

Senate passes free speech resolution

BY AUDREY MICHAEL
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The Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate at its last meeting of the year on April 15 unanimously (24-0-0) passed "A Resolution Supporting Freedom of Expression," urging the university to "respect and protect freedom of speech and freedom of expression at Tufts University, now and forever."

Former TCU President Tomas Garcia and Senior Senator Jonathan Danzig submitted the resolution.

Danzig said the immediate motivation behind the resolution was as a result of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education's (FIRE) inclusion of Tufts on its list of worst schools in the country for free speech for the past few years. The most recent list was released a month ago, according to Garcia, a senior.

On its website, FIRE categorized Tufts as a "red light" school on their speech code rating system for "at least one policy that both clearly and substantially restricts freedom of speech." FIRE's website lists excerpts from Tufts' harassment policies and student handbooks that FIRE believes restrict students' freedom of speech. It also identifies incidents in which FIRE believes Tufts restricted students' freedom of speech, including an incident in 2006 in which a controversial anonymous submission satirizing race-based college admissions was printed in *The Primary Source*, Tufts' journal of conservative thought.

"We felt that a very strong statement in favor of free speech would go a long way towards removing us from the list," Danzig said.

The resolution urged University President Anthony Monaco, the Board of Trustees, the administration, the faculty and all branches of the TCU government to respect and protect freedom of speech and freedom of expression at Tufts.

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Student participation in TCU elections rises

BY MELISSA WANG
Daily Editorial Board

The general elections two weeks ago for Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate reflected a rising trend in the number of candidates running and an increase in voter turnout for both the rising sophomore and rising junior classes.

According to Tufts Elections Commission (ECOM) Chair Michael Borys, 21 members of the Class of 2015 and 12 members of the Class of 2014 competed for seven and nine open Senate seats, respectively. He added that 23 freshmen were originally on the ballot, but two candidates dropped out mid-election.

The rising sophomore and rising junior Senate seats were uncontested last year, with only five students from each class running for Senate.

"This is definitely a peak year; I wouldn't be surprised if the numbers go down next year just because this year's numbers were so big, but this is definitely an upward trend of getting more attention to and interest in Senate," Borys, a junior, said.

ECOM Public Relations Chair Joel Kruger said that 69 percent of freshmen and 51 percent of sophomores voted. In the fall 2011 election, 56 percent of students in the Class of 2015 voted.

Borys said that ECOM put a significant effort into publicizing the elections, including increased use of social media, to encourage students to run for Senate and vote.

"We were able to send out an all-school email, which generated a lot of attention from reaching out to every student in the undergraduate community," he explained. "We put advertisements in the Daily ... we're on Facebook and Twitter as well, and we cooperate with Tufts Jumbo on Facebook and TuftsLife to advertise."

All of the Class of 2014 senators that ran for re-election retained their seats and all but one of the Class of 2015 senators won another term, according to Kruger, a sophomore. He said that incumbents had an advantage because they already have experience on the Senate and understand how it works.

"It could be easier for incumbent senators to run again because they're able to



KYRA STURGILL FOR THE TUFTS DAILY

Earlier this month, 21 members of the Class of 2015 and 12 members of the Class of 2014 competed for seven and nine open Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate seats, respectively, a significant increase over the number of candidates that ran last year.

interface with voters based on what they've already done and how they plan to expand on those projects," Kruger explained. "They also understand the institution a little better because they've been a part of it."

Thirty-five percent of all undergraduate students voted in the elections. The ballot also included two candidates each for Junior Class Council (Class of 2014) President, Junior Class Council (Class of 2014) Vice President of Social Programming and Latino Community Representative. All of the other seats went uncontested, including five Senate seats for the Class of 2013. Because there were two open seats for the Class of 2013, the two seats dropped down to the Class of 2014, and nine candidates were elected from the Class of 2014.

Andrew Nunez, one of the six re-elected senators representing the Class of 2015,

said that he and the other incumbent senators reached out to other students and encouraged them to run.

"We did a lot of outreach, and the people who were on Senate were really encouraged to get their friends to run for Senate because we really believe that we are representing our [classes]," he said. "If we aren't actively searching for people to run for elections, are we really representing people or are we just saving our seats?"

Bradley Friedman, the only new Class of 2015 senator, chose to run for Senate for the first time during these elections.

"I didn't run for the first election because it was the first week or two of school, and I didn't really know what was going on," he said. "[Over the year], issues came up for

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Tuftonia's Day fireworks postponed until Sunday due to windy conditions

The Tufts University Spirit Coalition (TUSC) announced today that the traditional fireworks display planned for tonight's Tuftonia's Day event has been postponed to Sunday night due to a forecast of heavy winds.

Tuftonia's Day — an annual event on Fletcher Field that this year includes the world's tallest pinball machine, an inflatable obstacle course and giveaways — usually ends with a fireworks display on the Residential Quad.

"It's unfortunate that the wind is preventing us from having the fireworks finish on Tuftonia's Day like they usually do, but having the fireworks at dusk on Sunday will be a great end to the weekend," TUSC Co-Chair

Jon Bird, a sophomore, said.

The Office for Campus Life made the final decision to postpone the fireworks display, according to Bird.

Bird said there are no other TUSC-sponsored or planned events that evening.

"It's supposed to be windy, and we want to make sure that the show is safe and enjoyable for all Jumbos," Bird said.

Tonight's Tuftonia's Day event will still begin at 6 p.m. on Fletcher Field and includes free cookies from John "The Cookie Guy" Piermarini, food from gourmet food trucks and laser tag inside an inflatable spaceship, in addition to other attractions.

—by *Brionna Jimerson*

Office of Sustainability creates EcoTour to inform students of initiatives on the Hill

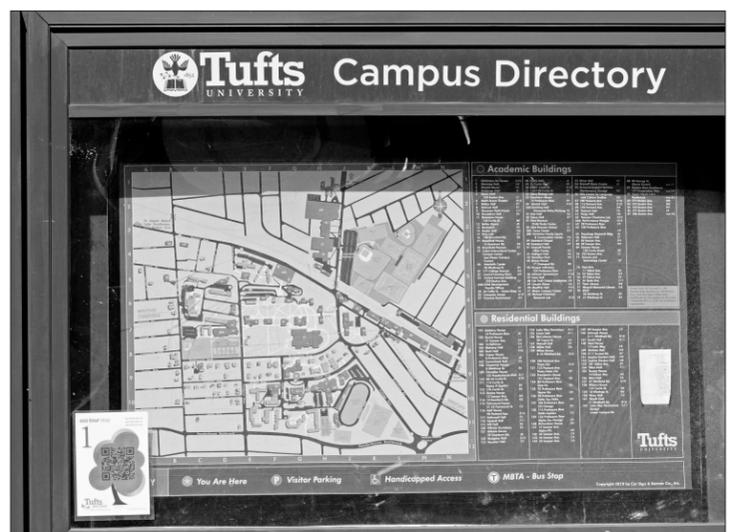
BY PATRICK McGRATH
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The Office of Sustainability (OOS) last week introduced the Tufts EcoTour, a self-guided tour of the Medford/Somerville campus that encourages community members to learn about sustainability initiatives at Tufts.

The tour is made up of signs on buildings across campus with Quick Response (QR) codes, which anyone can scan with a smartphone to get information on university initiatives and milestones related to sustainability at each tour stop.

There are currently 10 Ecotour QR Codes posted around campus, five of which are uphill and five of which are downhill, according to Fannie Koa, communications and

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SCOTT TINGLEY FOR THE TUFTS DAILY

The Office of Sustainability last week initiated a hands-on EcoTour in which community members can scan QR Codes with smart phones to find out about campus sustainability.

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Tufts Africana Center works to achieve better understanding on campus

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The experiences of students within one or more of Tufts' minority communities offer a perspective on diversity on the Hill that an outsider — or perhaps even individuals within the Tufts bubble — may not easily understand or even bother to observe. Members of the African and African American communities on campus often fall into conflicting dual roles as both Tufts students and students of color on campus.

The black community at Tufts is represented through various student groups — including Pan-African Alliance (PAA), African Student Organization (ASO) and many others ranging across academic, social and cultural realms — and is grounded in the Africana Center.

Established in 1969, the Africana Center has been an institution of support and a resource for all students on campus in promoting African history and traditions and recognizing the contributions of students of African descent on campus.

The Peer Advisor Program, one of many at the Africana Center to further its initiative in supporting black students on campus, provides incoming freshmen with an upperclassman leader who will offer a sense of community, in addition to advice in getting through the first and following years at Tufts.

