



Romney announces presidential bid, Jumbos' feelings mixed

BY ALEX BLUM
Daily Editorial Board

Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney officially announced his bid for the presidency in 2008 from Dearborn, Mich. yesterday.

With one term as Massachusetts governor under his belt, Romney faces an uphill battle against political heavyweights like former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani and current U.S. Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.).

He filed the paperwork to form a presidential exploratory with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) on Jan. 3, his next-to-last day as governor.

Tooling himself as an outsider with an eye toward reform, Romney hopes to reshape "big politics."

"I don't believe Washington can be transformed from within by lifetime politicians," Romney told the media yesterday in a speech at Dearborn's Henry Ford Museum, according to the Associated Press (AP). "There've been too many deals, too many favors, too many entanglements — and too little real world experience managing, guiding, leading."

The former governor is a major contender, according to the AP. Even so, Romney has consistently lagged in the polls behind Republicans Giuliani, McCain and former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich. According to the most recent poll from Rasmussen Reports, 9 percent of respondents supported

Romney, while 27 percent supported the leader in the poll, Giuliani.

Domestically, Romney wants to cut taxes, improve education, reduce the size of government and improve health care. While governor, he helped implement the nation's first-ever universal health care coverage plan in Massachusetts and wiped out a \$3 billion budget deficit with no tax increases.

Abroad, Romney supports the war in Iraq.

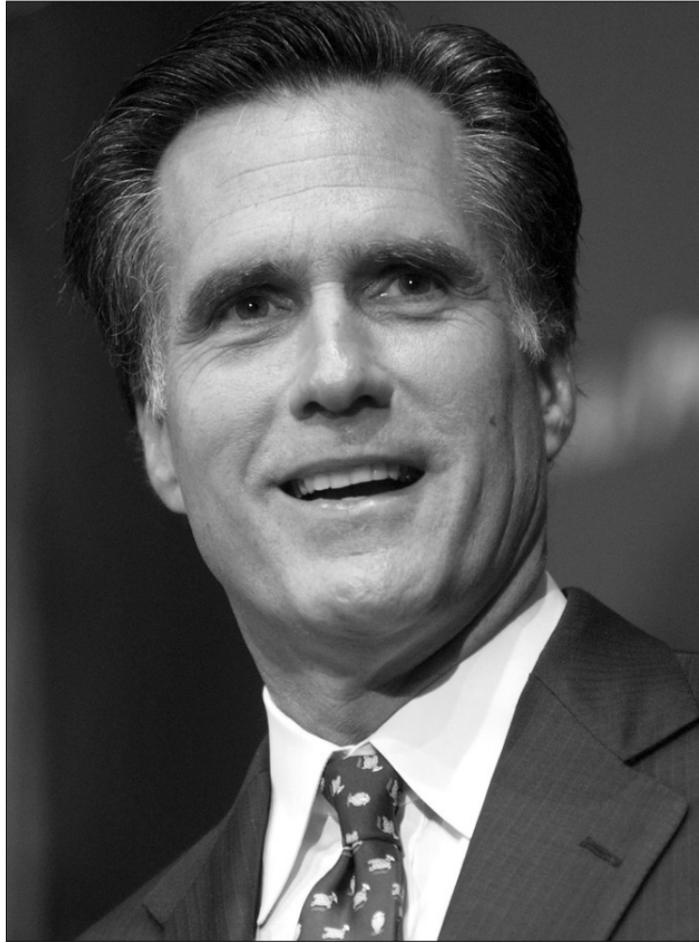
"So long as there is a reasonable prospect of success, our wisest course is to seek stability in Iraq, with additional troops to secure the civilian population," he said in the speech.

Romney has a long road ahead of him, however, and will need to build name recognition, overcome skepticism about his Mormon faith, and appeal to social conservatives.

To this last end, he has begun distancing himself from some of the more liberal policy options he has taken in the past.

Jordan Greene, Tufts Republicans president, has yet to pass judgment on Romney as a candidate. "I'm not going to give my endorsement to him or anything. I'll see what he has to say in the next six months," Greene said.

Greene feels that Romney's past can make him a credible contender for the presidency. "Obviously Romney is an attractive candidate — look at his business background for instance. The fact that he elimi-



Mitt Romney made his '08 presidential bid official yesterday in Michigan.

nated debt in Massachusetts and created large profits is impressive."

Before entering the political arena, Romney was involved in the business sector. A few years after

graduating in 1975 with an MBA from Harvard Business School and a law degree from Harvard Law School as part of a joint degree program, Romney became vice president of Bain & Company. He later went on to found a separate business called Bain Capital. He also served as president and CEO of the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2002.

Kayt Norris, president of the Tufts Democrats, is not as impressed by the former governor. She said Romney strayed from supporting certain issues to avoid being branded too liberal.

"He knew [that], when running, people would cite Massachusetts and say, 'Look how liberal Mitt Romney is,'" Norris said.

For example, in his failed 1994 U.S. Senate campaign, Romney previously supported abortion rights and promised to be an advocate for gay rights. He has now come out in favor of a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage in Massachusetts and calls himself staunchly pro-life.

Norris thinks Romney's state will also leave him at a disadvantage with Southern conservatives.

"I think that the Republicans rely heavily on the Southern vote, and I think it would just be very hard for Mitt Romney to work with the Evangelical Christian crowd down there," she said.

Romney will begin his campaign with a tour of eastern states, which will finish with a fundraiser in Boston.

Dropout rate falls in Somerville

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Despite facing difficult odds, the Somerville public schools have seen a decrease for the second consecutive year in the number of students dropping out of high school.

For the 2005-2006 school year, the dropout rate was 2.3 percent, compared to 4.3 percent the year before, according to the Massachusetts Department of Education (MDOE).

This decrease came in the face of obstacles. Sixty-seven percent of Somerville High School students are designated as being in the "low-income" category by the state and 52 percent of students are taking English as their second language, according to 2006-2007 numbers from the MDOE's Web site.

These numbers compare to state levels of approximately 29 percent and 15 percent, respectively.

Additionally, Somerville schools experience a large degree of flux, meaning that many students are not in Somerville for all four years.

There are "a plethora of reasons" that students drop out, Somerville Public Schools Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi said.

He attributes the success to the combined efforts of the district's staff and students.

"It's a team effort," he told the Daily. "We have a lot of staff members work-

ing very, very hard, and obviously our students are to be congratulated for facing the difficult academic requirements we have in our state."

These requirements include passing the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests. Ninety-nine percent of graduating seniors in the district pass, according to a press release issued by the district.

Still, Somerville does have some catching up to do. The district as a whole exceeds the average four-year graduation rate for urban districts in the state by 15 percent, but is still about three percent behind the state average. Somerville High School, however, exceeds both the district and state rate according to the MDOE's Web site. The state graduation level for the 2005-2006 year was 80 percent.

Pierantozzi is particularly impressed with the numbers as compared to other urban schools. "With an urban school like we have, I think it magnifies the excellence of the job that we have done as a school district," he said.

To increase the graduation rate and to ease the transition into high school, Somerville High School has implemented various programs, many of which account for the decrease in the dropout rate.

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Seniors will choose three beers for Hotung with TCU Senate survey

BY MATT GORDON
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On the heels of its official announcement that the Hotung Café will serve alcohol when it reopens this spring, the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate plans to conduct a survey on Thursday to determine what kinds of beer will be served.

Senate Historian Neil DiBiase said that he plans to survey seniors as they get onto the bus to attend senior pub night.

But the survey will only take place if enough people attend the event. If less than half of the class buys tickets, DiBiase said that he will delay the survey for another week. "The goal is to get the most number of students surveyed," he said.

The seniors will be allowed to vote for beers in three categories: regular domestic, light domestic and premium. The top vote-getter from each category will be served.

Although there is a tentative list with beers like Bud Light and Coors, DiBiase said that the field is pretty much "wide open" and that "whatever three beers win the survey we can get."

According to TCU President Mitch Robinson, this effort to get the Tufts community directly involved is an integral part of the ideology of the current Senate. "One thing we always push for is input from the community. We felt it would be a good chance to get the seniors involved in something that really affects them," he said.

The addition of beer to the menu at Hotung is part of a larger attempt to make it more socially inviting. The server side will open after spring break, and along with beer it will also provide new options from three different serving stations: a coffee bar, a smoothie counter and a Mediterranean kitchen.

The rest of the ongoing renovations should "hopefully be done by the fall," DiBiase said.

He said that a revamped Hotung will greatly change the lives of the average Tufts student. "[It] will create a new social dynamic, a new place to hang out and relax. It will provide a new way to look at the social life at Tufts," he said.

Robinson also has high hopes for the new café and the impact it will have on the social life of the Tufts community. "This is a first step forward of many steps towards making the campus a more social environment," he said.

As a senior, Robinson will have a say in the beers chosen, but he said he will be happy with whatever decision is made. "Whatever my senior class feels like, I will go with. I am only one vote," he said.

Also on Thursday, Senator Corey Briskin, a freshman, will be selling pizza and water to the pub-goers as they get off the bus at the end of the night. Several local pizza places will donate food for the event.

The profits from the sales will go towards sending a group of Hillel students to Honduras over spring break.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

FOUR MILITANTS KILLED IN CHECHNYA

Four members of an illegal armed group have been killed in Chechnya, the Interior Ministry said Tuesday.

A ministry spokesman said police conducted a special operation in Gudermes, Chechnya's second largest city in the east of the republic.

"The operation was carried out Tuesday morning at about 7:00 a.m. Moscow time," he said. "The bandits offered fierce resistance and were killed in a gunfight."

Although the latest war in Chechnya officially ended in 2001, which together with the first left up to 100,000 Chechens dead, periodic bombings and clashes between gunmen and Federal troops still disrupt the republic's comparative calm, with the violence often spilling over into adjacent regions.

According to official reports, over 50 militants were eliminated and over 500 surrendered to Federal Forces in 2006.

IRAN SET TO CONTINUE URANIUM ENRICHMENT, BUT OFFERS PROPOSALS

Iran will continue enriching uranium, but has fresh proposals to make if international talks resume, Iranian officials said Tuesday.

In remarks contradicting a statement he made Monday, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini vehemently ruled out a halt to uranium enrichment.

"Suspending (uranium enrichment) is out of the question under any circumstances," he said, reiterating that Iran's nuclear program, which many in the West suspect of being a covert nuclear weapons program, is peaceful and complies with the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Iran, a signatory to the NPT, resumed nuclear research early last year, prompting the UN Security Council to impose sanctions in December.

On Monday, Hosseini said Tehran was ready to consider suspending its uranium enrichment activities. "The Islamic Republic has repeatedly said it is ready to consider various subjects at negotiations, including a temporary halt (in uranium enrichment)," Hosseini said.

A deputy head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, Mohammad Saeedi, said Tuesday that Tehran had drawn up proposals on how to end the crisis and was prepared to present them at possible talks with European officials.

BAGHDAD SECURITY PLAN TO RESTRICT WEAPONS, CLOSE BORDERS

The Iraqi government announced new measures Tuesday to retake the country from terrorists and outlaws, including those in uniform, by ordering the army and police to submit to checkpoints, sharply curtailing weapons in public and temporarily closing the borders with Syria and Iran.

The 14-point decree, which also authorizes cordons, house-to-house searches, emergency detentions and electronic eavesdropping, was signed by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and read on national television by his handpicked Baghdad security chief, Lt. Gen. Aboud Qanbar.

At least one Sunni opposition leader welcomed the plan, but many Baghdad residents greeted it with skepticism. It remains to be seen whether Iraqi forces, some of them heavily infiltrated by Shiite militiamen, will enforce it evenhandedly and whether both Shiite and Sunni gunmen will simply melt into the population until the crackdown passes.

Four of the 14 measures are intended to combat the displacement and agony caused by sectarian cleansing of mixed Sunni-Shiite neighborhoods in Baghdad. It orders squatters to vacate the homes of displaced people within 15 days and to return them to the condition in which they found them.

—compiled from McClatchy Newspapers

A night of juggling



ANJALI NIRMALAN/TUFTS DAILY

A student works on his juggling in Hodgdon last night during a meeting of the Juggling Coalition.

Pierantozzi would like to see more students attend college

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One example is the House Program, which separates each class into four houses, each headed by an assistant principal, a guidance counselor and a secretary.

This system provides a single point of contact for the questions and concerns of both parents and students, Pierantozzi said.

Other programs focus entirely on incoming freshmen. "What we were trying to do is make sure our ninth-grade teachers are creating a welcoming [environment] where students sense that they belong," he said.

Additional help has come from volunteers. Some of these volunteers work in an after-school program run by the Somerville Boys and Girls Club and routed to Tufts students through the Leonard Carmichael Society.

Senior Isha Plynton, who volunteers every Thursday, said that she

feels that her program has been effective, but not to the point where it can account for all of the successes. "I feel like what we're doing is making a difference, but not on that kind of scale," she said.

Much of the help that college students can offer comes from sharing their experiences, or "talking about college life," senior Adjoa Anyane-Yebo, who is involved in the same program, said.

"I think it's been very helpful, even just in the relationships that [have] been formed," she said.

Pierantozzi said he appreciates this help, noting that Tufts students "are great role models for our high school and middle school students."

Still, according to Plynton, some in the Somerville community feel like Tufts students can do more.

Pierantozzi said that all volunteers are helpful. "We can never say that we have enough volunteers," he said.

Although the numbers for the district have been largely positive, he said that there is always room for improvement. "Obviously, we're not satisfied with any dropouts," he said.

He also wants to go further than that by encouraging more students to attend college.

"We would like about 70 percent of our students to take the PSATs and the SATs and apply [to] and attend college," he said. "More than that, we want to improve the rigor of our academic offering so that students from Somerville who attend college have the basic skills and the interest and the motivation and the aspirations which result in them actually getting the next diploma too."

But Pierantozzi said that a high-school diploma is a crucial starting point for all students. "A high school diploma on average is worth about a half a million dollars in someone's earning career," he said.

Police Briefs

MAN SEEN IN WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOM

TUPD received a call at 5:08 p.m. on Feb. 10 reporting that a man had been spotted in the women's locker room of Cousens Gym.

