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Members of the community gathered last night in the Latino Center to kick off Latino Heritage Month.

## Latino Center reception started month-long heritage celebration

BY JAMIE BOLOGNA
Daily Editorial Board

The Tufts community kicked off Latino Heritage Month yesterday with a catered reception at the Latino Center.

The month-long cultural celebration at Tufts is an offshoot of the national Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

Tufts students changed the dates to better coincide with the academic calendar, and the name to be more inclusive.

"The word Hispanic is frowned on by many because it was imposed on the community," said senior Vanessa Rojo, the president of Tufts' Association of Latin American Students (ALAS).

"It doesn't include all of Latin America."

Last night's reception featured food and live music, and the Latino Center swelled with students eating and conversing.

Latino Center Director Rubén Stern said the target group for the month of programming is Latinos living in the United States.

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## Gang violence still an issue in Boston and local cities

BY LISA GRANSHAW
Daily Editorial Board

Boston and its surrounding cities are no strangers to gang violence, and recent trends have suggested that the situation is not improving.

The Boston Globe reported this week that 81 children ages 10-24 were the victims of homicides in 2005 in Massachusetts as compared to 46 in 2000. It also reported that 28,000 Massachusetts students in grades 9-12 were involved in gangs during the last school year.

In one of the most recent incidents, three Roxbury residents, one of them a 68-year-old grandmother, were caught in gun crossfire and rushed to the hospital.

On the streets of East Somerville, tensions between gangs manifest themselves in ways as small as clothing choices: those supporting El Salvadorian gang Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) wear blue and those opposing it wear red.

But unlike in the larger Bay State, the situation in Somerville may be showing signs of improvement.

When the Center for Teen Empowerment (TE) first arrived in Somerville in 2004, its members thought the situation was bleak. The organization is dedicated to inspiring youth to think about the problems in their community and ways to mend them.

"Kids were dying left and right," TE Associate Program Coordinator Danny McLaughlin said.

MS-13, in particular, had a strong presence and many areas meant for children had become gang hangouts. H-Block (a Haitian gang) and the Bloods also were visible.

Still, Somerville Police Department Public Information Officer Paul Upton said that gangs have never been a tremendous problem in Somerville.

He said that there is and always has been a "limited presence [of] organized street gangs" that is comprised mostly of "individual members traveling through."

While a recent armed robbery has raised security concerns among Tufts students, Tufts University Police Department Captain Mark Keith said his office had "no reason to believe" that it was gang-related.

While Upton could not provide any specific statistics on how many local crimes stem from gang activity, he said that they constitute "a miniscule percentage" of the overall crime numbers.

"The majority of violent crimes are not known to be or believed to be gang-related, [but I'm] not going to

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## Davis Square protest group asks passers-by to 'Honk-to-Impeach'

BY LISA GRANSHAW
Daily Editorial Board

Mondays in Davis Square have been getting louder lately, and it's not due to a rowdy bar crowd or those caffeine-addicted Starbucks customers.

People driving through are laying on their horns in support of Honk-to-Impeach, a protest taking place there Monday nights from 5 to 7 p.m. During these hours, protesters stand on street corners and hold up homemade signs expressing their frustration with the Bush Administration.

According to protester and Tufts alum Joseph Ramsey (LA '99, GA '06), Honk-to-Impeach participants are not only local residents, but also Tufts alumni and members from groups such as Somerville and Medford United for Peace and Justice and Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW).

While the displays have virtually no chance of leading to impeachment, Ramsey said that this is not their only goal.

"It's about starting conversations," he said, and noted that the group has no delusions that a Bush ouster would be the result of their protests.

IVAW member Ian LaVallee, who recently returned from an Army tour in Iraq, agreed.

"So many people don't want to talk about [the war]," he said.

Besides holding up signs, the protesters also hand out literature to passers-by, advertising upcoming anti-war events such as the National "Sick of War" Sick Day on Oct. 26.

Honk-to-Impeach is organized by a local organization called Bostonians for the Overthrow of King George.

"Our local grassroots group was started a year and a half ago at a meeting in Davis Square and now has over 240 members online," group organizer Tom Page said in an e-mail.

This organization is in turn supported by a statewide organization known as the Massachusetts Impeachment Coalition.

"Our goal is to push as hard as we can for the impeachment of Dick Cheney and George W. Bush for a myriad of crimes," coalition founder Aaron Dulles-Coelho said in an e-mail.

Dulles-Coelho said he "founded the

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## Health Service prepares flu vaccination clinics for Jumbos

BY NINA FORD
Contributing Writer

Tufts University Health Service is preparing for the upcoming flu season by setting up flu vaccination clinics in October and early December.

During the clinics, students will be able to go to Health Service and receive their flu shot. The only requirements are a short-sleeve shirt and a Tufts ID, as the student health fee paid at the beginning of the year covers the cost of the vaccine.

More details will be available in upcoming weeks in an e-mail to the student body.

The flu season lasts from November to April. Although the peak of the season "typically hits in January and February," Health Service Medical Director Dr. Margaret Higham said.

She said that her office orders around 1500-1600 doses of the flu vaccine per year, and while that is not enough to vaccinate every student on campus, not all students need to seek immunization.

"College kids are not a high-risk group," Massachusetts Department of Public Health spokeswoman Donna Rheaume said.

Instead, the elderly, very young and people with underlying medical conditions are most in need of a shot.

Rheaume is optimistic about the number of flu vaccines that will be available in Massachusetts this year. The state will provide 700,000 doses of public vaccine, and millions more will be available through private organizations.

This is considered a "record year" for vaccine availability, not only in the state but also throughout the country, Rheaume said.

In Massachusetts, the flu causes around 800 deaths a year; however, most of these occur within high-risk groups. Because thousands of cases go unreported, there is no clear data on the yearly number of flu cases.

"The amount of flu varies greatly from year to year depending on the severity of the strain and just how much flu is circulating in the community," Higham said. The last two years were considered mild flu seasons.

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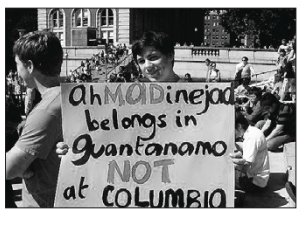


Senior tri-captains Cat Beck and Chris Cantos returned this past week to the cross country team after being sidelined by injuries.

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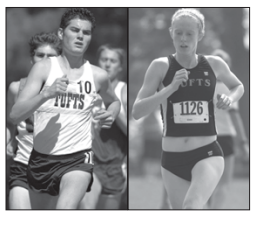

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## Senate renames award in Gill's honor

The Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate passed a resolution Sunday to rename its Professor of the Year Award.

It will now be called the "Dr. Gerald R. Gill Professor of the Year Award," in honor of the late teacher who was its first recipient in 1999.

The resolution cites "the breadth of his knowledge, the creativity of his assignments and his capacity to make the past come alive," and notes that "Dr. Gill epitomized what it means to be a teacher, a gentleman and a scholar."

TCU President Neil DiBiase said that he is happy with the change.

"Students at Tufts think he exemplified what being a Tufts professor means," he said. "I think one of the best ways the Senate can memorialize Professor Gill is to challenge other faculty members to spread his legacy."

Senators Amanda Richardson, a senior, and Duncan Pickard, a sophomore, sponsored the resolution.

"There's no way to put into words the impact he had on students and faculty and anyone he passed in the community," Richardson said.

She said that though she had never taken a class with Gill, the professor had been a friend of her uncle's.

"My uncle told him I was coming to Tufts, and as soon as I met him, he knew exactly who I was," Richardson said.

"He was so sincere from the moment I met him."

*—by Bennett Kuhn*

# Programs make Latino students feel at home

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"Obviously in Latin America you don't need a national heritage month," he said.

Working closely with many partners, such as the Latino studies department and this year the LGBT Center, the Latino Center has plans for numerous cultural events. Food fairs, poetry readings and a dance party will all be included.

According to Stern, the various Latino student organizations on campus, including La Casa and ALAS, are helping to organize the programming, which will seek to increase visibility and cultural understanding.

"I'm always hoping to increase visibility," he said. "I hope people see beyond the superficial [parts] of the culture because it is more than just rice and beans."

Tuesday's opening event was attended by Dean of Arts and Sciences Robert Sternberg, and Stern said the aim is to reach out to the community as a whole.

"Students don't want the events to be attended by only Latinos," he said.

Upcoming events include a Latino food night tonight in Dewick-MacPhie and a screening next Thursday of "Puedo Hablar?"

The movie is about the 2006 reelection of Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez, and filmmaker Christopher Moore will be on-hand during the event to answer questions.

This year's programming will also feature a talk on Oct. 25 by Juana María Rodriguez, a gender and women's studies professor at the University of California, Berkeley who will speak about her 2003 book titled "Queer Latinidad."

LGBT Center Dona Yarbrough said the center invites a queer-studies scholar every fall. "I thought of bringing Juana and Rubén agreed," she said.

With roughly seven percent of Tufts students identifying themselves as Latino, Stern said the aim of the Latino Center is to advocate for student issues and promote Latino-based curricula.

As such, this month's events will seek to make Latino students feel more comfortable on campus.

"I don't see too many Latinos around, so to get together is great," said freshman Diana Bermudez, who attended yesterday's opening reception. "I feel like I'm at home."

But it also has more expansive goals. "Feeling at home and feeling a sense of community is important," Sternberg said. "But it has to be more than that."

Stern agreed. "We do more than just celebrate diversity," he said. "We deal with issues of diversity as a whole."

# Curtatone says situation is far from hopeless; such talk disheartens residents

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hide that it happens," Upton said.

Even so, the "not known" category may be more expansive than imagined. The Boston Police Department has estimated, for example, that while 27 percent of shootings in Boston in 2005 were attributed to gang violence, 55 percent or more would be a better guess.

Regardless of how prevalent the violence is, a number of local initiatives aim to curb whatever remains of a gang presence in Somerville.

The Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative is one component of this anti-gang campaign.

Run through the Executive Office of Public Safety, it received $11 million in Governor Deval Patrick's May budget.

Somerville received $86,610 in Shannon grants for this year, $48,000 of which went to the Somerville Police Department (SPD). The rest went to Teen Empowerment.

While Somerville has not received its allocation for next year, city Public Information Officer Jackie Rossetti expects that it will be similar to last year's.

With the help of these funds, the SPD has added a number of its own programs with anti-gang goals. One of them brings local fourth and fifth grade students to the station to interact with officers and learn about gangs, crisis management and other issues.

"Mostly we're targeting kids before they get into gangs as opposed to after because it's too late at that point," Upton said.

With the help of these programs, Somerville has been able to cut down on its gang activity. McLaughlin believes that because of them MS-13 has less authority in East Somerville and the youth center, one of its former strongholds, is "safe" again.

Part of the success, especially that of TE, stems from Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone's commitment to youth programs as a solution to gang violence.

"A main focus of my administration has always been to increase and improve youth services," Curtatone said in an e-mail.

He has attended some of the events sponsored by TE, including last spring's Youth Peace Conference, which focused on issues such as street violence and what could be done to stop it.

Even though there has been a decrease in the violence, McLaughlin says the biggest problem facing Somerville now is the "sense of hopelessness" that residents feel.

Curtatone, however, disagreed.

"I feel very strongly that 'hopelessness' would be absolutely the wrong label to apply to the attitude of the young people I see today in our schools, in our streets and in our community groups," he said. "I see hope and promise in the faces of our city's young people."

# Local businesses don't mind protesters

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Massachusetts Impeachment Coalition as a way of coalescing groups across the commonwealth."

Aside from the Bostonians for the Overthrow of King George, the coalition also supports other groups including Veterans for Peace, World Can't Wait and Raging Grannies, Dulles-Coelho said.

He also said that impeachment is more than punishing an individual. It also helps fix current problems so that "future administrations don't inherit and abuse a broken system."

