 — in the championship game last weekend.

The Jumbos are making their first trip since 1998 and only the third in program history. In a season that saw Tufts' first national ranking in a decade, the bid is another indication of the program's resurgence in the past three seasons.

"This bid, being ranked in the polls this year ... they're all indications of a higher level of recognition for the program," Kutcher said. "Winning the next game is what actually matters, but this is part of a bigger picture. We went from losing to winning, and now we're going to NCAAs."

"[Yesterday] in practice you could see it in people," she continued. "We're just so excited to still be playing."



COURTESY BOB KELLY

The field hockey team improved its record by one game this season, from 11-5 to 12-4, and that may have been the difference as the Jumbos were the third NESCAC team to get an NCAA berth.



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Epee, foil squads look to carry a young group of sabreists

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Kaplan back next semester when she returns from overseas.

"Lauren is going to sort of ease them into the sport and competition for one or two meets," Cheetham said. "It's not easy to go out when you've only been fencing for maybe two months at the most and you're fencing people who have been fencing for four-plus years."

As the team's only senior last year, Zouein provided leadership to the entire group, but her absence will most likely be felt on the young sabre squad. Zouein capped off her collegiate career with first-place titles in individual sabre competition at both the

New England Championships and the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association Championships.

"She was an amazing fencer and an amazing person and just generally was probably the leader on the team last year," Cheetham said.

Despite the Jumbos' youth, Sachs isn't worried about the team and is looking forward to watching them progress this season.

"I really like this group of girls," Sachs said. "They're hardworking and motivated and I never worry about their enthusiasm and focus for this sport. As a coach, I don't think you could really ask for anything else."

Young Jumbos will use spring to gain experience; team loses only three next fall

WOMEN'S RUGBY

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Wiegand said. "The more often you play together with the same group of people, the more solid you become as a unit, and I think that's something that's worked for them really well."

For the Jumbos, the loss ended a banner season in which the team posted a 3-2 record and finished third in the NERFU East. All three of the team's wins came in shut-outs. One of the highlights of the fall campaign was Tufts' Oct. 13 clash against Stonehill, in which the Jumbos became the first and only squad to score off the Skyhawks in the regular season.

The team would produce another memorable moment

two weeks later, when it endured a four-hour trip to Colchester, Vermont and took on a heavily-favored and previously-unbeaten St. Michael's squad in the NERFU quarterfinals. The outcome, a 7-5 Jumbos' victory, surprised even some members of the Tufts team.

"We had talks of, 'Maybe we shouldn't even go, we're probably not going to win,'" junior co-captain Aliza Sandberg said. "We had a good season, and we'd been getting better every week, but the odds were really against us. Really in that game, we just stuck to everything we knew. It was just a hard, tiring game, but ... we were able to keep the score in our favor."

The Jumbos enjoyed their success this season despite

fielding a young and inexperienced squad. With the departures of six seniors from the 2006 team, Tufts had several rookies playing A-side, and as many as half the players on the field at any given time were freshmen who were playing rugby for the first time this year.

"They did an amazing job of paying attention in practice, picking things up, and applying them every Saturday when it came to game time," Wiegand said. "It was sort of a cooperation between the new players, who were really paying attention and absorbing, and then the old players, who were sort of coaching them through the whole season."

While the end of the fall season concludes organized

NERFU competition, Tufts will now look ahead to a more relaxed spring season. With no official schedule, the Jumbos will plan competitions against squads across the four divisions, hoping to gain valuable experience and practice.

"The spring season's great," Sandberg said. "It's a chance for the players who didn't get as much playing time in the fall to work on their skills and try out new positions. I think we're going to have a really strong spring season this year because a lot of the rookies say they want that kind of practice."

Next fall, the Jumbos will be primed for another strong campaign. Unlike the past two seasons, in which the Jumbos graduated a number of seniors,

this year's team will only lose three players. In addition, they will welcome the returns of two of their top players, juniors Kate Fortin and Lauren Nadkarni, both of whom are studying abroad this semester. The returning talent has the team confident that it will once again field a competitive in 2008.

"I feel like we really have a great chance of being at the top of NERFU next season," Sandberg said. "This year and the year before have really been rebuilding years, and next year, I feel like we really could be at the top of the division. This year's rookie class has gotten so much experience on the field, so we're just going to have a good, strong, veteran team next year."

