



Mail Services asks students to help stop post office closure

BY BRIONNA JIMERSON
Daily Editorial Board

Tufts Mail Services staff are working to mobilize students to join them in the fight to keep open the local United States Postal Service (USPS) branch, which services both the Tufts community and Somerville residents.

On Nov. 14, Support Services Manager Sheila Chisholm sent an email to students, asking them to complete a Postal Service Customer Questionnaire designed to assess how often the post office located in Curtis Hall is used. Chisholm also placed a link to the email and survey on TuftsLife for better exposure.

"With the survey, we are trying to get a full assessment from [the] Tufts community of their opinion of a potential closing," Chisholm said. "The USPS sent out to the Tufts students one survey per hall, which isn't representative of the close to 3,300 residential students. So, what we decided to do is get the survey out there to get the opinions of the Tufts students and the faculty and staff."

The survey is designed to convince USPS of the need for the Tufts branch, according to Mail Services Supervisor Ronald Drauschke.

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Harvard's gates locked due to Occupy protest

BY CORINNE SEGAL
Daily Editorial Board

Harvard Yard, the symbolic center and primary thoroughfare of Harvard University, has been locked down for nearly two weeks, with access restricted to only those with Harvard IDs, in response to the occupation of the space by members of the Occupy Harvard movement.

The heightened security measures were put in place on Nov. 9, following a march through and the subsequent occupation of the Yard by members of the movement.

A group of approximately 300 Harvard and non-Harvard affiliated individuals marched through the Yard almost two weeks ago, and as they exited the area, police closed the gates behind them, according to Harvard sophomore and editorial editor for the Harvard Crimson Sandra Korn, who is a member of the movement.

Occupiers held a General Assembly outside Harvard Law School that evening, where they decided to try to enter Thayer Gate, one of the primary access points to the Yard, according to Tufts junior Anne Wolfe, a member of Tufts Occupiers who was present at the protest.

Students with Harvard IDs stood at the front of the crowd, and once police started letting them in, others began pushing through, Wolfe explained. In response, police closed the gates on the crowd, she said, and they have remained closed to non-Harvard community members ever since.

"I don't think there were any major injuries, but I think people got a little banged up and bruised, just because they were trying



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Access to Harvard Yard has been restricted to those with a Harvard ID as a result of the Occupy Harvard encampment.

to force a metal gate into a crowd of 300 students," Wolfe said.

Roughly 20 people managed to enter the space and set up tents at that time, Wolfe said. They have since been joined by approximately 15 additional tents, Korn explained.

The university on Nov. 14 released a statement explaining that it had decided to close the gates in order to prevent "the health and safety issues that have arisen elsewhere."

An additional letter from Harvard Provost Alan Garber and Executive Vice President Katie Lapp also emphasized that

the measures were necessary to ensure campus safety.

"The decision by students and other members of the Harvard community to erect tents in the Yard will require that the University continue with heightened security measures for the time being," the letter states. "The number of demonstrators was large, many of the demonstrators were not from Harvard, and specific behaviors were troubling."

Plans to occupy Harvard were born in

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Junior Elan Tye, a member of the Tufts chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi, is growing a mustache this month to raise money and awareness for men's health.

AEPi fundraises for men's health by growing mustaches

BY VICTORIA LEISTMAN
Daily Staff Writer

Members of the Tufts chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) fraternity this month are growing out their facial hair to participate in mustache November, or "Movember," a campaign to raise funds and awareness about men's health issues, including types of cancer specific to men.

Members of the campaign reg-

ister to participate online and solicit donations from friends and family. Proceeds are distributed to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, LIVESTRONG, and Movember's own programs that promote awareness and education about men's cancers.

"As a fraternity, we have decided to be a part of the movement by growing our mustaches," AEPi Philanthropy

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Tufts Democrats promote discussion on cyber security

BY KATHRYN OLSON
Daily Editorial Board

Tufts students packed into the Alumnae Lounge on Friday night to attend a panel discussion titled "Cyber Security: Policy, Science, and Ethics" hosted by the Tufts Democrats.

The panel, the Tufts Democrats' annual Issues of the Future 2011 lecture, featured Susan Landau, a visiting scholar in computer science at Harvard University specializing in cyber security, Ben Mazzotta, a postdoctoral fellow at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and Alva Couch, an associate professor of computer science at Tufts.

"We were really pleased with the turnout," Tufts Democrats President Catey Boyle, a junior, said. "I don't think we've ever had that many people at one of our symposium events." Boyle estimated that the event had over 100 attendees.

The issue of cyber security, which received media attention after the 2010 Stuxnet worm attack on Iran's nuclear facilities in Natanz, has continued to challenge policymakers in recent years and is important in both the domestic and foreign domain, Boyle said.

"It's a great topic because cyber security is such a vast, unknown topic and it's not really talked about," she said.

The panelists discussed recent cyber attacks such as the Stuxnet attack, Gh0stNet, which was a 2009 cyber-spying operation allegedly carried out by

China that targeted foreign ministries, government offices and embassies, and the 2007 Russian cyber attacks on Estonia that flooded government ministries' servers, including those of the Estonian Parliament.

Landau explained that cyber attacks usually take the form of Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks, which use a large number of computers to overwhelm the servers of a target.

The computers used in DDoS attacks, referred to as botnets, are typically owned by users who are never aware that their computers are being used, making it difficult to track down perpetrators of the attack, she said.

In the 2007 attack on Estonia, most of the computers used in the attack were located in the United States, Landau added.

Mazzotta explained that after a cyber attack, victims are typically reluctant to relay information to the public about the attack for fear of exposing security weaknesses in their systems.

"No one who has been attacked wants to talk about the attack or what lead it to take place," he said. "It's really hard to figure out what happened and why."

Mazzotta highlighted the difficulties of addressing cyber security from a defense policy perspective, noting that policymakers in Washington currently have more questions than answers.

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Mail Services is mounting a fight against the closure of the Tufts branch of the United States Postal Service.

USPS solicits community input regarding possible post office closure

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Students must print out the questionnaire, complete it and deliver it to Mail Services by Nov. 23.

After Nov. 23, students will have to turn the surveys into the post office directly. They will have until late December to do so. The surveys will be reviewed by the USPS Boston office, which will generate a final evaluation by mid-January 2012, according to Dennis Tarmey, a communications specialist for the USPS Greater Boston District.

Once results are compiled, if USPS makes the final decision to close the office, they will provide the community with at least 90 days notice, Tarmey said.

The Tufts USPS branch is one of approximately 3,700 post offices in the United States being considered for closure, one of the 43 considered in Massachusetts and one of the 31 in the greater Boston area, according to Tarmey.

Offices being considered for closure must meet three criteria, Tarmey said. They must have made less than \$600,000 in the last fiscal year, have decreasing revenues over the past two fiscal years and be one of five vendors within a two-mile radius.

General President of the Boston Metro Area American Postal Workers Union Paul Kilduff believes the office should stay open despite meeting closure criteria.

"I'm willing to bet that the Tufts branch hasn't made \$600,000 ever," he told the Daily. "But it's part of the community. It's vital to the students who don't have transportation."

Drauschke explained that, in the event that the post office closed, Mail Services would take steps in order to mitigate inconveniences posed to Tufts students and faculty.

"In the event that the post office does close, we would look into how we might be able to provide some of the services to students, probably not on a full scale," he said.

Residents from across the greater Boston area have gathered in recent weeks for town hall meetings to discuss the potential closures of various branches.

A meeting concerning the West Medford and Tufts post offices occurred Oct. 18, according to Tarmey. He explained that USPS sincerely hopes to hear the views of all members of the community.

"It was well-attended, and people voiced their opinions and thoughts," Tarmey said. "The process for us is very open. Post offices are not like a Friendly's or a Lowes that closes in the middle of the night. The community input phase of the study is to reach out."

Kilduff doubts the town hall meetings will achieve anything, as he is certain that the fate of the local post office has already been sealed.

"I think it's a done deal," Kilduff said.

He voiced frustration at the potential closure of the local office, which he believes is unjustified.

"The postal services are setting these [meetings] up, sending out surveys, posting rinky-dink signs in branches," Kilduff said. "The bad economy is a weak excuse. I could see if we were losing \$200,000, but the post office at Tufts still makes a profit. It doesn't make sense."

Visiting the Hill this Week

MONDAY

"A Call to Action: Repair the World Lecture Series"

Details: Will Berkovitz, vice president of partnerships and rabbi-in-residence of Repair the World, will give a lecture on promoting social justice in our day-to-day lives.

When and Where: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Granoff Family Hillel Center

Sponsors: Tufts Hillel

"BME Seminar Series: Vera Novak (Beth Israel Deaconess Med. Ctr.)"

Details: Associate Professor Vera Novak of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center at Harvard Medical School will deliver a lecture as part of the Biomedical Engineering Seminar Series. Novak is a neurophysiologist whose research specializes in geriatric diseases.

When and Where: 10 a.m.; Science and Technology Center, Room 136
Sponsor: Department of Biomedical Engineering

"Genocide in America: The Native American Debate"

Details: Benjamin Madley, Andrew Mellon postdoctoral fellow in the History Department and Native American Studies Program at Dartmouth College, will deliver a lecture on his research on colonial genocide. He will address the question of whether the treatment of Native Americans throughout American history can be considered genocide.

When and Where: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Granoff Family Hillel Center
Sponsors: Tufts Against Genocide

"Department of Economics Seminar Series"
Details: Jessica Cohen, assistant professor of global health at the Harvard School of Public Health, will speak about her research in Kenya on affordable yet accurate malaria diagnosis and treatment.

When and Where: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Tisch Library, Room 304
Sponsors: Department of Economics, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

—compiled by Marie Schow

Occupy Harvard, nearly two weeks old, elicits mixed reactions

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early October as a means of bringing the movement sweeping the globe to Harvard, according to graduate student Fenna Krienen, a member of Occupy Harvard.

The occupation of the elite university is designed to call public attention to Harvard's flaws within the context of the broader movement, Korn said.

"Half of the purpose was to call attention to Harvard itself as an institution that's been complicit with a lot of the economic inequalities and financial practices that we're calling out," Korn said.

Occupiers were also focused on supporting Harvard custodians while they were in the process of renegotiating their union contract, which occurs every five years, Korn said. The contract was finalized mere hours before its expiration time and custodians ratified it on Saturday, she added.

"We generally tried to lend our pressure to support the signing of the contract as quickly and fairly as possible," Korn said.

As a result of the new security measures, upperclassmen are also now forbidden to enter the freshman dorms located in the Yard, though all Harvard students have historically had access to all dorms, Korn added.