"If Bush and Cheney get away with the crimes we allege against them, it sets a strong precedent for any future administration, be it Hillary, Obama, McCain or Giuliani, to act in much the same way as Bush/Cheney," Dulles-Coelho said.

Others, however, see the protests differently. Junior Dan Hartman, the president of the Tufts Republicans, said that while these groups "certainly have the right to protest against the war," there are "no grounds" for impeaching President Bush.

"I find it despicable that they are calling for the president's impeachment," he said. "Every American wants to get out [of Iraq] but ... it has to be done responsibly."

The protests are drawing attention in Davis Square, but according to Somerville Police Department Public Information Officer Paul Upton, no formal complaints have been filed against the group.

"People are pretty used to that being a place where people go to express themselves," Upton said, referring to the singing performances and other events that often occur in Davis.

Local businesses have had mixed reactions. Baruno Barbose, a waiter at Antonia's restaurant, called the noise "a little annoying" but said that it hasn't really had an effect on the restaurant.

"Customers laugh about it and then talk about the issues," he said. "[It] won't make a difference, [but] it's a good cause."

Leslie Hayward, a J.P. Licks employee and a junior at Tufts, agreed.

"It's not bothering anyone," she said. "Around here, everyone pretty much agrees [with them]," Hayward said.

Though Hayward thinks it is "good that so many people honk," she also felt that it's not very effective.

This won't deter the protesters of Honk-to-Impeach, however. They will continue to protest every Monday in Davis, every Thursday in Copley Square and every Friday at the intersection of Mass. Ave and Beacon St.

# Cambridge also offers free vaccines

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Common symptoms of the flu include aches and pains, fever and coughing. The best treatments for people affected by it are simply bed rest, hydration and anti-inflammatory medicine.

In addition to immunization, simple precautionary measures may be the best means of preventing flu outbreaks.

"Practice good respiratory hygiene," Rheaume said. "Wash your hands and cover your mouth when you cough."

Students are also advised to use hand sanitizers, to not share eating utensils and to cough into a sleeve rather than into open air.

Flu vaccines typically have a very high success rate. "The younger and healthier you are, the more effective they are," Rheaume said. The shot is estimated to be 65 to 70 percent effective for people over 65 years, and the prevention rate is much higher among college students.

In comparison to the high efficacy of the flu vaccine, the potential side effects are minimal. Contrary to popular belief, "flu shots don't cause the flu," Rheaume said.

Louise Rice, the senior director of Public Health Nursing at the Cambridge Health Alliance, said that the only common side effect is discomfort.

"Some people will complain about soreness around the site where the shot was given," she said. This discomfort is temporary, however, usually lasting no more than a few days.

Although scientists cannot predict with certainty the strains of the flu virus that will cause the disease each year, they must make an educated guess.

The flu vaccine this season is composed of three strains of the virus: the Solomon Islands, Wisconsin and Malaysia strains.

As a result, Rice said that it is "very effective" against those forms of the flu.

In addition to the steps being taken by Health Service to plan for the flu season, the community outside of Tufts is also preparing flu vaccines. The Cambridge Public Health Department, for example, will offer 18 free flu clinics.

The flu vaccine is also provided free of charge in Cambridge to police officers, fire fighters, the postal service, the staff of city hall and the staff and patients at the city's hospitals.

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

***"Public discourse is really important, and it's really important to listen to what controversial figures like Ahmadinejad have to say, but not necessarily at our school."***

Ronnie Olesker
**political science lecturer**
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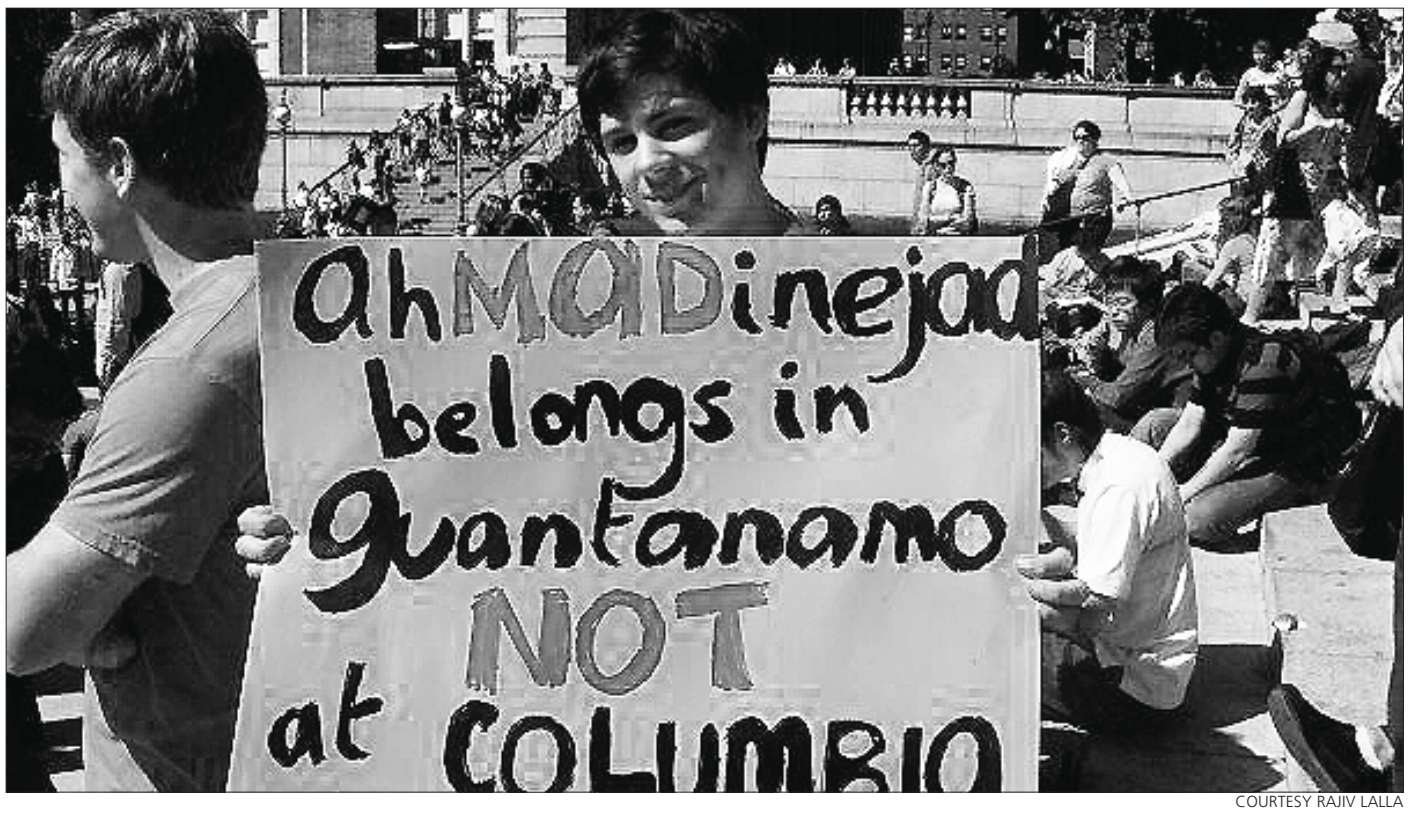


COURTESY RAJIV LALLA

Columbia University sophomore Rajiv Lalla, center, along with many of his peers, protested when the president of Iran gave a speech there last week. At Tufts, students interviewed said they would be in favor of inviting a controversial figure like Iranian President Ahmadinejad to campus, though they were split on whether his appearance at Columbia was productive.

## Iran president's speech sparks Jumbo debate

BY MARISSA CARBERRY
Daily Editorial Board

Universities have always been nexuses of controversial discussion and debate, but a speech by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad last Monday to students at Columbia University has sparked debate over how the collegiate forum should be used.

Some pundits, politicians and activists criticized Columbia for inviting Ahmadinejad — a controversial figure who has been accused of supporting terrorism and advocating anti-Semitism — to speak at the school. Ahmadinejad's relationship with the United States has been tense over Iran's ongoing nuclear uranium enrichment programs, which U.S. officials fear could lead to Iranian development of nuclear weapons despite Iran's insistence to the contrary.

According to a Sept. 25 New York Times article, Columbia University President Lee Bollinger delivered a hostile introduction to Ahmadinejad's speech in which he said, "Mr. President, you exhibit all the signs of a petty and cruel dictator." Since then, Bollinger has faced criticism from some who say he publicly insulted a foreign head of state.

At Tufts, students and professors are split on whether or not Ahmadinejad's visit was handled appropriately — and whether inviting the Iranian president to speak was appropriate at all.

Political Science Lecturer Ronnie Olesker said that while she believes in free speech, she would not fully support an invitation to Ahmadinejad to visit Tufts.

"I think that I'm an avid supporter of free speech," Olesker said, "but I think that coming to speak at a college campus is a privilege and not a right. Public discourse is really important, and it's really important to listen to what controversial figures like Ahmadinejad have to say, but not necessarily at our school."

While many Tufts students polled had not heard about Ahmadinejad's visit to Columbia, those who had generally said they would support the university if it invited him to speak at Tufts. If a controversial head of state like Ahmadinejad were to visit, however, some students said that the administration should be more respectful of the president than Columbia's administration was.

Junior Diego Villalobos was not opposed to the thought of Ahmadinejad at Tufts or elsewhere, but he did not believe that the Iranian president's visit to Columbia was effective in terms of encouraging discussion.

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## Suicide rate jumps for college students nationwide

BY CAITLIN PAYNE
Contributing Writer

Though many adults look back on their teenage years and early 20s as an exciting period of growth and change, college-age students today may not be so happy and carefree.

According to a recent report by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the suicide rate for children and young adults aged 10 to 24 rose eight percent in 2004, the largest annual increase in more than 15 years. This increase comes on the heels of a 28 percent decrease in suicide rates among the same group between 1990 and 2003.

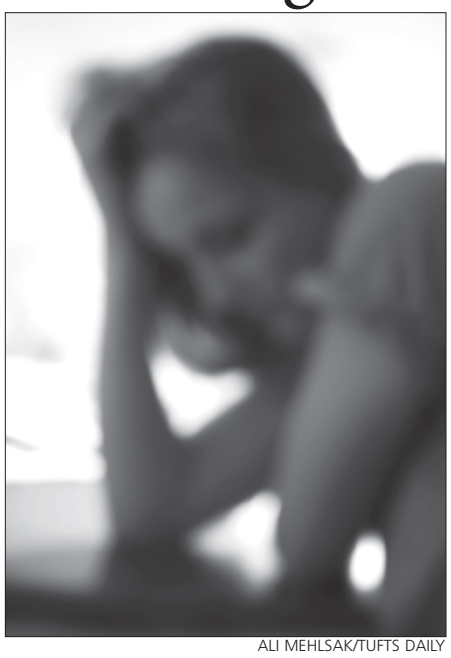
Suicide is the second leading cause of death for 18- to 24-year-olds: Approximately 1,100 college students take their own lives each year, according to ABC News. Last December, Tufts experienced this firsthand with the suicide of then-freshman Lily Karian in her Bush Hall dorm room.

Assistant Professor of Psychology Heather Urry said the experience of adapting to college life can be extremely jarring for some students.

"Going off to college, although an exciting time, is one associated with a host of new stressors including having to make new friends, manage day-to-day concerns that parents took care of at home and heightened academic pressures," Urry said. "Under these circumstances, it's not uncommon for college students to feel down and hopeless."

Urry said suicidal behavior can come as a result of hopelessness and depression.

"It appears that the way in which one copes with those feelings has implications for suicidal ideas and behavior," she said. "If you go off and drink a lot of alcohol and avoid dealing with the new pressures, you're more likely to be suicidal."



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According to a recent report by the Center for Disease Control, suicide rates among young adults shot up eight percent in 2004 after steadily falling since the 1990s.

The factors and characteristics sometimes associated with suicide include depression, history of mental illness, anxiety, family dysfunction, social isolation and feelings of hopelessness. Major depression, a preventable and treatable illness, is a primary cause of suicide, according to Tufts Counseling Center Supervising Clinician Marilyn Downs.