Jumbos look to repeat past NCAA Tourney success

WOMEN'S SOCCER

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sons throughout the whole season," senior co-captain Martha Furtek said. "In 2005, Ariel Samuelson was the big goal-scorer and [sophomore Cara Cadigan] is that person this year. And going into the NCAA weekend this team has the same record."

Although the Jumbos failed to take the easier automatic pass to NCAAs, their chances of making the tournament seemed fairly likely when Williams, Wheaton and Western Conn. — the teams ranked first, second and fourth in the Div. III New England standings — all won their respective conference tournaments, putting them in the pool of automatic qualifiers and leaving room for No. 3 Tufts to grab the at-large bid.

And as disappointing as the penalty-kick loss to Bowdoin was, the fact that it went into the books as a tie rather than a loss ultimately gave Tufts a better record than Bowdoin when it was all said and done.

In the end, the selection committee was generous to the New England region, as evidenced by the at-large bids granted to the Jumbos, Polar Bears and Springfield Pride.

"That was actually very surprising that they gave bids to three teams from New England," Emery said. "It's very rare and really speaks to the strength of our conference."

The bracket pits Tufts in a field of three other regional teams for the first two rounds, slating the Jumbos for a matchup with Emmanuel following a game between Hamilton and Moravian in Clinton, N.Y. this weekend.

Although all three teams are from the Northeast, they are all virtually unknown quantities to Tufts, as among the three, their schedules have only Babson in common, a team that lost 4-1 to Tufts on Sept. 25 but beat Emmanuel 2-1 Sept. 13.

"We haven't played any of the teams and we don't really have any common opponents, so it's hard to know what to expect," junior Maya Shoham said. But if we do come out of this weekend, we play Williams, and we're really raring for a chance to play them again."

On Saturday, it seemed that Tufts wouldn't have a chance for a rematch of Oct. 20's 2-0 loss to Williams. But with the Ephs securing the top bid in the Jumbos' bracket, two straight wins for the Jumbos would give them another shot at Williams, provided the Ephs win their second-round game.

If Tufts' past tournament history is any indication, the Jumbos should prepare themselves for that rematch.

Since the NESCAC started tournament play in 2000, Tufts has secured two at-large invitations to the tournament and has been more than successful, reaching the national semifinals in 2005 and making its way to the championship game of the 2000 tournament, only to lose to The College of New Jersey by one goal. This year, the Jumbos are primed to make another run.

"Everyone's ultimate goal is a national championship," Emery said. "It's what we dream about — what we play for. But we have to win four games, which seems like a big feat ... Either way, I'm not sure you can be disappointed with a season that ends in the NCAAs."



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INSIDE COLLEGE FOOTBALL



UConn running back Andre Dixon slips past Rutgers defensive back Courtney Greene in the Huskies' 38-19 thrashing of the Scarlet Knights on Saturday. With the victory, UConn upped its record to a Big East-best 8-1.

Hawaii jumps into the mix after Boston College and ASU collapse

QB Brennan is in the Heisman Trophy mix and looks to lead Warriors toward possible BCS title-game berth

BY PHILIP DEAR
Senior Staff Writer

The 10th week of college football gave the **Ohio State Buckeyes** a big reason to smile.

After No. 2 **Boston College** and No. 4 **Arizona State** fell from the ranks of the unbeaten Saturday, there remain only three undefeated teams in Div. I football: Ohio State, the **Kansas Jayhawks**, and the **Hawaii Warriors**.

The problem with the BCS system has always been its capacity to accurately calculate the strength and ability of a team. Last year, the **Boise State Broncos** had the only other undefeated regular season besides the Buckeyes and believed they deserved a shot at the National Championship over teams like the **Florida Gators**, who had already lost a game.

The Broncos' dramatic victory over the **Oklahoma Sooners** in the Fiesta Bowl fueled more complaints about a BCS system that wouldn't allow an undefeated team — one which clearly had legiti-

mate talent — to play for the National Championship.

The Warriors are looking to do what the Broncos couldn't: get to the championship game. But the Warriors, like the Broncos last season, have been hurt by the strength, or lack thereof, of their schedule.

Hawaii has played two Div. I-AA opponents and their Div. I-A opponents this season have a combined record of 13-38. In comparison, Boise State last season played one Div. I-AA opponent and their opponents compiled a 28-31 record.