The individual who saw the man and initially reported him did not stay until police arrived, however, and did not leave her name.

When she called, she said he was wearing a red ski jacket and blue jeans. Three TUPD officers arrived at the gym but did not find anyone fitting that description in the vicinity.

CAR HITS HOUSE

TUPD received a report of a car crash at 10:20 a.m. on Feb. 9. A car driving down Packard Ave. towards Powderhouse Blvd. ran a stop sign, hit the front end of another car, and continued across the street hitting a house on Professors Row.

According to Sergeant Robert McCarthy of TUPD, there was damage to both cars and to the house, but no one was injured. The house sustained damage primarily to the porch.

It is up to the city of Somerville to deal with the driver, McCarthy said.

LOCKER ROOM THEFT

The Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) received a report on Feb. 8 from a student who had items stolen at Cousens Gym.

The student left the items on a shelf in the fitness center before going to work out. Upon returning, the student discovered that a bag, which contained a driver's license, a cell phone, and \$40 in cash had been taken from the shelf.

According to the student, the theft happened sometime between 11:40 a.m. and 1:20 p.m.

—by Sarah Butrymowicz

MARKETS

Yesterday's close

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102.30 12,654.85

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WEATHER FORECAST

Today
Wednesday, February 14

Snow/Rain
Sunrise: 6:43 AM
Sunset: 5:15 PM
Rain and snow 100% likely. Winds
20 to 25 mph.

Thursday



Sunny
22/10

Friday



Partly Cloudy
26/17

Saturday



Partly Cloudy
34/20



Partly Cloudy
32/15



Partly Cloudy
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Cloudy
36/26

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We all see a little of Jack Bauer in ourselves. The revelation first came to me a few Mondays ago, around 8:56:25 p.m."

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Turns out those free Health Services condoms are being used after all

BY MATT SKIBINSKI
Daily Editorial Board

It's Valentine's Day, and Jumbos' minds are filled with thoughts of love, romance. But in addition to red roses and candy hearts, another more taboo topic is sidling its way in to students' thoughts as well: sex.

Over the past week, the Daily anonymously polled 157 undergraduates in Dewick, Carmichael, the Tower Café, Brown and Brew and the campus center about their sexual habits and perceptions at college. The survey was non-scientific and reflects only the views and experiences of those students who chose to participate.

Nonetheless, it gave an interesting look into the minds of some Jumbos.

According to Joe DeBold, a psychology professor who is teaching the course "Human Sexuality" this semester, students' perceptions and attitudes about sex can be greatly affected by the college environment.

"People are influenced by their peers, and one of the things that happens in college is that you're put into a group that's perhaps different from where you were before," DeBold said. "In addition, in college, people are given a lot more personal freedom than they have in the past."

Among the Jumbos polled, this personal freedom manifested itself in a variety of ways. Approximately 28 percent of respondents said they'd had sex within the past week, and 40 percent said they'd had sex within the past month. More than half—60 percent—said they'd had sex within the past year.

At the same time, 28 percent said they were virgins, which means that only roughly 12 percent of respondents had had sex at some point in their lives, but not

within the past year. Of students who were not virgins, 28 percent said they lost their virginity at Tufts.

The percentage of virgins varied between genders: 32 percent of females said they were virgins, while only 24 percent of males said so. Of students who were not virgins, 15 percent of men said they lost their virginity at Tufts, while 36 percent of females said so.

Sophomore Udy Onyeador said she thinks that even though the poll is non-scientific, its statistical difference is true among Tufts students.

"I think there's more pressure for guys to lose their virginity as opposed to girls," Onyeador said. "I think that that's why there's a slightly higher percentage [of female virgins]."

According to DeBold, however, the degree to which social pressures influence a student's sexual behavior depends on the student's personality.

"We're getting into things that involve personal ethics and beliefs," he said. "Certainly, when people arrive at a university, they don't all of a sudden become the same people in terms of religious, moral, political beliefs, and those things do influence personal behavior."

"I'm not saying that there's no social influence," he added. "It would be one of many factors."

The poll also found a significant difference in the amount of sex reported by males and by females. Of those polled, 33 percent of males reported having had sex in the past week, while only 22 percent of women reported doing so. Within the past year, 66 percent of males and 53 percent of females said they'd had sex.

Sophomore Jonah Schey, however, said he doesn't think men

actually have more sex than women.

"Men are more likely to exaggerate," he said, pointing out that some students may have taken the survey with their friends present, and might have felt pressured to lie.

Sophomore Susan Lee agreed. "I think the girls are just not telling the truth, because if the guys are having that much sex, they have to be having it with someone," Lee said. "I think the girls are just being shy about telling the truth."

Onyeador disagreed. "I don't think there's any reason people would lie on an anonymous survey," she said.

In addition to gender, students' answers varied based on their class year. Among freshmen, 54 percent of females and 46 percent of males said they were virgins, but only 15 percent of females and eight percent of males said they lost their virginity at Tufts. In contrast, 6 percent of the male seniors polled and 8 percent of the female seniors polled were virgins, while 25 percent of males and 75 percent of females said they lost their virginity at Tufts.

The high difference in those statistics may be the result of a smaller sample among seniors—only 19 percent of those polled were seniors, since some of the polling took place at the dining halls, which, presumably, upper-classmen visit less often. Twenty-one percent were juniors, and the rest were undergrads.

The poll also found that the students who responded had average sex lives. When asked to rate Jumbos' level of sexual satisfaction on a scale of one to 10, with one being "very sexually frustrated" and 10 being "very sexually satisfied," students who took the survey gave an average rating of 5.2.



REBEKAH SOKOL/TUFTS DAILY

Public displays of affection are sometimes just too public for fellow students.

The difference between males' answers and females' answers to that question was insignificant, an average of less than 0.2. Female sophomores and female seniors tied for the lowest level of sexual satisfaction with ratings of 4.6 each. Male juniors and seniors tied for the highest level of sexual satisfaction with ratings of 5.2 each.

Debold said the results of the poll could be entertaining, but warned against putting too much weight on the survey's findings, since they are based solely on the

experiences of the people who were willing to participate. Of students asked to fill out surveys, eight declined. Three students agreed to fill out the survey but did not fill it out and returned a blank form.

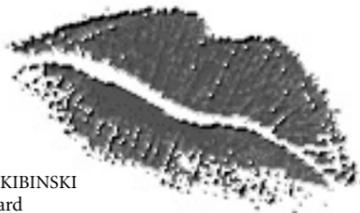
"Volunteer samples tend to give you different data than random samples do," DeBold said. "There are a lot of factors that can significantly shift the percentages."

The poll's results may also have been influenced by natural human error.

BY THE NUMBERS

Students and sex

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The Daily conducted an anonymous, non-scientific poll of 157 undergraduate students in the week leading up to Valentine's Day. The subject? Sex. In this installment of "By the Numbers," the Daily examines what students said.

34 Percentage of male respondents who said they'd had sex in the past week
22 Percentage of females who said they'd had sex in the past week
28 Percentage of total respondents, male and female, who said so

54 Percentage of female freshmen who said they were virgins
34 Percentage of female sophomores who said so
46 Percentage of male freshmen who said they were virgins
12 Percentage of male sophomores who said so

10 Percentage of non-virgin freshmen who lost their virginity at Tufts
28 Percentage of non-virgin students who say they lost their virginity at Tufts

7.6 Average male Jumbo's rating of his own "hotness," on a scale of one to 10
7.3 Average female Jumbo's rating of her own hotness
8.0 Average freshman male's rating of his own hotness
6.8 Average freshman female's rating of her own hotness

67 Percentage of senior females who say they've had sex in the past year
41 Percentage of freshman females who said so
76 Percentage of senior males who say they've had sex in the past year
53 Percentage of freshman males who said so

5.6 Average male rating of female Jumbos' hotness, on a scale of one to 10
4.9 Average female rating of male Jumbos' hotness
6.4 Average male rating of male Jumbos' hotness
6.4 Average female rating of female Jumbos' hotness

The information cited above comes from the Daily's own non-scientific sex poll, which surveyed 157 students in five on-campus locations last week. The results of this poll should be taken with a few grains—or perhaps teaspoons—of salt.

Hotness survey reveals Jumbo-sized egos

Unlike the University of Texas or UCLA, Tufts is not exactly known for its attractive student body. In fact, in a March 2005 letter to the editor in Boston University's Daily Free Press, BU student John Kresser wrote, "Saying that Tufts has attractive students is like saying that the Green Line is reliable or Boston University has a fair Guest Policy—these statements are simply not true."

But at Tufts, students give a different story. The Daily's non-scientific sex poll, which was conducted last week in five public locations on campus, asked 157 Jumbos to rate the "hotness" of male Jumbos as a whole and female Jumbos as a whole, and then to rate their own individual hotness, all on a scale of one to 10, with one as "ice cold" and 10 as "smoking hot."

The students who answered were less flattering about other students, but less than modest about themselves.

According to the results, respondents consistently rated Jumbos of their own gender as hotter than those of the opposite sex. Males rated male Jumbos at 6.4 and females at 5.6, while females rated other females at 6.4 and males at 4.9.

At the same time, respondents of both genders rated themselves the highest: the average female rated herself at 7.3, and the average male rated himself at 7.6. That means that the average male respondent saw himself as hotter than the average male, and the average female saw herself as hotter than the average female. It also means that the genders had a difference of opinion about which sex is hotter.

Sophomore John Mazella said he thinks the results say something about

how students think, at least on the male side.

"Everyone likes to say 'there are no hot chicks around here' to make up for the fact that they can't get any girls," he said. "And obviously people want to think they're hot themselves."

Sophomore Susan Lee, on the other hand, said it's clear which gender is the most attractive.

"[My roommates and I] were having a conversation about this last night," Lee said with a laugh. "We agreed that the girls here are more attractive than the guys. I think that's why girls rated themselves as hotter than guys—we're more attractive."

"The guys exaggerate," she added.

Out of all grades and genders, freshman males rated themselves the highest at 8.0, while freshman females rated themselves at 6.8. Among seniors, the trend had reversed: females rated themselves at 7.8 while males rated themselves at 7.3.

Female freshmen also had the lowest difference between the way they rated themselves and the way they rated female Jumbos as a whole: less than .5 on the hotness scale.

Sophomore Udy Onyeador said she could account for her own high hotness rating when she took the survey.

"I gave myself a really high rating as far as hotness, just because I was kind of like 'but what is hot? You're only as hot as you think you are,'" she said. "You rate yourself higher [than others] because you know within yourself how you feel... When you look at other people, you make generalizations."

—by Matt Skibinski

Mirroring national trend, Tufts women say that the altar can wait

BY PATRICK TEMKIN
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Freshman Alisha Bouzاهر said she couldn't imagine herself married in the near future — even if just 50 years ago many women her age had already taken the plunge into wedlock.

"Absolutely not. I need to be single. I have so many goals in life, so many things I want to do," Bouzاهر, who sees marriage as a clamp on such possibilities, said. "If I got married now, I would look back and have so many regrets."

This sentiment reflects a major shift in social and marriage trends over the last 50 years: fewer women are marrying and those who do are waiting longer. In mid-January, the New York Times reported that, for the first time in America's history, more women than not — 51 percent — are single or living without a husband. This figure was just 35 percent in 1950 and 49 percent in 2000.

The latest marriage statistic sent media, social groups, and sociologists into a frenzy. While women's rights groups celebrated the number as a sign of women's increasing independence, some conservative groups bemoaned the disintegration of marriage.

Sociology Professor Susan Ostrander warned against such rash conclusions. "Without more information, it's impossible to draw any conclusions," she said in an e-mail, suggesting that women might simply be outliving men, or that more women might be coming out as lesbians in a more tolerant atmosphere.

"What is perhaps most interesting is why people find this statistic so intriguing," Ostrander continued. "Do some people like the idea that maybe women are 'choosing' the single life? Are others worried that heterosexual marriage may be threatened?"

While some groups across the nation might be concerned about the shift, women at Tufts seem to see the development as a sign that times are changing for the better. Junior Elsie Mbugua believes women previously married young because of a desire for security.

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Elsie Mbugua
Junior

"For the first time, women have the opportunity to succeed, and one of the sacrifices women have to make is not getting married as soon," she said.

Bouzاهر also views the development as positive. "It means we are living in a society where there are no rules for women, where women are not just housewives," she said.

In discussing marriage, the topic of age remains heated; many agree that waiting to marry is essential, but for how long? Bouzاهر said the earliest she would consider marriage would be during her mid- to late twenties.

Senior Ali Epstein agreed. "Twenty-seven to 29 [years old] is my ideal," she said. "It depends on the situation, but I'd like to be married within the next 10 years."

Mbugua — like Epstein — also believes late 20s to be ideal. "Twenty-eight to 29," she said. "By then you've had opportunities to get an education, to set a career. You finally have time to

devote to family."

Both Bouzاهر and Mbugua said marrying now would narrow their educational and professional opportunities. At this point in their lives, they said, they must prioritize their educations and their careers above long-term romance.

"My career will be here 20 years from now — and not the guy," Bouzاهر said with a laugh. "If I give up my career, and it doesn't work out with the guy, I'm screwed!"

Marriage and opportunity, according to Bouzاهر, are simply incompatible. "Marriage means it's not about you anymore," she said. "It's about making sacrifices."

Mbugua also expressed her belief that marriage limits freedom. "You can't have as much advancement in your career," she said. "Right now I'm extremely flexible, but marriage would take this away."

These sentiments are not confined to Tufts women. Since 1950, the proportion of married women in the age groups 15-24 and 25-34 has declined the most precipitously, according to the New York Times. The marriage rate of women between the ages of 15 and 24 dropped from 42 percent in 1950 to 16 percent in 2000, and the rate of those between the ages of 25 and 34 plummeted from 82 percent to 58 percent.

But while previous generations of women have typically married young, they haven't necessarily held the same expectations for their daughters and granddaughters. Both Epstein's mother and grandmother married young — at ages 22 and 18 respectively — but encouraged late marriages.

"Both of them said it was important for me to find my own way," she said. "They thought I should wait. They wanted me to find independence in the world."