"Between 90 and 95 percent of college-age suicide victims suffer from some sort of psychiatric illness at the time of their death," Downs said.

But certain treatment of those conditions may be equally dangerous. In October 2004, the Food and Drug Administration issued a "black-box" label warning on antidepressants to notify healthcare providers and consumers that treating young people with such medication can lead to suicidal thoughts and behaviors, according to an article in the Wall Street Journal. The release of this warning precipitated a drop in antidepressant use among adolescents.

In a press conference transcribed on the CDC Web site, Dr. Ileana Arias from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention cautioned against overstating the relationship between the drop in antidepressant use among teens and suicide.

"Suicide is a multi-dimensional and complex problem," Arias said in the conference. "As much as we would like to attribute suicide to any single source so that we can fix it quickly, unfortunately, we can't do that. And so while things such as antidepressant medication may have a role in either ideation or actual fatal suicide, [they are] probably not the only factor."

But according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the actual number of people who become more suicidal as a direct result of taking antidepressants is very small. A policy statement on the AFSP Web site says that "untreated depression, not antidepressant medication, is a greater threat to life."

According to Urry, it is crucial to maintain an open dialogue about emotions among friends and peers in order to allow for inter-

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**DEVIN TOOHEY | BANGERS AND MASH**

## *The "Fresher" Prince of London*

The best thing about being a freshman is that you know that you will never have to go through that experience again. Unless you're going abroad.

Tonight is University College of London's International Student Reception. I'm standing in the middle of a large tent in Gordon Square Park, talking with the three or four Tufts kids, and a glass of white wine sits comfortably in my right hand.

All of the mingling affairs in London seem to have free wine, even the ones where you meet your professors. (Yes, the first time you meet your Shakespeare lecturer, he may be completely sloshed.) I blame some elaborate plan by the higher-ups of UCL to warm our personalities, loosen our tongues and lessen our inhibitions when we have to introduce ourselves to random strangers.

A few minutes pass and I decide that perhaps I should meet some non-Tuftees. So, I break off from my clique and begin to weave through the crowded area, around already-formed, forced conversations and waiters carrying various hors d'oeuvres.

Attempt No. 1 finds me unable to break into a discussion about how Californians think of the ocean as "west," while Russians think of it as being toward the east. Okay, maybe my exclusion there was no great loss.

Onto Attempt No. 2: "What? You're from Germany?" Oh yeah, I forgot, I'm an international student. And international does mean more than "Americans studying abroad." As much as I'm enjoying the language barrier, I fear I haven't had enough wine for this. Back to the wine table!

Attempt No. 3 finds me at a loss for words after mentioning that I'm from Tufts, but originally from New Jersey, and that I'm enjoying London so far. On the bright side, the waiter mercifully refills my empty wine glass while I'm looking.

After a few more tries, I am finally able to strike up a conversation with another English major. And I'm pretty sure that, once the waiter notices that we are talking and seem genuinely interested, he makes sure that our glasses are never empty in hopes of expediting our friendship.

But, despite my minor success, the past week has made me realize that I'm back at the proverbial square one.

And I'm not alone. We've all been freshmen before. We have no desire to be them again.

So, we're in a horrible predicament.

On one hand, I can turn my nose up at the "freshers' events." I can scoff all I want, but at the end of the day, I'm in the same boat as they are. I know a few people from my time at Tufts, but isn't the whole point of studying abroad (aside from being able to write a swanky abroad column) to meet new people from different places?

At the same time, will I really make lifelong friends going to a dance at some club or to trivia night at a student union pub? Probably not.

The one benefit of being an actual freshman is that you still have a bit of naïveté. There's still hope that you'll meet your true love at Fall Ball or that the people you randomly sit next to for lunch will become your best friends for the next four years.

But by now we know the truth, and, coupled with the fact that there are 40 other Jumbos here, are just not willing to put in the effort anymore.

Of course, as I write this, student clubs (or societies, as the Brits say) are just starting, so we'll see how those affect my social life. Until then, I can take comfort in some of the amazing fellow Jumbos who are in the same ship I'm in and in the fact that, across the pond, wine will always flow freely at meet-and-greets.

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# Most Tufts students thought CU president was out of line in opening remarks

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"I have a conflicted view of the issue, because I think it's good that universities facilitate the passing of information from people who are controversial," Villalobos said. "But with some of the issues that are going on now, I'm not sure that it was the best decision to invite [Ahmadinejad] now. From what I saw of the lecture at Columbia, there was no passing of information on both sides."

Villalobos said that colleges should challenge, but not harshly criticize their guest lecturers — even if the lecturers are controversial.

"If we did invite him, I think that the university should endorse a way of expressing opinions without insulting Ahmadinejad," he said.

Freshman Farheen Momen agreed with Villalobos that university officials should be more respectful of important political figures like Ahmadinejad.

"I think that even if we disagreed with his political views, because we invited him to speak at our school, we should respect his opinions and sort of restrain ourselves from mocking or insulting him," Momen said. "I would not be opposed with him coming to Tufts for the sake of knowledge, but I really don't think that we have a right to tell him or the Iranian people how to run their country."

Momen said it is important not to blindly believe what critics say about Iran.

"I think we hype up a lot of things without knowing the facts," Momen said. "Think about not only how insulting [Bollinger's speech] was to Ahmadinejad, but also to the people of Iran, for the president of Columbia to humiliate one of their leaders."

Olesker agreed that Bollinger's introductory comments were unsuitable for such a high-profile and controversial speaker.

"I thought [Bollinger's comments] were inappropriate, because as the president of an academic institution that had invited Ahmadinejad to speak, I don't think that it was the role of the president of that institution to strike some sort of political point."

She attributed the harsh nature of Bollinger's speech to the criticism Columbia faced leading up to the lecture.

"I think that if there weren't so much backlash to Ahmadinejad being invited in the first place, [Bollinger's] speech would have been very different," she said. "I understand the political and PR motives in inviting him, but I thought that the lecture allowed Ahmadinejad to score some points politically."

Junior Kate Cohen said that while inviting controversial political figures to speak at elite academic institutions can be useful, she did not think that the lecture at Columbia was productive in terms of generating discussion.

"I think that when you expose ideas like Ahmadinejad's, it gives them less credibility," Cohen said. "I think that the exchange of ideas is really important, but at Columbia, it seemed to be less about his ideas than about publicity."

Olesker agreed that the lecture did not encourage useful discussion between America and Iran.

"[The speech] really allowed Ahmadinejad to speak to his domestic viewers," she said. "A lot of the speech was not meant for the [United States], because American viewers were not going to be won over by his speech. Similarly, Bollinger's speech was not a speech to Ahmadinejad."

According to Olesker, while Ahmadinejad's visit will not threaten relations between America and Iran, the lecture may have spawned negative publicity that could bolster Ahmadinejad's reputation in the Middle East.

"I don't think the lecture will have any implication on relations between Iran and the United States, but I do think that it was very lucrative for Ahmadinejad," she said. "He propelled his imaged as a leader of the Middle East and on the broader international spectrum."

Though some Jumbos may support the idea of Ahmadinejad coming to Tufts, Olesker said their opinions on the matter might change if he were actually scheduled to visit.

"I'm not sure if public student opinion wouldn't sway against it if he were really invited to Tufts," Olesker said.

At Columbia, where the issue was a reality rather than a hypothetical, students were divided on the issue, according to Columbia sophomore Rajiv Lalla. Lalla estimated that Columbia students were "split about 50-50" on whether the university should have invited Ahmadinejad to speak.

"Half the people thought that his views were so heinous: 'They're so completely against everything we believe, how can we give him a forum?'" Lalla said. "And the other half seemed to think that a university's environment is the pinnacle of a forum of free speech, and that if we can't give free speech — even to a person we detest — who are we?"

Lalla said he personally disapproved of his invitation to Columbia.

"I personally came out against it," Lalla said. "I thought to myself, why are we engaging someone in rational discussion who does not speak and act rationally? He completely denied that Iran finances terrorism, even though we know that statement to be untrue. When he was asked about his hanging of women and homosexuals, he just went off about how the United States has capital punishment as well."

Olesker agreed that Ahmadinejad's speech did not provide any new perspective on his political beliefs and actions, but she cautioned that it would be unwise to call the president "irrational."

"Those who were expecting to hear something new or different or direct from Ahmadinejad were setting themselves himself up for disappointment," Olesker said. "I was not at all surprised by Ahmadinejad's lack of direct responses to questions. He is a very sophisticated manipulator, but I still wouldn't qualify him as an irrational."

Whether or not students would support Ahmadinejad coming to Tufts, Olesker believes the discussion of the issue is important.

"I think it's important to have the debate, both on campus and off campus," Olesker said. "There were both positive and negative implications of his visit to Columbia ... one positive implication is that students are talking about Ahmadinejad now."

# 'Walk for Lily' raised awareness of suicide among college students

**SUICIDE**

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vention before a suicide happens.

"If [students] know of someone or are themselves experiencing the feelings [of hopelessness or depression], they should definitely talk to someone," Urry said. "If they have a friend who seems depressed and hopeless, they should ask if the friend is experiencing thoughts of suicide. Don't avoid the topic; address it gently but directly."

After Karian's death last year, some students have been vocal about emphasizing the importance of suicide research and prevention. In June, 30 students participated in the "Walk for Lily" in New York City, which raised money and awareness to support suicide prevention and those affected by it. The student volunteers walked 20 miles overnight to raise money for the AFSP.

Sophomore Max Chalkin, who coordinated the event, said it was a success.

"As a whole, we raised $35,000 for suicide research and prevention programs," Chalkin said. "The money will be used for suicide research and prevention programs [which will mainly go] to grants for universities. It was a great experience. In addition to raising money, it allowed [Lily's] friends and family to celebrate her life."

Tufts has made a variety of mental health resources available to students, including individual counseling, couples counseling, psychiatric services and 24-hour emergency assistance for mental health crises.

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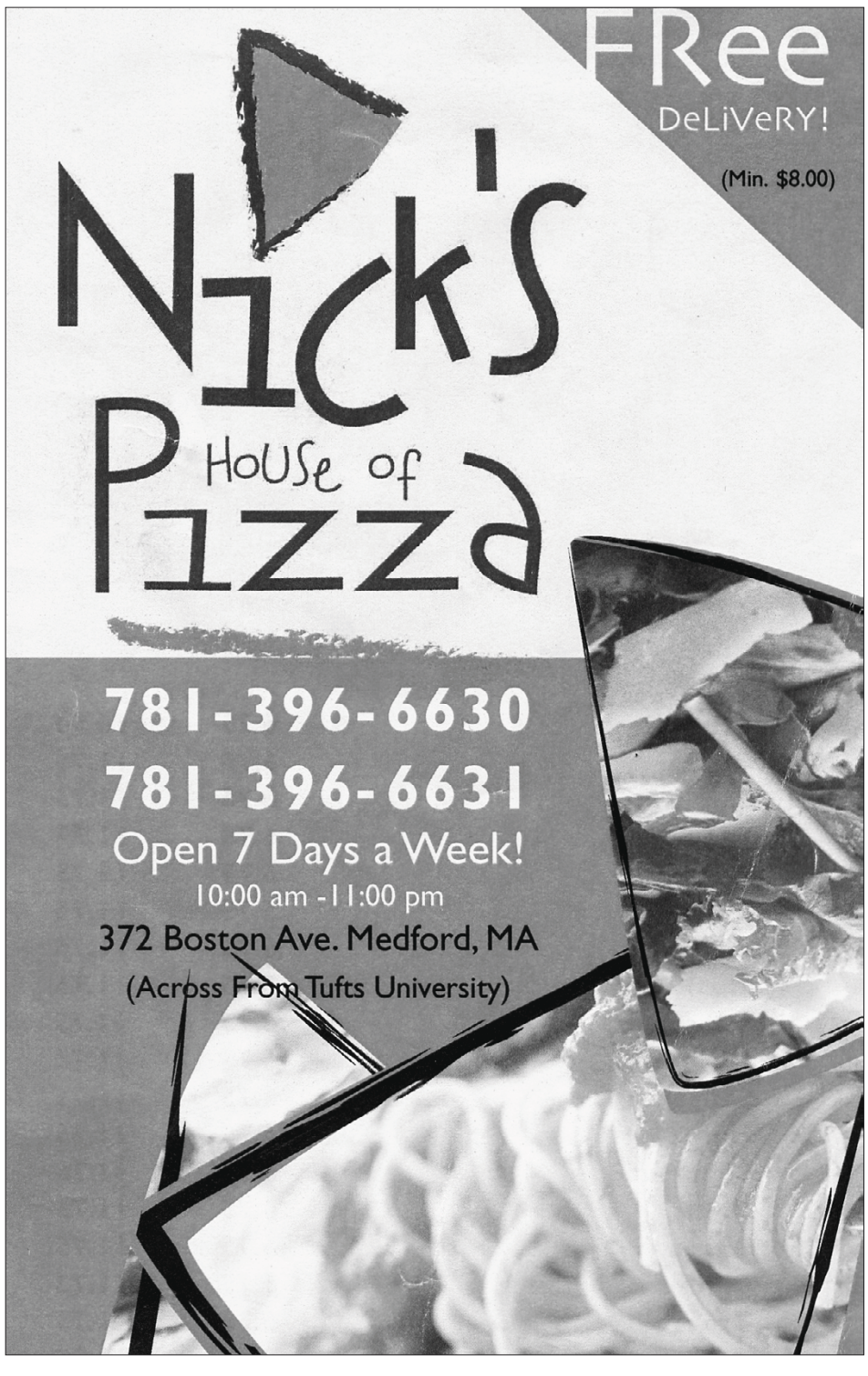