"We're there as a resource to those students, and we provide them with knowledge on how to navigate Tufts, as a student at the base level and then as a student of African descent, telling them some of the things they'll have to deal with and how they'll overcome it," senior Keli Young, a Peer Advisor at the Africana Center, said.

In addition to traditional issues that incoming freshmen may encounter at college for the first time, though, many black students at Tufts have experienced other difficulties that make for a challenging adjustment.

"At times, it can be hard to be a minority student, be a black student, at Tufts University. That's just a given, especially if you come from a majority black background, where you grew up in a black community or went to an all black high school," sophomore Peer Advisor Lori-Ann Clementson said.

Because of his experiences in high school, sophomore Kendrick Terrell Evans found his transition to a predominantly white university to be a smooth one, but he was still surprised to see less diversity than Tufts had boasted about.

"I've had a very easy time, I guess, getting used to being a minority here at Tufts because I did go to a private high school, so I kind of had four years to adjust to being the minority," Evans said. "It's very interesting because Tufts kind of paints this picture that there is a lot more diversity than there actually is, so at first I was a little shocked. But having my previous experience in high school, it was pretty easy to settle in."

Others were similarly shocked. The purpose of the Peer Advisor Program is to assist freshmen — especially those who may come from predominantly black schools and communities — in getting used to the stark contrasts they will find, academically, socially and culturally at Tufts.

"As a black student in class, it's not rare to be the only one, and so for a student who comes from a predominantly black or minority school, it can be a shock," Young said. "Like for myself, that's something I had to deal with, and me dealing with that experience allows me to help other students deal with it."

This situation is not uncommon. Many black students find that they are one of few representatives of the Africana community within the classroom or a particular group on campus.

"If you look around the classroom and you feel like you might be one of the only people of a particular demographic, that can be particularly troublesome," junior Joshua Reed-Diawuoh said. "That happens very frequently in my personal experience, but that's an example of kind of a day-to-day challenge."

Other obstacles have impacted black students on a much larger scale. One issue that has not been forgotten was considered by many students at the time to be a bias incident, fueling controversy among them.

According to Clementson, a stu-



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The Africana Center provides academic and cultural resources to students of color on the Hill.

dent reported to Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) that a black man was carrying a gun on campus. As a member of the Tufts community, this man had seen the alert that TUPD sent and called TUPD to clarify that he had been holding a wrench. After that story checked out, an additional alert was sent just hours later to falsify the original.

"That became a very huge issue where different people were saying that it was a race incident," Clementson said. "Because he was a black man, everyone thought it was a gun versus if he were white, they would've just seen it as a wrench."

Reed-Diawuoh added that the influence that it had on students of color was significant; the "wrench incident" caused a substantial divide between the Africana community and the greater Tufts community.

"There were all of these different stigmas and stereotypes flying around," he said. "That was one particular instance where I felt that students of color were being targeted."

Many students of color also find that various articles in student publications affect their experience at Tufts and lead to the realization that the people at the university may not always take minority viewpoints into consideration.

The March 14 op-ed in the Daily by sophomore Samuel Daniel entitled "No one at this school is racist" did not resonate with many members of the Africana community.

"You'll get an article that racism doesn't exist, and as a student of the black community, you know that that's not the case, but it's something that your peers believe — strongly," Young said. "And so it makes the space that you have to operate in for four years an uncomfortable one, and sometimes a hostile one. It's those things that can make the experiences at Tufts for people of color very difficult."

According to Clementson, another student article published in the Tufts Observer last semester discussed the self-segregation of the different communities of the Group of Six. This, too, led to much dismay among black students who did not agree with the judgments made.

"I feel like there's a stigma on campus that by being involved, you're automatically isolating yourself. There's always that idea that minorities are trying to separate themselves from the majority," she said. "I feel that, personally, the houses aren't meant to isolate, even though I could understand how it comes off that way. They really are a support system."

Senior Kristen Johnson has been very involved in the Africana Center, as well as groups such as the ASO, PAA and ENVY, Tufts' all-female step team. She agreed that the stereotype of the Africana community isolating itself is not reasonable.

"I involved myself in the Africana community because I feel passionate about serving my community and giving back and being a part of that, not because I'm trying to self-segregate," she said. "So I think there's that issue of when people see minorities together, then it's automatically assumed or stereotyped that they're all hanging out together."

The issue that many students of color have with this assumption is that other

students are not as willing to visit the Centers as a result. Despite the misconception that each Center is meant only for that particular community, the students of the Africana community emphasize that this is not the case.

"I feel like there are a lot of people at Tufts who kind of get intimidated by coming in, because they feel like they won't feel welcome there," Evans said. "People who don't have any ties to the Africana Center would think twice about coming in, because they would think that it's just a black club where only black people can come, but really anyone can come and feel accepted."

Rather, there is an expectation for discourse and integration not only among students but also with the administration.

"I feel like Tufts doesn't address issues until they come up," Clementson said. "I feel like it always takes an incident to happen before race gets talked about, and in the meantime, when race is talked about, it's not campus wide."

According to junior Tabias Wilson, the current President of PAA, the administration is lagging behind the student body in terms of engagement.

"Unless there's a lot of student activism, the administration is not very quick to act upon students' requests or student demands," he said. "We saw that with Africana Studies ... To say that we're open, we're open to an extent. We'll listen, I think, for the first time someone says something, but when it comes time to implement change, it doesn't really happen."

Students have long fought for an Africana Studies program. The lack of one in a liberal arts university such as Tufts is a concern to many students on campus — particularly those of color.

"That was something that started among students ... The heartbeat of what pushed it to this point — of now [working on] some kind of race and identity program — was students getting together at Capen [to discuss] issues," Johnson said. "A lot of it was wanting to feel affirmed and wanting to feel validated in the curriculum ... and not being able to have the opportunity to do that with a mostly Eurocentric curriculum."

Wilson added that the PAA is collaborating with many other groups on campus to work toward bringing about actual changes at Tufts.

"I've really been organizing with Jumbo Janitor Alliance, ALAS [Association of Latin American Students], QSA [Queer Student Alliance], Tufts Occupiers, Occupy the Hood, Asian American Alliance, Korean Student Alliance, and we've been organizing and advocating for more gender and racial equality in curriculum and in our campus [environment]," he said. "So since November, we've done teach-ins, we've organized sit-ins, we've had rallies, we had Black Solidarity Day where we petitioned our demands to the administration, and so we've been doing a multitude of things."

Despite his strong activism now, Wilson had not been particularly involved in the Africana community until the end of his sophomore year. It took a conversation with the then-president and vice president of PAA and a rather unsettling incident for Wilson to realize that he had to do some-

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Resolution passed in response to Tufts' inclusion on FIRE list

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tions to free speech would still be prohibited under the resolution, according to Garcia.

After being submitted and processed by the Senate Rules Committee, the resolution entered a parliamentary discussion period, in which Garcia and Danzig presented the resolution before the Senate and opened up the floor to questions from other senators.

"The Senate as a whole responded favorably," Danzig said. "This is an issue that people agree on in the back of their minds, but it's very rarely put in such direct terms."

"We wanted to make sure that this year's student representation was on the record as supporting the freedom of expression when the university has been attacked in the past," Garcia said.

Senator Stephen Ruggiero, a sophomore, stated that he particularly supported the phrasing in the resolution that resolved to respect equally "both popular and unpopular opinions."

"Just because an opinion is unpopular doesn't mean it shouldn't be respected," Ruggiero said. "People make a lot of unpopular decisions on campus ... but I think it's important that this resolution specifically stated that."

"It's something both Jon and I hold near and dear to our hearts," Garcia said. "Tufts is a vibrant academic community ... and we wanted to make a very clear statement to all the students at Tufts as well as the

administration that any viewpoint on campus, no matter how unpopular, should be protected."

"[Danzig and Garcia] did a good job specifically naming the people they want to look at this," Ruggiero said. "Everyone from President Monaco down needs to respect what we're doing here."

Garcia expressed concern that, although he believes FIRE's label is inaccurate, a prospective student deciding whether or not to attend Tufts might read the FIRE article and decide not to enroll.

"We're hoping to portray an accurate representation of how discussion at Tufts actually transpires," Garcia said. "We want this to be a message to anyone considering Tufts in the future to say this actually is a place of open and vibrant debate, where all viewpoints are treated equally."

"Hopefully, no student will be dissuaded from coming to Tufts just because of [concerns about free speech]," he added.

Danzig feels the inclusion of the phrase "now and forever" is particularly important in conveying a message of free speech and expression to current and future members of the Tufts community.