But while many women have



ANNE WERMIEL/TUFTS DAILY

Two freshmen in a still new relationship enjoy each other's company. Like most Jumbos, they aren't thinking about marriage quite yet.

chosen to push marriage to the back burner in favor of educational and professional development, they refuse to dismiss it as an eventual possibility.

"I think [marriage] would be fulfilling and it's something I eventually will want. Personally, it's important to me," Epstein said, stressing the importance

of marriage in raising children. "I think it's more ideal to be married, to have a father and mother," she said.

Mbugua agreed. "I understand the need for marriage," she said. "You need a support system; you need a family or a spouse or someone at your side, which is important in life."

For \$49.95, you can learn what lurks in a would-be romantic partner's past

BY HEIDI STEVENS
McClatchy Newspapers

Nothing says "I love you" like a background check.

Actually, maybe it's more of an "I'm interested in you, but I want to make sure you're not a sociopath who's going to burn down my house, steal my car and set out on a shooting rampage across the Plains states."

Either way, background checks are the new Google. A simple Internet search is no longer sufficient if you want to get the goods on someone, according to a new commercial push by Intelius. The company has launched a slew of television and print ads urging a buyer-beware approach to relationships.

One recent newspaper ad shows a couple happily packing a moving box together. Under their photo appears the warning: "Get the whole story on him before it's too late." Scrawled across the cardboard box are the words, "Handles without care. 2 domestic violence convictions. 1 bankruptcy."

The folks at Intelius aren't the only ones sniffing out nefarious would-be partners. Trufina.com will verify a person's age, identity and address for free and for \$9.95 will throw in a criminal check. And, of course, you have your sites that allow the burned-by-love set to warn others about potential lotharios, including DontDateHimGirl.com and WhatDoYouKnowAboutRomeo.com.

Curious, I decided to do a back-

ground check on myself. It's an easy process: Just go to www.intelius.com and type in the name and address of the suspicious party.

Pony up \$49.95 on a major credit card, and within a few minutes a report pops up with address history, single-state criminal check, single-state civil judgments, property report, personal public records data, relatives and associates report, area sex offender check and a people search report.

If I'm any indication, the thing is only mostly accurate. Sure, it lists every address I've ever had, including the summer I lived with my aunt during an unpaid internship. But it also says I'm related to a Michael Stevens, which, as far as I know, I'm not.

Beyond that, my report seemed pretty dull — understandable, given that I haven't spent much time writing bad checks or holding up White Hens. But just as I started patting myself on the back for my lack of felony convictions, I came across this line:

"We searched Heidi K Stevens nationwide and found one criminal record."

Did that jaywalking infraction in Tempe finally catch up with me? Had my identity been stolen? I had to know. So for an extra \$29.95 I retrieved my nationwide criminal record.

Turns out a Heidi K. Stevens from Milwaukie, Ore., was arrested in 1989 for exceeding maximum speed.

Ah, a walk on the wild side.

Let's hand-hold on to intimacy

BY LORI BORGMAN
McClatchy Newspapers

There's sweet news for the season of love — holding hands is back in style. Not that the practice of holding hands ever went completely out of style.

Politicians have long held their spouses' hands at victory celebrations. Stars routinely hold hands when they sashay across the runway, and newlyweds almost always hold hands once the minister pronounces them husband and wife and they fly down the aisle.

We shake hands when we meet, we hold hands when we pray and we communicate tenderness with three squeezes rapid-fire (I love you).

Mothers have always led children by the hand across streets, through parking lots and bustling crowds, fingers interlocked in a basket weave of care.

And now The New York Times has uncovered a resurgence of holding hands. A college student interviewed for the story claims that holding hands these days is more intimate than kissing. He said reaching for someone's hand has more potential for rejection than leaning in for a smooch at a party where alcohol is flowing.

Holding hands has become the new intimacy, a hallmark of connectedness and a declaration of commitment.

I was thinking about this comeback of holding hands at the gym the other day, watching a couple in their late 20s wandering about the weight room.

They wore sweat pants, T-shirts and white towels draped around their necks.

Reading the instructions on each machine, they moved from the Nautilus to the arm curl to the leg curl and the free weights — all the while clasping hands.

A little too connected for my taste, but a

whimsical contrast to the raucous couple in the music video on the television dangling from the ceiling. The couple at the gym spoke to one another softly, gently and respectfully.

Holding hands is all those things.

And for couples so completely inseparable, may we introduce Smittens, a functional pair and a half of mittens. There are two single mittens, one for your free hand and one for your loved one's free hand, and a tandem mitten for your joined hands to share. (Hand holding just went from sweet to sappy in under 10 seconds and for only \$34 plus shipping.)

All this hand-holding jogged my memory back a few years to a surgeon's office. The doctor, warm and caring, was performing a minor surgery with local anesthetic. He said he was trying something new. He introduced his nurse and announced that her job was to hold my hand. It seemed a little goofy at first, but was actually quite reassuring. Hands down, he was a man ahead of his time.

Another study at the University of Virginia, reported in the Psychological Science journal, found that happily married women experience almost immediate stress relief simply by taking their spouse's hand in theirs. Could it be?

At church recently, the congregation stood for worship, and I glimpsed a woman still sitting, tears streaming down her cheeks. She was holding the hand of her husband, who was standing. He was reaching behind his back, arm crooked, a bit awkward, but holding tight. A poignant picture of love, commitment and connectedness.

Perhaps holding hands is not a new intimacy, but an old intimacy rediscovered by people weary of holding nothing and yearning to hold something. Whatever the reason, I hope it holds.

THEATER REVIEW

Without a 'Doubt,' this play makes you think

BY NAOMI BRYANT
Daily Editorial Board

The lives of most college students are filled with doubt. There's doubt about small things, like pulling an A on a chem-

Doubt



Written by **John Patrick Shanley**

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CRAIG SCHWARTZ/ COLONIAL THEATER

Sister Aloysius (Cherry Jones) doesn't want to hit Father Flynn (Chris McGarry) with her ruler, but she will if she has to.

istry final after sleeping through the last eight lectures. There's doubt about world-wide stuff, the big things. There's doubt about personal issues, like the sanctity of parents or the fidelity of a significant other. There's doubt about oneself, when we question our beliefs and convictions. No matter the form it takes, this emotion can be profoundly disconcerting.

In his award-winning play, running until Feb. 18 at the Colonial Theater, playwright John Patrick Shanley explores doubt and its social consequences. Set in 1964, "Doubt" takes place in a Bronx Catholic school run by the stern and inflexible Sister Aloysius (Cherry Jones), who is every bit the quintessential nun. She is assisted by the young and enthusiastic Sister James (Lisa Joyce), who teaches eighth grade.

The play beings on a telling note as Sister James has been called into Sister Aloysius' office. Sister Aloysius begins the conversation by inquiring about several of Sister James' students.

Sister James is intimidated by Aloysius' sheer willpower, which has enabled her to overcome a physical disability. When she begins to critique James' teaching style, claiming she is too passionate about history, the younger sister puts up no resistance. The criticism deeply affects her as she begins to cry and moves to leave.

Before Sister James can exit, Sister

Aloysius calls her back. She proceeds to uncover the real reason she called Sister James to her office, a reason that will be the focus of the rest of the play. As it turns out,

Sister Aloysius suspects a priest involved with the school of having an immoral

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DEVIN TOOHEY | WHEN POP CULTURE GOES BAD



Happy Valentine's Day, Jack Bauer!

I'm sure you know what today is. It's Valentine's Day. The day every single person in a relationship, open relationship and even in a "friends with benefits" situation rejoices in their happiness — and then proceeds to turn to every single person and mock them.

That being said, I'm not going to write an anti-Valentine's Day column or call it Hallmark Day or anything of the sort. That's been done far too much by now. It's a cliché in and of itself.

Instead, this one goes out to the one I love. My one and only. He who sets my heart aflutter and gets me all smushy and mushy inside. That's right. Consider this column an ode to my dearest: Jack Bauer.

I know that I am not alone in my love for this hero. He is not monogamous to me, but I could not ask that of him. He is adored by countless numbers of people. Many of these people are college students. And why is that? What is it about "24's" clock-beating, gun-toting, hoarse-voiced protagonist that has campuses across the nation glued to their television sets every Monday night? Simple: we all see a little of Jack Bauer in ourselves.

The revelation first came to me a few Mondays ago, around 8:56:25 p.m. I was downstairs in my kitchen, preparing a snack to enjoy over the next hour of conspiracies, torture and bullets. Then, suddenly, a pickle jar fell out of the refrigerator ... and shattered! I soon found myself frantically fighting against the passing seconds. I was shouting "Get me a towel!" to a housemate and could hear the high-tension techno music in my head. The screen split to show both my worried expression and my hand picking up shards of glass. For a brief moment, I was Jack Bauer.

This was initially written off as a mildly amusing anecdote until I retold it to my friend. Upon hearing my harrowing tale, he said that he wished he could laugh at me, but he had had a similar experience. The prior week, he and his friends went shopping before the "24" premiere, only to find themselves in a mad dash back to their home and up the stairs with mere seconds to spare before the digital clock blipped to 8:00:00 p.m. For a few minutes they, too, were Jack Bauers.

But don't we all have those moments? Even if it's not us rushing to catch the beginning of "24," who hasn't raced to Eaton after oversleeping, or wanted to yell "There's not enough time!" as they hurried to finish a paper due in 14 minutes or shout "Dammit!" upon running out of mixers? Who here hums the "24" theme as they try to cram a week's worth of work into a Sunday night? I know I do.

This battle with time is not the only part of Jack Bauer that we identify with. He's a rule breaker, and so is the average college student. Sure, Jack may kill or torture people that he's not supposed to, or perhaps commit mild acts of treason/international sabotage while we just commit the occasional misdemeanor (speeding, underage-drinking, etc.).

Nevertheless, we all like to think that

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A crazy jumbo thing called love ... match



ANJALI NIRMALAN/TUFTS DAILY

Following the success of last year's Valentine's Day show, TUTV's 'Jumbo Love Match Live' held the event again this year, filming last night in Sophia Gordon Hall. Pictured are senior host Prescott Gadd and freshman contestant Lorrie Barnett.

TV REVIEW

Show survives its tired premise

BY HARRY WAKSBERG
Daily Staff Writer

A reality show based on the simplistic notion that several strangers, when forced to coexist, often find themselves in con-

Survivor: Fiji



Airs Thursdays at 8 p.m. on CBS

flict, seems to leave little room for comments, insights or reflections that haven't been made 1,000 times before.

"Survivor," currently in its 14th season, has been on the air since 2000. To some extent, the television series "Lost" is a dramatized version of the basic premise of this reality show. "The Real World," essentially the creator of the genre, has been on the air since 1992.

In his essay "What Happens When People Stop Being Polite," pop culture analyst Chuck Klosterman suggests that the legacy of "The Real World" is that "it has validated the merits of having a one-dimensional personality. In fact, it has made that kind of persona desirable, because other one-dimensional personalities can more easily understand you ... By now, everyone I know is one of seven defined strangers, inevitably hoping to represent a predefined demographic."

It seems that Klosterman is only about half right. "Survivor: Fiji" certainly supports the notion that all people can be boxed into easily identified stereotypes, but it would be naïve to suggest that those

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LEADERSHIP SERIES

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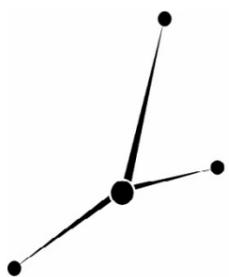
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EDUCATION FOR ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

'Survivor' still thrives on viewers' desire to be contestants

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stereotypes are the individual's actual personality. More likely, it is the show's editing that creates this effect. Early on, the directors of "Survivor: Fiji" can decide what actual person will play what role on the island, and then only reveal clips of that person behaving in that particular way. They could decide that one person is always sleepy and only show clips of him or her sleeping. It's not unreasonable for a person to be asleep, but by the end viewers will believe that this person was lazy, even if he or she only slept one hour a day.

Currently, the only news-maker from 'Survivor's' history is the naked fat man who is currently in prison for failing to pay his taxes. He was in season one.

This practice is, of course, nothing new, and neither is this season of "Survivor." The producers are pretending that this season they are shaking things up — the contestants are not divided into teams immediately — but there's honestly no real difference between watching this season and watching any other season.

The reason the show remains on the air is that people still watch with the desire to learn how to they could be a successful contestant. Everyone yearns for the minor hint of stardom that comes with being on the show. After all, Jeff Probst himself is dating a previous contestant of the show, about 20 years his junior. Probst, by the way, has won an Emmy for his excellence in pretending to be concerned about people and living very



The contestants prepare for the Mountain Dew Extreme Elimination Challenge, sponsored by Ford Trucks.

comfortably while watching some idiots try to build a hut. It is important to remember that people don't really watch the show for him, but for the people viewers can see themselves beating.

The self-perpetuating cycle of would-be contestants keeping "Survivor" on the air tends to make for relatively boring television. People wake up and then have to do a challenge. Sometimes they succeed, sometimes not. Needless to say the plot twists are abounding. One season is not enough time for us to care about these people's successes or losses, especially since we know that in a

few months another group of people will be doing the same things.

The more seasons of the show, the fewer the celebrities that spawn from it. Currently, the only news-maker from "Survivor's" history is the naked fat man who is currently in prison for failing to pay his taxes. He was in season one. Yet the show continues to churn out season after season, a living-but-tiresome testament to how far people will go to achieve notoriety and win money. "Survivor" may be the last remaining beacon of that sad reality ... if we forget Paris Hilton ... and Dustin Diamond ... and 50 Cent.

There's a little Bauer in us all

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we're not doing it just for ourselves, but for the welfare of the nation and the future. We lowly college students watch the (often) rogue CTU agent week after week and are reassured that if it's against the law, it's probably the right thing to do.

Finally, in a way, we all share a Jack Bauer sense of time. Every day is long for your run-of-the-mill college student, and a lot can happen in one day. So what if you only met that girl 12 hours ago when you hooked up in ATO? That means you've known her for a freakin' half of a season! How dare she go and break your heart by flirting with someone else! And really, by Thursday night, who can remember what was going on in his 1 p.m. class? That episode was on weeks ago. We're facing a totally new subplot by now!