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW

# Multiplayer in 'Halo 3' means everyone gets a shot

BY JEFF HAMILTON
Contributing Writer

BUNGIE STUDIOS

Master Chief is back and ready for more alien annihilation in "Halo 3," out now for the Xbox 360.

"Halo 3" is the final installment in the much-lauded "Halo" trilogy, and the first of the games to be developed for a next-generation console.

Available only on Xbox 360 for now, "Halo 3" takes advantage of the new platform's advanced graphics processing to look significantly better than any previous game in the series (though Microsoft will almost certainly release the game on Windows Vista in the future, as they've done with "Halo" and "Halo 2"). And, just like "Halo" and "Halo 2," there are aliens to fight — lots of aliens — and the same aliens, over and over.

First, the upgrades: "Halo 3" supports up to four friends playing through the story in co-operative play. This is twice as many players as were allowed for the story mode in the first two games and provides an amazing play experience — though the difficulty must be cranked up for four decently skilled players to have a challenge.

There are more weapons than ever before, more vehicles than ever before, more types of grenades, and new systems in the form of deployable equipment.

The new weapons are thoroughly enjoyable. The Spartan Laser, a shotgun pistol, the Gravity Hammer, a Sentinel Beam Gun: These are all new ways to enthusiastically lay waste to the covenant and flood hordes. The new grenade types are interesting, but don't end up adding much to game-play. At the cost of being able to carry only half the number of conventional grenades that "Halo 2" allowed, the new grenades are not even worth having.

The new vehicles are probably the best addition to the game. While the Halo-verse previously had a very limited vehicle selection, "Halo 3"'s new covenant vehicles very nicely round out the selections. With a single-wheeled "chopper," a new hovercraft/APC and a new tank, the additional vehicles prove to be the largest content addition to game-play in the new iteration of the game.

However, "Halo 3" is not the masterpiece its ardent supporters were predicting. While without doubt a very solid game, it fails in a couple noteworthy ways.

First of all, while supposedly supporting four-player co-op, it requires players to play the game through again in single-player mode in order to get the "true" ending of the game. For people whose reason for purchase was to play through the story with their friends, this proves to be a real bait-and-switch.

Secondly, when compared to the visuals of other next-generation titles, "Halo 3" is decidedly left in the dust. While the game certainly looks vastly improved over its last-generation predecessors, when compared to the graphics of "Bioshock" or "Gears of War," "Halo 3" just doesn't deliver as much as it needs to at this point in the 360's life-cycle.

This is especially surprising, as Microsoft Game Studios owns the developer, Bungie. It is perhaps to be expected, for the "Halo 3" engine is based on the previous Halos' engines and not Epic's Unreal Engine 3, as "Gears of War" and "Bioshock" are.

Multiplayer is, of course, the dominant social mode for campus Halo fans and Master Chief aspirants, and when it comes to multiplayer, "Halo 3" definitely delivers the goods.

"Halo 3" multiplayer is one of the best console-based multiplayer FPS experiences available today. The game has a number of advanced features which are standard fare in PC gaming, but heretofore unseen in console gaming.

For starters, it has a map editor for multiplayer matches, known as "Forge" mode. In this mode, players can dynamically change the object placements on multiplayer maps, then jump in as a player to play-test their changes with just a push of a button. Multiple people can work on a map at the same time, allowing complex customizations to be performed quickly and easily by coordinating editors. In addition, the Bungie team redid several of the most popular maps from previous Halo games in the new engine and has added many new maps on top of those.

The "party" system of online matchmaking provides a seamless and easy way for players to get together and team up with friends or against opponents of their choice. Finally, players can record videos of their game-play from inside the game and upload them to a video server. As a whole, the multiplayer experience is thoroughly polished and well put together.

Overall, the game is quite solid. While it would have been nice to deal with more than just Covenant and Flood, "Halo 3" stuck with the formula that made the first two games reasons to buy an Xbox and improved upon its foundation in graphics and multiplayer experience. It earns nine points out of 10, with the one point missing for real innovation.

GALLERY REVIEW

# Gardner Museum's serene exhibit will 'shorely' make audiences think

BY LUMAY WANG
Contributing Writer

In the daily rush to get to class on time, to turn in homework when it's due or even take a shower before a night on the town, people often lose track of the passage of time and forget to take a couple of moments to meditate and reflect. The contemporary installation piece, "The Asian Shore," at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum provides visitors with the perfect environment to sit back and think.

The special exhibition is located in one small, rectangular room. Asian rugs dyed the blackest of blacks and crimson-red cover part of the floor. Three walls are white, and one is covered with drawings. The wall closest to the rest of the museum is dark ultramarine blue and sports a set of sliding 17th-century Japanese doors.

The artist behind this exhibition, Stefano Arienti, was the Gardner Museum's 2004 Artist-in-Residence. During his residency, he took a special interest in the museum's history, its Asian collection and its Chinese Room. These interests had a visible influence on his work and are especially noticeable in "The Asian Shore."

The Chinese Room was a special space in the museum dedicated to the Asian artifacts, Buddha sculptures and many other souvenirs that its founder, Isabella Gardner, purchased during her travels to Asia during the late 1800s. Unfortunately, most of the Chinese Room was sold in 1971, but the museum's archives still hold images of the room and its artifacts.

Arienti photocopied archival images of several tables and statues of Buddha. Then, using special techniques of wood burning and carbon transfer on paper, he created copies of these forgotten artifacts. The artist pinned up not only his drawings, but also the photocopies. The images repeat, but each piece of paper gives viewers a different perspective on each artifact. In most of the drawings, Arienti has reduced the Buddhas, tables and trinkets to their basic lines. Sometimes, specific detail is evident, but there are always at least consistent outlines of the objects' forms.

The artist made curious choices in displaying his drawings. For one thing, they are all touching each other and sometimes overlap to create four distinct rows. Even more interesting is the way the artist mounted them by pinning down only the upper edges of the white paper, leaving the bottom edges free to flutter up and down with passing winds. Perhaps the fluttering of the drawings is reminiscent of Japanese prayer slips or stickers. Whatever the meaning of the fluttering, it adds physical movement to an otherwise static room.

Upon entering the exhibition room, text on the wall invites viewers to take off their shoes and sit upon the black and red Asian rugs lining the floor. Sitting on the rugs immediately gives one the sense of meditation. Arienti had the rugs specially dyed, and it is interesting to note the different materials and patterns in each monochromatic rug. The minimalist ambiance created by the white walls and black and red rugs presents a sharp, edgy contrast to the faded gold and jade-green Japanese doors.

As one ponders the old images of three-dimensional objects and their two-dimensional reincarnations, one notices the incredible silence in the room relative to the hustle and bustle of the rest of the museum. It seems as if the room has become a sanctuary for quiet reflection against the noise of the café and gift shop and the loud conversations of passing visitors.

The Japanese sliding doors are a further testament to the idea of a meditation room. Usually hung in another part of the museum, the artist had them relocated so that viewers could see the backs of the doors, a view otherwise unseen. As one reflects on the exhibit, the doors seem to lead back to the complex, vibrant and fast-paced world outside, and the installation more than ever becomes an escape from that world.

In "The Asian Shore," Stefano has recreated his own version of Gardner's Chinese Room, a place where older symbols of tranquility complement the contemporary decoration of the room. The result is a sanctuary from our busy lives, an opportunity to let time pass and a chance to ponder the passage of time.

The exhibition is aptly titled. In its pamphlet the artist declares, "[It] is a shore of arrivals and departure, inhabited by the undertow of time, where one can really take a rest."

MIKE ADAMS | SHANGHAI ON LIFE

# *JTimbs gives a fine, sensitive performance*

Copyright law is a tricky subject. Most of you would probably agree that musicians and filmmakers should be compensated for their art, but you have also probably used file sharing. File sharing has enriched many people's lives, including my own, by granting exposure to new styles that they couldn't otherwise afford.

In China, the copyright is one of many issues that the government has neither the means nor the will to do anything about. The result is that when you walk down the street — or alley or subway station or just about anywhere else — you will find that the most common street vendor is selling poorly packaged versions of all your favorite Hollywood movies at laughingly low prices.

Unfortunately, either Chinese people have bad taste in American cinema, or the good ones get sold too quickly for me to keep up. It is almost depressing, though, to find dozens of copies of "Norbit" and "Fantastic Four: The Rise of the Silver Surfer" in the inventory of every vendor. Even the standard 5-RMB (75-cent) price tag is far too much to spend here. I once asked a street vendor in my substandard Chinese how much he would pay me to take "Norbit" off his hands. Sure, he laughed at my joke, but I could tell he was considering it.

There are some good titles to be discovered, but it takes a little searching. When the title "Black Sheep" (1996) caught my eye, I was eager to relive the old Chris Farley movie, but the picture on the cover told a different story. A menacing-looking sheep stands on the roof of a car with a batch of teenagers trembling inside.

This was intriguing, but what sold me was the tagline: "There are 40 million sheep in New Zealand ... and they are pissed off!" I must say, this DVD was well worth those 75 cents. It has all the qualities of a great movie: corny lines, bad acting, evil hippies and, of course, mutant killer sheep. It can't touch this year's "Eagle vs. Shark," but "Black Sheep" was without a doubt the second-best movie to come out of New Zealand that I've seen in the last two months.

Even when I was lucky enough to find my favorite movie of the year, "Grindhouse," I was pleased to find a healthy dose of Chinese randomness on the packaging. Though it mostly looked like it should, I was a little confused when I read the quote from the "New York Times" across the top.

It reads, "Justin Timberlake gives a fine, sensitive performance." Did I miss something? Was he one of the zombies? Though the movie blew my mind, "fine" and "sensitive" are not words that I would use to describe it. Some teenage Chinese boy band fanatic is in for a big surprise.

Though I have taken full advantage of the DVD situation in China, I do feel guilty at times. I kind of wish I had paid more than $3 for the complete series of "Seinfeld." Sure, it's a little out of hand, but it's pretty cool to think that this attitude towards copyright is the same one that created the entire Hollywood industry.