The Warriors aren't just winning all of their games, but they're winning them emphatically. In only eight games, they have outscored their opponents 415 to 179, scoring at least 42 points in each. The Warriors are ranked first in the country in points per game, averaging 51.9, and second in the nation in passing yards with 3,676.

Quarterback Colt Brennan, one of the leading candidates in the Heisman Trophy race this season, leads the Warriors. Brennan has thrown for 2,820 yards, good for ninth in the

country, but has done so in two to three fewer games than the first eight quarterbacks. But more importantly, he owns a passer rating of 160.3, which ranks him third in the nation.

For a program with only seven Bowl appearances and no national titles since its founding in 1909, this year could be a historic one. Coming off a bye week, the Warriors have four games left in the season. Their biggest challenge will be against the No. 21 Broncos on Nov. 23. Four more wins could mean a bid for the National Championship game, as well as a run at the Heisman for Brennan.

The Warriors are not the only team to come out of the woodwork this season. The No. 13 **Connecticut Huskies**, better known for their basketball programs, have never been ranked in the Top 25 in football. That is, until they broke through to the No. 23 spot after an impressive 22-15 win over the **South Florida Bulls** Oct. 27.

The Huskies, who are 8-1 on the season, continued their hot streak Saturday with a

38-19 victory over the **Rutgers Scarlet Knights**. With the win, UConn will likely move up in the rankings — possibly into the top-10.

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The Scarlet Knights beat the Huskies in just about every facet of the game. They had 511 yards of total offense to the Huskies' 396 and 29 first downs to the Huskies' 18.

But the Knights failed to capitalize in the red zone. In five

trips inside the 20, the Knights notched only one touchdown and three field goals, while missing on another field goal try. But really, the Knights were doomed from the first minute of play when the Huskies blocked a punt and recovered it in the end zone for a safety. The Huskies took the 2-0 lead and never looked back.

The Knights still had a chance early in the third quarter when a field goal narrowed the score to 25-19 in favor of UConn. But a 33-yard run from Huskies running back Donald Brown, who came off the bench and ran for 154 yards, was the nail in the coffin.

UConn ended the game on a 13-0 run — a run that gave the Scarlet Knights their fourth loss on the season to drop them to 5-4 and sixth in the Big East.

The Huskies, on the other hand, are now 4-0 and first in the Big East. Left in the schedule are three Big East rivals, including the **Cincinnati Bearcats**, **Syracuse Orange** and No. 7-ranked **West Virginia Mountaineers**, who are ranked second in the conference.

STATISTICS

Field Hockey (12-4, 7-2 NESCAC)				Women's Soccer (12-3-1, 7-2 NESCAC)				Men's Soccer (4-7-1, 2-5-1 NESCAC)				Volleyball (19-13, 7-3 NESCAC)				Football (5-2 NESCAC)			
G	A	Pts		G	A	Pts		G	A	Pts		Kills	SA			Att	Yds	Avg	TD
I. Casellas-Katz	14	4	32	C. Cadigan	17	5	39	G. O'Connell	5	1	11	K. Wysham	237	23	B. Ricketson	50	211	4.2	1
B. Holiday	8	1	17	A. Maxwell	4	7	15	A. Lach	4	1	9	C. Updike	220	29	C. Guild	52	211	4.1	1
M. Kelly	7	3	17	L. Fedore	4	3	11	P. DeGregorio	2	3	7	D. Joyce-Mendive	204	18	D. Ferguson	56	202	3.6	0
T. Brown	5	1	11	M. Furtak	3	4	10	K. Anglin	2	3	7	S. Filocco	200	17	W. Forde	78	199	2.6	5
M. Scholtes	0	11	11	F. Gamal	2	5	9	A. Botwinick	2	2	6	B. Helgeson	193	0	Passing	Pct	Yds	TD	Int
A. Russo	5	0	10	R. Abbott	1	6	8	D. Jozwiak	2	0	4	K. Denniston	151	0	M. Russo	56.2	1263	11	8
T. Jasinski	2	5	9	S. Nolet	1	1	3	N. Muakkassa	1	2	4	N. Shrodes	76	2	Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	TD
J. Perkins	2	2	6	J. Wagner	0	3	3	D. Schoening	0	2	2	D. Halas	32	452	14.1	2			
M. Kutcher	2	2	6	J. Emery	1	0	2	B. Duker	0	1	1	S. Black	16	271	16.9	3			
J. Williamson	1	0	2	G. DeGregorio	1	0	2	M. Maloney	0	1	1	K. Gleason	18	170	9.4	3			
Goalkeeping	GA	S	S%	Goalkeeping	GA	S	S%	Goalkeeping	GA	Svs	Sv%	Defensive	B	Digs	Defense	Tack	Int	Sack	
K. Hyder	126	52	.765	K. Minnehan	12	49	.803	D. McKeon	12	57	.826	K. Wysham	153	79	T. Reynoso	45	0	1	
												D. Feiger	28	242	T. Tassinari	42	5	0	
												S. Filocco	23	271	S. Albertine	41	0	4	
												C. Updike	17	224	R. Crisco	34	2	1	
												N. Goldstein	0	535					