So this column is for you, Mr. Bauer. You stand up for freedom and no matter how hard you're knocked down you come back up again. Through your valiant actions, you embody the ideals of every student on every campus across the United States. You are both what we are and what we wish we could be.

Because really, how cool would it be if we could just shoot, punch, electrocute or shout our problems into submission, or if we could turn all our difficult math and science homework over to some awkward female computer geek to solve for us, or if we never had to sleep or eat or go to the bathroom? Or — well, you get the idea.

Happy Valentine's Day, folks! May it be "the longest day of your life."

BOOK REVIEW

Sept. 11 serves as backdrop for 'Once in a Promised Land'

BY KATHRYN MASTERSON
McClatchy Newspapers

In the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, being an Arab and a Muslim in America meant being a potential target of suspicion, vulnerable to backlash from an angry public looking for outlets for its fear or rage.

In her second novel, "Once in a Promised Land," Jordanian-American author Laila Halaby takes readers back to that time when American flags fluttered from car antennas and people were either with us or against us. She places her protagonists, a well-off Arab couple living in Tucson, in that moment to explore the effect on their lives of hijackers' flying planes into buildings on the other side of the country.

Jassim and Salwa Haddad live comfortably with well-paying jobs, fancy cars and more space and privacy than they ever had in Jordan. Jassim is a water lover, a hydrologist whose passion is preservation and whose religion is a regular morning swim ("Jassim did not believe in God, but he did believe in Balance," Halaby explains.) Salwa is a banker and real estate agent with a taste for luxury. Her family nicknames her Queen of Pajamas because of her obsession with silky sleepwear. But their place in the world is tenuous, and their lives begin to unravel from pressures outside and inside themselves.

However acclimated they are to American life, Jassim and Salwa are foreigners in a land now hostile to people who look like they do. As their American dream life is pulled out from under them, Salwa decides their adopted country is too crass and corrupt to live there anymore. Halaby describes her realization:

"All those years of schizophrenic reaction to American culture, disdain for the superficial, which she had buried with each new purchase and promotion, ... it all burst forward as if she were seeing it for the first time."

But Salwa and Jassim are not innocent in the destruction of their good life. Their marriage suffers from a series of tragic events, cover-ups and lies. Salwa hides a pregnancy because Jassim does not want children, and she continues to keep it secret when she miscarries. In a depression, she launches into an affair with an untrustworthy co-worker. Jassim hits a teenage boy with his car. Not wanting to further upset his depressed wife, he doesn't tell her he killed the teen and struggles alone with the guilt.

These characters have a big hand in making their lives as unlivable as they become. Jassim is portrayed as so wooden and regimented that true feeling for him doesn't develop until the end of the book. In a way, theirs is an American story of a strained, two-career marriage where both partners look elsewhere for comfort and understanding.

The book fails when Halaby, who studied folklore on a Fulbright scholarship, tries to make the story something bigger, a morality tale about the costs of leaving your homeland, leading a life without purpose and pursuing things you are not supposed to have. The characters of Jassim and Salwa aren't rich enough or universal enough to carry the weight of those lessons, and Halaby's attempts to make them deeper often come off as clunky and forced.

What readers do get in "Once in a Promised Land" is a portrait of a specific marriage and a contemporary period piece that, five years later, feels a little dated.

'Doubt' mixes tough issues, charm and humor

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relationship with Donald, one of Sister James' students. She doubts the intentions of Father Flynn (Chris McGarry) in his one-on-one meetings with Donald, but she has proof of nothing.

Armed only with her suspicions and her doubt, Sister Aloysius proceeds to fight against Father Flynn in an effort to protect the students of her school. The hierarchy of the Catholic Church and her lack of evidence render her virtually powerless to discover the truth. She confronts Father Flynn with her misgivings, but their conversation ends in threats and shouting. She consults Donald's mother, Mrs. Muller (Caroline Stefanie Clay), in an attempt to discover supporting facts for her argument, but the woman offers no easy solution.

Chris McGarry is just as commendable, making us desperately want his character to be one of the good guys, but then making us doubt and then doubt our reasons for doubting in the first place.

Although "Doubt" is set in 1964, the play's social commentary is strikingly applicable to modern times. On both a personal and a public level, people confront doubt everyday. We are taught to question, but rarely do we think to question ourselves and the principles we take for granted.

In his playwright's preface, John Patrick Shanley states, "It is Doubt (so often experienced initially as weakness) that changes things. When a man feels unsteady, when



CRAIG SCHWARTZ/ COLONIAL THEATER

Nuns make many people uncomfortable.

he falters, when hard-won knowledge evaporates before his eyes, he's on the verge of growth... Doubt is nothing less than an opportunity to reenter the Present."

Returning to the present after seeing "Doubt," the audience feels slightly shaken. Attempting to apply all the messages presented overtly and implicitly in the play to one's own life is daunting, even impossible. In fact, if Doubt does have a downfall, it lies in cramming too much social commentary into two hours worth of script, potentially overwhelming the audience.

The many messages that one might draw from "Doubt" are pertinent, while still managing to avoid sounding like a heavy-handed sermon. They are subtle

and enveloped in a witty script wrought with humor. The acting is superb, especially the incredibly believable Cherry Jones.

Her voice is perfect, her tiniest motion convincing. The performance by Chris McGarry is just as commendable, making us desperately want his character to be one of the good guys, but then making us doubt and then doubt our reasons for doubting in the first place.

Seeing "Doubt" isn't necessarily a life changing experience. It doesn't reveal a single, clear, mind-blowing truth — but that would be impossible. The show is thought-inspiring and leaves its viewers with questions. It inspires doubt, fosters growth and wins over the audience.

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Tufts students stoked about Broadway star Mitchell's visit to new music building

BY RACHEL COFFIN
Contributing Writer

When students gather for lectures and speeches around the Tufts campus, they are usually gearing up for an afternoon of politics or debate. However, last Friday, Tufts students made their way to the brand new Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center for the visit of Tony Award winner and Broadway stage veteran Brian Stokes Mitchell.

Mitchell, who said he considers himself "the luckiest actor in the world," answered students' questions during an afternoon talk before preparing for his concert that night, which was the main event during the dedication of the new Tufts music center.

Probably best known for his portrayal of Don Quixote in the recent Broadway revival of "Man of La Mancha," the clear-voiced baritone found students at Tufts eager to hear about his part in another Broadway favorite, "Ragtime."

He also received the warmest response for his performance of the "Ragtime" song "Wheels of a Dream" at his concert that night — well, warmest if one doesn't count his phenomenal encore presentation of his signature "The Impossible Dream."

Mitchell lived much of his young life overseas and fell into acting by accident, choosing the stage simply because he wanted to try a new activity at school.

It did not take him long to make a name for himself, and by his freshman year of high school he was working semi-professionally.

The leading man is very appreciative of his career and impressed upon the students that it was important to go where they can get work. "If the door's open, walk through it; if it's closed, look around," Mitchell said. It was through this philosophy that Mitchell made the leap from stage to screen to voiceovers before going back to stage and finally to a career performing concerts.

His transfer to the Broadway stage was seemingly flawless, and he was soon the winner of a number of awards, including a Tony Award and Outer Critics Circle Award for his turn as Fred Graham/Petruchio in 1999 production of "Kiss Me, Kate." However, the amiable performer says that his favorite award is the Theatre



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Mitchell's Broadway career has included one Tony award and multiple Tony nominations.

World Award, which he received along with 20 other up-and-coming Broadway performers when he was younger.

"I always try to hit perfection," he said modestly. "I don't think I've ever hit it."

As for advice about pursuing a career

in acting, Mitchell jokingly shouted "Don't do it! What're you, crazy?" before impressing upon the students that if they truly wanted to be actors, then they needed to study and work hard.

"Look at yourself as a product ... You

have to have something worthy of selling people. You have to know what you have in your toolbox ... What do you have? More importantly, how do you use those tools?"

Mitchell said that "luck favors the prepared" is part of his mantra. "I like to believe everyone gets their one big break," he said. "The trick is, you have to be ready."

"I always try to hit perfection ... I don't think I've ever hit it."

Brian Stokes Mitchell
Broadway performer

These days, the performer is happy making a career out of doing concerts. "I've gotten to play all my favorite roles," he said, speaking favorably of his runs as Don Quixote, Coalhouse Walker, Jr. and Sweeney Todd.

He joked that his next dream role is an unwritten role in a yet-to-be written musical.

As to the criteria for choosing that new dream musical, "I'm a big believer in shows that have heart and give people hope," Mitchell said to students.

His dedication concert later that night was filled with inspirational Broadway show-stoppers as well as smooth jazz hits and even a new song by "Ragtime" composers Ahrens and Flaherty.

The impressive acoustics of the new performance space were displayed through several off-microphone songs, which sounded powerful and clear in their raw energy.

Mitchell himself was excited to help dedicate the Granoff Music Center, repeatedly expressing Happy Birthday wishes to the building and even dedicating the song "Make Them Hear You," from "Ragtime," to all of the students who will someday grace the stage of the Distler Performance Hall.

"The best advice I can give you is to listen to your heart and then follow it," Mitchell said to students at the end of the talk. "My heart has never let me down ... You've got to love what you do."

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Here comes the bride ... in 2017

Lost in the Valentine's Day roses and romance is the subtle yet significant revelation that more Tufts students, especially women, are waiting until "later" to tie the knot. And, according to a report from The New York Times released in January, while they are single, they certainly aren't alone; roughly 51 percent of women are single, or living without a husband.

The notion of "later" is complex. When women choose to delay marriage, is this really a result of the pressure they may feel to delay children? By and large, women remain the primary caregivers of children in our society, so do women wait to start families because they feel that once they do their career must plateau?

Ultimately, if women wait to marry and have children, does this mean that traditional roles have changed, or that they simply manifest themselves "later"? There's nothing necessarily wrong with waiting, but this delay does raise some interesting questions about whether or not marriage

and a career are mutually exclusive, especially for women. The fact that women may face this situation is reason to reevaluate female gender roles in modern times. Many women, here at Tufts and in greater society, have come to see marriage and children as a considerable limitation when it comes to pursuing personal goals.

For our generation, the timeline is clear: Get a job now, rise in the ranks, and then delay marriage until that distant time of "later." But is there really any effective difference between now and later?

Though women may choose to wait to marry once they've established their careers, it seems unlikely that a successful career woman would have more time "later" to marry and have children once her career was established than she would before climbing the corporate ladder. If responsibilities rise with experience, one has to question if the challenge of a new marriage and family would be any easier "later" — presumably as one's

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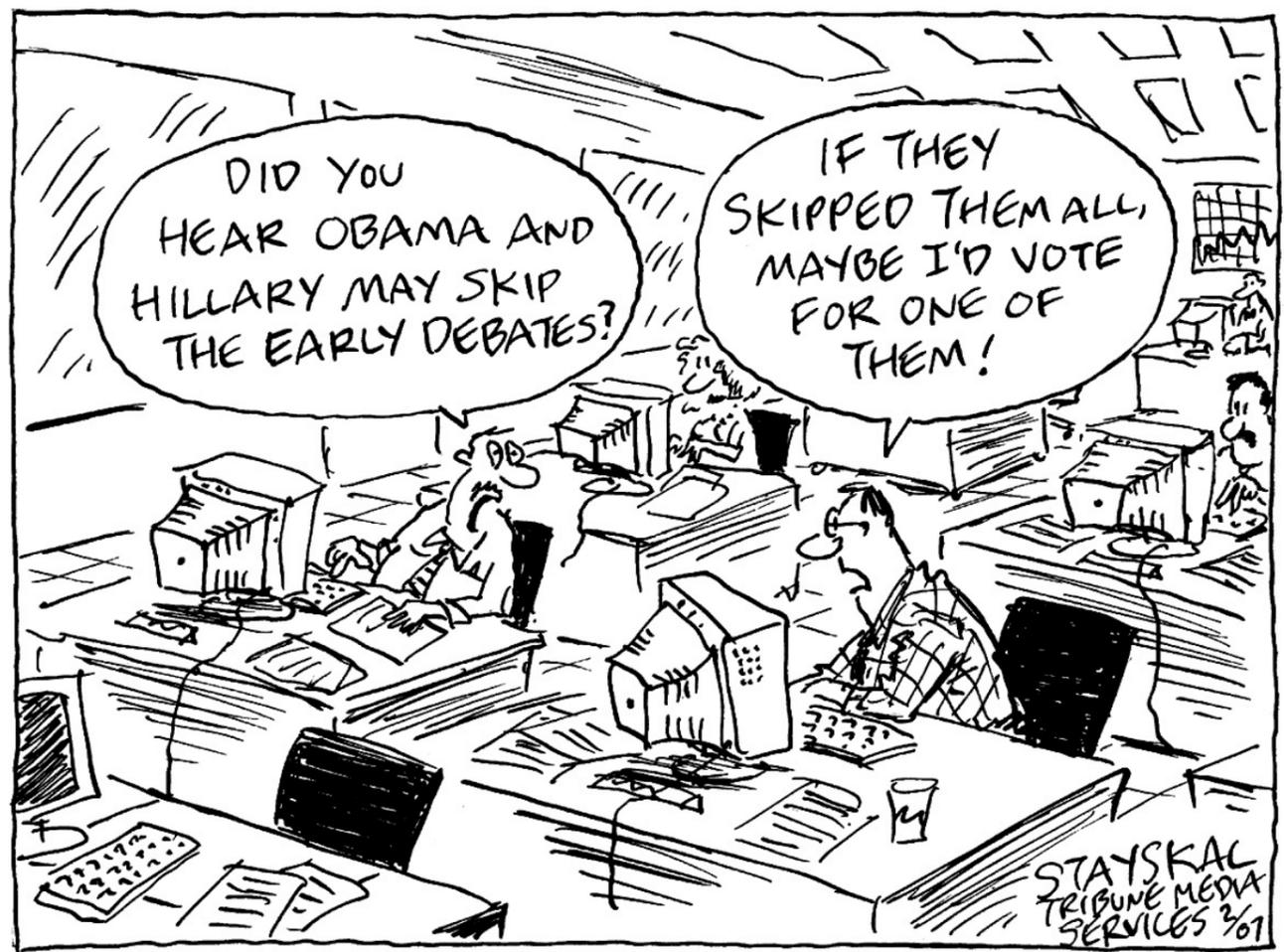
If working parents aren't given support by their employers — through paid maternity leave, flexible scheduling, child care referral and the like — there must be sacrifice by someone.