Some members of the Harvard community are upset about the lockdown and blame the inconvenience on Occupy Harvard, Korn noted.

"It was not Occupy Harvard's decision to close the gates," Korn said.

"The administration continues to say

the gates are being shut for the safety of all the students in the Yard. I don't buy that. I don't know whose safety they're trying to protect."

An online petition called "Free Harvard," which urges the group to occupy elsewhere, has received over 700 signatures.

The creator of the petition, Harvard freshman John C. Lo, contacted Occupy Harvard to tell them he did not necessarily want the group to disband, Krienen added.

"He's not against Occupy Harvard per se, he just thought it would be more effective if we were somewhere where the community could interact with us," she said.

Korn, however, believes there is a symbolic significance to occupying the Yard.

"It is important for our mission to be where we are, in a very practically and symbolically important location," she said.

Krienen feels that the members of the Harvard community who debate the choice of location are focusing on the wrong issue.

"I think it's unfortunate that the discussion about Occupy Harvard at this point is about the fact that the Yard is closed," she said.

Some faculty members have expressed support for Occupy Harvard, Krienen explained.

"There have been faculty members who have moved their classes out of the Yard in solidarity with us because they don't believe Harvard should be holding classes on an exclusive locked-down campus," she said.

Approximately 70 Harvard faculty members have signed open letters claiming support for the movement, Krienen said.

Movember has raised over \$1,400 for men's health

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Co-Chair Jeremy Gross, a sophomore, told the Daily in an email.

When participants register online, they are able to create profiles, post pictures and make and receive donations, AEPi President Alex Farmer, a senior, said.

While some AEPi brothers have "some serious 'stache growing," according to Farmer, the actual growth of facial hair is not a requirement for participation, he said.

"There are shades of gray in people's level of commitment," AEPi Executive Board Member David Reiff said.

Reiff, a junior, grew a beard to conceal his new mustache. He explained that participation in the movement is certainly a "sacrifice" to one's facial appearance.

While approximately 10 of the brothers are actually growing mustaches, 32 fraternity members are registered on the website to fundraise for the team, Farmer said.

The AEPi team has already raised

over \$1,400, with most of the donations coming from brothers' families, according to Gross.

The new acquisition of facial hair for many of the brothers has achieved its goal of raising awareness on campus.

"That's kind of the whole point of it, that anybody you see might come up to you and ask what you're doing with the mustache and it gives you an opportunity to talk about it," Reiff said.

Movember differs greatly from other AEPi philanthropy events because it manages to combine fundraising with activity.

"It's more engaging because we're actually doing something other than just asking for money," Reiff said. "The guys are very excited about it because of that fact."

While this marks the first year that AEPi has participated in the campaign, Reiff explained that the brothers are planning to make it an annual event.

"[It] would be really cool if it becomes a fixture of our Novembers at AEPi," he said.

Solutions to cyber security remain challenging, panelists say

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"We're still talking basic definitions: Who's involved in these attacks? Is cooperation possible? What qualifies as a cyber attack? Who has jurisdiction? What is cyberspace? How do we assess risks to businesses? The government? The military? How do we mitigate those risks?" he said. "Cyber security is a really hard policy problem."

Mazzotta said that although the past three U.S. administrations attempted to tackle cyber security issues, little progress has been made.

"Policymakers have been looking for information since the '90s, and there's been little progress [on cyber security] since the 2000s," he said.

He cited President Bill Clinton's 1998 Presidential Decision Directive 63, President George W. Bush's 2003 National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace and President Barack Obama's 2009 Cyberspace Policy Review, which created a "cyber czar" under the National Security Council and the Exchange Commission.

Mazzotta added that because no norms in the international realm currently exist that address cyber security, using cyber weapons as a form of warfare or statecraft could set a dangerous precedent.

"Should [the United States] develop malicious code? Who has the authority to deploy it?" he asked.

Landau added that cyber crime has also been used to steal information from governments, noting that the United States directly accused Russia and China of cyber theft in a recent report.

She added that while large scale cyber attacks targeting Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition systems such as power grids, stock exchanges and nuclear facilities like the one in Natanz pose a significant threat, the most dangerous long-term security risk cyber crime poses is theft of intellectual property.

"I'm making an argument for more cyber security, because alongside that comes privacy," she said. "Security and privacy are not opposed."

Features

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No cash? No problem with JumboCash Tufts' currency's applications continue to evolve

BY MAYA KOHLI
Daily Editorial Board

JumboCash is as much a staple of life here at Tufts as the Dewick/Carmichael debate. For many Jumbos who prefer to eschew physical money sources, life without JumboCash would be unfathomable — akin to a world without cell phones or Facebook.

The magical currency does have its limits — students are restricted from using JumboCash to purchase lottery tickets or tobacco products at any of the convenience stores that surround campus. Furthermore, JumboCash cannot be used to purchase alcohol. While some students may consider this an infringement on their right to make their own decisions regarding their spending habits, there are logistical and logical reasons behind the restriction.

Lottery tickets, Director of Dining and Business Services Patti Klos said, are off the table because adding them to the program is not necessarily beneficial to either side.

“For one thing, the merchants who sell lottery tickets have such a small margin that they didn’t want to sell them, and the university doesn’t want to be associated with gambling,” Klos said. More importantly, Massachusetts law prohibits the sale of lottery tickets with anything other than cash, which precludes using JumboCash.

Keeping tobacco products off the JumboCash radar screen, Klos said, is more of a matter of principle.

“It’s really in keeping with the Tufts desire to promote healthy living, so they were excluded from the products that are available for purchase with points,” Klos said.

Given that Tufts is largely a smoke-free campus, students did not think that this was an unreasonable decision.

“While it may be an inconvenience for some people, I do see where Tufts is coming from in that they don’t want to be liable for being involved in those transactions,” senior Taylor Dyer said. The policy raises questions about who should be watching how students spend the money they — or their parents — put into their accounts.

“On the other hand,” Dyer said, “we are in college and our decisions are now our responsibility.”

While Klos said the JumboCash brand has only existed for a few years, the concept of a campus debit card has been used at Tufts for around 20 years. A previous system converted deposited dollars into “points,” and it



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While JumboCash’s applications are growing, there are still restrictions on what users can buy.

was available to use in the on-campus eateries and bookstore.

The convenience of a universal currency that can be used across campus outweighs the potential inconvenience of the small limitations on what students can buy with it, junior Simone Rabinowitz said.

“Since I’m conscious of ... my spending habits, I don’t really carry my wallet around a lot,” Rabinowitz said. “And it would be a hassle if everything on campus didn’t accept JumboCash.”

Sanjiv Khosla, a clerk at the Campus Mini Mart on Boston Avenue, said that students rarely — if ever — ask to buy tobacco products.

“When students come here, they are mostly buying groceries — food, drinks, candy,” he said. “They don’t ask for cigarettes or lottery tickets.”

In addition to these products, there are some places on campus where JumboCash is still not accepted. Neither Health Service nor the Aidekman Arts Center accepts JumboCash for transactions.

Klos explained that this is more of a technological barrier than anything else.

“I think the pharmacy where students receive their prescriptions from is a smaller local business, so it’s more

of a technology issue,” she said. “I don’t think there would be a prohibition on buying things at Health Service with JumboCash, we just haven’t been able to work out the technicalities as yet. It’s the same thing with Aidekman.”

The infrastructure required for JumboCash is somewhat complex, according to Klos.

“JumboCash requires a particular card reader, which is not the kind used for classic credit cards. There’s a cost to acquiring this equipment, which is usually borne by the department offering the service,” Klos explained.

To mitigate this disincentive for off-campus vendors, Klos says that this equipment is now available for the vendors to lease.

“We have a new partner who will process that credit to vendors within two days so they can lease their reader — so for many merchants that is the preferred route,” she said.

In recent years, the number of off-campus vendors who accept JumboCash has risen substantially, partially due to the new lease program.

Klos also has many ideas for the direction that JumboCash could go, ranging from approaching hardware stores and dry cleaners to creating a way to check card balance on mobile devices.

HANNAH FURGANG | THE TIM TAM SLAM

Get slammed



Guys. We are but a day away from Thanksgiving break, and you know what that means. It’s practice for the big one. It’s time to get mildly reacquainted with our parents, siblings and pets before this fine university sends us careening out of its gates and into our childhood bedrooms for winter break. Where the heck did time go?

It seems like only last Tuesday I was taking that online drug and alcohol education thing, and here I am, all signed up for classes for the spring semester. I spent the last three months trying desperately to make friends, only to find them all slipping through my fingers and into the unyielding grasp of the ski team. Winter is coming.

Speaking of which, I’ve been spending a lot of time doing things that don’t require friends in preparation for what I know will be a lonely season. When I’m too tired to keep up the solo dance parties (sorry ‘bout all the stomping, downstairs neighbors), I resort to reading. But I’ve found that even a good book can leave me feeling hollow inside. The last few chapters of “A Game of Thrones” (1996) made me so upset that I had a really hard time falling asleep Wednesday night.

But then something awesome happened. I was all caught up in my winter funk when I stumbled upon not one but two unopened packages of Tim Tams in my closet. I have lived 18 long years, and not once has the Tim Tam Fairy stopped by quite so unannounced.

Now, what in tarnation is a Tim Tam, you may be asking. I’ll answer that a Tim Tam is some higher power’s answer to mankind’s quest to stretch the very limits of the umami taste bud and the surest way to get some very inappropriate noises out your friends at the dinner table. It is also a type of Australian cookie. Pepperidge Farm made them in the United States for a brief spell, but the shelves have recently been replaced with Goldfish and stupid breads.

The Tim Tam is a succulent dessert biscuit comprised of chocolate cream sandwiched between two chocolate wafers and dipped in chocolate. The cream is no ordinary cream. It is, according to its maker, Arnott’s, a “delicate mixture of vanilla, butter and chocolate that complements the biscuit base and the chocolate.” None of that white Oreo spackling paste. The Tim Tam on its own is delectable, but a true connoisseur knows that there is a proper method for extracting optimal greatness out of it.

Behold the Tim Tam Slam: You bite off diagonal corners of a Tim Tam and use it as an impromptu straw for sucking through hot chocolate. As soon as the hot chocolate makes its way to your tongue, you feast. The entire cookie will melt in your mouth in an orgy of chocolate and warmth and ohmygod-whatdidIjusteatandwherecanIgetmore. I cannot overstate how awesome it is.

My stash is good until Jan. 16. There are 22 cookies between the two boxes, so if you factor in the eight to 10 that I will inevitably eat myself, that leaves at least 12 new friend opportunities. I have maintained friendships based solely on my access to Tim Tams before, and I’m not above doing it again. Maybe I’m resorting to desperate measures. Maybe I don’t care.