FENCING

Despite youth, Jumbos impress in season opener

BY CARLY HELFAND
Daily Editorial Board

After losing its entire senior class and all but one of its juniors, including one of the region's top sabreists in senior Louisa May Zouein, many teams would have had trouble putting a good spin on things.

But if Saturday's annual individual competition known as "The Big One" is any indication, the fencing squad seems to be in good shape heading into the 2007-08 winter campaign.

The Jumbos, who faced competitors from all over the area in round-robin pools and, later, direct elimination bouts, were led by junior foilist Christine Lee and freshman Coryn Wolk, who each finished sixth in their respective weapons. Classmate Georgia Raney was not far behind Wolk in the epee field, placing eighth, while sophomore Alex Cheetham rounded out the group of top-10 Jumbo finishers, posting a solid-ninth place showing to lead the sabres.

The experience was a good one for the team, which boasts a roster composed primarily of underclassmen.

"It's a good tournament because it doesn't really count for anything, so it's just nice to be able to see the competition," sophomore epeeist Becca Hughes said. "It's a nice way to start the season because there's no pressure. It's a really great experience. It's a long day, but it's definitely worthwhile."

With juniors Lisa Granshaw, Lauren Kaplan and last year's epee captain Tracy Mayfield either abroad or taking time off to start the season, the squad's oldest member is Lee, its solitary junior.

"It puts a lot of pressure on the beginning fencers to compete," coach Jason Sachs said. "We've now become a pretty competitive team, so we're fencing harder and harder schools and we don't necessarily have as strong fencers."

But Lee won't be alone in leading the team this season, as it has a strong class of hardworking sophomores that includes Cheetham, foilist Naomi Bryant, and epeeists Amani Smathers and Hughes.

"It's important that the team is cohesive and that there's strong leadership, since we are all pretty young," Hughes



COURTESY AARON DONOVAN

Freshman Coryn Wolk finished seventh in the epee field at the "Big One" fencing competition at Mount Holyoke this weekend. Despite its youth and relative inexperience, the Jumbo squad showed promise in its first event.

said. "It's important that we stay focused because we're not nearly as experienced as some of the other teams — there are teams out there with people who have been fencing for 10 years."

The team's veterans will be joined by several freshmen, many of whom have solid fencing backgrounds. The future of the epee squad looks particularly bright, with extensively experienced freshmen Wolk and Raney coming in to join Smathers and Hughes, both of whom had impressive rookie campaigns. Freshman Kelsey Schur, who also joins the team with fencing experience, will round out the squad.

The foilists, who managed a third-place showing at last season's New England Championships, are also looking strong. Led by Lee, who represented the team at the NCAA Championships in 2006, the squad boasts returning sophomores Bryant and Lisa Yanusheski, who each made strong progress last year, along with some new talent in experienced freshmen Nadia Nibbs and Irina Schwatka.

Tufts' Achilles heel to start the season will likely be its sabre squad. Cheetham,

who made great strides behind Zouein last year, will take the lead and will be joined by novice fencers Sunetra Bane, Catherine Bowlus, Mary Moseley and Carla Roberts-Toler.

"It's definitely a new experience coaching as well as trying to improve your own skills at the same time," Cheetham said. "I definitely think that my experience on this team and even on my high school team has helped prepare me for the role that I'm playing this year."