If the family is a core tenet in our system of values, workplaces should adapt their policies to meet the needs of women and men who might want to balance a full-time career and family life. Reconciling women's changing social views and roles with political and economic realities is a silent challenge that must be addressed.

While there are many women across the country, and even some on the hill who may never face this decision, more women are finding themselves at this difficult crossroads.

Family and career should not be mutually exclusive; it seems that women, despite our staggering advances in gender equality, still find themselves with a fork in the road, though it may just occur later than it did only a generation ago.

WAYNE STAYSKAL



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Government tries to coin new dollar

THE PITT NEWS

The United States Treasury Department will take another stab at circulating a dollar coin on Thursday. Past attempts have been less than successful, resulting in vaults full of unwanted dollar coins. So why, you might wonder, is the Treasury trying this again, and what leads them to think that the dollar coin might work out better this time around?

Odds are against the dollar coin already, as the Associated Press reported that three-fourths of Americans are not interested in giving up their greenbacks.

These new dollar coins will be gold-colored, like their unsuccessful 2000 predecessor dollar coin featuring Sacagawea.

This time around, the Treasury Department is taking a cue from the hugely successful state quarter campaign, and the new dollar coins will sport a different president (in order,

starting with George Washington) and will come out every three months.

The Treasury Department is banking on enthusiasts being drawn to the dollar coin for its collectible appeal at first, and then, hopefully, they will be integrated into people's wallets.

To many — 75 percent of Americans polled by the AP — the dollar bill is just fine. Why mess with a good thing? It's light and thin and easy to carry.

However, dollar bills are costing the government hundreds of millions of dollars every year in printing expenses, according to the AP, and using a sturdier, durable coin would be more cost-effective.

But how will the Treasury get people to actually use them?

There are no plans right now to completely do away with the dollar bill. However, Americans are creatures of habit, and until the government does away with the dollar bill, the coin probably won't catch on.

There's also the argument made by many men that their wallets won't

accommodate the introduction of a dollar coin and that it would probably, like the rest of their coins, be left at home.

The only way to ensure a transition to the dollar coin is to show people how useful they can be. Parking meters, laundry machines and vending machines would have to be compatible with dollar coins.

The government would have to make it both easy and rewarding to use the coins. We're also worried that making the coins more novel than common — by showcasing a new president every few months — might only hurt the circulation potential of the coin.

We're not optimistic about the dollar coin's reception by the public. Nations are fiercely proud of their currency, and it just doesn't seem likely that the coin will win out over its paper counterpart. Maybe the answer is to scrap money all together and just do everything electronically.

But then, how would we tip at strip clubs?

Parlez-vous français?



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BY TANYA HAJJAR

Imaginez, si vous pouvez: le lac le plus bleu que vous avez jamais vu, entouré des montagnes vertes dont les sommets sont plus hauts que les nuages. Partout, il y a des fleurs vivantes et de feuillage vert ...

If you can read the first paragraph of this viewpoint, you might be asking yourself if such an idyllic location really exists: a crystalline blue lake, lofty mountains, vibrant flowers and foliage — all found together.

Students at Tufts need not imagine such a place; they can live it through the Tufts in Talloires program.

Last summer, I had one of the most enriching experiences of my life: I lived for six weeks with a family in the French Alps, taking classes in 1,000-year-old stone abbey during the day and exploring the picturesque city of Annecy, France at night.

The Tufts in Talloires program offers students a chance to become truly integrated into French culture for a summer in a way that taking classes while living in a dormitory in a city never could.

During the Talloires program, I hiked through the French Alps, swam in the cleanest lake in Europe, went shopping in the cobblestone streets of Annecy, came home to a fresh *tartiflette* with wine and chocolate *fondant* for dessert, and was still able to go out with my host brother and his girlfriend for a night at the French *boîtes de nuit*.

I was dismayed, then, when I learned that due to low enrollment, this French course might not be offered this summer.

Though Talloires is open to French and non-French students alike, I would encourage anyone remotely interested in pursuing French not to pass up the rare opportunity that Tufts in Talloires offers.

Six weeks speaking French exclusively to a local family — discussing film, politics, and culture — improved my French far more than a semester at Tufts or at a Parisian dormitory

ever could. My roommate and I debated everything from the complexities of the French *marché* to the latest Almodóvar film (shown in the local theater in its original Spanish, with French subtitles) with our host mother. At night, her son Romain, his girlfriend Heyette, and their many friends (at least five of whom were named Julian) taught us French slang, including *verlangue*, which is a sort of cross between Ebonics and Pig Latin.

My education in French was not limited to the time I spent with my host family. Tufts in Talloires students take classes at the Priory, an ancient monastery that used to house Benedictine monks.

The Priory, with its remarkable architecture and beautiful gardens, is owned and maintained by Tufts University. In a stone room with a chandelier, I studied Rousseau, Baudelaire, and Lamartine with Professor Gérard Gasarian, whose dual-level French 32/191 course was an integral part of my Talloires experience.

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Tanya Hajjar is a sophomore majoring in English.

Diversity of thought must not be ignored

BY MATTHEW KNOWLES

On Wednesday, former Harvard president Lawrence Summers will visit Tufts for the Snyder Lecture Series. Due to his prior controversial remarks, many faculty and students do not wish to attend the lecture.

This is legitimate, as is Professor John McDonald's suggestion to boycott the event. Unfortunately, the manner in which McDonald proposed to do this is juvenile at best.

The idea of buying tickets and then not attending is not only foolish but it also excludes those who may wish to

see the event.

To deny anybody the opportunity to attend is unfair and unjust.

At a school where diversity is such an important asset, it is surprising how some can only see diversity at skin level.

An important thing to recognize is that although former president Summers may have had some prior

controversy, the lecture tomorrow is not on such topics. As president Bacow mentioned, as quoted in Tuesday's Daily article ("Faculty, students speak out against former Harvard president," Feb. 13, 2007), Summers was invited because he "had something interesting and important to say about undergraduate education." Considering his background as president of Harvard, it is definitely clear that his viewpoint on undergraduate education would be

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Matthew Knowles is a junior majoring in computer science.

OLIVIA TEYTELBAUM | PHOBIAPHILES



Active Citizen-o-Phobia: Walking isn't considered being active

I am sitting at a friend's dinner table when her parents ask me what my plans are after college. I dunno, I reply with enough enthusiasm to give you a hernia. I was thinkin' maybe the Peace Corps or something.

Everyone around the table explodes in laughter. Maybe it's the thought of me not showering for days or lying on a cot somewhere between Laos and Hell's Kitchen that incites this reaction. Maybe they have never heard of someone spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on an education only to "waste" a year doing something for people he or she might never see again. Or maybe I just had something in my teeth.

Life tends to put young people into these situations, where something you want to do and something you're expected to do clash in the style of a 1930's gangster flick:

"Look, see. I'm going to count to 10, and you're going to hand over your soul, see? And no one gets hurt, see?"

This conversation, along with many others, prompted such a level of decisiveness in my mien (along with a certain level of indifference and despondence) that I've been forced to coin a term for it: Active-citizen-o-phobia. Before I continue, it is important to mention a few things about being a so-called active citizen and its rather ambiguous definition.

If someone came to me before the college application process and asked me if I was an active citizen, I would have responded affirmatively, citing the facts that I enjoy perambulation, that I attend school, and that when I turned eighteen, I planned on voting. My answer stemmed from the definitions of "active" and "citizen" I was accustomed to hearing: active being "prone to action," and citizen being a resident of a particular area.

When the fat envelopes came in the mail, I donned a new perspective. All of a sudden, people were asking me about what I saw as active citizenship, and for some reason, I just didn't think that walking alone — my old definition — was impressive enough. I suppose "citizen" could be extended to being a global citizen, right? So ... they're asking me what I plan on doing to become active ... in the world?

Bingo. All of a sudden, I was expected to be active in the world?! What the heck?!

Now, you may be thinking, "Olivia. You don't have to be active in the world to be an active citizen. You just have to be able to make any kind of contribution, no matter how small, to your community."

How nice! That seems easy enough. Here's the problem: I'm a teenager. Chances are you are too. I like to think in extremes. My life is either extremely awesome or extremely sucky, and I haven't been able to find a happy medium since I was out of diapers.

So, whether or not the creators of the term wanted it to have global implications, by uttering it into the ear of a teenager, it has officially been taken to the farthest extreme imaginable. Have you ever noticed the epistemology of this column? I'm never just scared. I'm phobic.

So, post-realization, I have a slight problem on my hands. The gods of college admissions and fables of olde favor global

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U.S. immigration laws don't make sense

BY LANA YOO
Daily Bruin

I was seven, and it was my first day of school in America. The kids tightly surrounded me with their benevolent faces, all chattering to me at once.

I didn't speak a lick of English, though, and out of sheer terror I began to cry, wondering, "Why am I here in America?"

Like many other immigrants, my parents — and eventually I myself — realized America's incredible asset: access to education.

And with education's growing significance worldwide, its ties to American immigration are becoming more apparent.

Some sort of removal procedure, such as deportation, is therefore often pending in families, adding to the anxiety.

Two weeks ago, a court decision overturned the deportation of undocumented immigrants Benjamin and Lony Cabrera, arguing that it would hinder the educational opportunities of their American-born, exceptionally gifted daughter.

This case not only spurs the immigration debate, but more importantly, it illuminates the precarious quandaries that children of undocumented immigrants face.

Current immigration laws pertaining to these children are contradictory. If the children are undocumented, they are granted public education from K-12, but have little means of continuing on to postsecondary education. Or, if they were born here and are citizens, they must live with the uncertainty that their non-citizen family members may be deported.

Though California is one of 10 states granting in-state tuition to non-residents that attend and graduate from a California high school (including undocumented immigrants), many students are still unable to attend college due to obstacles related to financial aid and residence status.

Many eagerly await the enactment of such laws as the DREAM Act, which would award legal residence to undocumented, but U.S.-raised, immigrants with a clean record, and who are either college- or military-bound.

That's not where it ends though; some immigrant families also face the possibility of splitting.

A student and his family can be currently undocumented, but his brother can be a U.S. citizen due to the 14th Amendment guaranteeing U.S. citizenship to anyone born in the U.S.

As a result, "mixtures of documentation levels in the family - visa, undocumented, citizen" are "very common," said Fabiola Inzunza, third-year international development studies student and member of Improving Dreams, Equality, Access and Success, an immigrant-student awareness group.

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Susan Melgarejo, a fourth-year applied math and applied sciences student and IDEAS co-chairwoman, told me about her friend who graduated from UCLA with the intention of becoming a teacher after going to graduate school.

However, since he and his parents are undocumented, they were appealing deportation, and his sister, an honors student and a U.S. citizen, may have to give up her college dreams to move back with her family in case of deportation, because splitting up would be unthinkable.

These are unfortunate situations, but you may be asking why am I advocating these students. Why should we reward them for their parents' decisions? Isn't it unfair to those who immigrate legally?

Think of it this way: The issue here isn't illegal immigration itself or whether the kids are being punished or rewarded for their parents' actions.

The problem is that the laws pertaining to the children of undocumented immigrants don't logically connect to one another.

The 14th Amendment also continues to

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Knowles advises against recent boycott proposals

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a great asset to the thought of the university. It is important to remember that although we may not like some of a person's opinions (or any of them for that matter) we should not silence them. If all students at Tufts had the same ideas and opinions, Tufts would be a very boring place.

Diversity at Tufts is something students should hold with pride. When one speaks of diversity however, it does not just mean the race of the student body. It is diversity of thought that must also be considered. Consider the days of Martin Luther King, Jr. when civil rights were first being challenged.

If King were to speak at Wednesday's lecture and the same boycotting tactics were used against him, many who wished to attend the event would be denied the privilege of seeing such an integral crusader in the fight for civil rights.

I believe that sometimes when we think we know what is right, we find it our duty to make other people believe in the same opinion. This way of thought is not only counterproductive to open discussion, but is also dangerous to free speech.

Some professors and students believe that bringing people who have had controversial views could be detrimental to the campus.

As Professor Gary Goldstein mentioned in the aforementioned article, "I would like to see the series bring people to

campus with views we want to foster." Although teachers are an integral part of the campus life, it is important for their teachings to be as unbiased as possible. No one has the right to decide what we listen to and what thoughts we may have. To deny access to such speakers simply because a collection of people does not wish to "foster" those views is a sign of poor judgment. If this idea were the norm at Tufts, lecturers like Shelby Steele (discussion on "White Guilt") and Chris Loughlin's discussion on socialism would not have occurred.

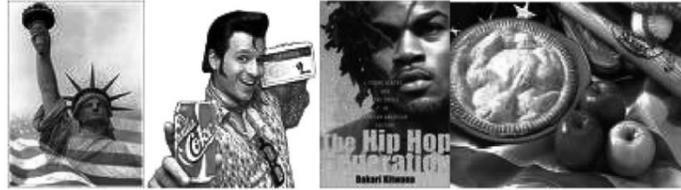
At a school where diversity is such an important asset, it is surprising how some can only see diversity at skin level. Of course racial diversity is important; however, we must never forget about diversity of thought.

When the issue in question is not even a controversial speech but merely a lecture by a controversial lecturer, it is even more absurd to consider boycotting the event in such a manner as described by Professor McDonald.

Think of yourself in the same position trying to see a lecture from someone you admire or just want to hear only to be denied because others had bought tickets merely to boycott the event.

I hope that the majority of students opposed to the event do not submit to the juvenile boycotting tactics that have been suggested. If you do not agree with him or do not want to listen, don't attend. However, do not deny other students the same opportunity.