So it’s not all bad. Winter means hot chocolate season, and Joffrey Lannister is only a fictional character. Soon as the weather hits freezing, I’ll be slamming. You are welcome to join, while supplies last.

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CAMPUS COMMENT: POST OFFICE

The Tufts USPS branch in Curtis Hall joins approximately 3,700 post offices nationwide that are facing closure. As a result, Support Services Manager Sheila Chisholm on TuftsLife and in an email to students last week asked them to complete a customer questionnaire designed to assess the post office’s popularity. To get their voice heard, students must print out the questionnaire and deliver it to Mail Services by Nov. 23. Here’s what the campus had to say about the potential post office closure and the survey.

I went to fill it out and then I saw that I had to print it out and hand it in, so that’s why I didn’t do it.

Jake Jenney,
junior

I don’t use it at all, but if it closing means people losing jobs then I don’t want it to close either.

Awesta Yaqubi,
sophomore

I used it last semester. Even if I haven’t used it this semester I still want it to be there, I can’t explain it more. It’s something convenient if I need to send something.

Asad Badruddin,
senior

I bought a package of envelopes there once, and now I’m good to go, because I don’t send very many letters. I can use the mailbox on the street, but it would be really sad. It is what it is. Anything with a package is going to be really hard and annoying. I think if you’re at the point where you need the Post Office, you really need the Post Office.

Ben Perlstein,
junior

I just think it might be inconvenient for new students who need to send packages and they don’t really know where to go. During those few times that I have had to use it, it was helpful. I think the issue [with the survey] is that all of us are just so inundated with emails like that.

Griselle Ong,
junior

Selling textbooks matters a lot, I think, I’ve sold textbooks using the Post Office. I wish [the survey] was online. I think if they had done it online they would have plenty of people to do it. Which is contradictory to the whole post office idea but the fact is that we need it for bigger things like packages. They should still have an online survey.

Abha Gallewale,
junior

I use it to buy stamps, and sometimes if I’m confused about how to mail things, they’re pretty knowledgeable. [If it closed] I would figure it out, but it would be annoying.

Catherine Stephenson,
sophomore

—compiled by Martha Shanahan

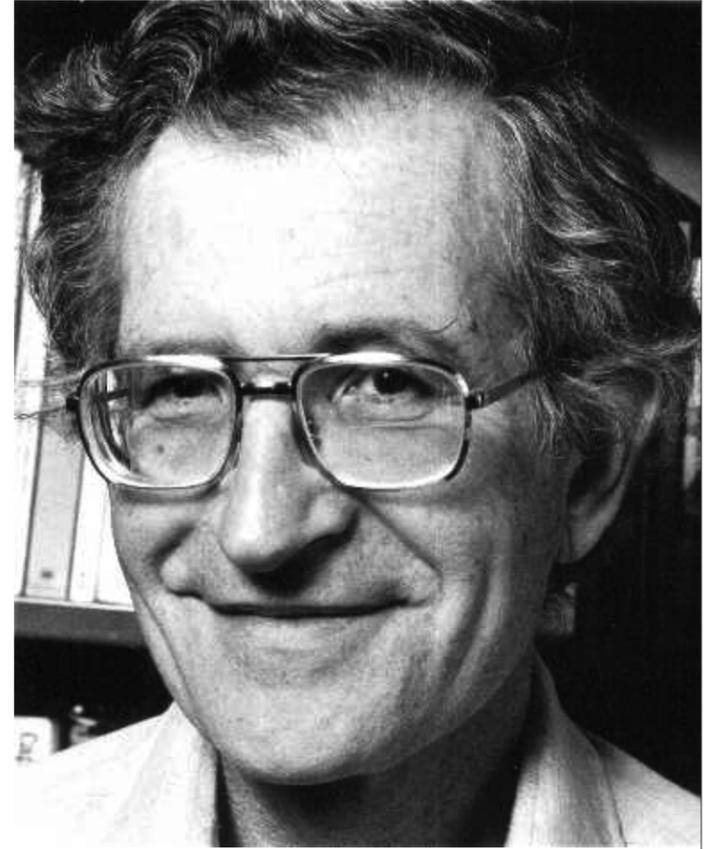
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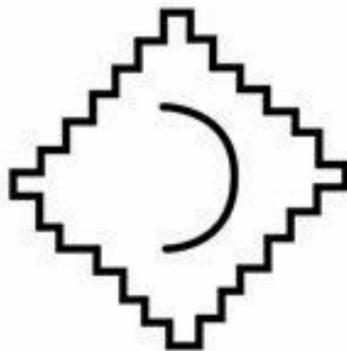
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MOVIE REVIEW

Von Trier's nuanced 'Melancholia' dazzles

BY MATTHEW WELCH
Daily Editorial Board

Disaster movies occupy a certain spot in contemporary cinema. They usu-

Melancholia



Starring **Kirsten Dunst, Charlotte Gainsbourg, Kiefer Sutherland**
Directed by **Lars von Trier**



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The dreamily intense 'Melancholia' is a stunning art house film.

ally conjure images of grid-locked city streets, wailing crowds and lots of fire. Lars von Trier's latest film, "Melancholia," refreshingly subverts the genre by focusing intensely on a small group of people in the days that precede the apocalypse.

It isn't spoiling much, especially for fans who know von Trier, to say that the world does actually end in the film. In fact, the movie opens with a lush, balletic rendering of the apocalypse in slow motion. Von Trier wanted to get the big question — whether or not the world will end — out of the way as soon as possible, letting him pursue the psychological states of the characters with less distraction.

The movie centers on a

newlywed named Justine, played by Kirsten Dunst in arguably the best performance of her career. She and her husband, Michael (Alexander Skarsgård), are holding their wedding reception at a beautiful villa with their dysfunctional families in tow. It quickly becomes apparent that Justine is hardly as happy as the occasion warrants, and her inability to fake happiness distresses her controlling sister, Claire (Charlotte Gainsbourg).

All the while, von Trier

hints at the existence of Melancholia, a rogue planet that is hurtling along a collision course with Earth. While Melancholia starts out as an ominous red star in the sky, it grows larger and larger until the climactic end sequence.

The claustrophobic feel of the villa in "Melancholia" is hardly new for von Trier. His last film, "Antichrist" (2009), detailed the deterioration of a couple after they retreat to a secluded cabin in the wake of their infant child's death. What

makes "Melancholia" so compelling is the palpability of Justine's depression and the responses it produces in those closest to her. Gainsbourg's nuanced performance shows how nagging solicitude, superficial calm and a smothering character all come together to fight Justine's depression. Despite Justine's emotional fragility, she becomes the only stable character as Melancholia nears Earth.

Despite its grim topic,

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CONCERT REVIEW

Keep Shelly rocks small, dedicated crowd

BY KATE GRIFFITHS
Daily Staff Writer

Greek quartet Keep Shelly in Athens played at the Brighton Music Hall last week to a small but enthusiastic crowd. The opening act, a Brooklyn quartet called Body Language, got the crowd warmed up with their up-tempo, occasionally eccentric electronic tunes. Using xylophones and various types of drumsticks, Body Language had the crowd dancing maniacally on the rather empty dancefloor.

Though the crowd actually thinned out once Body Language finished their set, Keep Shelly in Athens came on at 11 p.m. to play its trademark electropop songs, which have been classified as chillwave or dreamy. Keep Shelly's is the type of music that begs to be listened to on the beach or late at night when it's raining.

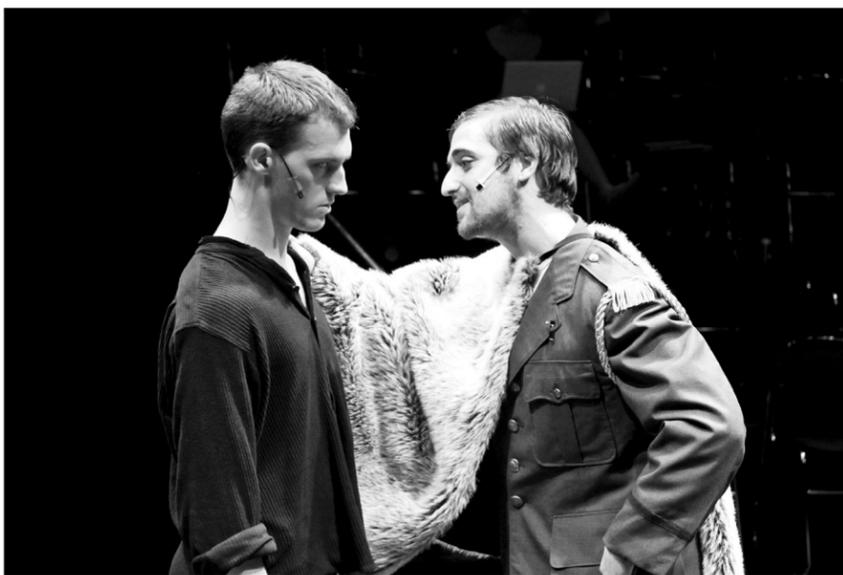
While there were only about 30 people who stayed to watch the main act, that group seemed largely comprised of longtime and loyal fans. Keep Shelly in Athens got its name from a suburb in Athens called Kypseli. This geographical inspiration comes through in one of the band's first songs, "Fokionos Negri Street," which is named after a street in Kypseli.

Frontwoman Sarah P is the only member who spoke and made eye contact with the crowd during Keep Shelly's entire set. The other three members kept their heads down and focused on their guitar, synthesizer and drum playing.

Sarah P introduced the band briefly: "Hello there, we're Keep Shelly in Athens, let's get it started." With that, the band plunged into one of its most popular songs, "Cremona Memories," an '80s-styled tune featuring elements of '90s soul and R&B.

The band is currently touring to promote its first EP, "Our Own Dream," which was released this August. In addition, Keep

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'Hip-Hopera' places fresh spin on Shakespeare

A first-time reader of William Shakespeare's plays is bound to voice one famous, 21st century complaint: "Is this even English?" Well, tonight, toss your 14-year-old self a bone with Bare Bodkin, Pen, Paint & Pretzels and Torn Ticket II's production of "Hamlet, the Hip-Hopera," running tonight for one night only. The piece, directed by senior John-Michael Sequeira, lays out Shakespeare's classic tragedy of familiar power struggles in the accessible format of hip-hop.