"Tufts is and always will be, speaking to both current and prospective students, a place of intellectual diversity and a place where [different views] are allowed to be expressed," Danzig said. "The unanimous passage of this resolution is my proudest achievement in my time in student government."

Interactive self-tour encourages sustainability awareness

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outreach specialist of the OOS. The codes lead to informational Web pages on the OOS website and provide directions to the next destination of the tour.

"It starts from the [Mayer Campus Center], and if you scan any of the posters or postcards or promotional items that we have up, it's the QR Code for the Campus Center," Koa said. "I'm hoping people will just scan it, and even if they're not exactly [at the Campus Center], they can pick it up from there."

The tour does not have to be completed all at once, and the OOS offers a prize to those who reach the final stop.

Koa explained that inspiration for the project came from her disappointment that campus tours do not highlight Tufts' commitment to sustainability.

She noted that Tufts is a leader in the sustainability movement and had a key role in the creation of the Talloires Declaration, a 10-point plan for increased environmental literacy established in 1990 by university presidents from Tufts and other colleges.

Koa and the OOS decided that Tufts' history in the sustainability movement should be promoted for prospective and current students who are interested in getting involved with environmental groups on campus.

"This is kind of the pilot phase, so we want to see how people use them, if the locations are actually attracting any traffic, and also we wanted to tweak the content a little bit," she said.

Koa plans to add additional interactive content such as video and audio clips to the web pages that the QR Codes open.

"In terms of making it permanent, we'll see how this pilot phase goes, but if it's well received and people actually like it, I would

love to have this become a permanent installation by the fall and then have this up during the summer," she said.

The QR Codes are placed on dormitories, academic buildings and other destinations on campus.

The Web page linked to the QR Code on Sophia Gordon Hall, the second stop on the tour, discusses the residence hall's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification and numerous sustainable attributes, including its photovoltaic, solar-thermal rooftop arrays and its underground storm-water retention system.

Other locations supply information about successful student sustainability projects or programs run by the OOS that students can get involved in, according to Koa.

Koa said that in the future she hopes to add more tour stops and to incorporate the tour onto the Boston and Grafton campuses.

She added that it would be important to expand to Boston, especially given the Tufts School of Dental Medicine's renovation project, which received LEED gold certification earlier this year.

Koa explained that she would like to raise awareness about sustainability projects at Tufts and motivate people to undertake similar ventures.

"So many people are surprised by how much we've already accomplished, and they're not aware of it," she said.

"The second thing is just to ... show people that your actions can go a very long way if you decide to make a change," Koa said. "Look at what happened at Hodgdon Hall. It was just a group of students who circulated a petition and all of a sudden [there was] this very dramatic change. Taking out bottled water from the [Hodgdon Good-to-Go] location is huge."

Final MBTA changes announced

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) last month announced its finalized plans for budget cuts, with changes to be implemented on July 1.

The plan calls for a 23-percent overall fare increase and some service cuts in bus, rail and ferry systems, according to the MBTA Fare and Service Change report. The changes are predicted to close the MBTA's operating deficit of \$185 million.

The price of a single CharlieTicket for a subway ride will increase from \$2.00 to \$2.50, and the price of a single CharlieTicket for a bus ride will increase from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

The cost of a single subway ride with a CharlieCard will increase from \$1.70 to \$2.00, and the price of a bus ride with a CharlieCard will increase from \$1.25 to \$1.50.

The 96 bus route, which serves the area

surrounding the Tufts campus, will not be cut, as had been proposed.

With regard to bus service, four weekday routes will be eliminated and 14 routes will be revised. In addition, there will be a 35-percent increase in fare for the ferry, and service to Quincy on weekends will be eliminated.

On the Green Line, E Branch weekend service will be eliminated between Brigham Circle and Heath Street. Commuter rail weekend service to Needham, Kingston/Plymouth and Greenbush will be eliminated.

The process to develop the plan included 25 meetings and six hearings with over 5,800 attendees, and there were 5,800 emails submitted. According to the report, 80 percent of responses opposed service reductions.

—by Patrick McGrath

ECOM increases election publicity efforts

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me, and I knew that Senate was a way to resolve these issues."

Nunez also noticed that candidates used a variety of campaign methods, which he believes contributed to the high voter turnout.

"When you have 21 people running, they're all trying to reach out to their voting groups, so you have to be much more competitive, so people know your name, face and what you stand for," he said. "People would go dorm-storming, there were a lot of groups and events on Facebook, people were changing their profile pictures. Last year I didn't even chalk, and this year I chalked. People knew what was going on."

Friedman believes that his efforts in reaching out to and connecting with students, along with his platform of making Senate more accessible to the student body, improving Tufts' public relations outside of the northeastern United States and increasing access to food on campus during the weekends, were a reason he was elected.

"I went to each dorm and talked to people. I got a lot of good feedback," he said. "I think [my ideas] resonated with a lot of people because they're practical."

Kruger was pleased with voter turnout in the election.

"We love when people get out and vote, it means that people are actively engaging with the Senate and other TCU bodies and are interested in the policymaking and allocation of funds of the school," he said.

Black Student Union to collaborate on community issue

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thing about the issues surrounding racial diversity on campus.

According to Wilson, he had been working in Eaton for the overnight shift and left to go back home to his fraternity, Theta Chi, at around 2 a.m. As he was walking away from Eaton Hall, a TUPD officer stopped him and asked where he was going and why he was out so late.

"I said, 'Well, I just got off work in Eaton' ... and he [responded], 'Let me see your ID, I don't believe you're a student here,'" Wilson said. "That took me off guard, and I just [thought] 'He just saw me walk out of this building ... Why don't you think I'm a student here?'"

Wilson obliged, providing the officer with a Tufts ID, which the officer did not believe belonged to him. According to Wilson, he had to give the officer his campus driver's license and was allowed to continue walking home only after about five minutes of questioning.

"It was just moments like that that you really question how welcome you are on this campus," he said.

Of significant concern to Wilson are the work-study program and the black student retention rate. But he also observes substantial difficulty for those that are a "super minority."

"What gets problematic is when you

have more than one identity ... Over my three years at Tufts, what's been harder ... is being a queer student of color. It's really hard to try to create a ... community with everyone in those groups [that you identify with] and be understood all the time because there's always something different about you," Wilson said. "And that is really what I'd like to see Tufts go deeper into understanding ... how do we make sure — as really a super minority on campus — that their issues are being addressed and their experiences being heard and their voices are not silenced."

Regardless of whether they represent multiple identities, though, students of color have found that Tufts' vision of diversity may fall short in reality.

"You can claim diversity as much as you want, but I feel like [Tufts] doesn't truly address its diverse community ... It's more like, 'Yeah, we're here, we're diverse, but how are you supporting besides giving us a center?'" Clementson said. "The center can only do so much if it's not incorporated into the campus."

Clementson noted that during Orientation Week, freshmen went around to each of the six centers and were entered in a raffle to win prizes. The number of students who actually came by, though, was quite low, showing an unexpected lack of involvement even among

incoming students.

The engagement of students in the Africana Center would allow for an increase in education and awareness of black history and traditions. Without this understanding, common stereotypes and stigmas portrayed in the media permeate the greater Tufts community even though the university attempts to broaden student perspectives with the Group of Six.

"There's such a divide between the Africana communities and other communities here at Tufts," Evans said. "There's a lot of ignorance here at Tufts. It gets frustrating and tiresome to have to explain your situation and that most stereotypes aren't true about the black community."

The Africana Center, though, ensures that students of color have a haven to feel safe and comfortable on campus as well as an opportunity to discuss issues that arise throughout an individual's Tufts career.

"There's [a] mutual support system, and we're always trying to find ways to support each other, knowing that — being in the small subset of Tufts — we need to have strength in our own [community] body," Johnson said.

Student-run groups, as well as the Africana Center, contribute to the creation of a community for black students on campus that is appreciated by many students of color.