"In the beginning, we're going to be giving away basically a lot of sabre bouts just as our freshmen learn the sport," Smathers added. "In terms of team performance, it might hurt at the beginning, but since we will have a strong epee and foil team, we're hoping that those can at least try to make up for the lost sabre bouts until they kind of get into the swing of things and develop their skills."

But Cheetham won't be alone for long, as the sabreists will be helped out by senior Lauren Kari, who will fence briefly in competition for the Jumbos to keep them more competitive. The squad will also get

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ROSS MARRINSON | WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE



Island in the sun

Adrian Peterson rushed for an NFL-record 296 yards on Sunday against the league's seventh-ranked rush defense. While it is much too early to compare him to the all-time greats, it is certainly not too early to say the truth: Adrian Peterson is already the best back in the league. Don't believe me? Look at the stats.

But I'm not going to write another column worshipping the former Sooner, even though his historic performance undoubtedly deserves it.

We are now in the second week of the NBA season — the season that gets me through the winter.

My favorite NBA squad will attempt to play in an absurdly talented Western conference. And the Phoenix Suns are my pick to represent the West in the finals.

Steve Nash should've won the MVP last year, but for some reason the voters seemed unwilling to give him the award three years in a row, even though he deserved it more last season than the previous one. He's still the finest passer I've ever seen and his shooting is legendary.

Shawn Marion isn't a power forward, but until he stops getting eight boards a game, he'll continue playing a position he dislikes. Amare Stoudemire is an absolute force. Leandro Barbosa is the NBA's version of Michael Turner, Raja Bell and Boris Diaw are very serviceable and Grant Hill was a tremendous offseason pickup. Add on the fact that this very well might be the last chance for this team to win it all, and you get the 2008 NBA champs. Plus, the era of Marcus Banks is coming soon. Get ready.

The Suns' principal opposition will come from two Texas teams: the Spurs and Mavericks. The Spurs need no explanation. Combine a great coach with a great organization, along with the triple threat of Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, and an emphasis on defense — and you get the NBA's model franchise.

The Mavs have more psychological baggage than Larry Craig. And why shouldn't they? Their loss to the Warriors last year was an utter collapse. They vastly overpaid Devin Harris, who will wear down in the grind of an 82-game season. Dirk Nowitzki is an offensive diamond, but is still as soft as ever in the paint.

Simply, if the Mavs are to come close to their victory total of last season, they will need Josh Howard to play even better than he did in 2006-07. He'll need to be his first-quarter self throughout every game.

Sorry, Mr. Cuban, but Eddie Jones, Juwan Howard and Trenton Hassell aren't the answers. Maybe Nick Fazekas will surprise some people.

The second tier will consist of the Utah Jazz and Denver Nuggets. Mark my words: Carlos Boozer will have an MVP-type season, Deron Williams will be the second-best point guard in the league, and Andrei Kirilenko will return to form as one of the premier defenders in the NBA.

The Nuggets have two of the best scorers in the league in Allen Iverson and Carmelo Anthony, and if Kenyon Martin can come back to fill the lane with his fierce interior defense, watch out. We could be looking at a 55-plus win team.

My beloved Timberwolves, however, will not be in the mix. Here's what the Wolves need to get to 25 wins. Big Al Jefferson needs to average 35 and 17; Rashad McCants needs to score 25 a game; Randy Foye needs to decide what position to play; Corey Brewer needs to not only learn how to shoot, but also needs to shut down every offensive-minded player on every opposing team; and Theo Ratliff will need to play like Dikembe Mutombo circa 1995.

Impossible?
Kevin McHale certainly doesn't think so.

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Top Ten | Druggies in Sports

Former tennis star Martina Hingis retired earlier this week (Side note: Who knew she was even playing anymore?). Anyway, here's the real story behind the five-time Grand Slam champion's departure from the game. Hingis reportedly tested positive for cocaine at Wimbledon earlier this year, a charge she vehemently denies. So in her honor, we give you 10 more of sports' most notorious users.

10. Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro, Mark McGwire, Jose Canseco, Gary Sheffield, Jason Giambi, Ken Caminiti, Rick Ankiel, Gary Matthews Jr., Troy Glaus, Jay Gibbons, Paul Byrd, Rafael Betancourt, Matt Lawton, Neifi Perez, Mike Cameron, Jason Grimsley and Ryan Franklin. You get the idea. Let's just move on.