Writer Tucker Delaney-Winn, a senior, was profiled in the Daily earlier this semester since he spent his spring semester workshoping his play with Bare Bodkin. Since the piece is sponsored by three orga-

nizations — a rarity within the Tufts drama scene — the cast and crew of "Hip-Hopera" are able to afford professional filming of its 10 p.m. run. Delaney-Winn plans to distribute that tape to high school students, offering them a fresh and engaging way to learn about "Hamlet."

"I've actually been contacted by several high school teachers from places like Somerville High [School] and Roxbury Prep [Roxbury Preparatory Charter School] who are interested in showing the video to their students and even having us perform a scene or two," Delaney-Winn told the Daily.

Devotees of the original "Hamlet" can rest easy — Delaney-Winn and Sequeira's rendition doesn't stray dangerously

far from Shakespeare's rap-free opus. "Hamlet, the Hip-Hopera" includes a melange of contemporary and Elizabethan language, and — as Delaney-Winn told Jumble — the portrayal of crucial scenes and plot points "stays true to the spirit of the original play." That said, language assumes new forms under Delaney-Winn's pen, and Shakespeare's iambic pentameter transforms into raps, rap battles and spoken-word poetry.

With beloved classic material, a creative lens and Jumbo-sized talent, "Hamlet, the Hip-Hopera" promises to be music to our ears. Old meets new tonight at 7 and 10 p.m. in Balch Arena Theater.

—compiled by the Daily Arts Department

CHRIS POLDOIAN | EXTRA BUTTER

Cinematic doppelgangers



Remember the show "The Brady Bunch" (1969-1974)? Of course you do! It was on Nick at Nite after episodes of "Hey Arnold" (1996-2004), "Catdog" (1998-2004) and other horribly deformed cartoon characters. And do you remember the character Jan? Of course you don't! She was the bespectacled middle child who forever lived in the shadow of her older sister, the super-popular Marcia. Other than the time Marcia got hit in the face with a football and her nose swelled up, Jan could never compete for the spotlight.

That's kind of how I feel about the upcoming "Snow White" movies. I'm sure at this point most of you are familiar with 2012's "Snow White and the Huntsman" (SWATH); its trailer has been on the interwebs for a couple weeks now. SWATH gives us a radically new take on the classic tale with intense scenes of slow-motion swordplay. Charlize Theron, who plays the queen, hasn't looked this good since her role as Rita on "Arrested Development" (2003-2006). This slick trailer manages to make Disney leftovers sound pretty appetizing.

To say that I'm excited by SWATH is an understatement. It has a dark, epic quality that I haven't seen in a while. Ever since my "Sleeping Beauty" (1959) birthday party, I've long harbored a secret love for Disney princesses, and this film seems to legitimize those dubiously masculine feelings.

Unfortunately, I can't say the same about the other "Snow White" film, "Mirror Mirror" (2012). Directed by Tarsem Singh, "Mirror Mirror" seems geared toward children — ironic given the mature quality of his recent blood-drenched movie "Immortals" (2011). "Mirror Mirror" stars Julia Roberts, who, as a middle-aged queen, comes off as a fantastical reject of the TV show "Desperate Housewives" — a far cry from Theron's femme fatale Queen. The trailer is filled with gags and at least one Bollywood dance. This movie includes dwarves, but they seem to spend most of their time spewing moronic banter.

If I sound biased toward SWATH, it's only because I am. But these two films should not be directly compared. Although both deal with the original Grimm fairy tale, they are radically different films. But for better or worse, the comparisons are inevitable.

This awkward phenomenon of film doubling happens with surprising frequency. Oftentimes, rival film companies have already invested so much money in their project that they refuse to surrender. The result is a cinematic game of chicken, with each studio changing the release date in order to prove to viewers that its iteration is better. "Mirror Mirror" was supposed to come out in June, but its distributor wisely upped its release to March in order to avoid any chronological confusion with SWATH, which will be released in June. Sometimes, a movie will be shelved until viewers forget about the competing film, which was the case with the Truman Capote biopic, "Infamous" (2006).

If you recall, the family comedy "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" (2009) came out a mere four months before pitch-black comedy "Observe and Report" (2009). Both dealt with overweight mall cops; one featured rape, heroin and references to "Taxi Driver" (1976), while the other made fart jokes. And do you remember the small, minimalistic film "The Illusionist" (2006)? Within months, another "magician" movie, Christopher Nolan's "The Prestige" (2006), filled the theaters. But all of these movies are separate entities. Just because they have similar plots doesn't mean they should be compared.

Earlier this year, casting was announced for two separate biopics on porn star Linda Lovelace. In one corner, we have Malin Akerman starring in a project tentatively titled "Inferno." The competing film, "Lovelace," is more complete from a casting perspective. Starring Amanda Seyfried and costarring James Franco and Kate Hudson, "Lovelace" is more likely to see the light of day. But who knows? As they say in the porn industry, more is always better.

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Keep Shelly brings electropop to Boston

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Shelly also has a large back catalogue of crowd-pleasing songs. The title track, "Our Own Dream," is a trippy amalgam of electronic beeps, Sarah P's haunting vocals, and a dash of nostalgia. Keep Shelly in Athens has perfected the art of using synthesizers to evoke an almost melancholy wistfulness.

One problem with the band's music is that it is so electronic-based. This stops Keep Shelly from improvising during its live show because each member is forced to stick to the script. As a result, it seemed as though the audience was listening to a recording rather than attending a live performance.

A few songs stuck out like sore thumbs during the show. On songs like "A Tear in My i," Sarah P's voice sounded harsher live than it did in its recordings, in which a smooth and soulful saxophone softened any rough edges. In contrast, the somewhat unfittingly named "Song to Cheer You Up" translated

better to the live performance. However, due to its relaxing nature, a more suitable title might have been "Song to Listen to While Drinking Red Wine on a Cold Night."

The band finished with a remix they produced of "Tip Of Your Tongue" by Porcelain Raft — a surprising choice, due to the less electronic nature of the track. The song definitely lifted the audience out of its relaxed stupor — it didn't hurt that the beat kicked in at a volume that was at least three notches higher than any of the concert's previous songs.

Regardless of the small size of the crowd, the cries for an encore indicated that those in attendance were genuine fans. The band's farewell consisted of a quiet "Let's bounce" from Sarah P and a long round of applause from the dedicated audience. Keep Shelly in Athens is a band on the verge of making it big, and their mashing of jazz, soul, disco and electro definitely has a place in today's music industry.



Keep Shelly performed last week to an intimate but enthusiastic crowd.



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Dunst gives an impressively deep performance in 'Melancholia.'

With brilliant camera work, von Trier impresses with 'Melancholia'

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"Melancholia" is a genuinely gorgeous film. Von Trier's directing style shifts to accommodate the mood of each scene. Most of the film is shot with a handheld camera that lacks Steadicam, lending a shaky-handed, realistic aesthetic that contrasts the splendor of the setting. Von Trier astutely shifts the camera work to more formal cinematic standards during climactic scenes, producing strikingly clear shots that sharply juxtapose the jittery camera work surrounding them. The contrast between these two approaches makes such scenes even more effective than they would be ordinarily.

Von Trier's infamous cynicism assumes new visual forms in "Melancholia," which finds beauty in the most hopeless topics. Justine's depression helps her transcend the fear that cripples her loved ones in their final days on Earth, allowing her

to see the incoming planet's beauty in a way no one else can appreciate. Her seeming indifference to the end of the world is subtly acted by Dunst, who skillfully avoids the clichéd pitfalls that many actors succumb to when playing melancholic roles.

Justine's relative calm in the days leading up to the apocalypse stirs some of the best drama in the film. As Claire vainly scrambles and frets when she learns of the world's inevitable end, her worldview finally clashes with Justine's in one of the most memorable scenes in recent cinema. The air of futility that has permeated the film finally comes to light in a series of mordantly delivered lines from Justine, who ultimately cripples any hope her loved ones may have. Though "Melancholia" is certainly not for the faint of heart, it is one of the most affecting films of the last few years.



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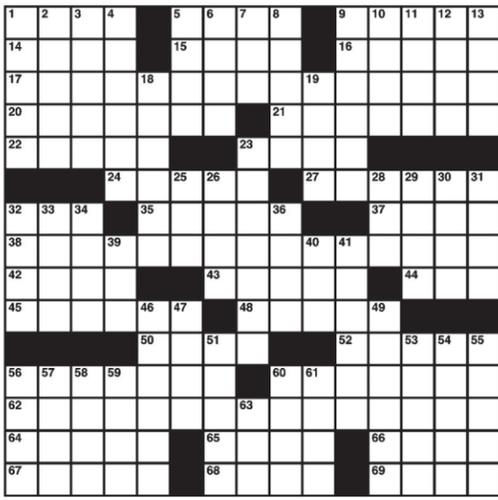
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By Donna S. Levin

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

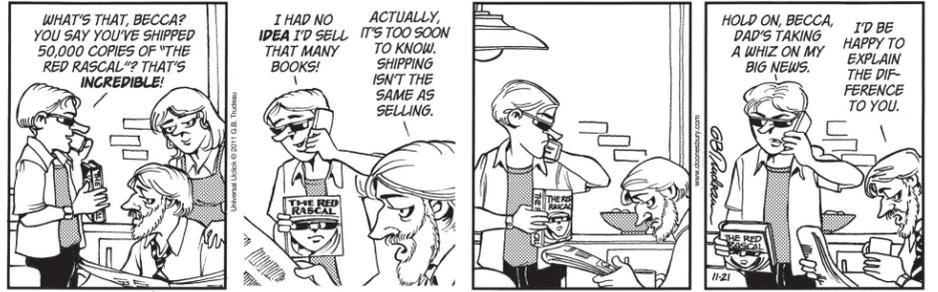


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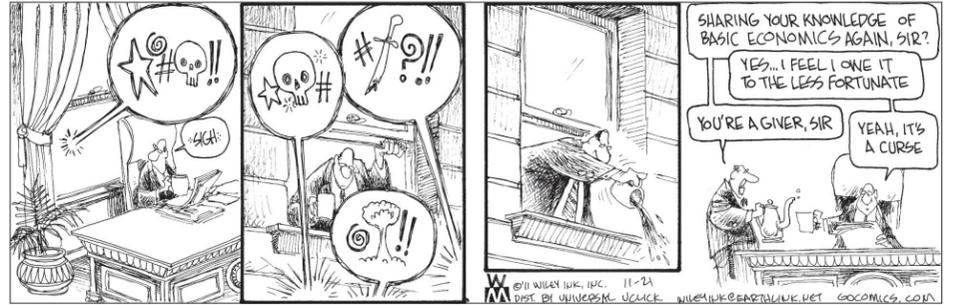
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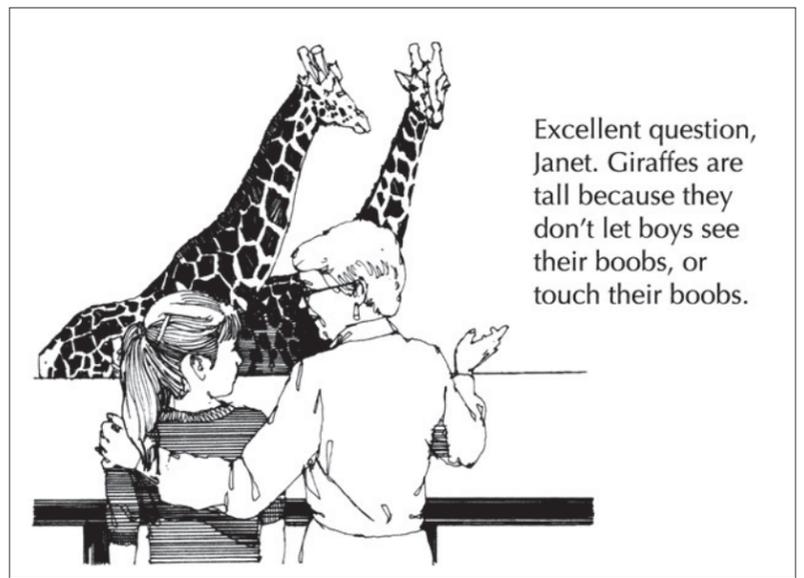