With film technology still under patent in the eastern United States, filmmakers fled west to California, which was once a haven of lawlessness. The process, of course, came full circle, as it will surely play out in China.

As consumerism and wealth increase at unprecedented levels, capitalist greed will without a doubt put an end to piracy. At least, that's my excuse for buying "Navy Seals" (1990).

Yes, Charlie Sheen, you rebel with a heart of gold: I'd love another rain grenade.

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**EDITORIAL**

# Honk for social justice

In 1773, the American colonists in Boston had had enough of the imperial zeal of their British oppressors, and on Dec. 16, 1773, a small band of Patriots set in motion the wheels of revolution against King George III. That was one of the greatest moments in the history of our nation, and generations of Americans have yearned wistfully for the opportunity to be a part of a similarly powerful movement.

Today, a movement called Honk-to-Impeach has been organized by a local organization known as The Bostonians for the Overthrow of King George. The group stands by the T-stop in Davis Square every Monday from 5 to 7 p.m., urging passing motorists to honk their car horns to show their support for the impeachment of President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.

In addition to compelling passing motorists to sound their magnificent horns of righteousness, the protesters also advertise upcoming anti-war events like the National "Sick of War" Sick Day on Oct. 26.

We at the Daily urge skeptics not to take this threat lightly. Those Americans who are indeed "sick of war" occupy some of the highest positions in government and industry, and their absence on Oct. 26 would cripple America's financial organizations, devastate our fast food joints and likely have some kind of noticeable effect on our haberdasheries.

The markets will plummet to levels not seen since the Great Depression, the welfare rolls will swell to bursting, and in order to stave off starvation, people will be forced to eat their own shoes. When the shoe supply runs out, the population will have no choice but to turn to cannibalism, and marauding packs of flesh-eaters will plunge the world into chaos.

We at the Daily beseech President Bush (who, as we all know, hears about every protest, no matter how small) to end the war if only to avoid this looming domestic catastrophe.

Like the Boston Tea Party that begat the American Revolution, so too may the Somerville T-Honking bring about a glorious popular uprising that changes the lives and fortunes of our many millions of Americans.

Sympathizers in our venerable institution of learning can look forward to the day when the honks of every patriotic American in Davis Square will join together to create a Giant Honk of Justice that will reverberate across our great country, spreading joy and brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Or it could just lead to a bunch of nutbags honking like crazy people.

Either way, the seeds of dissent have been sown, and it is up to these insane-in-the-brain social activists to lead the way into a better American future.

Good luck, and godspeed.

## NATE BEELER

## FEATURED WEB POSTS | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Dear Editor:**

In another one of Mr. Gardner-Schuster's (editor-in-chief of The Primary Source) crusades against common sense, he contends that his true aim is to "debate the issues." I would hope he begin all future debates by citing his sources with some degree of academic honesty.

He quotes two sentences from the "radical" Boston Phoenix magazine, both of which can be found in a May 16 Phoenix column co-written by a lawyer named Harvey Silvergate, who happens to have co-founded FIRE, the organization that repeatedly defends the Source and many other conservative college franchises around the country no matter what arguments for racial superiority they advocate. These are hardly the unbiased opinions Mr. Schuster would like us to believe support his point of view.

For even when a person who writes in his editorial, "Primary Source: please just stop it," that he is conservative enough to discount evolution (please see your local biologist, Mr. Henchy) the current leader of The Primary Source cannot help but deride this man's obvious point that no one is fooled (especially ex-Source members) by the Source's pathetic charade claiming "O Come All Ye Black Folk" was intended to debate the complicated and important issue of affirmative action.

I want to applaud Mr. Henchy for shedding light on such an ironic dispute. Source members rail against affirmative action (curiously, with an obsession for African-Americans), apologizing for their repressed bigotry, only to find out this bigotry is exactly what gave Sourcers the chance to contribute to the public forum at Tufts. Admissions officers, plotting seedily in the cellars of Bendetson Hall, had effectively planned last year's culture war during their normal college essay perusals four years earlier and congratulated themselves on keeping students from both sides of the aisle informed and engaged in the realities that still exist outside the bubble of Tufts University.

If you put your ear up close to the editorial page, you can hear the fear in Mr. Schuster's voice as he hints at what might be true: That his entry to Tufts could be the result of deliberate planning by Dean Coffin to enhance the diversity of a university.

**David Dennis (EN '07)**

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**Dear Editor:**

As a recent Tufts alum, I receive the e-mail edition of the Daily every morning. This morning (Tuesday, Oct. 2), I was intrigued to read "Just The Tip" after all of the controversy surrounding last week's column. I am at least equally disappointed by this week's column.

First, this is not a personal attack on Ms. Levi or her writing skills. Second, I think that there is absolutely a place for a sex column in the Daily, just not the way it is currently being authored.

Enough has been said regarding last week's column. However, this week's column comes off as pandering and as a poor apology for last week. I have nothing against romance or creative writing, but like last week's column, this one belongs in a creative writing magazine, not in a daily newspaper.

I also feel that Ms. Levi, having written the column, should stand by it as her right to express herself, something which no one is in a position to deny her. However, she has chosen to abandon her work, which does not excuse her for the tastelessness of last week's column or the seemingly apologetic nature of this week's.

The Tufts Daily is a widely respected college publication, and while it receives a wide variety of criticism, it is nonetheless a high-quality publication. Along with this come large responsibilities, not only to report accurately, but to respect the readers as well.

Ms. Levi's column this week does not live up to these responsibilities. Instead, this particular column is a foray into creative writing and, like last week's column, does not offer the kind of advice that student readers seek from a sex columnist. Instead, it beleaguers the Daily with writing lacking newspaper-worthy content.

I encourage the Daily to keep trying different formats for the sex column until a suitable one is found, but until then, do not be surprised by continued scrutiny from your readers, especially for weak apologies. While freedom of the press is guaranteed, so is a student's right to criticize what they see in print.

**Alan Manos (LA '07)**

# Op-Ed

ANNE WERMIEL/TUFTS DAILY

## The more the rich spend, the less the poor get

BY NEVA GOODWIN, LIZZIE DEWAN, BEN GABIN AND KEVIN WONG

The Sept. 25 letter to the editor from Kevin Keane, Senior Vice President of the American Beverage Association, tries to make the case for bottled water. The American Beverage Association is an industry group whose members include PepsiCo and Coca-Cola, manufacturers of the nation's No. 1 and No. 2 bottled water brands, respectively (Aquafina and Dasani). This obviously self-interested case is as full of holes as a sieve.

Bottled water is problematic at almost every point along its chain of production. If it's spring water, it is taken from some community; and more and more communities are discovering that they have thereby lost access to a precious resource, often without widespread public knowledge, comment or consent, and often with seriously inadequate compensation.

Whether it is spring or purified water, energy and petrochemical materials go into bottling and distribution. Putting such resources into bottled water production does not use as significant amounts of energy as some other processes, but we're not going to solve global warming by only going after the huge sources of greenhouse gases. As many on this campus know and act upon, the solution will come from a huge number of people taking many steps — small and large — to decrease their carbon footprint.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, bottled water is a symptom and increasingly a cause of social inequality and inequity. As more and more of the people who can afford this ridiculously expensive way to quench their thirst buy their drinking water in bottles, this affluent segment of society has less and less reason to care about the quality of the drinking water that comes from the tap.

We appreciate Mr. Keane pointing out that it's a good idea for students to learn habits of recycling. As it happens, Tufts students are way ahead of the curve on this. They also know that, while recycling 10 bottles is a lot better than adding them to the dump, it's nowhere near as good as reusing one bottle 10 times.

We agree with Mr. Keane's point, that it's good that people can carry water in bottles with them. However the multi-billion dollar industry didn't invent this option; it has been around as long as bottles of some sort have existed and people have had decent water to fill them with.

Let's keep that option open through a good public supply of water. If we don't like what comes out of the tap, we should address this as a public concern — a concern for everyone — rather than spending a lot of money on the private solution of bottled water. The fact about privatization of public goods is that the more the rich spend, the less the poor get.

If you want to learn more about these issues (beyond what you can learn from the American Beverage Association), a good place to look is stopcorporateabuse.org, a Web site run by the organization Corporate Accountability International.

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## Borrowing dining hall food: Not a choice, but a lifestyle

BY SOPHIE PACK

KAHRAN SINGH/TUFTS DAILY

What is it about stealing food from the dining halls that's so exhilarating? It's not just a sport for kleptos (and believe me, it is a sport), because everyone does it. And the chances are pretty slim that everyone at Tufts is a kleptomaniac.

Maybe the fact that it's just so practical: Why make the long trek over to Carmichael or Dewick when you have a delicious assortment of fruit in your fridge? And let's face it: The inconsistency of banana availability in both dining halls is disheartening. Having your own stock is crucial. Personally, the amount I hoard in my room would make a banana grower from Honolulu turn green with envy.

Perhaps, though, it is not convenience that lures us food-picking fiends into the halls with our discreet handbags. It could instead be what I call the "stealth phenomenon."

As a pretty responsible student, I often feel weighed down by the heavy pressure of the law. Not that it's a bad thing; it's just that, sometimes, you need to live on the edge. And anyway, that's worth the risk of jail time.

I'm sure other students feel the same way. I can prove it, actually, with a statistical sample of one person of my acquaintance, who "once stole a whole pie." For all intents and purposes, and to preserve her anonymity, we'll refer to this lunch-goer as "Anonymous Girl No. 1" or AG1 for short.

AG1 not only stole a whole pie, but also confesses that she "bring[s] Tupperware to every meal and [is] not ashamed." Good for you, Anonymous Girl No. 1!

Here's my theory/life philosophy: Every time you follow a rule, every time you raise your hand to ask a question, wait in line on ice cream Sunday day or pay Girl Scouts for their cookies, you need to balance out the scale somehow.

What better way to obtain equilibrium than to pocket a couple of bagels? Where's the harm?

It just saves you an extra trip to the dining hall later. I guess I should probably mention I'm a freshman, so I do have an unlimited meal plan. I know, I know, not nearly as badass. I'm sorry, I'll make up for that somehow.

So we never really reached an answer to the question: Why steal food? I've offered a few possibilities, but now I'll tell you the answer.

It's the thrill of the hunt. Anyone can push a lever to get some juice in a cup or pour some cereal into a bowl, but how does that make you feel? Does it make you feel cool?

No. It makes you feel weak. Someone else caught those Corn Pops, didn't they?

How much better is it to sneak up to your prey — the juice machine, say — look over your shoulder to avoid being spotted, and then quickly whip out your Nalgene and fill that bad boy up?

Obviously a hypothetical question. Thievery is way, way better. So be that CIA agent for the day and get your lunch, plus extra!

Just do it.