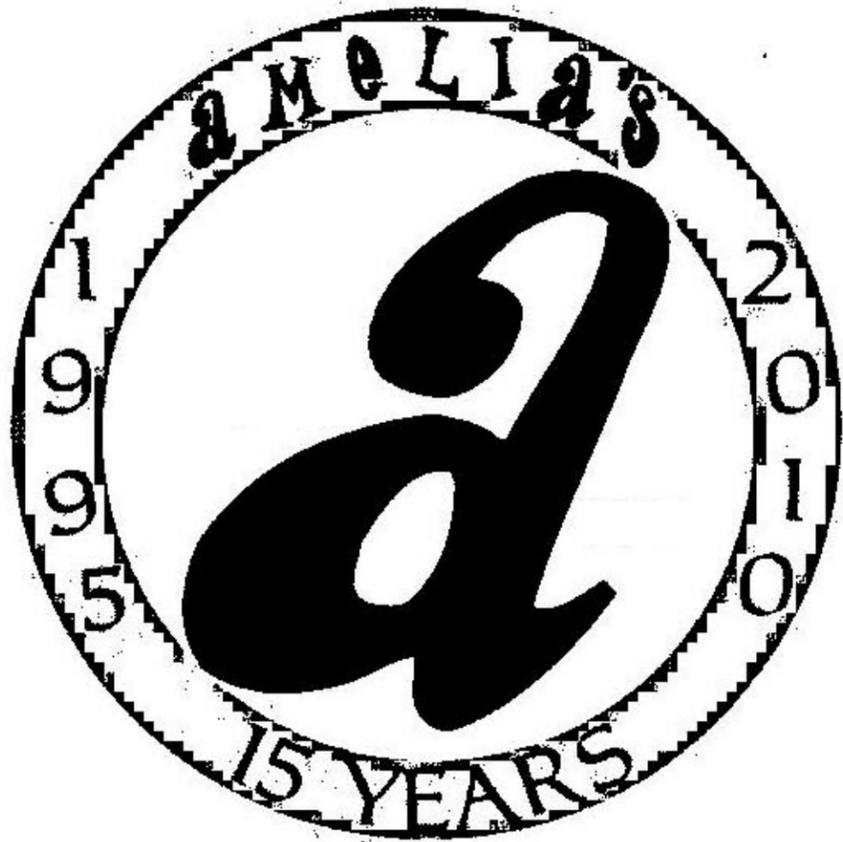
"I would definitely say that the student

groups which comprise the Africana community have been integral in addressing a lot of [the] issues," Reed-Diawuoh said. "I think that those student groups have really played an important role, and the Africana Center as well, in supporting students of color here at Tufts."

According to Wilson, these groups are taking support even further than they have gone before, joining forces to create a super-group of sorts. PAA, Emerging Black Leaders, ASO and the Caribbean Club are collaborating to create the Black Student Union for all members of the community to respond to issues arising at Tufts, Wilson said.

Wilson added that diversity on campus should be much more than just differentiation of color among students.

"I think that Tufts has this belief that the presence of diversity is enough. But they don't understand — Tufts students, Tufts administrators and lots of faculty — don't understand that there's a cost to diversity, that someone has to provide diversity," he said. "I think that we have to realize that just because you have people that are not from the same background on the same campus, that's not enough. Diversity should provide an understanding — and not just a surface level, cultural understanding — but an understanding of the power dynamics that have shaped our social [and] economic positions to what they are today."



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Time-tested tension, rockabilly inspiration drive 'Blunderbuss,' White's first solo effort

White haunted, inspired by his musical past

BY WALKER BRISTOL
Daily Staff Writer

Sometimes, the strongest impressions lie in art's subtlest moments of honesty, especial-

Blunderbuss

Jack White



Third Man and XL Recordings

ly when they come from the utterly disillusioned and boldly organic mind of Jack White. In "Blunderbuss," the listener can taste the overwhelming tension that White feels on the heels of the 2011 dissolution of his magnum opus, *The White Stripes*, whose reimagination and revitalization of blues rocketed the Third Man Records founder to superstardom.

Amidst the contributions of a spattering of session musician colleagues and former collaborators, White has put together his first solo record; a chronicle of his ongoing, uncertain effort to manage love with power, a struggle that has characterized his historic partnership with strong, independent women like Meg White and Alison Mosshart.

Though that struggle has boiled beneath White's skin for decades, "Blunderbuss" never gets too abrasive, as some of his endeavors, like the group *The Dead Weather*, have in the past. With tracks like "Blunderbuss" and "On and On and On," White murmurs his insecurity against



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White's diverse sound is well represented on "Blunderbuss."

smooth drum strokes and country-influenced sweeps of bass guitar: "But I have to choose what to do/ How to act, what to think, how to talk, what to say."

The album's strongest voice is shouted in "Sixteen Saltines," where White declares without reservation his frustration with the oppression he feels from the

women in his life: "Spiked heels make a hole in a lifeboat ... I hear a whistle, that's how I know she's home."

White is often rightly attrib-

uted with wedding the familiar with the innovative and "Blunderbuss" is a perfect exam-

see **BLUNDERBUSS**, page 6

The Boston Conservatory's production of 'The Apple Tree' combines three unrelated tales into one show

Production is enjoyable yet uneven in its humor and drama

BY PRIYANKA DHARAMPURIYA
Contributing Writer

In theatre, an "acid test" is conducted immediately following a performance. Without

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notes or any kind of documentation, the audience members close their eyes. The image they see is the result of their test, the most memorable moment in the performance.

An acid test of the Boston Conservatory's rendition of "The Apple Tree" yields the first man on earth tending to a garden in honor of the first woman. The image is sweet, complex, and one of the play's finest moments. Unfortunately, these moments are few and far between in this particular performance. Another scene brings to mind an image of the snake from *The Garden of Eden*, portrayed as a dapper, effeminate man

in a suit wooing Eve to take a fruit from the forbidden apple tree. While "The Apple Tree" has many shining moments, much of it appears over the top and contrived.

The play consists of three short vignettes, backed by a score from the well-known composers of "Fiddler on the Roof" (1964) and "She Loves Me" (1963). The first is the familiar tale of Adam and Eve, based on Mark Twain's satirical essay "Extracts from Adam's Diary" (1904). The second, titled "The Lady or the Tiger?" (1882), is set in a fictional kingdom in a far-away land, and addresses the strengths and shortcomings of a princess's love affair with a warrior. Finally, "Passionella" (1957) is a modern take on the traditional Cinderella story, set in the movie industry in the 1950s.

The title story is undoubtedly the best of the collection, and the ever-present score carries much of the show. However, the music is not the unifying factor that the director's note claims it is. Instead, the three shows are jarringly different from one another. On their own, they are certainly vibrant, interesting theatre, but together, they



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'The Apple Tree' packs three well-made vignettes into one production.

White confronts his demons with powerful solo album

BLUNDERBUSS

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ple. Although only one track — a cover of Rudy Toombs' "I'm Shakin'" (1960) — isn't an original creation, the record plays as if White were modernizing covers of existing classics from across his eras of influence. Notoriously resentful of the way in which technological ease has stripped many popular songs of genuine emotion, White reaches deep into the past of 20th century blues, country and rock 'n' roll. Each piece has a personality, and it is left up to the listener to choose to either enjoy or resent the diverse voices. In either case, it is awfully difficult not to appreciate the craftsmanship with which White executes each track.

At times, however, the introverted singer seems to be disconnected from the audience. While the lyrics never feel completely out of place when paired with their respective melodies, some of them are simply too vague or obscure, presumably with only White truly understanding them. A prime example comes with the Elvis-reminiscent "Trash Tongue Talker," wherein the hook laments, "Two monkeys jumping on the bed and one fell off and hit his head on the ground/ The other monkey called the doctor said another monkey dead on the ground." Though it feels organic in conjunction with the melody, the imagery just isn't anywhere close to the sensory grip of the singer being lost in a "sea of sadness" or having his fingers "grabbed gently" and "slammed in a doorway."

Furthermore, while the album

succeeds in maintaining White's distinctive low-fidelity, jam-session-in-the-garage mixing, it stops just short of the perfection that set apart The White Stripes' "White Blood Cells" (2001). Some awkward moments sneak their way into, for instance, the otherwise confident and inventive "I Guess I Should Go To Sleep" where the listener is almost left longing for a second take. It feels as if the band were still working out the songs' intricacies while the red recording light was already glowing.

But these few faulty instances, as well as the occasional lyrical detachments, are not defining. The "Blunderbuss" listener, at times, finds him or herself challenged to confront the same questioning and disenchantment with regard to the record's sound that White finds himself faced with as a '60s American boy lost in the 21st century. And the record is certainly not without additions to the Jack White treasure chest: on top of the hard-hitting "Sixteen Saltines," White offers the piano-driven "Hypocritical Kiss" and the multi-dimensional finale "Take Me With You When You Go."

Even when he stumbles, the opportunity to explore the world where Jack White finds himself uncomfortably at home and without the blur of his historic collaborative projects is a delicacy that a fan of any of those projects should savor. And for the longtime follower who hesitates when asked to find missteps in White's history, "Blunderbuss" sends a message clear as glass: "I'll be comin' to play, I do it every day."



ERIC ANTONIOU

The three classic stories within this production are of vastly different quality but each one has plenty of entertainment value.