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A:



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

(Answers tomorrow)

Friday's Jumbles: DOUSE TEMPT SOCIAL AROUND
 Answer: After realizing he'd misplaced the map, the hiker — LOST IT

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Level: Getting overwhelmed by Black Friday crowds

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Friday's Solution

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Alyssa: "My name's not Rebecca, number one. And if it was, I wouldn't want you to call me that."



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EDITORIAL

Proposed newsletter should be opt-in

The Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate has recently discussed publishing an electronic newsletter and sending it out to students via email. One purpose of the newsletter is to keep students informed about the Senate's current projects, thereby allowing the Senate to get student feedback more easily. A regular newsletter informing students of Senate projects as well as other campus happenings is certainly a sound concept, but there is currently controversy about whether students should opt in to the newsletter or whether it should be sent to all students automatically with recipients having the option to opt out.

Having the newsletter be an opt-out system would be indicative of a kind of arrogance. The TCU Senate does important work. However, believing that students always want to hear all about that work is a vain assumption. A student actively chooses to pick up a campus publication, actively chooses to attend general interest meetings for organizations he or she finds interest-

ing and actively chooses his or her level of involvement in extracurricular activities. There's a reason why students aren't mailed publications, automatically added to event rosters or given a requirement for extracurricular activities: Involvement is a choice.

Tufts heavily promotes the ideas of active citizenship and community involvement, but they are never forced on students. The resources are there for those who choose to explore them, but they are never assumed to be a part of every student's curriculum. By the Senate making receipt of the newsletter opt-out instead of opt-in, they are assuming that everyone wants to be regularly updated on their projects. The reasoning behind this seems to be that because every student is a part of the Tufts community, they will automatically want to know what's going on with the Senate. This assumption is, at best, extremely idealistic.

Automatic opt-ins may also breed apathy rather than involvement. Those

who are automatically signed up for the e-list may find themselves requesting to be removed from it after receiving multiple emails regarding things in which they aren't particularly interested. It makes more sense to make being on the e-list an active choice, letting students choose when they want to hear about Senate's projects.

Would it be difficult for a student to click a link unsubscribing them from the e-list? No. The principle behind the assumption, however, is the problem, not the actual unsubscribing process itself. Tufts gives its students the resources and freedom to make their own choices when it comes to being involved and being an active member of the university community. Some use these resources and do amazing things with them; others prefer not to use them at all. Either way, each individual student chooses what he or she wants to be updated on and involved in. The university does not make that decision for them, and neither should the TCU Senate.

LOUIE ZONG



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am a parent of a junior at Tufts. I was very saddened to hear about the ban on the Naked Quad Run (NQR). The university experience must be more than about attending classes and studying for tests. I certainly don't expect University President Anthony Monaco, or myself for that matter, to participate in NQR, but 35 years ago, I probably would have. Acting like dumb college students is the part of the maturing experience. I'd hate to see you take it away from these kids.

Citing concerns about drinking or other inappropriate or dangerous behavior sounds ridiculous to me. The ones involved in that behavior should be punished, not everyone else. It seems like a cop-out on your part. It is like forbidding students from getting a driver's license because some of them might drive too fast and get into accidents.

Yes, there might be some excessive drinking and horsing around, but compared to what goes on at other schools, the students of Tufts are exemplary. I know: I have attended, and have had kids in, other schools.

As parents, we spent most our lives protecting them. I wish the university would allow them to spread their wings a little, even if they do dumb things like NQR. I promise you that 20 years from now, those kids who were drinking and participating in NQR will be the leaders of our nation, and we will all be proud of them.

I am not suggesting that Tufts should condone NQR, but if there ever was a time to look the other way, this is it.

Sincerely,
Rami Brosh

Empathy — A false hope for integration!

BY SAMUEL MURRAY

The oppression of women throughout both history and current societies is an utter disgrace to us all. I, however, will not express empathy for your cause. I believe empathy to be weak and instead attempt to not only educate myself, but also abstain from discourse that is both unproductive and touches on issues that I am more or less ignorant of. While Ms. Cox was both witty and inflammatory, her Nov. 17 op-ed "With empathy and perspective for us all" attacks me specifically. As a result I shall conclude that my main topic of racial inequality was just a bit too much for her to handle. She in fact says, "Why is it, exactly, that his oppression as a man of color is somehow more valid and worthy of a voice than my oppression as a woman?"

While I agree that women fall low on the social hierarchy within patriarchal world society, the issue I am most interested in is racial inequality. While perhaps this is of no concern to you, as you have expressed that you find your oppression as a woman to not only be substantial, you seem to argue with some level of complacency, as you suggest the "world is a rough place" and your base allegation that I am angry. But in response, I ask you: shouldn't you be angry? Although anger only breeds further frustration and perhaps more ignorance, I can assure you that my intentions were pure and not nearly as aggressive as you have perceived. To specify, the intentions of my first op-ed were primarily to (1) raise awareness of racial inequality on campus and (2) alleviate some of the ten-

sions around discussing issues of race and inequalities that are present on campus. However, in the response by Ms. Tralins, she seemed to have formed an unrealistic opinion that (1) minorities fight for assimilation and that is essentially true integration, (2) that empathy is perhaps the best path in dissipating inequality and (3) that minorities who argue in favor of universal privilege, in comparison to white privilege are culturally confused or suffer from identity crises. While perhaps my last message was misconstrued in my attempts to defend myself from the previous critic, I am vexed by your shallow blows that portray my opinions as no more than mere rants, or attempts to cause a ruckus; which they surely are not.

Additionally, as a male, I apologize for the subjugation that you have either experienced, or feel that you will experience. To further more stimulating conversation as you suggest, I will refrain from petty discourse and ask for you to do the same. Instead, I am genuinely sympathetic about your oppression. As both a brother and a son, brought up in a single-parent patriarchal household, I understand the hardships of femaleness. Furthermore, I hope to use my maleness to combat gender inequality through study and future activism. Additionally, I have written numerous papers on women's inequality, which you are more than welcome to read, so that you may know I respect and understand your inequality and believe that is one that demands urgency.

It seems we all agree that we should divulge in dialogue, and that this is perhaps the best method in understanding

the more specific nuances of each other's arguments. With that being said, I propose that perhaps Ms. Tralins, Ms. Cox, any others and I set an official meeting time as to discuss our issues.

Furthermore, I am quite offended by many of your comments, especially when you said, "However, when I am having an 'injustice' shoved down my throat, and someone else is telling me, without ever having met me, that his or her oppression has somehow been greater than mine, it does nothing but make me defensive and angry." I have not made any attempts to shove any injustice down your throat, primarily because I do not know you.

Again, my attempt to expose inequality within the Tufts community is my only intention. I am elated that you have exposed another. I suggest that in your critiques of me, that you take your own advice and not burn bridges or rant and rail, and furthermore, not shove you gender inequality down anyone else's throat.

Despite your numerous jabs, I not only respect your opinion, but also have decided to abstain from public discourse. If my messages are not clear and do not encourage my original intention of eliminating exclusion and racial tensions, I have failed on my part as a social activist. On that note, I sincerely hope that you will take me up on my offer and join me for a friendly conversation at a place of equal comfort to the both of us.

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PRASHANTH PARAMESWARAN | THE ASIANIST

A Pacific presidency



When Hawaii-born U.S. President Barack Obama famously declared himself America's first "Pacific President" in a speech in Tokyo two years ago, the audience was charmed by his references to green-tea ice cream, childhood visits to Japan and boyhood years in Indonesia.

They were probably less impressed by America's Asia policy during his first year in office. Mr. Obama showed up to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) with virtually no trade policy, acquiesced to Beijing unnecessarily on several issues and had a rocky start with U.S. allies and friends like Japan, India and Taiwan. Weeks before America's new president was about to leave for his first official Asia trip, Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's patriarch and one of Asia's leading strategic thinkers, warned that the United States risked losing global leadership if it did not remain engaged in Asia to balance a rising China.

Since then, Mr. Obama has tried to make amends by buttressing ties with countries generally aligned with the United States instead of trying to change the interests of those who are not. He has backed Southeast Asian countries against Chinese bullying in the South China Sea, enhanced America's checkered commitment to regional multilateral forums and deepened relations with allies and strategic partners like Indonesia, South Korea and Vietnam. Meanwhile, flickers of hope have appeared in U.S. engagement efforts with North Korea and Myanmar. In recent months, his administration has indicated that despite defense cuts and economic challenges at home, the United States remains committed to lead in the Asia-Pacific.

Mr. Obama made more waves in his latest voyage across the Pacific. Hosting the APEC summit in Hawaii, he pushed his regional trade agreement, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which advances a platinum Free Trade Agreement standard that addresses critical commercial rules and regulations. In Australia, he secured greater U.S. access to Australian bases, providing a staging point for the American military in the Indian Ocean and a sanctuary beyond the striking range of China's growing arsenal of long-range missiles.