9. Diego Maradona. The Argentinean soccer great was named FIFA Player of the Century. He has a move named after him. He has played in four World Cups. What else? He's been addicted to cocaine since the early 1990s. Maradona was suspended from World Cup play in both 1991 and 1994 after failing drug tests.

8. Damon Stoudamire. Stoudamire was the driving force behind the infamous "Jailblazers" teams of the early part of the decade. Stoudamire was arrested three times for marijuana possession, including once when he was driving with Rasheed Wallace after a game against the Sonics. The first bust occurred after the cops responded to a burglar alarm and found over 150 grams of pot in his house and once tried to sneak weed through the airport. No wonder he played for the Blazers.

7. Andy Reid's entire family. The coach of the Philadelphia Eagles hasn't done particularly well in his football coaching this season, but he has done even worse in his parenting. Reid's 24- and 22-year-old sons were both sentenced for up to

23 months of prison on Nov. 1, for pointing a gun at another driver and for a high speed, heroin-fueled crash that injured another driver. The sentencing judge summed it up brilliantly, calling the Reid household a "drug emporium."

6. Dwight Gooden. The first member of the 1980s Mets on our list, Doc was one of the best young pitchers in the game early in his career, leading the majors in wins, strikeouts and ERA in 1985. After the Mets' World Series win the following year, Gooden was a no-show at the victory parade. Why? Doc celebrated his team's success with a cocaine binge. In the immortal words of Rick James, "Cocaine's a Hell of a Drug."

5. Darryl Strawberry. There is too much here. Darryl will forever be noted for his wasted potential and his epic drug use. He was twice suspended by the MLB for cocaine use and he was sent to rehab a number of other times. At least he can take pride in being the best of Mr. Burns' nine "ringers" in the "Homer at the Bat" Simpsons episode, even if he was pinch-hit for in the ninth after nine home runs.

4. Ricky Williams. His last known residence was Grass Valley, Calif., where he taught yoga. Does that tell enough? Williams was first suspended for marijuana use in 2004 and he's since failed drug tests on a consistent basis. The ex-Miami Dolphin has been everywhere from India to the CFL since being kicked out of Miami, but still appears to be hooked on everything but the NFL.

3. Tim Lincecum. Tim "Rock" Raines was famous for stealing 808 bases during the course of his career — and for sliding headfirst. Maybe he was that intense and that gutsy, or maybe he didn't want to break the vial of cocaine in his back pocket, which he admitted to having and using during games. Who needs steroids when you can steal 808 bases on coke?