*Sophie Pack is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.*

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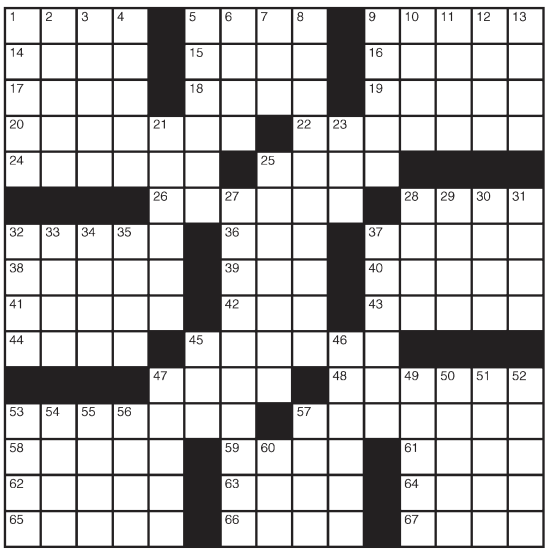

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**ACROSS**
1 Bad writer
5 Saudi or Omani
9 "In the Clearing" poet
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15 Central part
16 Rodeo rope
17 Oliver's request
18 Arrive
19 Following
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32 Chip dip
36 Make a boo-boo
37 Kitchen implement
38 Influence
39 Pot top
40 Face the day
41 Make amends
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44 Bell sound
45 Exhausts
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48 Hole-shaping tool
53 Magic home?
57 Pertinent
58 Performing
59 Zola novel
61 Queen Boleyn
62 "Divine Comedy" poet
63 Mild cheese
64 Olympus honcho
65 Villain's expression
66 Puts in stitches
67 Falco or McClurg

**DOWN**
1 Muggy
2 Without help
3 Fashion by cutting
4 Work dough
5 Yield
6 Alice Springs hoppers
7 Sea extension
8 Tavern
9 Wears at the edges
10 Schism
11 Profane utterance
12 Plant part
13 Veteran seafarers
21 Formalized argument
23 Kind of fever or stack
25 Gets there
27 Rings up
28 __ avis
29 Roberts or Idle
30 Office station
31 Lode loads
32 Large quantity
33 Choir part
34 Web-footed diver
35 Caroled
37 Quarterback, at times
45 Downcast
46 Reveries
47 Madden
49 Bedazzle
50 Locked like a lion
51 Boredom
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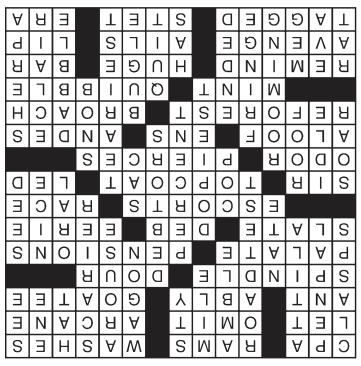

## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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AMLET

WRAITE

DIPEEM

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

A: THEY " "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KETCH CEASE BUSILY SYSTEM
Answer: What the concert pianist considered his piano — HIS "KEYS" TO SUCCESS

## LATE NIGHT AT THE DAILY

*"To Jumbo Express: How hard is it to stock multiple fat contents of milk? I'm a two percent guy."*

*—Jason Richards*

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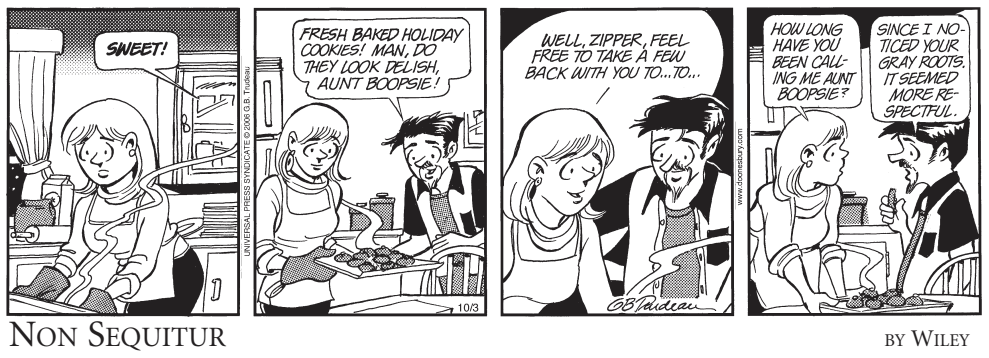
BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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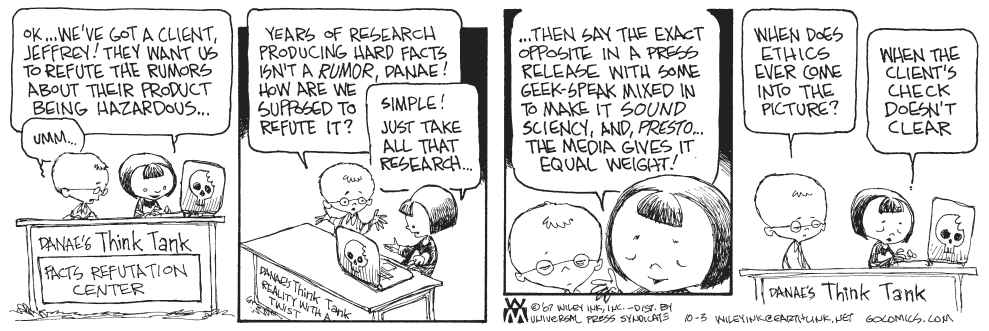


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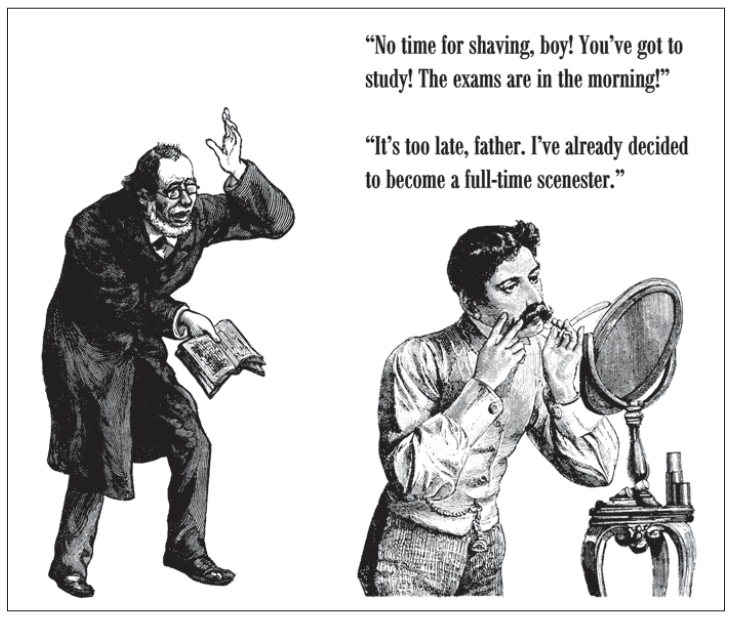


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Solution to Tuesdays puzzle

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| 7 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 5 |

| *Event* | *Services* | *Wanted* | - | - | - |
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Wednesday, 10-3-07, 6:00p.m., Goddard Chapel. Speaker: Professor Paul Waldau, The Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, Tufts. Topic: "Science on Animals, Religion on Animals."

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# DAILY DIGITS

## 15

Goals scored by the women's soccer team's striker Lisa Raffin in 1981, the program's all-time record. Sophomore striker Cara Cadigan is chasing Raffin, as she has scored seven goals in the team's first seven games this year. The team has a home game today versus Brandeis before Saturday's homecoming matchup with Bowdoin.

## $11.6 mil

Amount Madison Square Garden must pay to former New York Knicks executive Anucha Browne Sanders after a jury decided yesterday that Knicks coach and president Isiah Thomas sexually harassed her. Maybe this can give the Knicks a reason to fire Thomas, because obviously his team's poor play and his questionable management decisions weren't enough.

## 2

Players who had been in the illustrious 20-20-20-20 club (for 20 homers, triples, doubles, and steals in a season) before this year. Detroit Tigers center fielder Curtis Granderson and Philadelphia Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins both accomplished the feat this season.

## 18:41

Time for Tufts senior Cat Beck at the Keene State Invitational last Saturday. Beck, a tri-captain on the cross country team, was competing in her first race since returning from a stress fracture in her right femur suffered last spring. The senior finished second in the race, running unattached while the rest of the team enjoyed a week off.

## $24.5 mil

Value of pitcher Adam Eaton's three-year contract signed last off-season by the Philadeplhia Phillies. The veteran was left off the postseason roster by the NL East champions after a disappointing 10-10 record with a 6.29 earned run average during the regular season.

## 22

Consecutive victories over Bates for the Tufts football team, a streak dating back to 1986, after Saturday's 35-20 win. The Jumbos ran all over the Bobcats, finishing with 236 rushing yards in a convincing victory. Tufts welcomes the 1-1 Bowdoin Polar Bears to Medford this weekend for the Homecoming game.

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| | WED | THU | FRI | HOMECOMING | SUN | MON | TUE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cross Country** | | | | at All-New Englands 1 p.m. | | | |
| **Field Hockey** | | at Gordon 4 p.m. | | **vs. Bowdoin 12 p.m.** | | | |
| **Football** | | | | **vs. Bowdoin 1 p.m.** | | | |
| **Women's Soccer** | **vs. Brandeis 4 p.m.** | | | **vs. Bowdoin 12 p.m.** | | | |
| **Men's Soccer** | at Plymouth State 6 p.m. | | | **vs. Bowdoin 2:30 p.m.** | | | |
| **Men's Tennis** | at Babson 3:30 p.m. | | | | | | |
| **Women's Tennis** | | | | **vs. NYU 10 a.m.** | | | |
| **Volleyball** | | | | **vs. Amherst 12 p.m.** | **vs. Middlebury 2 p.m.** | | |

# STATISTICS | STANDINGS

### Field Hockey
**(4-2, 3-1 NESCAC)**

| | NESCAC | | OVERALL | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | W | L | T |
| Bowdoin | 5 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| **Tufts** | **3** | **1** | **4** | **2** | **0** |
| Middlebury | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Trinity | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Amherst | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Williams | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Bates | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Conn. Coll | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Wesleyan | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Colby | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 |

| | G | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| I. Casellas-Katz | 7 | 0 | 14 |
| B. Holiday | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| T. Jasinski | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| M. Kelly | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| J. Perkins | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| M. Scholtes | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| T. Brown | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| M. Kutcher | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| C. Green | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| K. Pagos | 0 | 1 | 1 |

| **Goalkeeping** | **GA** | **S** | **S%** |
|---|---|---|---|
| K. Hyder | 7 | 17 | .708 |

### Women's Soccer
**(6-1-0, 4-0-0 NESCAC)**

| | NESCAC | | | OVERALL | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| **Tufts** | **4** | **0** | **0** | **6** | **1** | **0** |
| Williams | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Amherst | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Trinity | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Bowdoin | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Middlebury | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Conn. Coll | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Colby | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Wesleyan | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Bates | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 |

| | G | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| C. Cadigan | 7 | 2 | 16 |
| M. Furtek | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| R. Abbott | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| A. Maxwell | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| J. Jamison | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| S. Nolet | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| L. Fedore | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| A. Benedict | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| J. Wagner | 0 | 1 | 1 |

| **Goalkeeping** | **GA** | **S** | **S%** |
|---|---|---|---|
| K. Minnehan | 2 | 26 | .929 |

### Men's Soccer
**(1-4-1, 1-2-1 NESCAC)**

| | NESCAC | | | OVERALL | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Amherst | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Middlebury | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Williams | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Trinity | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Bowdoin | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Colby | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| **Tufts** | **1** | **2** | **1** | **1** | **4** | **1** |
| Wesleyan | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Conn. Coll | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Bates | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 |

| | G | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| G. O'Connell | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| P. DeGregorio | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| D. Jozwiak | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| D. Schoening | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| B. Duker | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| N. Muakkassa | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| K. Anglin | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| M. Maloney | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| A. Bedig | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| **Goalkeeping** | **GA** | **Svs** | **Sv%** |
|---|---|---|---|
| D. McKeon | 7 | 25 | .781 |
| P. Tonelli | 2 | 1 | .333 |

### Volleyball
**(8-9, 1-1 NESCAC)**

| | NESCAC | | OVERALL | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Wesleyan | 3 | 0 | 12 | 2 |
| Amherst | 2 | 0 | 13 | 1 |
| Williams | 2 | 0 | 11 | 5 |
| Conn. Coll. | 3 | 1 | 11 | 3 |
| Trinity | 3 | 1 | 9 | 5 |
| Middlebury | 1 | 1 | 8 | 5 |
| **Tufts** | **1** | **1** | **8** | **9** |
| Colby | 1 | 2 | 8 | 10 |
| Bates | 0 | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| Bowdoin | 0 | 3 | 10 | 8 |
| Hamilton | 0 | 4 | 3 | 12 |

| **Offensive** | **Kills** | **SA** |
|---|---|---|
| K. Wysham | 105 | 11 |
| D. Joyce-Mendive | 99 | 14 |
| B. Helgeson | 86 | 0 |
| C. Updike | 84 | 7 |
| N. Shrodes | 51 | 2 |
| K. O'Reilly | 9 | 19 |
| D. Feiger | 11 | 11 |

| **Defensive** | **B** | **Digs** |
|---|---|---|
| N. Goldstein | 0 | 217 |
| D. Joyce-Mendive | 5 | 97 |
| S. Filocco | 9 | 84 |
| D. Feiger | 0 | 84 |
| C. Updike | 8 | 72 |
| K. Wysham | 51 | 25 |
| K. Denniston | 21 | 5 |