Creative premise held back by plot, humor

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seem forced. The talented actors and singers add their own flavor to the production. They do what they can with the script, but parts of the script are too showy or cheesy for their subject matter.

"Adam and Eve" is sweet, witty, and well done. It expands the bible story to an hour's length and gives Adam and Eve distinct, if stereotypical, personalities. Adam is lazy and funny in his own way. He is content with enjoying the garden's paradise. Eve, on the other hand, is eager to learn and explore. The two bicker, reflect, and sing their way through the garden's discoveries. They both have

big personalities and make the play's jokes seem either very cute or very funny. The snake, one of the funniest, most attention-grabbing, and best-acted parts in the play, tricks her into trying the fruit from the tree. Adam and Eve initially blame each other for the mishap, but grow into friends and eventually fall in love. The play takes them through adulthood, children, and old age, and ends with Eve's death and Adam's tending of her flowers.

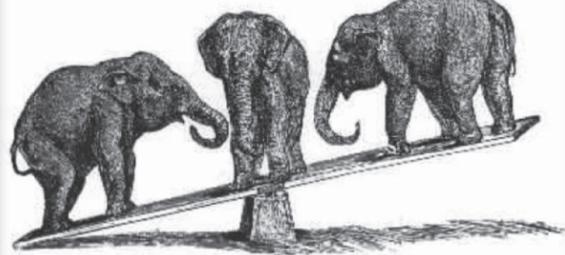
Then, however, the play is swept up into "The Lady or the Tiger." While still well acted, the play fails to truly go anywhere. At about half an hour, it is too short to be the epic tale that it is set up to be. It is also

too substantial to be funny or too funny to be substantial. Apart from a creative rendition of the aforementioned tiger, there are few unique characteristics of the vignette. There is just enough character development in Barbara to make us wish there was some in the rest of the play. However, the score is diverse and the singing is very well done. The music in this play is, after all, what carries it and makes it memorable. The orchestra, seated directly behind the actors, lends the show power and drive.

Overall, the cast and director of "The Apple Tree" bring the play to life wonderfully. However, the play's shortcomings in plot and humor are often difficult to recover from.



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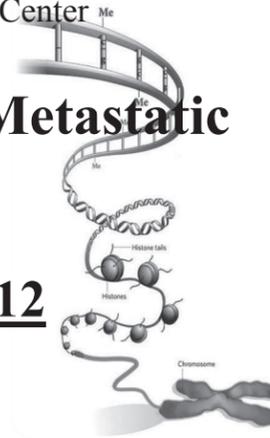
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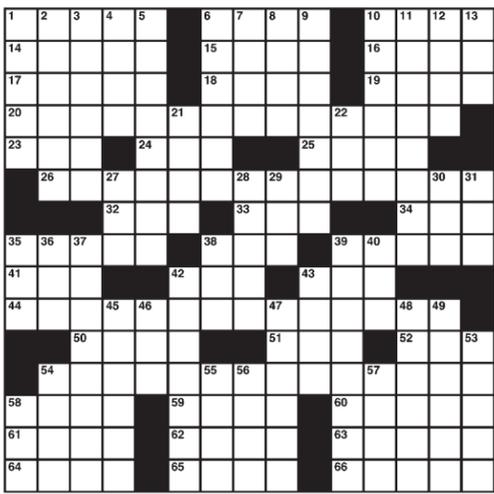
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 - 17 Did a fall chore
 - 18 Kid's comeback
 - 19 Luau strings
 - 20 See 38-Across
 - 23 Pathetic
 - 24 Where to 'ang one's 'at
 - 25 Insightful
 - 26 See 38-Across
 - 32 "The Matrix" hero
 - 33 Bit of shuteye
 - 34 Hi-tech brains?
 - 35 Test one's metal
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 - 39 Family insignia
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 - 9 Badly rattled
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 - 11 Reprimand to quarreling siblings
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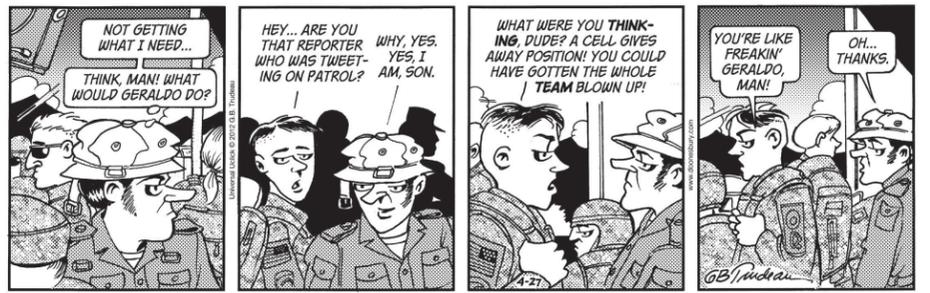
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- 47 Group within a group
- 48 "I've got it!"
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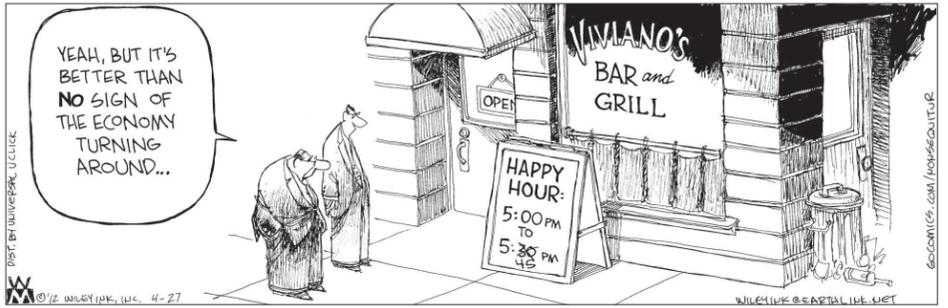
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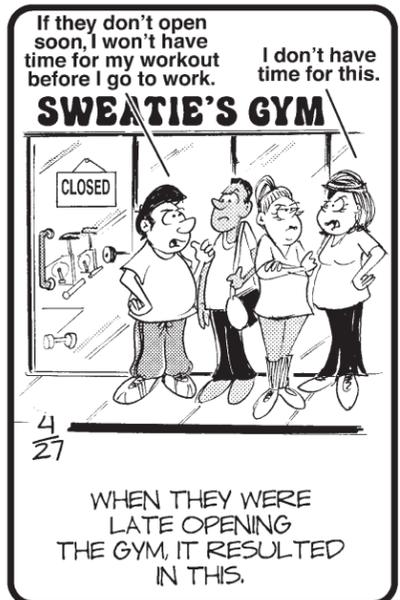
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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Thursday's Solution

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Amherst will be thirsty for revenge in round one tomorrow

MEN'S LACROSSE

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Rhoads, who ranks fourth with a .593 average, battled it out at the X, with Hughes winning by a slim 13-12 margin.

However, the Polar Bears were unable to convert against a staunch Jumbos defense, which in turn helped Page get acclimated in goal.

"Our defense has continued to play great shutdown 'D,'" McCormick said. "We play great team defense, and each of them is also so good on ball, we're able to force turnovers often. Then, on top of all of that, Tyler played a great game in goal stepping in for Patton."

Meanwhile, Tufts pummeled Bowdoin with a relentless barrage of shots. Senior co-captain Sean Kirwan and McCormick took 10 each in a 50-shot effort, barely allowing Bowdoin's defenders a chance to catch their breaths. The Jumbos' 15 goals mark the most scored against the Polar Bears this spring.

While Melhorn scored first to give the Polar Bears an early advantage, the lead was short-lived. Seven seconds later, Rhoads won a faceoff on the run and scored a goal to

tie the game. Bowdoin would never lead again. McCormick scored twice and sophomore midfielder Peter Bowers responded to Melhorn's second goal with one of his own to finish the quarter with a 4-2 Tufts lead.

In the second period, Tufts outscored Bowdoin 7-3, and Bailey had a hand in six of those goals. The freshman consistently burned All-NESCAC pole Matthew Egan, who looked anything but elite against him.

"Cole played one of his best games yet," McCormick said. "He was going against a very talented defender, but he definitely dominated the matchup throughout the game."

Bowers capped off the half with another goal with under a minute remaining.

Coming out of the intermission, Bergner tallied his first goal of the day to pull the Polar Bears within five. But the Jumbos proceeded to hold Bowdoin for more than 20 minutes. Meanwhile, Bailey, sophomore Beau Wood and Kirwan tacked three more onto Tufts' lead, pushing it to 14-6. Bowdoin sophomore midfielder Dan Hanley and Tufts junior



OLIVER PORTER / THE TUFTS DAILY

Freshman attackman Cole Bailey exploded for seven points on four goals and three assists on Wednesday, leading Tufts to a 15-7 trouncing of Bowdoin.