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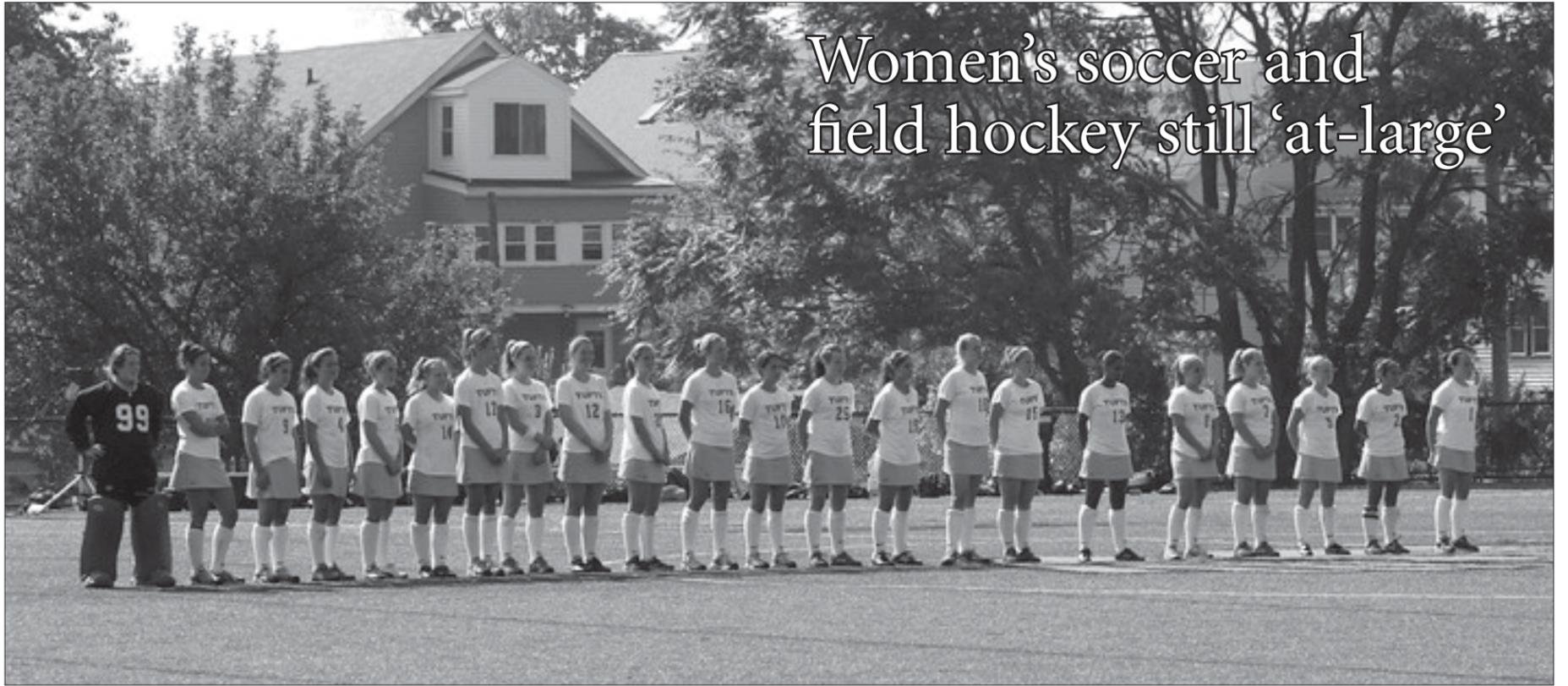
Party at the Reid house for everyone on the list!

Come on, the guy's nickname is "Rock."

2. Nate Newton. Newton was an offensive guard for the Cowboys and was a cornerstone for three Super Bowl teams. No matter how good he was, Newton will probably always be remembered for his other career — selling weed. Nate got busted in Louisiana when the cops pulled him over and found 213 pounds of it in his van. Five weeks later, he was pulled over again on Interstate 45 with 175 pounds in his truck. (That 388 pounds was only 20 pounds more than his playing weight.)

1. Darryl Strawberry. Yeah, we named him twice. He earned it.

—by Evans Clinchy, Tim Judson and Ethan Landy



COURTESY BOB KELLY

Women's soccer and field hockey still 'at-large'

The field hockey team earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, its first since 1998, late Sunday night, extending the 2007 season for at least another game.

FIELD HOCKEY

Tufts is NCAA-bound for first time since 1998

BY LIZ HOFFMAN
Daily Editorial Board

The change began three years ago, when a young coach took over a floundering program with the goal of making it into a national power. It passed milestones last season, with the first win over a nationally ranked squad in years, and this season, with a top-20 national ranking and a No. 2 NESCAC finish.

And it culminated late Sunday night, when the Jumbos (12-4) received their first bid to the NCAA Tournament since 1998. They will host New England College (14-6), which snuck in with the automatic-qualifying bid from The Commonwealth Coast Conference in an upset title-game win over Gordon on Saturday. The first-round game will be held at Tufts' Bello Field on Wednesday.

The Jumbos waited until nearly 3 a.m. on Monday morning for the bracket to be posted on the NCAA website.

"We thought our chances were good, but it didn't go up until so late and we were just sitting there refreshing the page," junior Marlee Kutcher said.

"I was trying to figure out [on Sunday] who won their conference and what teams it was going to come down to, but there are so many factors [in the selection process]," coach Tina McDavitt said. "I was definitely nervous, waiting all night to find out. It just felt great when it finally went up."

While an overtime loss to Middlebury in Saturday's NESCAC semifinal derailed the Jumbos' run at a conference title, it did little to diminish their season portfolio. Tufts came to the NCAA Div. III Selection Committee with 12 wins, a second-place finish in the nation's toughest field hockey league, and several exclamation-point wins over non-conference regional opponents. The team was awarded one of seven "Pool C" at-large bids to the 24-team field.