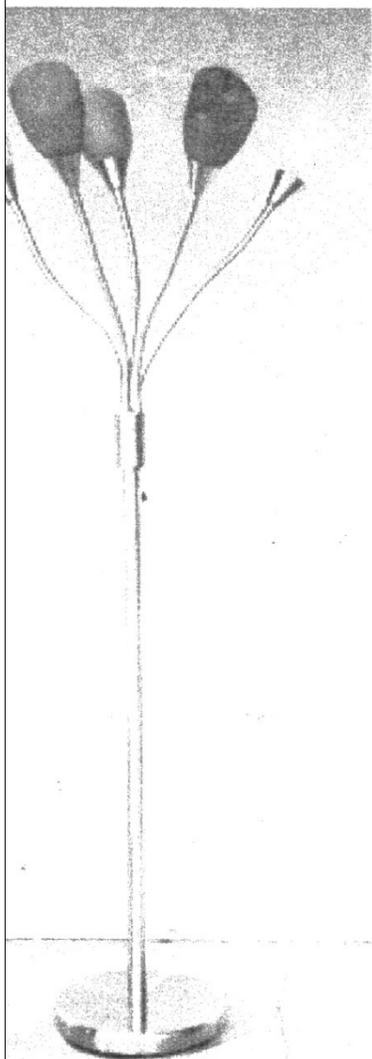
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What exactly is active citizenship?

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citizenship. My parents do not. I think in extremes. Help!

The funny thing about it is that I do not have a problem at all. We have a misconception that being an active global citizen means you have to go to some other part of the world and purify water or pass out condoms, when in fact, being an active member of your community or voting or just being a kind person qualifies. Plato agrees with me in his "Apology."

We have a misconception that being an active global citizen means you have to go to some other part of the world and purify water or pass out condoms...

While I would very much enjoy the idea of directly helping the underprivileged, it really wasn't cut out for me. I don't think I'm the only one that feels this way. The funny thing is that it feels like sacrilege just saying it. It is inconvenient for me to help the underprivileged.

There's another fear that rears its ugly head while on the topic of this matter: You can't really help others until you've helped yourself. You know when you are on a plane, and the flight attendant tells you to make sure you have put your own oxygen mask on before helping others with theirs?

Maybe the best approach to this active citizen story is to help yourself, and make sure that you are secure in your own standing in the world before reaching out to others.

Therefore, I leave you with this: do not let active citizenship scare you. You may not be ready yet to save the world, and that's okay. You always have tomorrow.

Low enrollment may be the end of a great class

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Professor Gasarian's "Readings on Nature in French Literature" was the first French course that taught me what a French literature course ought to be; our class worked slowly through 19th- and 20th-century literature that focused on the very kind of nature that we were exposed to every day, such as the Alps surrounding Talloires.

We read the prose and poetry of classic French writers as they were meant to be read, that is, in the environment that inspired them.

After all, where else could you read Rousseau's "Confessions" and then go to the very house in which he wrote them with his beloved Mme. de Warens?

I was dismayed, then, when I learned that due to low enrollment, this French course might not be offered this summer.

Anyone who has taken a French course with Gasarian is quick to extol his merits as a professor.

He is friendly, easygoing, incredibly knowledgeable, and Paris-educated with a flawless accent.

His choice of course material is varied — ranging from short stories to personal journals to poetry of all types — and the class itself, which is primarily discussion-based, is engaging and challenging.

I would encourage all students of French to enroll in this course and take advantage of all the opportunities that Talloires has to offer.

The Tufts in Talloires program is still accepting applications, but registration ends on Feb. 15.

Without French 32/191, my Talloires education could not have been complete. I only hope that other students, this summer and in the future, will be able to have the same experience.

Immigration laws split families

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brew debate without end.

How do we alleviate the recurring threat of families splitting due to varying degrees of residence status? Is the 14th Amendment outdated or misinterpreted?

Whatever the causes of the above conundrums are, laws can be shaped to solve the rising issues specific to undocumented immigrants' children's puzzling legal positions.

For one, some parts of the U.S. economy rely heavily on immigrant labor forces, especially in agriculture. The consequences of crop freeze in the California town of Lindsay has even led Mayor Ed Murray to comment, "Regardless of whether they're legal or illegal, it's imperative that we have workers here for next year's harvest".

Since the U.S. can benefit from immigrants' services, and immigrants' desire privileges associated with legal residence

status, both can gain from each other with the creation of laws that compensate immigrants in exchange for supporting the needs of the country. The problem of teacher shortage can be addressed by allowing assimilated, undocumented students volunteer teach for a couple of years to obtain federal financial aid for college.

I'm not supporting illegal immigration. However, it seems that if the country can benefit from immigrants - especially those assimilated in the U.S., such as the children of undocumented immigrants - providing privileges in return isn't far from logic.

And when I reflect back to my first day of school, I feel almost unjustified in my crying. Sure, I was little, couldn't understand or say anything, and scared as heck. But I don't think it can ever be as scary as being governed by laws perpetuating perplexing, inefficient paths to life and education in America.



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Contract needed for Schilling, Sox can have a 100-win season

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Arroyo last year, they can't afford to be without Lester now. Never underestimate the value of that sixth starter.

Assuming that a human being can live in this truck for two days without starving, suffocating or dying of boredom, I'd also like to see the best Japanese teacher money can buy show up in Fort Myers.

Imagine how difficult life is going to be this season for Terry Francona, Jason Varitek and pitching coach John Farrell, knowing that their future ace barely speaks a word of English. If the Red Sox can afford to pay \$102 million for Daisuke Matsuzaka, maybe they can also shell out a hundred grand or so for a good teacher, so that they

can learn to talk to the guy. It would be money well spent.

If there's any room left on the truck, the final thing I'm hoping to see is a new contract for Curt Schilling. Schilling has said that he's not retiring after 2007, and he'd like to be back in Boston for the 2008 season. But there's no bigger distraction than having a player like Schilling not signed. As long as his contract's not final, he's going to talk about it. And talk. And talk some more.

Get the deal done now, Theo. For the sake of us all.

Anyway, these are my wishes. I think that if the Red Sox can work all this out, they'll have a 100-win season in 2007. But if not, I'll still celebrate Truck Day anyway.

And how could I not? It's much better than caring about Valentine's Day.

Only one other Div. III point guard joins Olson in stacked field of Cousy nominees

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Kansas and Arizona.

"If you're a Div. III point guard, and you're nominated, it's like winning it," Hixon said. "Your chances of getting recognized are so miniscule that this is about as close as you can get to getting it. It's really a terrific honor. It's the highest you can go. All the publicity the big guys get — and it's definitely deserved, and I'm not saying Andrew is better than those guys — but for him to be mentioned along with them I think says a lot about the kind of player he is."

Olson's name is being mentioned not just alongside Div. I stars, but also with the Basketball Hall of Famer and six-time NBA champion who lends his name to the award.

"Obviously it would be a tremendous honor to be named a Bob Cousy Award winner, but this game is played out of a desire to win a championship, and that is the ultimate goal."

Andrew Olson
junior point guard

"I was very shocked to be on a list of that caliber," Olson said. "And to have your name associated with a basketball legend like Bob Cousy, I have to say that I am

honored just to be mentioned."

Still, Olson refuses to let his individual achievements cloud his supreme goal: a return trip to the Final Four.

"Not to diminish an individual award and all that it stands for, but the ultimate goal is to win a championship," Olson said. "Obviously it would be a tremendous honor to be named a Bob Cousy Award winner, but this game is played out of a desire to win a championship, and that is the ultimate goal."

As a team, the Jeffs finished their regular season 23-1, suffering their first and only loss on Saturday, a 62-59 heartbreaker at the hands of the Trinity Bantams. They will look to rebound Saturday, as they take on Bates in the first round of the NESCAC Tournament.

Gonzaga squad in trouble on and off the court as two players are arrested

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Wildcats for the fifth-straight time, becoming the first team to accomplish the feat in more than 30 years.

The preseason favorite in both the AP and coaches' polls for the first time in school history, Florida has not disappointed so far this season. Returning the nucleus of Brewer, Al Horford, Joakim Noah and Taurean Green — four players with first-round talent from last year's national championship squad — makes the Gators the odds-on favorite to repeat come March.

In the Big East, Pittsburgh seemed firmly in control of the top spot until Monday night, when the No. 5 Panthers ran into a Louisville Cardinals team on a mission. The Rick Pitino-led Cardinals ran roughshod in front of a stunned Pittsburgh crowd en route to taking a 36-19 halftime lead, and the squad never looked back, winning 66-53.

Using the coach's trademark aggressive-defensive scheme, a 2-3 matchup zone, Louisville neutralized preseason Big East Player of the Year Aaron Gray inside and held Pitt to just 3-of-22 shooting from long range.

In other league play, Georgetown continued its recent strong perfor-

mance, defeating No. 22 West Virginia on Monday to notch its eighth-consecutive win.

The Hoyas, a potential tournament darkhorse, rank among the nation's best teams in field goal percentage allowed and are the only Big East team shooting over 50 percent from the floor.

It hasn't been a good few days for annual tournament darling Gonzaga. The police arrested two players on Friday night, sophomore Josh Heytvelt and freshman Theo Davis, for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and felonious possession of psychedelic mushrooms.

Heytvelt was the Bulldogs' leading scorer and rebounder, at 15.5 points and 7.7 rebounds per game, and was considered a frontrunner for the West Coast Conference Player of the Year award before the team indefinitely suspended him following the incident.

On Monday, Gonzaga dropped its first game at home in 50 contests, losing to Santa Clara 84-73 and surrendering first place in the WCC to the Broncos. The Bulldogs have a good record, but their unsightly computer numbers (RPI 57, SOS 94) will keep them out of the Big Dance unless they right their ship immediately.

Jumbos anticipate New England meet

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tum. We just have to find our drive."

The foil squad fared better during the afternoon and saw success against rivals BC and Wellesley, both of whom defeated the Jumbos earlier this season.

"I think it went really well," sophomore Lisa Granshaw said. "We were all working

"It's an endurance thing — if you can get your mind to stay on top of it and to control your body enough to the right thing, then you're going to win."

Louisa May Zouein
senior sabre captain

really hard for this week, especially since a couple of our fencers have been sick and out. We worked really hard for BC especially. Even though we didn't beat them as a team overall, as a foil squad we did a lot better than we did against BC last time and also against Wellesley, who had given us trouble before."

Senior captain Louisa May Zouein, assisted by freshman Alex Cheetham, led the sabre squad with her consistent play.

"Cheetham is doing a super job," Zouein

said. "She has knee problems and they're hurting her really bad, but she did a good job and pulled an appropriate number of bouts."

Despite the day's difficulties, the Jumbos enjoyed the home advantage for the final time this season.

"I think it's more relaxing to be at home," Granshaw said. "We're on our home turf, and it's not like we're in a totally different environment and we have to adapt and find all the strips. There's not as much confusion as there is at an away meet, and it helps a lot. We're able to get to our strips faster and hook up faster, and we're more comfortable."

The Jumbos will take the week-end off before competing in the New England Championships on Feb. 24, the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association Championships on March 3, and Regional Championships on March 11.

"This weekend off is coming at a critical point," Mayfield said. "I know I personally am going to rest and recuperate. I think it'll be a good chance for the whole team to do the same and get some rest before the big push."

"The New England meet, our next meet, is a really exhausting day," Zouein added. "It starts early in the morning, and you fence 15 to 18 schools. It's an endurance thing — if you can get your mind to stay on top of it and to control your body enough to do the right thing, then you're going to win."

DAILY DIGITS

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Career points scored by junior guard Ryan O'Keefe. With 45 in the NESCAC Tournament, which begins this weekend, O'Keefe could become the 26th 1,000-point scorer in team history, joining classmate Jake Weitzen, who reached the milestone last month.

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Points scored by Gilbert Arenas Sunday, as the Washington Wizards lost 94-73 to the visiting Portland Trail Blazers. In his blog, Arenas promised to drop 50 on the Blazers, who are coached by Nate McMillan, one of the coaches responsible for cutting Arenas from the U.S. national team.

12-52

Field goals made and attempted by the women's basketball team in a loss to the Bowdoin Polar Bears in Brunswick, Maine on Friday night. Bowdoin improved to 22-1 with the win, clinching the top seed in the NESCAC Tournament.

5-13

Career postseason record of Marty Schottenheimer, who was fired as coach of the San Diego Chargers Monday. Schottenheimer's Chargers were knocked out of the AFC playoffs in the divisional round last month, falling 24-21 to the New England Patriots.

5

Goals scored by junior Ross Gimbel in the hockey team's two home games this weekend. He scored twice in the Jumbos' 7-1 win over Salem State Friday, and then tallied a hat trick in a losing effort as Tufts fell 8-4 to Southern Maine the following afternoon.

184

Weeks spent in the coaches' poll by the Duke men's basketball team. The Blue Devils have dropped four consecutive ACC games, including a 72-60 loss to Maryland Sunday. They will look for redemption tonight against the Boston College Eagles.

Four crew chiefs suspended, fined; teams will stay in race NASCAR will continue to increase penalties to prevent cheating

BY DAVE KALLMANN
McClatchy Newspapers

NASCAR will continue to "ramp up" penalties to try to deter cheating but isn't ready to throw entire teams out of its biggest race, officials said Tuesday.

NASCAR announced the suspension of four crew chiefs, including Robbie Reiser, who leads the team of 2003 champion Matt Kenseth.

Reiser, the native of Allenton, Wis., who gave Kenseth his big break in NASCAR, was suspended for four races and fined \$50,000. Both the Roush Racing No. 17 team and Kenseth were docked 50 points in their respective standings.

Kenny Francis, crew chief for Kasey Kahne, and his Evernham Motorsports team were hit with the same penalty.

NASCAR also dealt two-race suspensions and \$25,000 fines to Rodney Childers and Josh Browne, crew chiefs for two other Evernham teams, and 25-point deductions to the teams and drivers.

For illegal aerodynamic modifications last February, Chad Knaus, crew chief for Jimmie Johnson, was sus-

pending for four races and fined \$25,000, but the team did not suffer points deductions. Johnson won the 500 and ultimately the Nextel Cup Series championship, as well.