### Football
**(2-0 NESCAC)**

| | W | L | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amherst | 2 | 0 | 54 | 6 |
| Middlebury | 2 | 0 | 65 | 10 |
| Trinity | 2 | 0 | 66 | 40 |
| **Tufts** | **2** | **0** | **59** | **27** |
| Bowdoin | 1 | 1 | 34 | 44 |
| Wesleyan | 1 | 1 | 20 | 33 |
| Bates | 0 | 2 | 20 | 59 |
| Colby | 0 | 2 | 0 | 61 |
| Hamilton | 0 | 2 | 16 | 34 |
| Williams | 0 | 2 | 54 | 74 |

| **Rushing** | **Att.** | **Yds.** | **Avg.** | **TD** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| B. Ricketson | 20 | 136 | 2.7 | 1 |
| C. Guild | 24 | 118 | 1.9 | 1 |
| W. Forde | 27 | 73 | 3.0 | 3 |

| **Passing** | **Pct.** | **Yds** | **TD** | **INT** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| M. Russo | 42.1 | 314 | 3 | 2 |

| **Receiving** | **No.** | **Yds** | **Avg.** | **TD** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| D. Halas | 6 | 116 | 19.3 | 1 |
| S. Black | 5 | 103 | 20.6 | 1 |

| **Defense** | **Tack** | **INT** | **Sack** |
|---|---|---|---|
| T. Tassinari | 14.0 | 3 | 0 |
| A. Henke | 11.0 | 0 | 0 |
| T. Reynoso | 9.0 | 0 | 1 |
| S. Albertine | 8.5 | 0 | 1 |

### N.E. Div. III Women's XC
**(Oct. 1, 2007)**
**Points (first-place votes)**
1. Amherst, 100 (10)
2. Williams, 90
3. Keene State, 78
4. Middlebury, 69
5. Bowdoin, 58
6. MIT, 48
**7. Tufts, 37**
8. Conn. Coll, 27
9. Colby, 21
10. Trinity, 12

### NCAA Div. III Women's Soccer
**(Oct. 2, 2007)**
1. Wheaton (Ill.)
2. Messiah (Pa.)
3. College of New Jersey
4. WashU (Mo.)
5. Puget Sound (Wash.)
6. William Smith (N.Y.)
7. Wheaton (Mass.)
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**17. Tufts**

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**NL PLAYOFF PREVIEW**

# Between Chicago, Philly, Colorado and 'Zona, no clear favorite means the pennant is up for grabs

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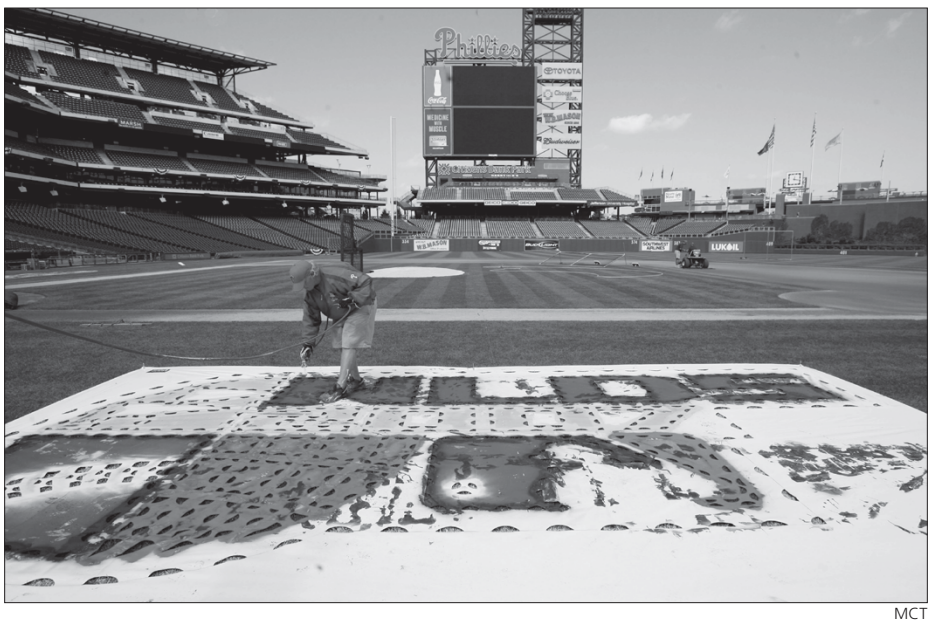

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Philadelphia's Citizens Bank Park is set to host a postseason game for the first time in its four-year history today. The Phillies won 13 of their final 17 games in the regular season, edging the New York Mets for the NL East title.

A year ago, the National League playoffs began with four teams — one 97-game winner and three others that limped into October amid the lowest of expectations — vying for a spot in the 2006 World Series.

The **New York Mets** were the clear frontrunners to win the NL pennant, with only three pretenders, the **St. Louis Cardinals**, **San Diego Padres** and **Los Angeles Dodgers**, standing in their way. But as it turned out, the Cardinals, winners of just 83 regular-season games and, to all outward appearances, one of the worst teams ever to make a postseason, emerged to shock the Mets in a seven-game NLCS and ride that momentum straight to a victory parade in November.

This year, the postseason begins with none of the NL's usual suspects in the mix. The **Arizona Diamondbacks** came out of the NL West with the league's best record and home-field advantage for Game 1 against the **Chicago Cubs**, while the **Colorado Rockies**, who beat San Diego in a 13-inning playoff to take home the wild card, are headed east to take on the **Philadelphia Phillies** today.

Not one of the four teams looks like a World Series champion on paper, but then again, neither did St. Louis a year ago. So naturally, the question becomes: What team is this year's Cardinals?

The Phillies, who rallied from seven games back of New York earlier this month to take the East, could certainly make a case. They are the owners of the league's best offense for the second straight season, and they open at home with a Colorado team that should be exhausted.

Reigning MVP Ryan Howard posted a 1.043 OPS and 11 home runs in September, willing his team to the postseason, while shortstop Jimmy Rollins rounded out his career year with 14 steals, six homers, five triples and four doubles for the month, completing his impressive 20-20-20-20 campaign. The Phillies' offense has never been stronger, but their 4.50 bullpen ERA is among the league's worst, and that won't get any better when the series moves to hitter-friendly Coors Field.

The Rockies head into the postseason as the hottest team in baseball, having won 14 of their last 15. Matt Holliday turned in an MVP-caliber season, hitting a league-best .340, while Todd Helton and Brad Hawpe led an excellent supporting cast. But just like the Phillies, the Rockies have a questionable pitching staff, as it remains to be seen whether Jeff Francis, Aaron Cook and Josh Fogg form a reliable playoff rotation.

The Cubs have the best pitching staff of the four teams, to which their 4.04 staff ERA can attest. Carlos Zambrano, Ted Lilly and Rich Hill should all be solid playoff starters, and while Ryan Dempster leaves a little to be desired in the closer role, 24-year-old Carlos Marmol is the best setup man you've never heard of.

The Cubs have the ultimate intangible on their side this October: it's their last chance to avoid a 100-year World Series drought, as they continue to search for their first title since 1908. But intangibles might not be enough against Arizona, owner of the league's best record — especially when the Cubs face the daunting task of hitting against ace Brandon Webb twice in a short series.

The Diamondbacks' lineup features a strong young nucleus of Conor Jackson, Mark Reynolds and Chris Young, infused with the veteran leadership of breakout star Eric Byrnes. Their league-best 90 wins this season were somewhat of an enigma, given that their offense is the league's third-worst — most of the youngsters aren't quite ready to be major league stars.

But this year's D-Backs have featured a strong bullpen and a knack for winning close games, which might mean they have exactly what it takes to find October success. As manager Bob Melvin looks for his first postseason win and the Cubs look for their third-ever World Series title, it should be an interesting October. With parity like this, anything can happen.

# Duo returns just in nick of time for postseason meets

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Although Beck's training is still limited, as her teammates head into next weekend's All New-England Championships at Franklin Park in Boston, they could not be happier with Beck's return. While the other half of Tufts' one-two punch, senior tri-captain Katy O'Brien, has been doing a phenomenal job leading the squad, getting Beck back into competition will undoubtedly provide a boost to the lineup in terms of both her physical skill and the leadership qualities she brings to the team.

"Her first workout with the team last week was awesome," Morwick said. "She's been a great off-the-field leader, but it's nice to have her out there."

"Even those couple hours I get to travel with the team for workouts are really exciting," Beck said. "I'm glad to be on my way back."

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Senior tri-captain Cat Beck has overcome a stress fracture in her right femur and is prepared to rejoin the women's cross country team in time for All-New Englands Saturday. Beck ran unattached in the Keene State Invitational Saturday, taking second in the race.

**EVANS CLINCHY | DIRTY WATER**

## *Rocky Mountain miracle*

Alright, I admit it. I kind of, sort of, somewhat, in my own special, obnoxiously condescending kind of way, enjoy National League baseball.

There, I said it. That's probably the hardest confession I've ever had to make. Good to get it over with.

Three weeks ago, I was almost completely oblivious to the pennant races developing in the senior circuit. The American League — you know, the one that puts the "major" in Major League Baseball — already had a set-in-stone playoff slate, and to me, that was all that mattered.

It was three weeks ago today that the Phillies and Rockies geared up for the stretch run with identical 76-69 records — marks that would leave them virtually eliminated from the AL wild card race, but in the NL, left them somewhat in the hunt. The Phils were seven games out in the NL East, while Colorado was six games back in the West, clinging to a third-place tie with the Dodgers.

A lot can change in three weeks. The Phillies watched as the Mets lost 10 of their last 15 games, and the Rockies won 14 of their last 15. And somehow, with a miraculous 13th-inning comeback over the Padres Monday night, the Rockies are on their way to Philadelphia for Game 1 of the NL Divisional Series.

I tuned in to Monday's playoff game at Coors Field mainly out of boredom — there was nothing else on, and I figured I might as well hear Don Orsillo try his hand at an NL game for a change. Yet somehow, I was glued to my TV for every pitch. I don't even have the attention span to watch an entire Red Sox game, unless it's the postseason or the Yankees are in town. Watching Jake Peavy duel Josh Fogg isn't quite atop my to-do list.

But even I had to admit, the drama that unfolded that night was a Cinderella story for the ages, easily better than any sports movie. Watching the Rockies, who have never won a postseason game in franchise history, fight for an October bid in front of 48,000-plus passionate fans was a refreshing change from the baseball I'm used to.

I found myself rooting for Fogg, who despite his 4.79 ERA had a chance to lead his team to the playoffs. For Todd Helton, a five-time All-Star who finally stamped his ticket to his first postseason game. And more than anything for Matt Holliday, the unlikeliest of MVP frontrunners, who clinched the batting title with an RBI triple in the 13th and then the wild card with a mad dash for home plate on a sac fly from Jamey Carroll.

In typical National League fashion, even the most beautiful of moments was downright ugly. Holliday missed the plate, Michael Barrett missed the tag, and the game ended in a bloody faceplant that left the two teams' fates in the hands of baffled umpire Tim McClelland. McClelland's delayed "safe" call notwithstanding, I'm pretty sure that the game still isn't technically over. I'm still waiting for either Holliday or home plate to be touched. I'll probably keep waiting forever.