Equally important was what Mr. Obama did not do. He did not fan Chinese fears of containment and Southeast Asian fears of superpower rivalry by suggesting that these overtures were aimed at Beijing. In fact, he went out of his way to say directly that "the notion that we're looking to exclude China is mistaken," and that Beijing was an important part of setting principles for all actors to follow in the region, even if it would have to realign its policies to pursue future common goals. That struck a good balance between advancing a U.S. vision in Asia and leaving room for conditional Chinese involvement. Chinese officials, of course, still questioned whether American initiatives were "appropriate," forgetting the fact that it was Beijing's own missteps that had opened the door to a stronger U.S. presence in the region.

He also did not attempt to dominate the agenda at America's first East Asian Summit (EAS) as some countries had feared. Instead, he backed other Asian nations' insistence on a multilateral resolution of conflicting territorial claims in the South China Sea after they had all spoken at a smaller EAS session on Saturday. Though Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao was put on the defensive, he addressed the concerns in a constructive way that was a far cry from Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi's notorious tantrum at the ASEAN Regional Forum in 2010. That was a relief to Asian countries, who wanted to make their worries heard without incurring Beijing's wrath.

Mr. Obama still has a year in office before presidential elections next year, during which much can happen. But as he returns from his weeklong swing around the Pacific Rim, he certainly looks more the part of a Pacific President than he did two years ago.

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'You don't know what you've got till it's gone'

BY DANIELLE O'FARRELL

I had been dreading the approach of my brother's birthday because it meant I should send him a package. I had not yet figured out how to send mail at Tufts University or where this was done, and so I tried not to worry about it while I assembled his present. Finally, though, the day came when I had to go out and find the post office. I looked it up and then began my walk to the post office conveniently located in Curtis Hall by Brown and Brew. Now, I am one of those people who is not very knowledgeable about mailing things, and I was a little nervous. I walked into the cozy little room and approached the available counter. I clumsily muttered that I had to mail something and the woman behind the counter beamed at me, asking me what it was. I set my brother's present on the counter, and I noticed that part of the card I had made was falling apart, and so the woman provided me with tape. While I fixed the card she weighed the gift, explaining the fastest, cheapest and safest ways to ship it.

I am a little bit of an eavesdropper; I noticed the woman behind the counter next to me saying to the student she was helping, "You sure you want to send it in this pretty box? If you send it in one of ours it will be cheaper." The girl replied that it had to be the pretty box because it was her brother's birthday. I couldn't help myself; I smiled, laughed and told her it was my brother's birthday too. Then we discussed where we were from and it turned out she lived, like me, on the West Coast and that in fact she lived in Oakland, just across the bay from where I live in San Francisco. We laughed and tried to return to our own business, but the post office ladies intervened and made us introduce ourselves.

Focusing on my present again, we determined the cheapest and fastest way to send it was in a flat-rate box. While the post lady built the box for me, she eyed my gift. She said, "You should protect that. Here, I think we have some newspapers, and since it's flat-rate the weight doesn't matter. Here, use all of these." A little shocked by her care for my gift, I began stuffing newspaper around it, and soon enough



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my card was being put in an envelope to protect it from getting hurt in the box. Then it was time for postage and the woman smiled, "We are going to use some celebration stamps to spice it up a little." Sure enough, she pasted a couple of brightly colored stamps covered with confetti and with the word "celebrate" in the middle. She continued, "Now do you want to insure this?" I laughed, "It's just a water bottle." She insisted it had been a reasonable question. "You decorated it yourself. We wouldn't want it getting hurt." Flattered, I denied the offer anyway. My package was now ready to bring a taste of fall to my brother on the West Coast — I decorated the bottle with colored leaves. I felt my package had gotten the best care it could.

As I walked out, the woman who had helped me proudly told the other woman how cheaply we had done it, and the other woman retorted, "I guess it just depends on how you want to do it; my girl wanted a nice package so that it was special for her brother." Then the woman who had helped me replied, "Well my girl made her gift herself, by hand." They were each so loyal to the girl they had helped and were quite absorbed in debating the merits of our

gifts. I left the post office no longer nervous, but beaming and giggling. I could not wait to send my next package or buy stamps.

I had to make sure to tell my brother to notice the special stamps, and now I want to tell you to notice the post office. They are such nice people that they make you want to mail things. Perhaps you live close, but for those of us who live far away, the post office allows us to let people know we are thinking about them. Please take the time to hike your survey to Mail Services at Hill Hall by Nov. 23, because otherwise Tufts University will no longer have this little post office tucked away inside Curtis Hall. The survey can be found at Tufts.edu/central/mail-services/posurvey.pdf. (If it doesn't work at first, refresh the page.) This survey allows you to explain your experiences at the post office and how its closure would affect you and the community. Take the time to walk to Hill Hall now because it will be a shorter walk than the walk to wherever you may want to send a package next.

Danielle O'Farrell is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.

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INSIDE NCAA FOOTBALL

A SECTarian national championship picture

BY MATT BERGER
Daily Editorial Board

If this week's BCS projections are correct, then the top three teams — LSU, Alabama and Arkansas — will all come from the same conference, creating one of the most interesting scenarios in recent memory.

With these programs at the top of the national rankings, this week's classic SEC West rivalry matchups between Arkansas and LSU and Alabama and Auburn will take on greater importance than ever, and likely will dictate which two teams will be playing on Jan. 9 in the BCS National Championship game in New Orleans.

But before examining all that, let's take a look back at which teams eliminated themselves from contention for the national championship with losses this weekend.

It all started with No. 2 Oklahoma State on Friday. The Cowboys began the college football weekend with what most expected to be an easy Friday night trip to Iowa State to face the 27-point underdog Cyclones. Oklahoma State, however, beat itself over and over again, committing five turnovers and missing what would have been a game-winning 37-yard field goal with 1:17 left in regulation. Iowa State ended up winning in double overtime, shocking the Cowboys and most likely pushing them down to No. 5 or 6 in the BCS rankings. Oklahoma State no longer controls its own destiny and will need losses from at least two of the SEC heavyweights to reenter the national title picture.

What about No. 4 Oregon? Like the Stanford Cardinal, the Ducks quickly learned that USC fears nobody, as Lane Kiffin's upstart Trojans traveled to Autzen Stadium and shocked the Ducks, who were previously undefeated in Pac 12 play. With USC leading 38-14 and just 3:28 to go in the third quarter, the Ducks fought back furiously, scoring 21 unanswered points in just over 11 minutes. But the late push wasn't enough, as the Trojans' defense buckled down late to preserve a tough 38-35 road victory. Now, Oregon will most likely fall out of the BCS top five and will need a ton of help to return to its second consecutive BCS national championship game.

Moving on to No. 5 Oklahoma, many expected the preseason favorites to make a run up the BCS standings after losing to Texas Tech on Oct. 22. But the Sooners laid another egg and were bounced by No. 22 Baylor — a team they had not lost to in 20 meetings — in what may have been the biggest win in the history of Baylor football. Oklahoma simply had no answers for Bears junior quarterback Robert Griffin III, who has come out of nowhere to emerge as a serious contender for the Heisman Trophy. Griffin torched the Sooners' defense for 551 total yards and four touchdowns, leading Baylor to a 45-38 win that dashed Oklahoma's national title chances.

Finally, there is No. 7 Clemson, which would most likely have entered the BCS top five with a win over lowly, unranked NC State

on Saturday. The Wolfpack, however, played their best game of the season and outscored the visiting Tigers 27-0 in the second quarter to take a commanding 24-point lead into halftime. Clemson turned the ball over four times and never seemed to find an offensive rhythm in an ugly 37-13 loss. Once 8-0, the Tigers are now 9-2 and will almost certainly fall out of the top ten and into BCS oblivion.

With so many losses from teams that were previously in contention for the national title, the stage has been set for No. 1 LSU, No. 2 Alabama, and No. 3 Arkansas to play themselves into the BCS national championship game. The Tigers, who remain unbeaten, could lose a game and still qualify for the championship, while the Tide and Razorbacks, who have both already lost once, will need to be perfect to make it to New Orleans.

In a sport that is notorious for its lack of a playoff system, Arkansas and Alabama will essentially begin their postseason this weekend with elimination games on the road against LSU and Auburn, respectively. A loss by either team would knock out its national title aspirations.

There are still way too many possibilities to talk about the BCS championship picture should Arkansas and Alabama both win. One thing is for sure, though: the college football world is centered somewhere in the southeast.

We just don't know whether Baton Rouge, La., Tuscaloosa, Ala., or Fayetteville, Ark. will reign supreme.



MCT
Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III may have soared to the top of a wide-open Heisman race with his dominant performance against Oklahoma.

Relay efforts key to men's success

SWIMMING

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placed second in the 200 butterfly, making a strong impression in his inaugural Tufts effort.

The Jumbos defeated Middlebury, but lost to Conn. College for the first time since 2003.

"They definitely brought in a really strong freshman class," Rood said. "I think it says a lot about the NESCAC —

any one of these schools can bring in a great recruiting class."

Still, the Jumbos are not deterred. "I think we swam really well this weekend," Rood said. "We haven't had that much time to put the work in, but we definitely showed that at the end of the season we'll have the heart to finish the races in the right way."

The Jumbos have two weeks off before the MIT Invitational on Dec. 2-3.

Curry to wrap up pre-Thanksgiving slate

ICE HOCKEY

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went cold, and a solid performance from senior tri-captain goalie Scott Barchard was enough to hold the Cardinals off and preserve the victory.

Barchard made 27 saves on the day to deny Wesleyan the tying score and, familiarly, lead the Jumbos to victory.

"We came out a little bit flat-footed," freshman defenseman Shawn Power said. "With a three-goal lead I think we got a little bit too comfortable, and Wesleyan hadn't given up yet, so they came out flying and Scott played real well in the third to help keep us in it, so we were able to hold on and close out the game."

On Friday, Tufts scored four goals on the way to a resounding 4-1 victory at Trinity. With the win, the Jumbos avenged an embarrassing 8-2 defeat at the hands of the Bantams last February. Barchard, an All-American his sophomore season, finished the day with 30 saves, and led the Jumbos to their first victory over Trinity since 2006.

Both teams finished the contest with 31 shots, but the Jumbos started strong and consistently converted better than the Bantams, despite going 0-for-5 on power plays. Tufts struck first, when Plimmer fired a wrist shot past Bantams freshman netminder Samuel Calahan with just under five minutes remaining in the opening period.

The Bantams, however, would equalize in the following period. After several powerplay opportunities, Trinity junior Jeffrey Menard received the puck and fired it in from the left side of the net. That score, which came at the midpoint, was the only shot that evaded Barchard; the keeper posted 11 second-period saves.

"Scott had a huge impact on the Trinity game," Power said. "He's gotten back to his form from sophomore year, and in the second period especially he kept us in the game big time."