After seeing an outside chance at an at-large bid fall through in 2006, the Jumbos flipped a loss from last year's 11-5 clip and it may have made the difference.

"Last year, we just had one loss too many and we tried to make sure that that didn't happen this year," McDavitt said. "We had four losses [this year], all by one goal and two in overtime, so you hope that that counts for something."

Regular-season wins over Middlebury and Williams and a stellar October were enough to pardon two blemishes in the Jumbos' early-season schedule. A 2-1 loss to Amherst and a glaring slip against non-conference Wellesley dropped a potential 14-2 mark to 12-4, added two in-region losses to the selection committee's considerations, and injected more than a touch of uneasiness to Sunday night's wait.

"I was really nervous about those losses," McDavitt said. "We saw it last year and it's a lesson we tried to instill in the girls this year that you need to put pressure on early and you've got to win these games. Thank God it didn't come back to bite us."

The Jumbos are one of three NESCAC teams to make the field. Middlebury received an at-large bid after falling to Bowdoin in the conference championship and will make its fifth straight NCAA appearance. Bowdoin, the only remaining undefeated team in the country and owners of a No. 1 ranking since Oct. 2, took the league's automatic qualifier with the win over the Panthers.

NESCAC was the only league in the nation to receive two at-large bids and did so for the second straight year. The strength of the league has been something of a double-edged sword with respect to access to the national tournament. The automatic bid is hard to capture with heavyweights like Bowdoin,

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Selection committee gives Jumbos second life

BY RACHEL DOLIN
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In 2005, the women's soccer team vaulted itself to the top of the league with a 10-game midseason winning streak, only to suffer a double-overtime loss in the NESCAC semifinals to Bates.

But the NCAA selection committee granted the team a second life, and it didn't squander the opportunity winning four consecutive games to stamp itself a ticket to the Final Four.

Two seasons later, the Jumbos find themselves in a similar situation. Although the squad suffered a semifinal penalty-kick loss to No. 4 seeded-Bowdoin Saturday, it was yet again granted a second chance when the selection committee granted Tufts — in addition to Bowdoin and New England-rival

Springfield — one of 18 at-large bids out of a field of 60 on Sunday evening.

And just like in 2005, Tufts intends to take full advantage of the opportunity.

"We're really ecstatic about it," senior Joelle Emery said. "We saw the season slip away from us and we were given a second chance. We're going to do the best we can to continue the season and use the chance we've been given."

While the shuffling of players makes it difficult to draw comparisons from year-to-year — just seven players on the current roster played on the 2005 squad — the parallels between the two teams cannot be overlooked, as both teams secured at-large bids with the same 12-3-1 record.

"We've been kind of been making compari-

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ANNIE WERMIEL/TUFTS DAILY

Senior Rebecca Abbott controls the ball in the women's soccer team's first-round NESCAC win over Conn. College Oct. 28. Despite being bounced from the tournament by Bowdoin Saturday, the Jumbos earned an NCAA Tournament berth.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

Loss to Stonehill ends banner season for Jumbos in competitive NERFU

BY SAPNA BANSIL
Daily Editorial Board

The women's rugby team's fall season came to a close on Saturday when the squad dropped a 44-0 decision to Div. III powerhouse Stonehill in the New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU) semifinals.

Seventh-seeded Tufts

entered the matchup on the heels of a 7-5 upset over No. 2 St. Michael's in the NERFU quarterfinals on Oct. 27. But poor weather conditions at Roger Williams University, which hosted the New England Championships, hampered the Jumbos' chances of pulling off another stunner.

"In rugby, rain is really a

difficult thing to work with, because when the ball is slippery and your hands are cold, it's a lot harder to get your passes off cleanly," senior co-captain Whitney Wiegand said. "It's also harder to stick your tackles when it's wet and muddy out ... Obviously the other team was dealing with the same things, but it made

for sort of a messier game than we're used to."

It also didn't help the Jumbos that they were playing one of the top rugby clubs in Div. III. Last season's national champions, Stonehill entered the NERFU semifinals riding a 29-game winning streak, a run that dates back to Sept. 2005. The Skyhawks finished

the regular season 5-0, the best mark in the NERFU East and one of only three undefeated records in Div. III. In those five games, Stonehill outscored its opponents a whopping 242-5.

"They have quite a few seniors who have been playing together the past four years,"

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