"We're going to continue to escalate the penalties on the crew chiefs; they're the ones in charge of their teams and equipment," Robin Pemberton, NASCAR's vice president of competition said.

"We have not entertained the idea of throwing a driver or a complete team out for some of these infractions."

The Kenseth and Kahne penalties stemmed from ducting that improperly allowed air to pass through the car during qualifying on Sunday at Daytona International Speedway.

Reiser said in a statement from his team that he was responsible for proper installation of a cap that "came off during our qualifying run."

Pre-qualifying inspection of the Evernham cars driven by Scott Riggs and Elliott Sadler turned up fasteners on the spoiler that had been drilled to allow air to leak out of the deck lids.

Reiser, who hired Kenseth

for his family-run Busch Series team in 1997, moved with him to NASCAR's top division in late 1999. He has called race strategy for 255 of Kenseth's 256 starts, 14 victories and a Winston Cup title.

Engineer Chip Bolin will serve as the interim crew chief.

NASCAR has not determined the fate of Michael Waltrip, whose car was impounded for further inspection. Also, an intake manifold was confiscated.

Pemberton, himself a former crew chief, said the competitive nature of the garage caused crew chiefs to skirt the rules, even when the risks appear to outweigh the rewards.

Penalties will continue to grow, NASCAR Chairman Brian France said, until they become a true deterrent.

"Even when we do that, somebody with not too much to lose or somebody that thinks they're smarter than everybody else will always try," France said.

"Don't think we'll be here three years from now, that NASCAR was so tough that you'll have nobody pressing the system. It's unrealistic."



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Virginia junior guard Sean Singletary celebrates the Cavaliers' 68-66 win over the Duke Blue Devils on Feb. 1 in Charlottesville. The game was the first of four consecutive ACC losses this month for the Blue Devils, who come to Boston tonight hoping to snap that streak against BC.

INSIDE MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Unranked Blue Devils struggle as four-game losing streak continues

BY MATT MERTENS
Senior Staff Writer

Good news for college basketball fans: it's now less than a month until Selection Sunday. Between now and March 11, every game a team plays could be the difference-maker between being in the tourney, on the bubble — or excluded entirely.

And for the first time in over two decades, a Mike Krzyzewski-coached Duke squad could face that third fate. It's hard to believe that just two weeks ago, Duke was ranked eighth in the country with an 18-3 record. Now, the Blue Devils have dropped four-straight games in ACC play, most recently losing to the Maryland Terrapins 72-60 on Sunday, to drop Duke's record to 18-7, and 5-6 in the ACC.

The loss knocked Duke out of the

AP Top 25 for the first time since 1996, and its four-game losing streak is the school's longest in 11 years. With tough road games at Boston College, Clemson, and archrival North Carolina still on the schedule, a .500 finish in league play could be difficult — and only two teams with 7-9 records in the ACC have reached the tournament in the last eight years.

Meanwhile, as one perennial power struggles, an upstart from the south continues to shine. The defending national champion and top-ranked Florida Gators knocked off No. 18 Kentucky in front of a record crowd of 24,465 at Rupp Arena on Saturday.

Powered by potential NBA lottery pick Corey Brewer's team-high 16 points and seven rebounds, the Gators beat the

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STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Men's Basketball (14-9, 5-4 NESCAC)					Women's Basketball (16-7, 8-1 NESCAC)					Hockey (6-16-0, 3-14-0 NESCAC)						
NESCAC		OVERALL			NESCAC		OVERALL			NESCAC		OVERALL				
W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	8	1	23	1	Bowdoin	9	0	23	1	Bowdoin	10	5	2	13	5	3
Trinity	7	2	20	3	Tufts	8	1	16	7	Amherst	10	6	1	13	7	1
Williams	6	3	13	11	Bates	6	3	14	9	Colby	10	6	1	12	7	2
Colby	5	4	14	10	Williams	6	3	19	5	Wesleyan	9	5	3	11	6	4
Middlebury	5	4	15	9	Wesleyan	5	4	14	8	Midd.	9	6	2	12	7	3
Tufts	5	4	14	9	Amherst	3	6	12	12	Williams	7	8	2	7	12	2
Bates	3	6	18	6	Middlebury	3	6	12	12	Conn.Coll	7	9	1	8	12	2
Bowdoin	3	6	14	9	Trinity	3	6	12	11	Trinity	6	9	3	8	10	4
Wesleyan	2	7	7	16	Colby	1	8	6	17	Hamilton	5	11	1	6	15	1
Conn.Coll.	1	8	11	13	Conn.Coll.	1	8	10	14	Tufts	3	14	0	6	16	0

Individual Statistics				Individual Statistics				Individual Statistics				
PPG	RPG	APG		PPG	RPG	APG		G	A	Pts		
Jon Pierce	16.4	5.1	0.6	Valerie Krah	14.2	1.9	2.3	Ross Gimbel	12	12	24	
Jake Weitzen	14.5	7.0	2.7	Khallah Ummah	10.5	6.9	0.5	Joe Milo	9	10	19	
Ryan O'Keefe	13.5	3.3	1.6	Jenna Gomez	9.3	5.5	1.2	Greg McCarthy	9	10	19	
Brian Kumf	10.3	5.1	1.1	Laura Jasinski	6.8	6.5	1.0	Greg O'Connell	4	14	18	
Dave Shepherd	8.0	3.8	5.8	T. Miller-Stevens	6.1	4.4	4.4	Kurt Hertzog	5	12	17	
Brian Fitzgerald	5.7	5.2	0.5	Kim Moynihan	5.5	3.6	1.1	Doug Wilson	6	9	15	
Jeremy Black	5.3	1.7	3.8	Libby Park	4.9	5.2	0.5	Brian Bailey	3	6	9	
Dave Beyel	3.4	1.9	0.3	Casey Sullivan	1.7	0.8	0.5	Joe Cappellano	1	8	9	
Aaron Gallant	2.5	1.0	0.5	Vanessa Miller	1.6	2.0	0.5	Evan Crosby	4	4	8	
Pat Sullivan	1.8	2.0	0.3	Stacy Filocco	1.6	0.7	0.4	Team	66	115	181	
Jason Grauer	1.8	0.5	0.4	Julia Baily	1.5	1.1	0.0	Goalkeeping	GA	S	%	
Dan Cook	1.3	0.4	0.2	Katie Puishys	1.4	0.9	0.0	James Kalec	68	479	.876	
Reed Morgan	1.2	0.5	0.2	Elisa Synborski	1.2	1.3	0.1	Issa Azat	36	249	.874	
Brian Lowry	0.5	0.9	0.3	Katie Wholey	0.9	0.3	0.2					
Team	82.9	42.2	17.0	Team	62.7	42.3	11.8					

SCHEDULE | February 14-18

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Men's Basketball		vs. UMass Boston 7p.m.		NESCAC Tourn. at Williams 2 p.m.	
Women's Basketball				NESCAC Tourn. vs. Middlebury 3 p.m.	
Hockey			at Babson 7 p.m.	at UMass Boston 3 p.m.	
Men's Swimming					
Women's Swimming			NESCAC Championships at Williams	NESCAC Championships at Williams	NESCAC Championships at Williams
Men's Squash			CSA Nationals at Yale	CSA Nationals at Yale	CSA Nationals at Yale
Women's Squash			Howe Cup at Yale	Howe Cup at Yale	Howe Cup at Yale
Track and Field			New England Div. III Championships	New England Div. III Championships	
JumboCast		Men's Basketball		Women's and Men's Basketball	

INSIDE WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Rivalry Week stirs things up for Top 25 teams

Controversial calls and buzzer-beating shots characterize a dramatic week

BY LAUREN EBSTEIN
Daily Editorial Board

The last time a team came into the Maravich Center in Baton Rouge, La. and beat the No. 7 **LSU** women's basketball team was in Feb. 2004.

Or so was the case until Saturday, when the No. 5 **UConn Huskies** battled back in the final seconds to pull out a dramatic 72-71 win to snap the Tigers' 43-game home winning streak.

UConn sophomore Renee Montgomery drained two shots from beyond the arc in the final two minutes, including one with 6.7 seconds remaining on the clock, handing the Huskies a 72-69 lead going into the final possession.

LSU freshman Porsha Phillips responded with a buzzer-beating three of her own — or at least that's what the entire Maravich Center and LSU bench thought. After examining the shot on replay, the referees ruled that Phillips' foot was on the line, making her shot worth only two points, and not the three necessary to tie the game, silencing the LSU crowd.

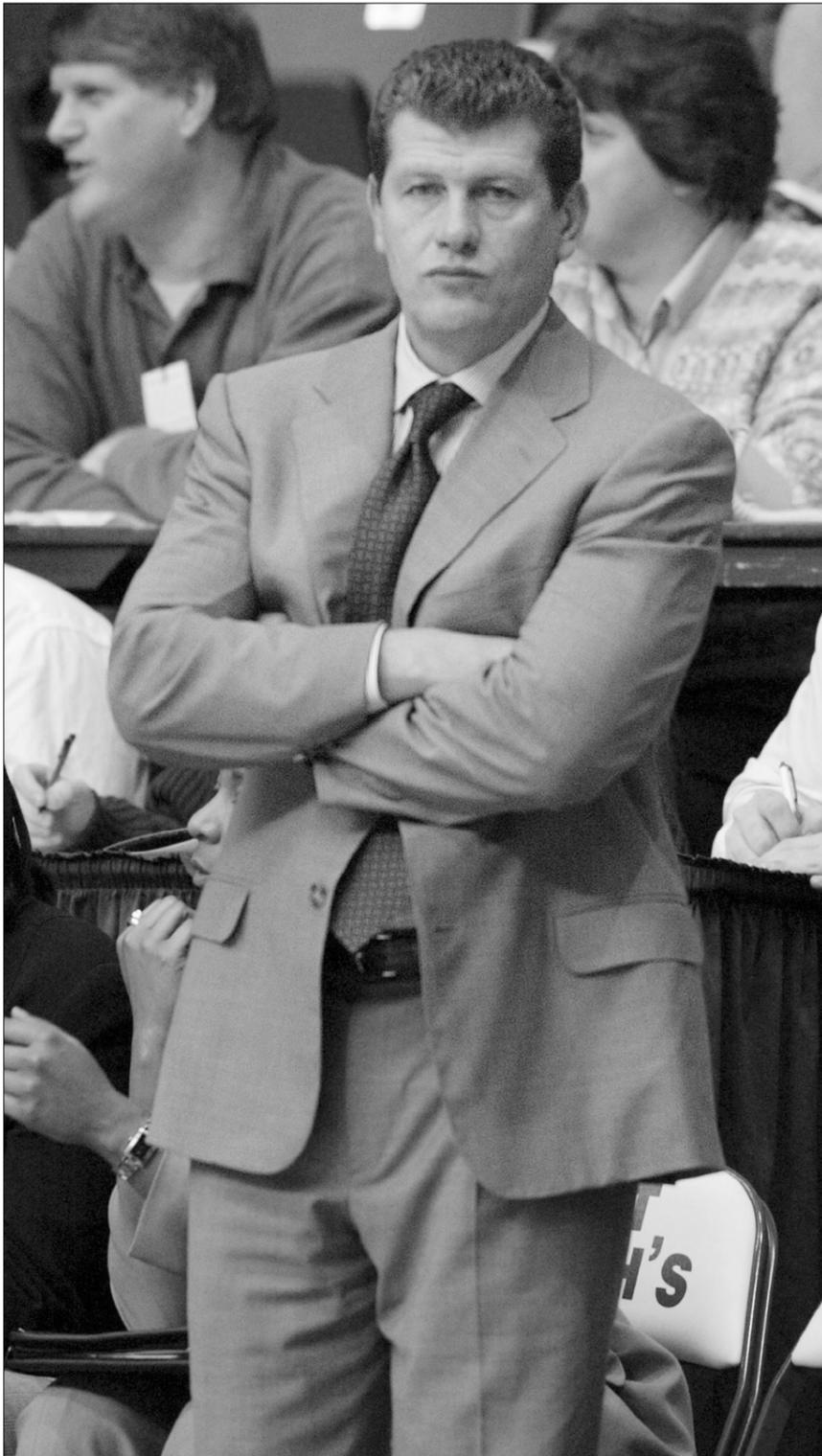
UConn had much to celebrate, however, as it improved to 22-2 with the win, good enough for a No. 5 ranking from both the AP and USA Today polls. With a perfect conference record of 11-0, UConn stands atop the Big East, while No. 17 **Louisville** follows at a distant second with an 8-3 conference mark.

The Huskies and the Tigers were not the only two teams affected by buzzer shots during one of the most intense weeks of the regular season. Big Ten rivals No. 16 **Purdue** and No. 24 **Michigan State** also competed in a game in which a buzzer-beating three decided the outcome. With the Spartans paying a visit to Boilermaker territory on Sunday, the standings in the Big Ten were on the line.

Going into the game in third place, the Spartans needed a win to keep their chances of a top conference finish intact. With 20 Boilermaker turnovers and 28 percent shooting in the second half, Purdue was unable to pull out the win. Michigan State sophomore Mia Johnson ended the game by sinking a three pointer with 1.3 seconds remaining to bring the score to 54-52 in the Spartans' favor.

The win moved Michigan State into a tie for second place with the Boilermakers, as both teams own a 10-2 conference record. Both the Spartans and the Boilermakers are now chasing **Ohio State**, who holds an untarnished 12-0 Big Ten record with four conference games remaining — one against a visiting Michigan State squad early next week.

Just as in the case of Michigan State and Purdue, the rivalry week has stirred the standings in another conference. With then-No. 19 **Texas A&M** facing off against then-No. 9 **Oklahoma**, the lead of the Big 12 conference belonged to the Sooners. Aggie sophomore Takia Starks



University of Connecticut women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma, a recent Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, has led the Huskies to a record of 22-2, 11-0 in the Big East. Their 72-71 win over LSU was the Tigers' first home loss in three years.

and junior A'Quonesia Franklin each had 25 points to lead their team in the upset over the visiting Sooners. With the loss, the Sooners dropped 18-4 on the season, and down to No. 14 in the latest national poll, as the Aggies moved up to No. 13.