Eight minutes later, the Jumbos recaptured the lead. With less than two minutes remaining, Power finished a shot from left, beating Calahan to spark the Jumbos' scoring run. As the third period opened, the Jumbos looked to build on their lead with an insurance score and did just that twice. Around the nine-minute mark Pantazopolous controlled a deflected shot, and sent his own quick rebound past Calahan to increase the Jumbos' lead to two.

As the final period wore on, the Bantams had a remarkable opportunity to score and reduce Tufts' lead. Following Pantazopolous' goal, Barchard lost control of his stick and was forced to make a save with his pads to preserve the score.

"On that play I think his stick just got jammed up or something like that, and Scott's really smart and can anticipate what's going on so even without his stick he knew what was going to happen, and he's athletic enough to make the save," Metcalfe said.

In the final minute, Trinity desperately pulled Calahan from goal, but Tufts freshman forward Tyler Voigt and Gallegos teamed up to push the final margin to three on an empty-netter with two seconds remaining.

"We scored at the end of the second period pretty soon after they'd scored their goal to tie the game so it was definitely a big momentum swing going into the locker room," Power said. "I think we were able to carry that energy through the third period and then at the very end Kyle got a look which he put away pretty easily."

The Jumbos will face their first non-conference opponent of the season Tuesday when they travel to Milton, Mass., to face Curry College. Last year the Jumbos dropped a 3-2 November decision to the Colonels.

"Tuesday's definitely a big game," Power said. "Curry started out the year as a top 15 in the country team, so it's a real big test for us to see where we stand and hopefully we just come out of it with another two points."

BASKETBALL

Men kick off season with tournament win; women drop to 0-2

The climb to the top has begun for the men's basketball team.

After years in the NESCAC cellar, Tufts turned it around last season with a fifth-place finish and a conference tournament appearance. This season, the Jumbos have hit the ground running with two season-opening victories that gave them the Charlie Ryan Classic championship this past weekend at Larry Mahaney Gym at Thomas College.

Tufts capped off the weekend with an 84-71 win Saturday against the hosts, taking the lead for good with 7:28 left in the first half. Senior Alex Orchowski had a team-high 17 points and 11 rebounds, and he was named the tournament MVP after averaging 17.5 points and 8.0 rebounds over two days.

Sophomore Kwame Firemping came on strong as well, posting a double-double (10 points, 10 rebounds) against Thomas and tacking on 14 points in 28 minutes during Tufts' 88-82 win over Newbury in Friday's opener. Four players scored in double digits in both games as the Jumbos, who scored 80 points only four times last season, topped

the plateau in both of their first two.

The women's basketball team, on the other hand, struggled in its pair of contests at the Williams Tip-Off Tournament. Against Whitman on Saturday, the Jumbos were held to 24 second-half points and dropped a 70-51 decision. Only junior Collier Clegg and freshman Hayley Kanner scored in double figures, and Tufts shot a lowly 29.3 percent from the field.

The Jumbos competed with No. 5 Babson for most of the game, even building up a 39-30 lead at halftime, but they were outscored by 18 points in the latter half and wound up losing their opener on Friday, 73-64. Senior Tiffany Kornegay had a team-high 17 points, and freshman Kelsey Morehead added 15. Morehead, who had five assists versus Whitman, was named to the all-tournament team. Senior Kate Barnosky, returning after sitting out most of last season with an injury, averaged 8.5 points and 9.5 rebounds over the two days.

For full coverage of the basketball teams' weekends, see tomorrow's Daily.

—by Alex Prewitt

WOMEN'S SQUASH

Tufts goes 2-1 in opening weekend

Lineup depth key to team's victories against Wellesley, Smith

BY ANN SLOAN
Daily Editorial Board

The No. 21 Tufts women's squash team started off its 2011-12 season this weekend, beating No. 26 Wellesley and No. 25 Smith before falling to No. 13 Mount Holyoke.

The Jumbos went 1-1 on Saturday with a 6-3 victory over the Pioneers and a 9-0 loss to the host Lyons. Against Mount Holyoke, senior co-captain Alyse Vinoski had a tough four-set loss in the No. 5 spot against junior Kathryn Brummer, winning the first game 11-8 before losing the next three. The other eight Tufts players each fell in three games, sealing the Jumbos' second shutout against Mount Holyoke in as many seasons.

"We knew going in that they were a stronger team, but I don't think that that made anybody play less hard than they normally would," freshman Ann Bellinger said. "We definitely saw our weaknesses. I know I need to hit deeper."

Powerful hits are a significant part of the Lyons' success.

"It was kind of surprising to a lot of people how hard they hit the ball," junior Jessica Rubine said. "They also moved around the court really well. We had to use the first game to get used to how hard they hit."

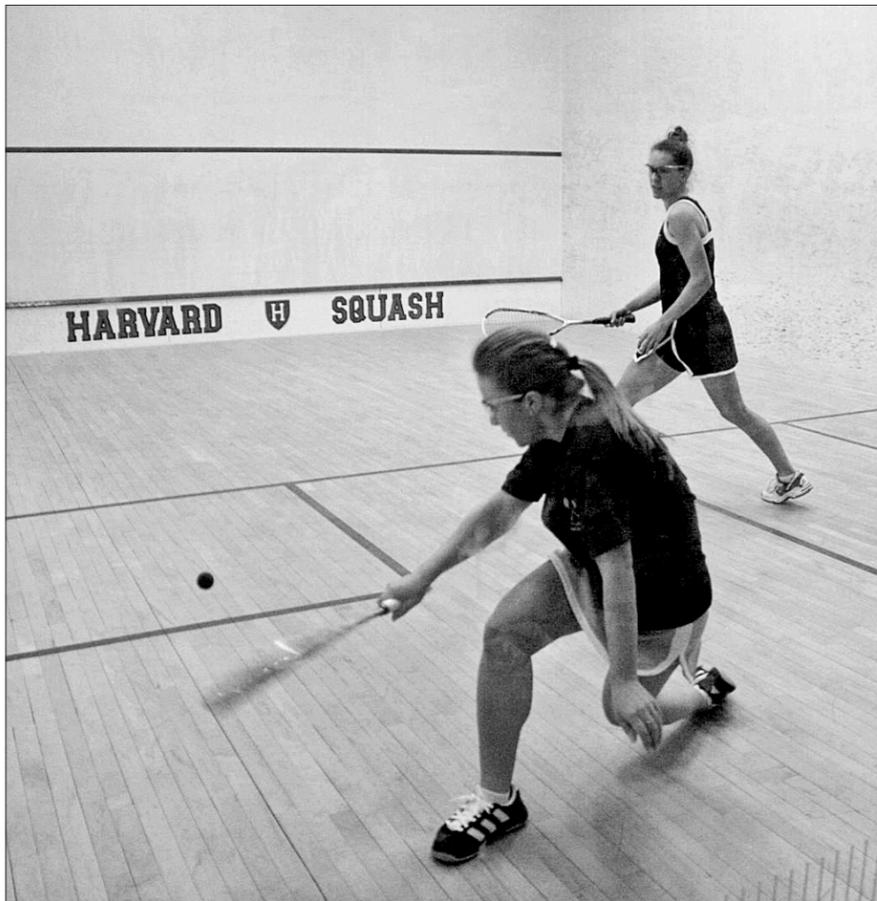
Playing higher-seeded teams will likely help the Jumbos in the long run.

"It was a great experience for everyone, especially for the girls who are new to squash," Bellinger said. "They really got a taste for what it's like to have a more consistent play against someone at a higher level, to see what squash is really about."

Earlier in the day, Tufts defeated Smith 6-3. The wins came from up and down the ladder, showing the depth of Tufts' lineup. Tufts took victories in the No. 3-5 spots and in the No. 7-9 spots. Freshman Paige Dahlman and junior Risa Meyers both lost their second games before rallying to take the next two and win their matches. No. 9 junior Madison Newbound had perhaps the most impressive victory of the day, only allowing Smith freshman Vivian Lee to score 14 points.

Two of the losses came from Tufts' No. 1 and 2 players, Rubine and senior co-captain Mercedes Barba.

"Mercedes and I were both disappointed with our play, but it was a new



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Senior co-captain Mercedes Barba struggled in her debut at the No. 2 spot, but the Jumbos' deep lineup enabled them to go 2-1 over the weekend.

position for both of us," Rubine said. "We did the best we could, and hopefully we'll get the chance to play them again. Other than that, the team played really well."

On Friday, Tufts swept Wellesley 9-0, improving on last year's 6-3 and 5-4 victories over the Blue. The lopsided score does not reflect the competitiveness of the contest.

Only three of the nine matches — played by Rubine, Barba and Newbound — were won in three games. Dahlman and freshman Lilly Tyson were tied 2-2 when Dahlman won the fifth game 12-10 to take the victory in the No. 3 spot. Meyers was down 2-1 before rallying to win the last two sets 14-12, 11-5.

The team believes nerves played a part in how close the scores were.

"Everyone was nervous because it was their first time playing or they

were playing in a new position," Rubine said. "It definitely showed that people were nervous, but that's OK, it's to be expected. I think everyone adjusted well."

The Jumbos play again on Dec. 1 against No. 31 Boston College, followed by the two-day Wesleyan Round Robin tournament.

"I think it was great that we went out and started with two wins because it was a boost of confidence for us," Bellinger said. "We'll go into our Boston College match quite strong. Our loss against Mount Holyoke was upsetting, but it will make people train harder. It will be good going into weekends against teams that are at our level of play."

Editor's Note: Men's squash results were not available at press time. See The Score this afternoon for a recap of this weekend's action.

ZACH DRUCKER | THE LOSER

Tebow time



Tim Tebow has been a controversial figure since high school, when his family bought a small apartment so the homeschooled phenom could play football in the district of his choice. In college, Tebow became increasingly polarizing, referencing biblical verses on his eye-black in front of national audiences and starring in a pro-life ad that ran during Super Bowl XLIV, all while winning a Heisman Trophy.

So when Tebow took the helm as the starting quarterback of the Denver Broncos in Week 8, critics were aroused. Aside from his extracurricular persona, on the field, Tebow was deemed an inaccurate passer who lacked fundamental mechanics in his throwing motion. Yet somehow Tebow has invigorated fans and rejuvenated an anemic Broncos franchise with a 4-1 record — plus, he's the inspiration for today's hottest Internet meme!

How did Tebow do it? Well, most analysts are not really sure. ESPN anchors and the like continue to harp on Tebow's "competitiveness" and "will to win." Yet all NFL players aspire to win — just ask Herm Edwards. That's not a trait unique to Tebow.