Andrew Fiamengo traded goals in the closing minutes, pushing the score to 15-7, as senior goalkeeper Steven Foglietta replaced Page between the pipes for the last six minutes.

As Tufts prepares for tomorrow's rematch with Amherst, they are mindful that, while Amherst has underperformed as of late, it remains one of the NESCAC's most potent offenses. What's more, the Lord Jeffs — who recently fell out of the

United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association rankings after dropping six of their last eight — smell blood in the water here in Medford, where they were embarrassed by the Jumbos 15-5 on April 14.

"Amherst is a team we knew we might see again," McCormick said. "We're excited. We'll build off of our success from the first meeting and come out with the same intensity Saturday."

Another top-10 matchup looms for Tufts

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with a small roster.

"Overall, we are proud of ourselves and recognize that we are improving with each match," Katz said. "We are heading into the weekend and NESCACs with that mindset."

While Katz was certainly pleased with the team's effort, she did see some areas that need work, especially if Tufts hopes to take down No. 7 Middlebury tomorrow.

"Something we could have done better would have been serving," she said. "I definitely think that is something we are going to work on before our matches. Basically, just getting one more ball back and forcing them to come up with better and better shots."

The Jumbos only have two conference matches left before the NESCAC Championship begins next Friday. Tomorrow's match comes against a Middlebury team that has already defeated No. 2 Emory and Bowdoin, two squads that have dealt Tufts losses this year. Tufts will finally get a break from top-10 competition when it hosts No. 28 Trinity on Sunday.

Tufts looks to hit top form with NESCAC playoffs approaching

SOFTBALL

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remains as humble and focused as ever.

"This is a good time for us, as a team, to work on mechanics and refine the details we haven't quite nailed down yet," Clair said. "It's all about going into the postseason as ready as can be."

The team's offensive production has been streaky all season, so if the Jumbos hope to make a run at the NESCAC title and become legitimate contenders for a national championship, their pitching staff will need to continue its dominance. Lately, the pitchers have shown no signs of slowing, holding opponents to just 10 runs in the last five games heading into yesterday's action, including three shutout performances.

The staff has been anchored by freshman Allyson Fournier, who has stifled opposing lineups, holding hitters to a .098 batting average. Her 158 strikeouts lead the NESCAC, and she has the single-season school record for the stat. Her 0.53 ERA and

14-0 record are no less impressive.

After a three-day hiatus to start off the week, the Jumbos returned to the diamond yesterday afternoon in double-header action against Rhode Island College; The Jumbos took the first game 4-3 and completed the sweep with a 10-3 win later in the afternoon.

This weekend, Tufts will return to Spicer Field to take on NESCAC cellar dweller Wesleyan in a two-game series. They will wrap up the regular season on Monday with a doubleheader on the road against Springfield College.

Then it is on to the postseason, where the Jumbos will possess home-field advantage throughout the NESCAC tournament. Their expectations are high, and only getting higher.

"Our primary goal is to take it one game at a time and first win NESCACs," Massrey said. "But we all have in the back of our heads something more, because we know we are capable. We have the talent, and this is our year to take a championship title."



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Senior tri-captain outfielder Lizzy Iuppa entered yesterday's doubleheader against Rhode Island College hitting .333 with a team-high 12 stolen bases.

Women's lacrosse hoping for deja vu at Middlebury in first round

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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the dying moments, the Jumbos knew that their chances of finishing fifth — and avoiding a first-round matchup against the No. 7 Middlebury Panthers — had slipped away.

"It was a hard loss, especially because it determined who we would face in NESCACs," Applegate said. "We were so evenly matched that in the end it came down to possession as well as Bowdoin getting lucky with a couple calls. We had the ball in the last minute of overtime, and our attack put up an incredible last effort, but we couldn't find the back of the net."

While the loss stings, there were many silver linings for the Jumbos, who delivered a more complete performance than they had in their previous losses to some of the NESCAC's best teams.

"I think we played really well," senior attackman Kelly Hyland said. "Our defense played absolutely outstanding, and to hold a team like Bowdoin to 10 goals is amazing. Our offense executed, moved the ball well and got a lot of good looks, but we just fell a little short at the end."

Despite the positives, which included five-point performances from senior tri-captain attackman Lara Kozin and junior attackman Kerry Eaton, the loss means the Jumbos remain winless against NESCAC teams with better-than-.500 conference records, and they will face 10-2 Middlebury in the first round. However, the team knows from experience that just making the tournament gives it an opportunity to do some damage.

"The same exact thing happened to us last year," Hyland said. "We lost to Bowdoin by one goal on the last day of the season, and then had to go on the road against Middlebury, and we beat them. That's exactly what we're planning on doing this year."

In order to pull off the upset over

the Panthers, the Jumbos will need to continue to tighten up their offense and transition game, as turnovers have been an Achilles' heel all season. If they limit unforced errors and the defense plays to its potential, that should be enough to give the Jumbos a good shot.

"Going into this game, the mindset of the team is positive," Applegate said. "Middlebury just lost their third [NESCAC] game in a row. Our defense has been amazingly solid this season, so we will probably focus on our attack [in practice]. Taking care of the ball and capitalizing on possession time will be crucial. It's going to be a great game."

"The fact that [the Bowdoin game] was such a good game and that we all played so hard is giving us great confidence that we can beat Middlebury on Saturday," senior tri-captain Katie Lotz said. "So we are already past the dwelling point. Immediately after the game we were upset, but are ready to take out our revenge on Middlebury."

The Jumbos will also need to find a way past Middlebury's senior goalie Lily Nguyen, who has the second-best goals against average in the conference. If they don't, their season could come to an end — an early elimination from the NESCAC tournament would dim their chances of an NCAA bid.

"Our performance in this tournament will dictate whether we get the opportunity to continue our season in NCAAs," Applegate said. "We're determined to prove ourselves. Our entire team, especially the seniors, is going to give everything we have to make it as far as we can into the postseason."

"The mindset of our team now is just go give it our all every second we are out on the field," Lotz said. "Now, every game is win or go home, and none of us are ready for the season to end yet. The way games ended up in the regular season means nothing now, and anything can happen in NESCACs."

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	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Softball		vs. Wesleyan 1 pm vs. Wesleyan 3 pm		at Springfield 3:30 pm at Springfield 5:30 pm	
Baseball	at Bowdoin 3 pm	at Bowdoin 12 p.m. at Bowdoin 3 p.m.		vs. Eastern Conn. St. 3 p.m.	
Women's Lacrosse		at Middlebury NESCAC Quarters 12 p.m.			
Men's Lacrosse		vs. Amherst NESCAC Quarters 1 p.m.			
Women's Tennis		at Middlebury 2 p.m.	vs. Trinity 11 a.m.		
Men's Tennis	at Bates 2 p.m.		vs. Colby 3:30 p.m.		
Women's Track & Field		at Bates NESCAC Championships			
Men's Track & Field		at Bates NESCAC Championships			
Co-ed Sailing		at N.E. Team Championships 9 a.m.	at N.E. Team Championships 9 a.m.		
Women's Crew		vs. Simmons, Wellesley & Smith 8 a.m.			

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and making connections with campus and community groups.

The biggest change, other than the increased number of people who will be involved, will be a shift in power toward the student-athletes themselves.

"This year, the Fan the Fire effort was really just the tip of the iceberg of what it can become," Director of Athletics Bill Gehling said. "People like myself can serve in sort of support roles ... but it stands a much better chance of not only sustaining itself, but growing, if the student group really takes ownership of it."

"We didn't want this to become just another good idea that kind of flamed out after one active year," he added.

From a community service standpoint, the goals of SAAC and Fan the Fire are nearly identical. Tufts' SAAC is involved with groups such as Adopt-A-Family in the winter and the Boys and Girls Club in the spring. Meanwhile, Fan the Fire partnered with Team IMPACT in the fall — the women's soccer team forged a bond with a young girl who was diagnosed with a rare form of eye cancer — as well as Relay for Life and Engineers Without Borders.

"[We're] reaching out to these groups that have really big followings on their own, and trying to bond them with this idea of getting them to go to games together," Burke said.

The SAAC, which is currently co-chaired by women's basketball senior co-captain Kate Barnosky and baseball senior co-captain Sam Sager, will be run next year by men's tennis coach Jaime Kenney and Assistant Director of Athletics Branwen Smith-King, both of whom have played essential roles in the development of Fan the Fire this year.

Still, the goal is ultimately for students to take the reins.

