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FAST-TRAC scholarship to provide support for underrepresented, low-income engineering students

by Tashwita Pruthi
Contributing Writer

The School of Engineering introduced FAST-TRAC, a new scholarship program created to help underrepresented and economically disadvantaged engineering students get Master's degrees, this fall.

The program will be funded by a five year, \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) as part of the NSF's Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (S-STEM) program, according to the NSF's website.

Starting this year, the program will fund multiple students in Tufts' combined Bachelor of Science-Master of Science (BS-MS) program, which allows engineering students to attain two degrees in five years rather than six, according to Darryl Williams, associate dean of undergraduate education at the School of Engineering.

Williams explained that the goal of this program is to transform the way that Tufts recruits and retains underrepresented and low-income students.

"We see this as an avenue to increase the level of access of the undergraduate programs at Tufts," Williams said. "What exactly are the changes we need to make in our own School of Engineering so that it really meets the needs and capabilities of all students?"

Students will apply for the scholarship the same way that students apply for the combined B.S.-M.S. program, according to Williams.

According to the School of Engineering's website, students apply for the combined degree program in the spring of their junior year. Those applying for the FAST-TRAC grant must meet criteria as underrepresented or



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School of Engineering Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education Darryl Williams poses for a picture on the Memorial Steps.

economically disadvantaged as described by the NSF, Williams said.

Karen Panetta, associate dean of graduate education at the School of Engineering, observed that a lot of Tufts

students wanted to further their educations or earn Ph.D.s, but were unable to do so because of financial constraints.

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Construction on Central Energy Plant continues after initial delay

by Daniel Caron
Contributing Writer

Construction of the new Central Energy Plant (CEP) will continue into 2017, several months after the originally projected completion date of summer 2016, according to Vice President for Operations Linda Snyder.

According to Randall Preston, director of the University Energy Project, construction of the CEP began in April 2015.

Construction was initially scheduled to begin earlier in the season, but the snowfall pushed the construction back to the end of April 2015, Snyder said.

According to a March 2015 Daily article, Preston projected that the CEP would be completed by the summer of 2016. At this time the plant is about 70-75 percent complete, according to Preston.

The project completion date has been delayed accordingly, Snyder said.

"We currently expect to get the occupancy certificate in January 2017 which is about three months later, maybe four months later than expected, and then we will start this lengthy commissioning process to bring the plant into operation," she said.

The current CEP energy plant is about 60 years old and is not very efficient, Preston said.

"The new Central Energy Plant will be more modern, maintainable and efficient," Preston said. "It will also improve our sustainability, reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by 14 percent for the Medford/Somerville campus on a yearly basis."

The construction of the CEP involves replacing and updating the infrastructure of the utility delivery systems underground, Snyder said. This work has allowed the construction team to improve other parts of campus, including an improved road and walkway outside of Braker Hall. The work also helped to improve drainage of the Academic Quad to prevent local flooding during rain storms, according to Snyder.

The CEP will also help utilities on the Medford/Somerville campus be more self-reliant, Preston said.

"[The CEP] can operate in an 'island mode,' completely separated from the grid, so that if there's a storm we can continue to operate," Preston said. "Currently, if we lose connection to the grid during the winter we can still produce steam at the old plant, but we cannot provide heating because we will not have electricity. The Central Energy Plant, on the other hand, will produce both electricity and steam, as well as distribute hot and chilled water."

The chilled water will provide cooling for buildings, replacing the outdated metal chillers that are presently outside many buildings, according to Snyder.

"The plant, when it's in operation delivering chilled water to the various academic buildings will be much quieter, much more reliable and better for the education[al] experience," Snyder said.

Almost all of the major equipment is installed in the plant, and now the construction team is in the process of connecting the equipment to delivery systems, Preston said.

According to Preston, many uphill buildings temporarily lost steam and hot water on Sept. 29, due to the construction needed to connect the CEP to underground delivery systems.

"As part of the utility upgrades, some steam pipes are routed in the basement of Miner Hall. Steam had to be shut down to work on those lines," Preston said.