But I'm a changed man. I'm not going to mock the senior circuit anymore — in fact, I might even watch the NL playoffs. After all, nothing's a more compelling story than a lovable loser, and it's not often that October brings you a matchup of Colorado, a team still looking for an October win, and the Phillies, losers of 10,028 and counting. This should be great.

I mean, come on. It's Jeff Francis' first career postseason start. Jeff Francis!

I've been waiting my whole life for this.

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# Kantos and Beck return from injury to boost cross country squads

BY CARLY HELFAND
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While the women's cross country team took the weekend off and the men posted a third-place finish at the Keene State Invitational, the real story this weekend was the comeback of a pair of runners that have been integral to the success of their respective teams throughout their time at Tufts.

Senior tri-captains Chris Kantos and Cat Beck both returned to racing this Saturday after hard work and dedication helped them overcome their respective injuries. The pair could not have returned at a more opportune time, as both teams are set to launch into the postseason with All-New England Championships next weekend.

Kantos, competing in his first race for Tufts in over a year, led the Jumbos by finishing fourth with a 26:49 clip for the five-mile course.

"It is always nice to have an athlete of Chris' caliber back in uniform," men's coach Ethan Barron wrote in an e-mail to the Daily. "But more importantly, it is nice to see a competitor like Chris back in uniform. It is difficult for an athlete and competitor like Chris to be held on the sidelines and not running beside his teammates. Some athletes are comfortable with being injured. Chris is not one of them."

Kantos, who took 18th at Div. III New England Regionals in 2005, last raced for the Jumbos during his sophomore campaign. He made the challenging choice to sacrifice his junior year and a year of his athletic career to study abroad in London.

"It was a very, very difficult decision to leave the team," Kantos said. "The more I thought about it, the more I really wanted to do it, but it was obviously very hard not to be here for them."

Though he may have been away from the team, Kantos was by no means away from competitive running. During his time overseas, he raced for both the University College in London and the University of London in preparation for his return to Tufts.

"I came back after I had been training all summer, and it's an understatement to say I was in the best shape of my life," Kantos said. "The workouts I had been doing were so far exceeding what I had done in my past, and I was so excited to come into the season."

But all did not go as planned for Kantos, as he suffered a deflating injury to a joint in his back about two weeks before the Jumbos started this fall's cross country season.

After weeks of cross training in the pool or on the bike and sessions with chiropractors and trainers, his fourth-place finish was a promising benchmark of his progress. Early success aside, however, Kantos is committed to returning to peak physical condition as fast as possible.

"Upon completion of the race, I had no pain, and in that sense it was very positive and I was happy," Kantos said. "But it's hard to be as happy as you possibly can be knowing you are capable of so much more.

"Running is so different than doing any sort of cross training," he continued. "It's sort of a day-by-day process — every day is so much better than the last. Even in terms of racing, this weekend in my mind will probably be my worst race of the season."

This weekend also marked Beck's return, as she joined the men as they traveled to Keene State. Competing for the first time since May, Beck ran unattached and posted an 18:41 mark to take second in the race behind Keene State senior Jennifer Adams.

"I think for her first race since May, it was a great performance," coach Kristen Morwick said. "We wanted her to go out a little more conservatively. [Adams] didn't gain any ground on her, which means she ran a sub-six-mile pace, which is really good. She tried to push a little at the end, and we were very pleased with that."

"It was a little scary to come back, but it was really exciting to get back out there and put on spikes again," Beck added. "It was kind of nice to run unattached and not feel any team pressure. I really had no idea where I was fitness-wise, and it was nice to be able to test the water with this weekend."

Beck first experienced pain in her right leg at the end of the outdoor track season, sticking it out to finish the year in grand fashion. After being diagnosed with a stress fracture in her right femur shortly before Div. III Nationals, Beck posted All-American times in both the 1,500- and 5,000-meter races before spending her offseason working to overcome the injury in time to salvage part of her senior cross country campaign.

"My running was just very restricted," Beck said. "I was getting back into it, and the pain really came back. I was very ner-

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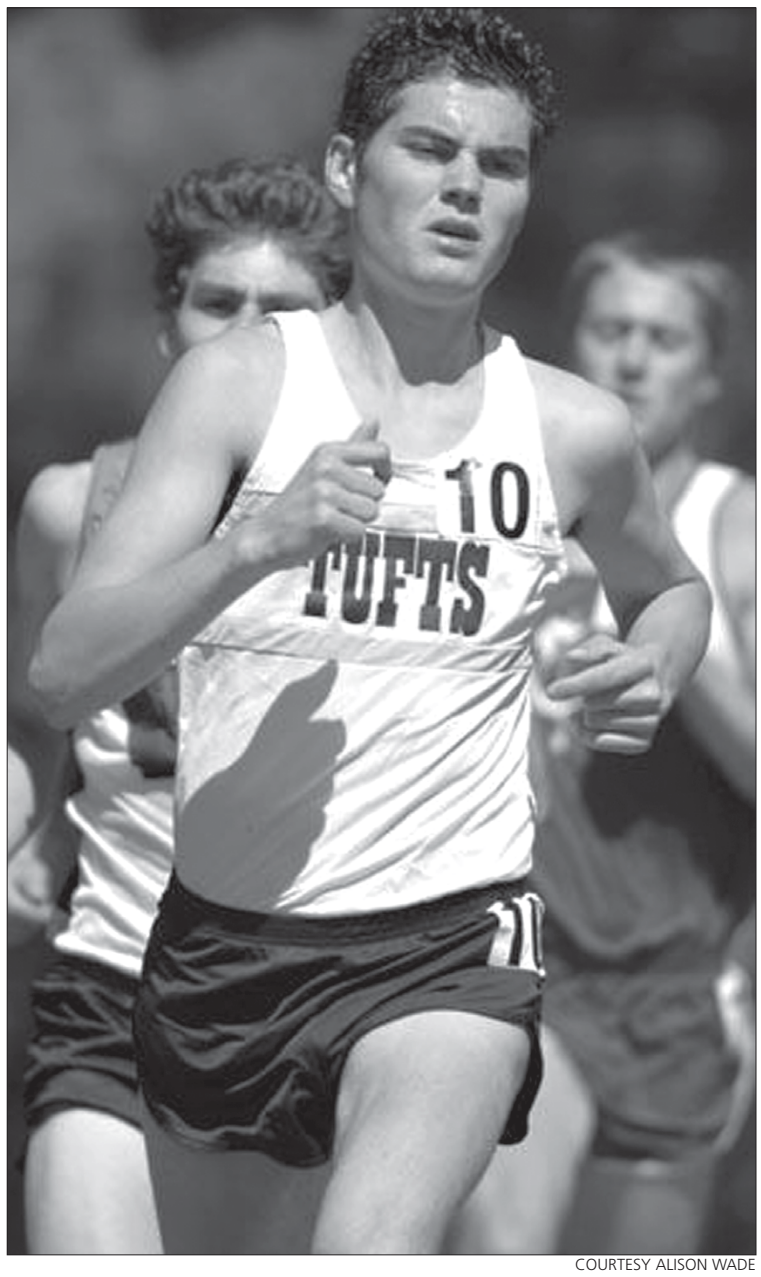


COURTESY ALISON WADE

Senior tri-captain Chris Kantos, competing in his first race in almost two years with the men's cross country team, led the way for the Jumbos at the Keene State Invitational, finishing fourth in 26:49.

## Linebacker Danshaw wins NESCAC Rookie of the Week award

The football team's freshman linebacker Brian Danshaw captured NESCAC Rookie of the Week honors for Week 2, as his defensive efforts helped lead the Jumbos to a 35-20 victory over Bates in Lewiston, Maine.

After a quiet collegiate debut against Hamilton in which he made just one solo tackle and one assisted, Danshaw had a breakout game against the Bobcats Saturday, recording five solo tackles including one for a three-yard loss. He came to life in the fourth quarter for the Jumbos, recording four of his five tackles in the game's final ten minutes.

Danshaw was part of a Tufts defense that harassed Bates senior quarterback Brandon Colon all day, holding him to 16-of-38 passing, sacking him four times and picking him off twice. Junior linebacker Andy Henke had a huge day for himself alongside Danshaw, leading the team with seven tackles, while sophomore safety Tom Tassinari added six.

Danshaw, a Coleyville, Texas native and an alum of the Heritage High School Panthers, comes from a competitive Class 5A football program. The Jumbos hope that Danshaw is the first of many productive recruits from the Texan high school football machine.

*—by Evans Clinchy*

SAILING

# Tufts sailors avoid catastrophe at Upper Mystic Lake

## Disaster strikes fleet, but Jumbo squad continues home winning streak with first place finish

BY PHILIP DEAR
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This past weekend was a bittersweet one for the Jumbo sailors, who won their second consecutive regatta at home, taking first place at the Central Series Three Regatta at Upper Mystic Lake.

Unfortunately for the Jumbos, the victory was somewhat overshadowed by two pairs of boats from other teams that collided into each other at full speed, causing thousands of dollars of damage to Tufts' fleet of Larks and cutting the regatta short.

The two collisions and various other minor incidents throughout the day resulted in extremely large holes that will require expensive and time-consuming repairs. In both collision incidents, the boats on the wrong side were disqualified for breaking the port-starboard rule, and both starboard boats were disqualified for failing to avoid the collisions.

Junior Dan Altreuter and senior Mika Green in Tufts' A Division boat, along with junior Hans Tiefenthaler and freshman Roisin Magee in the B boat, were unaffected by the collisions and went on to take the victory. With a combined score of 38 points, Tufts' No. 1 team crushed second-place University of Rhode Island, which collected 58 points overall. But Tufts' domination extended beyond the first pair of boats that won the regatta, as all four of its boats finished strong.

"In the first race, we finished one-two-three-four," sophomore Reeve Dunne said. "It was a really windy day, perfect conditions, which made it really fun to sail the Larks."

Conditions proved more daunting for some of the other teams, who lacked the same experience sailing in the lightweight Lark boats.

"We practice a lot and have a good deep roster," Dunne said. "We really just had lots of fun out there, and it paid off. You can tell that some of the other teams hadn't practiced as much. We always get all of our boats out on the water every day for practice."

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> Baker Potts
> **junior tri-captain**

In addition to the commanding performance at home, the Tufts team also found success at various other regattas around New England. At the Southern Series Three Regatta at Yale, Tufts came in second out of 13, beating out such rivals as Yale, URI and Connecticut College. Salve Regina, who accumulated 76 points on the day, edged the Jumbos by a single tally.

The Jumbos also had a winning performance at the Invite at Harvard, where Tufts' 34 points was enough to hold off the 13 other boats in their pursuit. In addition, senior tri-captain Kaity Storck led the charge at the Smith Trophy Regatta at MIT, where the Jumbos took third out of 28.

But the day wasn't all smiles for Tufts. Tri-captains junior Baker Potts and senior Meredith Ginley, along with seniors Mike Easton, Katie Greenlee and sophomore Nate Rosenberg, attended the Danmark Trophy Regatta at the Coast Guard Academy, placing 10th out of 20 with an overall score of 346 points in 34 races.

"The conditions were very unpredictable," Potts said. "It was hard to get up my boat speed sailing the FJs, plus the competition was really hard. There were kids from all over New England and the Mid-Atlantic region — kids we usually don't compete against.

"That, combined with the tough conditions, put us right back into practice mode, where we were just trying to focus on the basics like boat speed and handling," Ginley added. "It was a very good learning experience, but hopefully next time we'll do much better."

Next weekend, the Jumbos will look to continue their trend of success by sending teams to seven regattas around the Northeast, including the Storm Trysail College Big Boat regatta at Larchmont in J-105s, the Casco Bay Open at Bowdoin in Larks, and the Hap Moore Trophy team race at the Coast Guard Academy in 420s and FJs.

The team will also be represented at the New England Single-handed Championships at Boston College in Lasers, where sophomore standout Tomas Hornos will try to continue his unbeaten streak since his Snipe World Championship victory on Sept. 15.