"SAAC is going to play a huge driving role next year in organizing these events, doing everything that we've been doing this year, but we're really giving them the ownership to take it to the next level," Burke said. "Next year, we're going to have this huge base of students that will be driving this."

Burke added that her hope is for Fan the Fire to have a greater presence at smaller events next year, in addition to their coordination of a few bigger events.

Despite the common perception that Tufts is a campus apathetic about athletics, Fan the Fire refuses to believe it is a lost cause.

"I think the thing that surprised me in talking to non-athletes is how interested they are in Tufts athletics," said junior Jason Kerstein, who is a former Tufts lacrosse player and served as a student liaison for Fan the Fire this year. "I've seen professors who I never knew were interested in athletics come to Tufts sporting events."

Still, they realize that athletics at Tufts have a lot to compete with.

"I think one of the realities that we can't ignore is that we're not located in Williamstown, Mass., where there's very little else going on than what's at Williams College," Gehling said. "There's just an awful lot of things for students to do here, and we need to give them something to come to that's worth attending."

Perhaps, eventually, a true culture change will come. Until it does, though, Fan the Fire is going to stick with what works.

"I'm not naive enough to think that we're at that point right now," Burke said. "It will take time, but I think that it's a great way of increasing school spirit. So the incentives are going to continue, and hopefully as the years go on it just becomes a part of the Tufts culture."

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BASEBALL

Jumbos prepare to fight for playoff lives in Maine

BY ALEX BAUDOIN
Daily Editorial Board

This weekend in Maine, the baseball team's destiny will be decided in a three-game series against Bowdoin. The Jumbos, winners of the past two NESCAC championships, must win two of three games against the Polar Bears to move into second place in the NESCAC East division and earn a berth into the conference tournament.

Despite owning a 20-8 overall record, the Jumbos have struggled against division opponents, going 4-5. They are currently riding a seven-game winning streak — all non-division wins — and their approach this weekend will be no different than it has been.

"I don't think there's a real issue to worry about," said freshman pitcher/infielder Joe Harrington about his team's struggles in NESCAC competition. "We weren't getting hits when we needed them, and in the Colby and Trinity series they hit the ball when they needed to and got some key runs. But we are still preparing for the games in the same way all the time."

The Jumbos have scored 64 runs during their current hot streak, which comes on the heels of consecutive series losses to the Mules and Bantams. Senior co-captain Matt Collins, the reigning NESCAC Player of the Week, has been on a tear during the run, hitting .630 with 12 RBIs and 12 run scored and now is fourth in the conference with a .419 batting average. Senior co-captain Sam Sager, who was recently

moved to the leadoff position in the lineup, has also caught fire of late, hitting .529 with seven runs scored and five RBIs in Tufts' past four games. The duo now ranks first and second in runs scored in the NESCAC this season.

"Our last seven games, we've been playing great baseball," Harrington said. "Everyone is buying into the approach that is staying back and trying to hit the ball the other way, not trying to do too much. Everyone is just trying to play their role and it's paying off. We're pushing across runs in key situations and not relying on the big inning, and it's been successful."

The pitchers certainly appreciate the increased offensive production.

"We've been hitting really well," said senior pitcher Dave Ryan, who leads the team with five wins on the season. "Scoring a lot of runs makes it easy."

Meanwhile, Bowdoin is coming off a 2-1 weekend against Colby and enters the do-or-die series against Tufts with a record of 18-14 overall and, more importantly, 5-4 in the NESCAC East. The Polar Bears have been paced by junior Oliver Van Zant, arguably the top pitcher in the NESCAC this season. The right-hander, who has not pitched since April 20 and will likely get the start in the series opener, currently leads the NESCAC in ERA (2.08) and shutouts with two.

Offensively, Bowdoin relies on the bats of junior catcher Dan Findley and junior outfielder Tim McGarry, who lead the team in nearly every offensive category.

Freshman shortstop Aaron Rosen has also contributed in his first season, hitting .315 with 13 RBIs and 12 runs scored.

"We know their pitching is good and their defense is pretty good," Ryan said. "It really depends on how we play. If we play the way we are supposed to, I don't think there will be a problem."

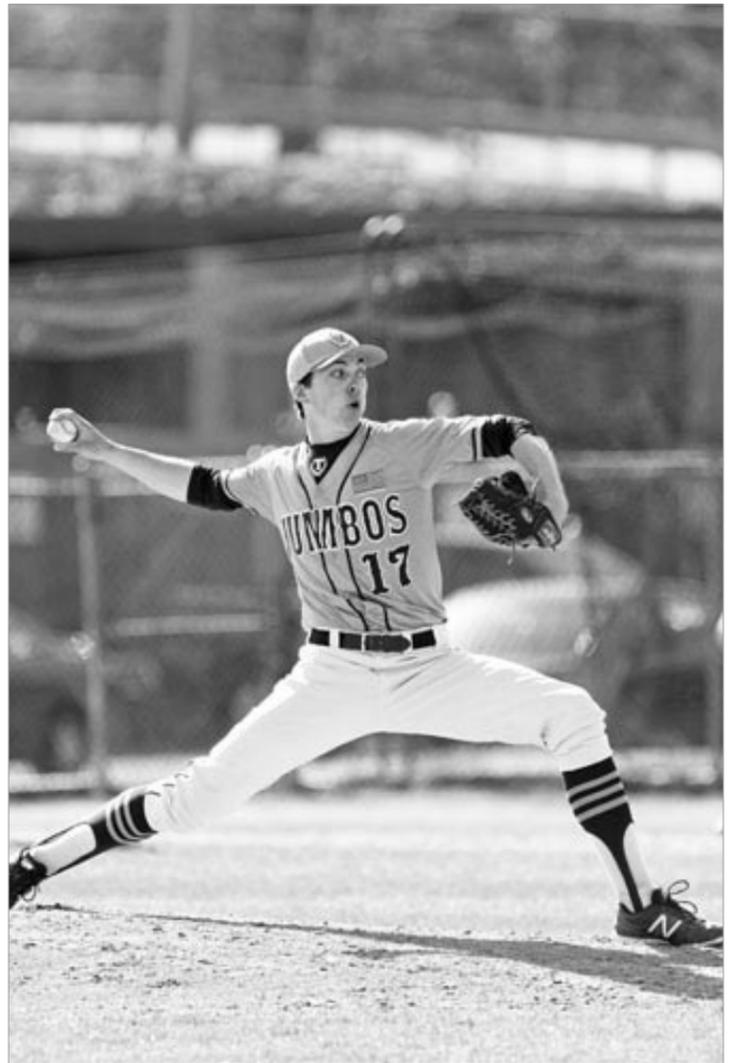
The key for the Jumbos this weekend will be their ability to score in the early innings. They are typically at their best when the bats come alive early in games, as they often did during their 7-3 spring break trip as well as during their recent seven-game winning streak.

Playing clean defense will also be crucial.

"I think we just have to play solid defense and not give any outs away," Harrington said. "That's where we can get hurt. If we limit our mistakes, it should be a competitive weekend."

With a pair of wins in Brunswick this weekend, the Jumbos can put their NESCAC struggles behind them. A berth into the conference tournament would give Tufts the chance to compete for a third straight conference title, which would be an impressive feat in itself after the graduation of one of the most talented baseball classes in Tufts history.

"It's good to know that whether or not we move on is in our hands," Harrington said. "But it really hasn't changed our approach at all. All we are really focused on is playing good baseball, and hopefully if we do that we will be happy."



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Senior pitcher Dave Ryan, who leads the Jumbos with five wins this season, will try to help Tufts sneak into the NESCAC playoffs this weekend with a series win against the Bowdoin.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Royal pain: Lord Jeffs hand Jumbos third straight NESCAC loss

BY JAKE INDURSKY
Senior Staff Writer

The No. 13 women's tennis team traveled to Amherst to play the national No. 3 Lord Jeffs on Wednesday in desperate need

WOMEN'S TENNIS
(7-8 Overall, 3-3 NESCAC)

at Amherst, Mass., Wednesday

Tufts	2
Amherst	7

of a win. But the team was stymied in a 7-2 defeat, falling to 3-3 in the NESCAC and 7-8 overall, the first time it has been below .500 since March 22.

Despite the team's recent struggles, its last three losses have all come against top-10 teams. The Jumbos know they are playing better than the scores indicate.

"I think we did a good job of staying positive through out the whole match," junior captain Lindsay Katz said. "One of our goals is to be able to look down the lineup and not be able to tell if we are winning or losing at each spot, because we are always focused on the next point and supporting each other."

For the first time since the beginning of April, the Jumbos' doubles pairings remained the same in consecutive weeks. Nonetheless, they found themselves facing a 3-0 deficit after doubles play, as all three Tufts duos lost by 8-3 margins.