Steam for Miner Hall, Tisch Library, Anderson Hall, Robinson Hall, Bray Laboratory, Bromfield-Pearson Hall and 520 Boston Ave. was closed off for most of the day, while other buildings lost access in the morning and at night, according to the Tufts Construction website. Brown and Brew, Carmichael Hall, Curtis Hall, Paige Hall and Tisch Library

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“I wanted to address this specific gap in the STEM education to get students to their M.S. degrees and not have finances prevent them from pursuing dreams of a graduate degree,” Panetta wrote in an email to the Daily.

Panetta said that many undergraduate students did not see a compelling reason to continue on to graduate school at Tufts because they did not know what the return on their investment of another year or two years of tuition would be.

As a result, Panetta came up with the idea of giving scholarships to low-income students to make it feasible for them to come back to graduate school and com-

plete the program in one year. This would allow students to get an M.S. quickly and cost-effectively, she said.

She contacted colleagues in the School of Engineering, including Williams, pitched the idea to them and received their assistance in writing a proposal.

Once a student has been accepted, they have to agree to participate in a training process that has been developed to support their experience, according to Panetta. The program has built-in mentorship, professional development, communication skills and other real world aspects, she added. This will give students a competitive edge that makes them well-rounded and ready to jump into the workforce

as immediate technical contributors, she noted.

“If students get this opportunity, learn to do research and get confidence that it doesn’t matter where you come from, and that a graduate degree and Ph.D. is within reach, we will see more diverse populations of future professors, researchers and entrepreneurs,” Panetta said.

According to Williams, FAST-TRAC is an important and timely project considering Tufts’ institutional goals regarding diversity and inclusion.

“My hope is that this program is not just based on the five-year award period of this grant, but that this is something we as an institution adopt because we value what it will enable us to do,” Williams added.

Power outages to reoccur as construction continues

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also lost access to steam that day. As those buildings rely on steam to heat water, they were unable to produce hot water, according to the Tufts Construction website.

Carmichael Dining Center had no access to hot water from 7-9 p.m. on Sept. 29, but was still able to continue to serve food, according to Director of Dining and Business Services Patti Klos.

“Typically if we experience a hot water outage we would switch from reusable dinnerware to disposable, because we would not have the ability to wash enough in time ... if guests come in,” Klos said. “We also have alternative means for hand-sanitizing and we have chemical means for pot washing.”

Steam was returned after that day’s construction was completed, Preston said.

The construction team tries to minimize the effects of these shutdowns by giving as much advance warning as possible and scheduling them for convenient times, according to Preston.

The construction team is planning some partial electrical shutdowns on Saturdays later



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A sign displaying an artist’s rendition of the finished Central Energy Plant in front of the current construction, pictured on Oct. 5.

in the fall, and is hoping to complete final electrical connections in January, Preston said.

“There will be more shutdowns, but at this point I cannot tell exactly when they will occur,” Preston said. “There is also a similar process for electrical work in order to shift from the old lines to the new ones.”

Overall, Snyder explained that even though the construction project will take more time

to complete, the CEP is being built with a high level of quality and care.

“When you’re stewards of the campus you have to look at the long goal, because you want the campus to exist for hundreds of more years,” Snyder said. “You want the work that you do today to contribute to that long history and create the best environment for learning and life that we can.”

Student group aims to provide support, connection for women in social sciences

by Kathleen Schmidt
Executive News Editor

A new student group, Women in the Social Sciences, formed this semester with the intent of connecting and empowering women studying the social sciences at Tufts.

According to group co-founder Eva Kahan, the group will have education, outreach and community committees and will look to provide its members with networking and career opportunities.

“We are hoping to form a cohesive, supportive community for women in the social sciences at Tufts that would ... provide mental, emotional [and] communal support by reaching out and connecting different women,” Kahan, a sophomore, said.

Co-founder Emily Ng explained that the community aspect of the group would focus on creating a space for women to talk with each other about classroom experiences and discrimination they have faced as women, while focusing on the academic aspects of those experiences.

“We’re hoping it’s a bit more academically-focused just because it’s super cool that women are into all these concepts and ideas in classes but we might not necessarily hear that on campus ... because a lot of times these conversations do tend to be male-dominated,” Ng, a sophomore, said.

Ng said that while many women study

the social sciences, they often do not speak up in class.

“There are tons of women in the social science classes, but we just don’t ... feel empowered through one another to maybe talk in class more or to ask questions more and things like that,” she said.