With the season winding down and a

bid to the NCAA Tournament on the line, teams will now be focusing on conference play and their conference tournaments. With regular season schedules winding down, the conference tournaments should be full of more upsets, tight games and buzzer-beaters.

Jumbo track squads ready for successful spring

SPRING PREVIEW

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NESCAC first-round loss to Bowdoin, the women's lacrosse team has room for improvement entering this spring season. After starting off hot with a 6-0 record, the Jumbos dropped five of their last nine games to end the season; however, the team had to face-off against six top 10 teams.

The Jumbos will need to fill the void left by Dena Miller (LA '06), who led the team in goals and points, with 39 and 53, respectively. Still, the team only lost two players to graduation, returning a squad armed with experienced players, including senior Lauren Murphy, junior Alyssa Corbett, sophomore Maya Shoham and junior Sarah Williams, who finished last season as the second through fifth in points respectively, collectively averaging 31.75.

Men's Tennis: For the men's tennis team, the only place to really look is up. The squad finished 6-9 last season, failing to qualify for the NESCAC Tournament for the first time since 2000, when the tournament was first created. But the team did manage to

record four victories over Top 25 teams last year.

The fall portion of the season went well for the Jumbos, who are 2-0 heading into the spring. The squad will be infused with the return of senior tri-captain Sean McCooey, who missed the first half of the season due to injury. McCooey is 34-16 overall in his singles career at Tufts.

Women's Tennis: Last season saw the women's tennis team fall to Bowdoin three times, including narrow losses to the Polar Bears in the first rounds of both the NESCAC Tournament and the NCAA regional tourney. With a lot to prove this season, the Jumbos return all members, save Becky Bram (E '06).

The squad has started off hot, winning all four of its dual matches in the fall to head into the spring an undefeated 4-0 team. Senior tri-captains Jen Luten and Kylyn Deary anchor the squad's singles and doubles lineup, with Luten posting a 52-18 career singles record, while Deary is 42-18. When teamed-up for doubles, the duo are 28-15 for their careers.

Men's Outdoor Track and Field:

The men's track team notched impressive results last season, including second-place finishes at both the NESCAC Championships and the New England Div. III Championships, not to mention a tie for 20th at the NCAA Championships. Led by senior tri-captain Fred Jones, who was National Champion in the triple jump last year, the Jumbos sport a promising lineup that includes senior tri-captain Nate Cleveland and juniors Dan Marcy and Jeremy Arak.

Women's Outdoor Track and Field: Expect the junior duo of Cat Beck and Katy O'Brien to be at it again this spring. Both are masters of the 1,500 meter run, with Beck finishing as 2006 New England Open Champion in the event last year. On the whole, the squad took second at the NESCAC Championships, fourth at New England Div. III Championships and 11th at the New England Open Championships, before finishing tied for 28th at the NCAA Championships. With Beck and O'Brien at the helm, the women's track team should be up to the challenge of this spring's tough New England competition.

EVANS CLINCHY | DIRTY WATER



Truck Day wishes

Today is one of my favorite days of the year. It's a day that, in my opinion, has gotten a bad rap. Yes, it's been over-commercialized, but at the same time, it's got a lot of redeeming qualities, too. Today is a day for us to let our true feelings out. It's a day for us to celebrate. It's a day for us to show our appreciation for the ones we love.

That's right — it's Truck Day.

For those of you who aren't quite as obsessed with the Red Sox as I am, Truck Day is the day of the annual voyage made by the Sox' equipment truck every February from Fenway Park to the team's spring training facilities in Fort Myers, Fla.

Technically, Truck Day was celebrated all over Boston on Monday, but I'm celebrating it today for two reasons: one, because the trip takes two days, so the truck doesn't actually get to the Fort until today, and two, my column doesn't run on Mondays, and I felt like writing about it. Sue me.

Despite being a Red Sox fan all my life, I didn't actually discover the joys of Truck Day until a year ago. My freshman year was my first time spending February in Boston since age two, and I was taken by surprise last year when a friend stopped me walking down the street one day to wish me a happy Truck Day.

A year later, I've come to truly appreciate what this day means, and believe me, it's much more than a publicity stunt for Atlas Van Lines. It's symbolic of the dedication of Red Sox Nation — I can't name another town in all the world that cares enough about a sports team that it would celebrate the transportation of a bunch of uniforms, baseballs, 10,000 pieces of gum and 36 boxes of sunflower seeds.

Unfortunately for the 2007 Sox, there isn't much else in that truck aside from things for the players to wear, throw and chew. Because personally, I have a long list of items, most of them non-existent, that I wish would arrive in Fort Myers. If only that truck had supernatural powers...

First and foremost, I wish the truck would bring some sort of magical aging potion. Far too often, I look over this year's Red Sox roster, and I think to myself, "this team looks great... two years down the line."

I see two future major league closers, who just aren't getting it done yet at 24 (Manny Delcarmen) and 23 (Craig Hansen). I see a premium starter, who at 26 (Jonathan Papelbon) has proven to be one of the game's best pure talents, but so far has just three games of experience in the rotation. And I see a second baseman who's supposed to be a stellar on-base guy, but at 23 (Dustin Pedroia), isn't yet ready to crack that .260 OBP barrier.

"Two years down the line" is fine in most baseball towns, but not in one fanatical enough to celebrate Truck Day. We in Boston don't rebuild — we contend every year, or else we face the wrath of journalists, talk show hosts, news anchors, and well ... me. If only this team were just a year or two older.

I also wish the truck would bring a cure for leukemia. I'm not talking about chemotherapy or any other form of treatment — I'm talking about a cure.

Jon Lester, who was one of the AL's best rookie starters last year, save for the Holy Trinity of Verlander, Liriano and Weaver, is going to be needed right away. Yes, the Sox already have five capable arms in the rotation, but how long can we honestly expect all five to last? Just as the Red Sox couldn't afford to lose Bronson

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Evans Clinchy is a sophomore who has not yet declared a major.

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INSIDE THE NESAC

Always a thorn in the Jumbos' side, Olson garners nomination

Amherst junior up for top college point guard honor

BY SAPNA BANSIL
Daily Editorial Board

Perhaps no one is more familiar with Amherst junior point guard Andrew Olson's penchant for the dramatic than his most victimized opponents, the Tufts Jumbos.

Olson's off-balance, one-handed, game-tying three-pointer in last season's Sweet-Sixteen clash against Tufts, which handed the Lord Jeffs a 90-85 overtime win, has been a source of permanent heartache for the Jumbo faithful.

When the two teams squared off again on Jan. 12, the junior poured in 15 of his career-high 24 points after halftime, leading Amherst to a 96-92 come-from-behind victory, its third-straight overtime win over the Jumbos.

It is Olson's ability to shine on the big stage — often at the expense of the Jumbos — that has catapulted him to national recognition as one of the best point guards in the country. On Feb. 1, he was named one of 17 finalists for the prestigious Bob Cousy Award, presented annually to the country's best point guard, spanning across all three divisions of NCAA basketball.

The recognition reflects Olson's remarkably quick maturation from a raw freshman to a seasoned floor-general. Expected to spend his rookie season in 2004-05 under the tutelage of starting point guard and then-senior Ray Corrigan, Olson was thrust into starting lineup in just his fourth collegiate game after Corrigan ruptured his Achilles tendon on Nov. 30, 2004. Despite a shaky start, Olson emerged as a key contributor to that year's squad, averaging 7.1 points and 4.0 assists.

"I think, being put in the starting lineup his freshman year, he had to develop much more quickly," Amherst coach David Hixon said. "He had no choice. We really didn't have a suitable alternative. I think that has helped him. His first few games were rocky because he was thrown into the fire, but it really gave him the chance to grow and learn the league."

Indeed, by the time Olson was a sophomore, he was second in the conference with 5.6 assists per game, had set Amherst's single-season assists mark with 179, and claimed his first All-NESAC selection.

Olson has only further established himself as a team-oriented point guard with his play this season. Bolstered by a career-

high 15 dishes during the Jeffs' Jan. 16 blowout win against non-conference Elms College, the point guard leads the conference with 7.21 assists per game. With 465 in his career, Olson is just 33 shy of Amherst's all-time mark for assists, set by Ryan Faulkner ('03) in 2003. Considering the professional stars he strives to emulate, it is no surprise Olson has so adeptly developed into a throwback, pass-first point guard.

"I grew up a [Phoenix] Suns fan, and growing up, my favorite player was Kevin Johnson," Olson said. "I like to think I model my game most with Steve Nash, who is my favorite player now. I have a lot of respect for a player that is successful by making the players around him better."

Perhaps what sets Olson apart from other Div. III point guards is his ability to combine his play-making abilities with his knack for scoring. Having reached double figures in points in half of the team's 24 games this season, Olson has posted a career-high 10.1 points per game during the 2006-07 campaign, good for fourth on the team.

"One of the things people don't see about him is that he's a big shot-maker," Hixon said. "He likes to take that big three with the defense closing in on him, which just demoralizes the other team. He's very poised and he doesn't get rattled. Yes, he definitely looks to pass first, but I think it's his scoring that flies under the radar sometimes."

Despite Olson's impressive résumé, the odds of him taking home the Cousy Award are slimmed by the strength of the overall field, which features an extra finalist this year because of a tie in the voting. Only one other Div. III player — sophomore David Arseneault of Grinnell College, who is second in the Midwest Conference with 19.6 points per game and first in all of Div. III with 8.3 assists per game — is vying for the honor.

Chaminade senior Zach Whiting, one of two Div. II players representing the final 17, is the only player in all of college basketball to be averaging double-figures in assists, with 11.4. Olson's nomination is all the more impressive considering his relative anonymity compared to the 13 Div. I finalists, including several from powerhouse programs such as UCLA, Florida, UNC,

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COURTESY CHARLIE QUIGG

Amherst junior Andrew Olson is one of 17 finalists for the prestigious Bob Cousy Award, the highest honor bestowed on a collegiate point guard. Olson ranks first in the NESAC with 7.21 assists per game this season and is closing in on his school's career assists mark.

FENCING

Tufts fencers finish home weekend with 3-2 record

BY CARLY HELFAND
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Despite being plagued by illness and injury, the fencing team pulled off victories over Sacred Heart, University of New Hampshire, and Dartmouth this weekend, but still fell short against Boston College and Wellesley in its last NCAA meet of the season.

Saturday was an especially difficult afternoon for the epee squad. Already missing sophomore Amanda McDavid, who has skipped a large part of the season due to knee problems, and freshman Kristina Thompson, who is out with mono, the epees also suffered from the absence of sophomore captain Tracy Mayfield, who missed the meet due to a stomach virus.

Freshmen Rachel Amani Smathers and Becca Hughes anchored the epee squad with help from freshman Leah Meller and sophomore Olivia Kim, who won her first two tournament bouts. Despite her strong performance, Meller sustained a wrist

injury, adding to the squad's increasingly lengthy list of ailments.

"It was a really long meet that started off with me spraining my wrist and then fencing on it all day," Meller said. "But for a beginning fencer like me, all the experience I got was really great. Even though I didn't win a lot, the team was working really hard."

"Our squad is depleted, so that's been difficult," Mayfield added. "It was good because Leah got a chance to step up and fence, but it was very unfortunate as well because Leah hurt her wrist. Now there's pressure on all of us to get healthy and stay healthy, which isn't easy."

In the face of all injuries and absences, it was difficult for the epee fencers to keep their energy level high.

"The epees really do need to get their act together," Smathers said. "Part of it is legitimate health issues, and part of it is that I think we've just lost momen-

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SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

Spring forward: Tufts athletes prep for upcoming season

BY THOMAS EAGER
Daily Editorial Board

While most of the campus looks ahead to spring as an escape from winter's icy grip and bitter cold, Jumbo spring athletes await the season's arrival, anticipating the beginning of outdoor practices and scrimmages in preparation for the imminent season.

Last year's performances ranged from NCAA Tournament appearances to some less-than-stellar spurts. Here's a glimpse at what the spring athletics season has to offer.

Baseball: After putting up a second-consecutive 20-plus win season, coach John Casey's baseball team looks to advance to the NCAA postseason after narrowly missing an at-large bid. The squad posted a 24-14 record (9-3 NESAC East) last year, falling in the conference title game to Middlebury — the thorn in the Jumbos' sides throughout the season which prevented them from grabbing an automatic bid to NCAAs.

With five seniors graduated from last year's roster, the team

will look to senior tri-captain Bryan McDavitt for leadership on the offensive end. McDavitt finished second in batting average (.420), slugging percentage (.609), and home runs (4) on the team last year, while leading in RBI (38).

Softball: The future looks bright for the softball team, which won two games at last season's NCAA Tournament, finishing 28-16 overall with a near-perfect 9-1 NESAC East record. Coach Cheryl Milligan's squad finished with a NESAC-best team batting average of .318. The Jumbos are eyeing this year's conference title, which they narrowly lost to the Williams Ephs last year.

Anchoring the lineup on offense is junior Danielle Lopez, who led the team with a .383 batting average and 11 homeruns, while breaking Tufts school records in hits (54), RBI (48), total bases (99) and runs (43). Her accomplishments netted her NESAC Player of the Year honors at the end of the season. With only three seniors having graduated, this team brings a lot of experience

back to the field this season.

Men's Lacrosse: The men's lacrosse team hopes to rebound from an inconsistent season which saw the Jumbos catapult to a 6-1 record before finishing 11-6 overall and 5-4 in the NESAC, including a tough 12-11 season finale loss in the NESAC semifinals to Middlebury. The squad still managed to finish in the nation's Top 20 for the fourth-consecutive season.

On offense, the squad will look to senior Mark Warner and sophomore Clem McNally, who finished with 31 and 25 points, respectively. Warner completed the season tied for first in points and led the team with 20 assists, while McNally finished first in goals with 21. Sophomore Matt Harrigan will start in goal after posting posted 11.76 saves per game and a .595 save percentage, last season, good for second and third in the league, respectively.

Women's Lacrosse: After finishing last season 10-5 overall and 5-4 in the league, concluding the year with a

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