But what Tebow does possess are the intangibles of a leader. He galvanizes his team with the passion and persistence he demonstrates on every down, and he has coaxed defensive veterans such as Brian Dawkins and Champ Bailey to rally around him. The Broncos, however, are only dangerous because they are unique. Due to Tebow's distinctive style, head coach John Fox has tailored the playbook to his quarterback's strength: running the football.

Currently, the Broncos resemble a creative college team, bombarding opponents with misdirection plays, options, bold formations and the occasional deep threat. After facing orthodox offensive schemes week in and week out, defenses are simply unprepared for Denver. The irony lies in the fact that opponents know the Broncos will run the ball and they still cannot stop it. After every Tebow touchdown run, I half-expect Al Michaels to shout, "Do you believe in miracles?!"

In the past five weeks, the Broncos have not only benefited from the element of surprise but have seen flawless special teams play and the emergence of the defense. Running frequently has minimized the amount of quick, three-and-out drives and has allowed the defense to conserve energy. Thus, heralded edge rushers Von Miller, D.J. Williams and Elvis Dumervil have hunted opposing quarterbacks, and the veteran secondary has shut down passing attacks.

Yet the Broncos' current success harkens back to the Dolphins' success with the wildcat formation in 2008. Unfortunately for Denver, you can expect the Broncos' success to be equally fleeting. The Broncos will start to lose their edge when facing top-tier opponents. Their last four wins have come against the then-winless Dolphins, the transitioning Raiders, the inconsistent Chiefs and the flickering Jets, who were burdened further by a short schedule. We'll see the Broncos truly tested at New England in mid-December.

Not to mention that Tebow's game is simply unsustainable in the long run. Bumps and bruises absorbed by frequent rushing plays begin to take their toll in a 16-game season. Tebow had a concussion back in '09, prompting Denver fans to hold their breath whenever they see Tebow take a hit, like the gruesome shot Bart Scott delivered in Thursday's game.

The NFL has surfaced as a mecca for pass-happy contenders, and the Tebow-led Broncos simply cannot keep up with guys named Brees, Rodgers or Brady. Same goes for you, Alex Smith. Come January, John Fox will be wishing he never demoted Kyle Orton, so that the Broncos could have had a shot at drafting Andrew Luck. For now, rooting for Tebow is stylish, but expect "Tebow Time" to become as outdated as Pet Rocks, Furbys and Kardashians exes.

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DAILY DIGITS

1971

The last year the top three ranked teams all hailed from the same conference, before the milestone occurred this week. The apex of college football is all SEC, with LSU, Alabama and Arkansas slotted 1-2-3, respectively. The Southeast dominance comes after a week where No. 2 Oklahoma State, No. 4 Oregon, No. 5 Oklahoma and No. 9 Clemson were all upset, causing a huge shake-up that could potentially see two SEC teams in the BCS title game. LSU plays Arkansas next Saturday, a showdown that will go a long way in determining the postseason picture.

15

Points for freshman Kelsey Morehead in her collegiate debut against Babson on Saturday. The point guard — starting against the No. 7 Beavers — shot 5-for-11 from the field and led the team to a 9-point halftime lead. Though Tufts could not hold off Babson, Morehead's day remained impressive. She added a steal and two assists as well, and she followed it up with five assists the next day, earning herself all-tournament honors at the Williams Tip-Off Tournament.

17.5

Points per game for senior Alex Orchowski over the men's basketball team's opening weekend. Orchowski, who transferred to Tufts before last season began, had 18 points and five rebounds in the team's season opener, and he followed it up with a double-double the following day, amassing 17 points and 11 rebounds. The Jumbos won both games, starting the season 2-0 for the first time in at least 11 years, and Orchowski was named the Charlie Ryan Classic MVP.

551

Total yards of offense compiled by Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III in the Bears' 45-38 win over fifth-ranked Oklahoma on Saturday. Griffin threw for 479 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions; with 51 seconds left and the game tied, he marched the Bears 80 yards for the win. Griffin has 3,572 yards and 33 touchdowns this season — both more than Andrew Luck can boast — making him a legitimate Heisman contender.

92

Total yards of offense compiled by quarterback Tim Tebow on the Broncos' game-winning 95-yard drive against the Jets on Thursday. When the drive began, Denver trailed 13-10 with under six minutes to go. The Broncos had punted on their last eight possessions, and Tebow had just 80 total yards. On the final drive, he threw for 35 yards and rushed for 57, capping it with a 20-yard touchdown run that seemed nothing short of miraculous.

2000

The last time the men's hockey team won its first two games of the season. Both wins were against conference opponents: the Jumbos dominated Trinity, 4-1, and then snuck by Wesleyan, 3-2. The pair of wins comes after a season in which Tufts won just six total games. After starting the 2000-2001 season 2-0, the team proceeded to go 17-6-1.

ICE HOCKEY

So far, so good for 2-0 Jumbos

Tufts beats Wesleyan, Trinity to open season

BY KATE KLOTS
 Daily Editorial Board

Look out, NESCAC. With two conference wins early, the ice hockey team is already poised for a breakout season.

ICE HOCKEY (2-0-0, 2-0-0 NESCAC)

at Middletown, Conn., Saturday

Tufts	0	3	0	—	3
Wesleyan	0	0	2	—	2

at Hartford, Conn., Friday

Tufts	1	1	2	—	4
Trinity	0	1	0	—	1

On Saturday, the Jumbos traveled across Connecticut to Middletown, defeating Wesleyan 3-2 and improving to 2-0 on the season after beating Trinity the previous evening.

Last season, the Jumbos fell to the Cardinals 6-3 and won just five conference games the whole season. In this year's contest, Tufts held Wesleyan off despite giving up two late goals as the Cardinals attempted to erase a 3-0 deficit.

"We've definitely improved," junior tri-captain Nick Metcalfe said. "To come out strong, especially in the opening games, is a big statement. It feels like there's a new attitude this year. Everyone's been working really hard, so to start the season off like that



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Sophomore Kyle Gallegos, last year's leading scorer, lit the lamp in each of the Jumbos' first two games.

against Trinity and Wesleyan was really big and it feels good."

After a scoreless opening period, the Jumbos' lead goal-scorer last season, sophomore Kyle Gallegos picked up his second tally of the weekend with a 13th-minute score past junior goalie Matt Hodge. Just a minute and a

half later, Tufts struck again, when freshman Derrek Schartz notched his first collegiate goal to double the Jumbos' lead to 2-0.

As the second period drew to a close, the Cardinals faced a man advantage after Gallegos was called for high-sticking. Wesleyan was unable to capitalize, howev-

er, and with a second remaining in the second period, junior forward Dylan Plimmer took advantage of a fast break to extend the lead to 3-0.

In the final period, the Jumbos' offense

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Matching results for men, women in first two meets

Jumbos top Middlebury, lose to Conn. College in NESCAC action

BY AARON LEIBOWITZ
 Daily Editorial Board

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams began their seasons this weekend, each splitting tri-meets against Middlebury and Conn. College on Saturday and defeating Keene State in Hamilton Pool on Sunday.

Saturday's action was highly competitive for both squads. The men beat host Middlebury 166-128 and lost to Conn. College 150-130, and both women's contests were decided by less than five points, as Tufts beat the Camels 150-147 but fell to the Panthers 152-148.

In the Jumbos' first home meet yesterday, the men prevailed 163-133 while the women cruised to a 172-124 victory.

Women beat Keene and Conn., can't catch Middlebury

The women won nine of 16 events as they defeated Keene State yesterday. Sophomore Mia Greenwald was the lone member of the team to win three events, taking the 100- and 200-yard butterfly races and swimming a leg for the winning 200-yard medley relay team to kick off the afternoon.

Senior co-captain Courtney Adams and freshmen Samantha Swilinski and Kathryn Coniglio earned two victories apiece, each winning an individual race and a relay. The trio won the 50-, 100- and 200-yard freestyles, respectively.

Sophomore Sami Bloom swept the diving portion of the meet, taking the 1-meter and 3-meter events. The Jumbos ended the day in style with a 200 freestyle relay triumph for Adams, Swilinski, Coniglio and



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The men's team won nine of 16 events against Keene State in Hamilton Pool on Sunday.

freshman Scarlett Hao.

"The last couple years our sprint freestyle relays have been a little bit slower than our medleys," Adams said. "This year we have three great freshman sprinters [Swilinski, Coniglio and Hao], which is really nice to have. I think the freshmen as a class are great."

On Saturday, first-place results were harder to come by. The Jumbos had just four, two of which came from Bloom in the 1- and 3-meter dives. Greenwald won the 100-yard

butterfly, finishing in under a minute.

The foursome of Adams, Swilinski, Coniglio and Hao capped off the meet with a crucial victory in the 200 free relay, which lifted the Jumbos over Conn. College, 150-147, but left them four points shy of Middlebury's total.

"Overall, both of our meets were phenomenal," Adams said. "To win against Conn. College was huge, and to lose to Middlebury by only a few points — that was huge. I think every-

one is really excited to see what the rest of the season brings."

The women will return to action after the Thanksgiving break with a dual meet at Wellesley on Nov. 30.

Men off to 2-1 start

The men's swimming team, like its female counterpart, won nine events while starting and finishing strong against Keene State on Sunday.

In the 200-yard medley relay, seniors E.J. Testa, Brandon Ching and co-captain Owen Rood

and sophomore Drew Berman were victorious, as were Rood, sophomore Austin Wood, and freshmen Will Parker and John Devine in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Both wins came by less than one-second margins.

"It was nice to see a couple freshmen stepping up in the relays and putting up some really quick times," Rood said. "We definitely showed that we can put together some fast relays."

Berman, who had the most successful weekend of any Tufts swimmer, posted first-place finishes in both the 200-yard butterfly and the 200-yard breaststroke and swam a second-place effort in the 200-yard individual medley. Rood, sophomore Christian Jones and freshman Michael Napolitano also won individual races, while Jones, senior Lou Tamposi and sophomore Kyle Savidge added runner-up results.

Sophomore Johann Schmidt dominated on the diving boards — as was the norm last season — and the Jumbos took the dual meet by 30 points.

At Saturday's tri-meet against Middlebury and Conn. College, the Jumbos' day was again sandwiched by strong relay results. Testa, Debbaut, Ching and Rood set the tone with a second-place finish in the 200 medley relay, and Rood, Testa, Parker and Devine won the meet's final event, the 200 free relay.

Berman led the Jumbos' individual charge by winning the 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley, while Savidge earned a win in the 1,000-yard free. Schmidt soared to victory in the 1- and 3-meter dives, and Napolitano

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