Along with supporting women during their time on campus, the group is looking to help students as they enter into their professional lives, according to Kahan.

“I think it could be seen on two timelines,” she said. “It can be seen on a timeline in terms of support here and in terms of pipelining.”

Kahan explained that support at Tufts could look like women in the club encouraging each other to participate more in class and setting examples for each other when they are in classes together.

“Having that community, just being able to look around you and think, ‘there are girls here ... who are smart and asking questions and we can all do this together,’ is really helpful,” Kahan said.

Kahan said she hopes the group will help more women attain positions of power in the social sciences down the road.

“In terms of pipelining, I mean the reason there [is a] seven to one male-to-female ratio in the Pentagon is that in times like this girls are kind of pressured out of, or silenced out of, classes about hard security,” Kahan said.

According to Kahan, women studying psychology, sociology, anthropology, peace and justice, political science, history, economics, area studies and various interdisciplinary studies would be included in the group.

“We have been talking a lot about scope because it’s an interesting question, and we don’t want to be exclusive, but I want there to be sort of a guiding direction,” she said. “I do I hope that this becomes ... a thing that is inclusive but has a purpose.”

According to Ng, Women in Social Sciences is working on how to be inclusive of a range of gender identities as well, which she says is an important goal of the group.

Kahan agreed, saying she looked forward to making progress on that front.

“That’s very much a thing that I, at least, do not feel like I’m an expert in, so I’ll be excited to learn from people,” she said.

Kahan said that the group has had a general discussion meeting two weeks ago to gauge what people’s interests were, and sent out a survey to evaluate which members would like to be part of which committees. The group is still in the process of being recognized by Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate, she added.

“Due to the TCU funding process and registration process we have no ability to get [TCU] funding for the first year, and so we are seeking out other opportunities to fund programming so we can start to serve the university as soon as possible,” she said.

History on the Hill: Tufts Hillel



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The path to the creation of the Granoff Family Hillel Center, pictured here, spanned decades,

by **Zachary Essig**
Contributing Writer

In the 1970s, there was no Granoff Family Hillel Center, no Rohr Chabad House and no other university-affiliated space for Jewish community members at Tufts. There was only a closet in the basement of Curtis Hall, to which students gained access by removing a refrigerator from it in order to turn it into an office for what was to become Tufts Hillel.

In the 1930s and 1940s, Tufts had strict quotas on the number of Jewish students admitted. According to an article written in Tufts Magazine's Winter 2015 edition, this policy was influenced by similar policies enacted at Harvard, limiting the admission of Eastern European Jews and Italian Catholics. Former Tufts College president John Albert Cousens (1919-1937) instituted quotas on students from specific ethnic groups in 1922, the same year as Harvard.

According to Rabbi Jeffrey Summit, Neubauer Executive Director for Tufts Hillel, policies began to change in the 1950s and 1960s. The 1970s were a decade filled with antiwar and anti-colonial protests at Tufts, as well as greater attention to issues of diversity. It was in this context that Tufts Hillel formed, he said.

"By the 1970s, there was a substantial Jewish population at Tufts, but Hillel had never been developed," Summit, who arrived at Tufts in 1979, said.

Tufts Hillel's first full-time director Moshe Waldoks began in 1974. While studying at Rabbinical school, Summit, who is now in his 38th year at Tufts, said that he was invited by Waldoks to take part in the growth of the Tufts chapter.

In 1979, he proceeded to take over as director of Tufts Hillel, which continued to be a relatively small operation.

"At that point, I had an office in Curtis Hall, and all of Hillel was a relatively small room," Summit said.

Aside from Summit, only one other part-time employee worked there, he said, and attendance at Hillel events was low.

"If we had 10 people here on a Friday night, that was a nice turnout," Summit said.

He emphasized that the small nature of Tufts Hillel was not a reflection of the wishes of the student body.

"Students wanted a vibrant Jewish community," he explained. "There had just never been one here."

Rob Hirsch (E '81) said he recalls the percentage of Jews among the student body when he was a student being similar to the number today, at approximately 25 percent, according to Tufts Hillel's website. However, many of the other Jewish students were not observant in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and so kosher dining options, Friday night Shabbat dinners and religious services were minimal, he said.

"From my arrival [at Tufts], I immediately found the problem of wanting to keep kosher and having no solution for that at Tufts, wanting services but having little options for that," Hirsch said.