Tufts has also established a stable singles lineup, headed by Katz and freshman Sophie Schonfeld at the No. 1 and No. 2 spots, respectively. While both lost 6-2, 6-3, they displayed mental fortitude in tough weather conditions.

"It was very windy, and I think we did a good job of playing in the elements and not letting it frustrate us," she said.

Further down the ladder at No. 4, sophomore Samantha Gann continued her



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Junior Janice Lam defeated her Amherst singles opponent 6-1, 6-2 on Wednesday, earning her second singles victory in seven days against a player from a top-10 team.

impressive season, winning a tight match in straight sets, 6-4, 7-5. While Gann went up against a different Amherst opponent than the first time the teams met, the results were the same.

The team also got some help on Wednesday from junior Janice Lam at the bottom of the singles ladder. Lam took down her opponent with ease, 6-1, 6-2, marking her second win in a match against a top-15 team's player in her past three tries, with the other coming against No. 10 Bowdoin.

"We did a great job of not worrying who

we were playing against, and just played our best," said Lam of the team's singles performances. "We did a great job of fighting in the singles, and every match was a fight regardless of the score."

With players like Lam and Gann coming up big, the Jumbos have been able to somewhat overcome the loss of sophomore Eliza Flynn last week. Katz has been impressed with her team's toughness, not just against Amherst but all season, as the Jumbos have had to overcome the difficulties of playing

SOFTBALL

Full speed ahead for top-seeded softball team

BY ZACHEY KLIGER
Daily Editorial Board

Having already clinched the number one seed in the NESCAC East, the No. 8 Jumbos can now rest up, reflect on an outstanding regular season and make sure it heads into the upcoming NESCAC playoffs as fresh and healthy as can be. At least, that's what one might expect.

But for a team in the midst of one of its best seasons ever, that's not part of the plan heading down the home stretch. The Jumbos — who began yesterday's doubleheader at Rhode Island College at 28-4 overall — have 30 wins on their mind, a total they have not eclipsed since 2009, when Tufts went undefeated in its division and 44-3 overall.

After having their 12-game winning streak snapped by Eastern Connecticut State on April 15, Tufts entered yesterday's games hoping to build on its most recent five-game streak.

"Our coach will not let our attitudes change," sophomore Chrissie Massrey said. "We know how important it is to stay driven and keep our bats hot. I think it's very important to go into the postseason strong, not just because of the confidence factor, but also we're not going to be a championship caliber team if we start to slack off."

"We go into every game with the mentality that we are the best team," sophomore catcher Jo Clair added. "We're going in looking to get the 'W'. It is important to be at our best when we finally go into the playoffs."

While Tufts will face a relatively light schedule the rest of the way, it may be difficult to keep their bats going like they have in recent weeks. In consecutive games against Bates and Brandeis last week, the Jumbos pounded out 25 runs, including a 15-run outburst on Saturday.

Clair is once again leading the team in a multitude of categories, including batting average (.463), home runs (8), RBIs (41) and slugging percentage (.853). And yet the sophomore slugger, along with the rest of the team,

FAN THE FIRE

Culture shock: Fan the Fire begins to shake up Tufts sports scene with giveaways, charity events

BY AARON LEIBOWITZ
Daily Editorial Board

Quick, name the two things Tufts students love most. Besides Moe's. And Greek Life.

The answer is obvious; more than anything else, Tufts students love active citizenship and free t-shirts — in no particular order.

Somewhere much, much further down that list? Sports.

Last summer, Fan the Fire began addressing the daunting task of making sports at Tufts a higher priority. Its leaders knew a culture shift wasn't going to happen overnight — after all, this is Tufts, not the University of Texas — but they realized they could start to get people more involved by marrying sports with what students really care about: community service, and, yes, free stuff.

"We sort of realized that just telling people to come to games, they're not going to come to games," said Melissa Burke (LA '11), a former Tufts field hockey player who created the concept behind Fan the Fire with teammate Amanda Roberts (LA '11) as part of a senior CMS project. "But if you give them a reason to come that really has a personal interest for them, that might be a bigger draw for them. And so far, we've found that it's worked."

The signs have been encouraging. Significantly more people showed up at games this year that were promoted as



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By merging with Tufts' Student Advisory Action Committee next year, Fan the Fire will offer a greater role to student-athletes.

Fan the Fire events, and students, faculty and administrators not normally involved in athletics came out to support causes, such as Relay for Life, that Fan the Fire was partnering with.

In its first full year, Fan the Fire has

progressed under the supervision of a mere six-person team, but now it is preparing to take the next step. Starting in the fall, it will become a subset of the Student Action Advisory Committee (SAAC) — which exists at every univer-

sity and helps combine athletics with community service projects — and will include four sub-committees responsible for promoting and planning events

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE



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Senior tri-captain Lara Kozin had four goals and an assist against Bowdoin on Wednesday, but it was not enough as the Polar Bears prevailed in overtime, 10-9.

Jumbos lose gut-wrencher, drop to sixth seed in NESCAC tournament

BY DAVID MCINTYRE
Daily Editorial Board

More than any other game this season, the No. 14 women's lacrosse team's regular season

WOMEN'S LACROSSE (9-5 Overall, 5-5 NESCAC)

at Brunswick, Maine, Wednesday

Tufts	4	5	0	—	9
Bowdoin	6	3	1	—	10

finale with No. 13 Bowdoin had all the makings of an extremely tight contest. Not only were

the teams tied for fifth in the NESCAC and separated by one spot in the national rankings, but they also entered with very similar statistics.

As expected, the game was a battle from start to finish, and it reached overtime before the host Polar Bears eventually triumphed, 10-9, securing the fifth seed in the conference tournament while relegating the Jumbos to sixth.

The defeat felt somewhat unjust for the Jumbos, who fought back over the entire second half to make up a 6-4 halftime deficit. After Bowdoin rebounded to take

a 9-8 lead, sophomore Gabby Horner responded with just 5:22 remaining, scoring a goal that, ultimately, sent the game to overtime after neither team could break the deadlock.

As they have all season, the Polar Bears relied on junior attackman Carolyn Gorajek to convert in the clutch. With 3:59 remaining in the overtime period, Gorajek tallied her fifth goal of the game and 47th of the season on a free position shot, and after Tufts sophomore midfielder Kate Applegate had a shot denied in

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Not this time: Jumbos refuse to fall again to Polar Bears

BY KATE KLOTS
Daily Editorial Board

Heading into Wednesday night's regular season finale against No. 13 Bowdoin, the

MEN'S LACROSSE (13-2 Overall, 9-1 NESCAC)

Bello Field, Wednesday

Bowdoin	2	3	1	1	—	7
Tufts	4	7	1	3	—	15

No. 5 men's lacrosse team was determined to avoid a repeat of 2011. Like this year, the Jumbos had just locked up the No. 1 spot in the NESCAC last April when they traveled to Brunswick, Maine, and were upended 15-9 by the Polar Bears.

In the long run, that game did not hurt the Jumbos' momentum, as they surged back to win their second straight conference title. Nevertheless, losing was not an option for coach Mike Daly's squad this time.

Forced to do without starting sophomore goalie Patton Watkins, who suffered an ankle injury during the previous day's practice, Tufts welcomed junior netminder Tyler Page into the cage for the first start of his collegiate career. The personnel change seemed not to affect the Jumbos, who jumped out to an 11-5 lead in the first half and never put their foot on the break, suffocating Bowdoin in a 15-7 rout.

"We certainly got off to a

fast start," senior co-captain midfielder Kevin McCormick said. "We were ready and fired up because it was our last regular season game and senior night. Everyone contributed. That helped us build a big lead."

The win pushed Tufts' overall record to 13-2 and 9-1 in the NESCAC — the only blemish was an overtime loss to No. 2 Trinity — as they prepare to host the conference tournament beginning this Saturday against No. 8 Amherst.

Freshman attackman Cole Bailey blazed the path to victory on Wednesday with a monster performance, netting four goals and dishing out three assists for a seven-point night.

"Cole's been going against the best defenders in the league every week, and he keeps getting better and better," McCormick said. "We have so many threats on offense that complement each other, and so it opens up a lot of looks. He capitalized on his opportunities."

Seven Jumbos scored in the game, while junior Billy Bergner and senior co-captain Keegan Melhorn were the only bright spots for the Polar Bears, combining for four of Bowdoin's seven points.

The matchup pitted two of the NESCAC's premier senior faceoff men against each other. Bowdoin's Brendan Hughes, who is second in the conference with a .609 faceoff average, and Tufts' Nick

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