After his first year at Tufts, Hirsch and a few other students petitioned the newly-formed Tufts Hillel and the university to establish a kosher kitchen in the Hillel office, which had since moved from the Curtis Hall basement to the building's second floor.

"We got an oven from the university and got a refrigerator from the university, but we supplied our own pots, pans and dishes," he said. "We formed a kosher kitchen with six people participating. We were self-managed, other than some equipment from the university."

These informal gatherings for Shabbat dinner soon grew into religious services, which were held in what is now Brown and Brew Coffee House. By the time Hirsch graduated, approximately 25-30 people were attending services and dinners.

"Dinner was held in the office and out into the hallway when necessary,"

he added. "We made a long table as far as we could."

Hirsch attributed much of Hillel's growth to Summit's arrival in 1979.

"He came with energy and with a mission," he said. "At that time, the fundraising was almost zero. He has grown that fundraising tremendously and made [Hillel] an important part of Tufts life."

According to Summit, in the 1990s, it became clear that Tufts was a university with a substantial Jewish population but still lacked an adequate Hillel center.

Summit said that other similar universities already had a Hillel center on campus. Harvard Hillel, for example, began in 1944 and moved to its own building in 1993.

A group of parents and alumni came together in 1994 to finally give Tufts' Jewish population a suitable Hillel center, Summit said, noting that Tufts was supportive of the center's construction, but did not fund it. Financed in part by the Granoff family, who also helped build the Granoff Music Center, Tufts Hillel as it stands today opened in 1995.

Since then, the program has continued to grow. According to Summit, about 60 percent of the Jewish students on campus are engaged with Hillel in some way. There are also students who do not identify as Jewish but still participate in some of Hillel's programming.

Hirsch, whose son is a junior at Tufts and whose two daughters also attended Tufts, said he has noticed a growth in the percentage of religious Jewish students at Tufts, particularly of Conservative Jews, since he was a student. He believes this is due to the stronger presence of Tufts Hillel.

"Having a Hillel sponsored and run Shabbat and services has attracted more Conservative Jews to Hillel than previously," he said. "It's interesting to me that it still did not attract an Orthodox component. I think ... [the fact] that

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Amanda Lillie
Maintaining
Your Tuftsanity



Take a breather

In the last week or so, campus has undergone a significant atmospheric shift. It may have snuck right under your nose in the oh-so-subtle way that it does, as the leaves slowly change and the temperature drops just enough to make you question why you didn't bring more sweaters. This is Boston after all; why wouldn't the sun go into hibernation far too soon and without warning? While on the surface we all have smiles painted on our faces, there are underlying tones of impending panic. For alas, 'tis the season of midterms.

It comes in many forms, this seasonal change. For some, it simply means a semester-long head cold, the kind where you're still perfectly capable of going about your day (as long as you don't mind hacking up a lung at least twice a lecture then spontaneously losing your ability to breathe through your nose). For others, it means spending so much time in Tisch that you question whether paying for housing makes any sense; the only time you spend in your room is to exchange one textbook for another, and the desks at the reading room are beginning to look more and more like beds anyway. Of course, then there are those inexplicable freaks of nature who float casually on by as though unfazed by the chaos. Having never been one of those people, all I can do is applaud them.

The secret to getting through it all, regardless of how calm you make yourself out to be, is to take a second to stock up on some good ol' O2. Regardless of the amount of coolness (or lack thereof) you feel, it never hurts to take a breather once in a while. In the wise words of Tom and Donna from Parks and Recreation, "treat yo' self." Though these hectic weeks often don't allow enough time for a day off, I'd be willing to bet there's an hour hiding somewhere in that crazy week you're having to give to yourself. You just have to be willing to find it.

Need help getting the ball rolling? (Or should I say, getting it to stop for a second?) Check out Urig Family Gardens and Terrace, a super-secret campus spot with a circular stone bench built in such a way that if you stand in the very center of it and speak, you are the only person who can hear the echo. Someone standing just five feet away won't hear the reverb coming straight back at you. If you're feeling a little insane, as in insane enough to go talk to yourself in public, it might just be worth it. Go tell yourself that it's all going to work out, because we all know having other people tell you isn't going to convince you. Call me crazy, but it might just do the trick.

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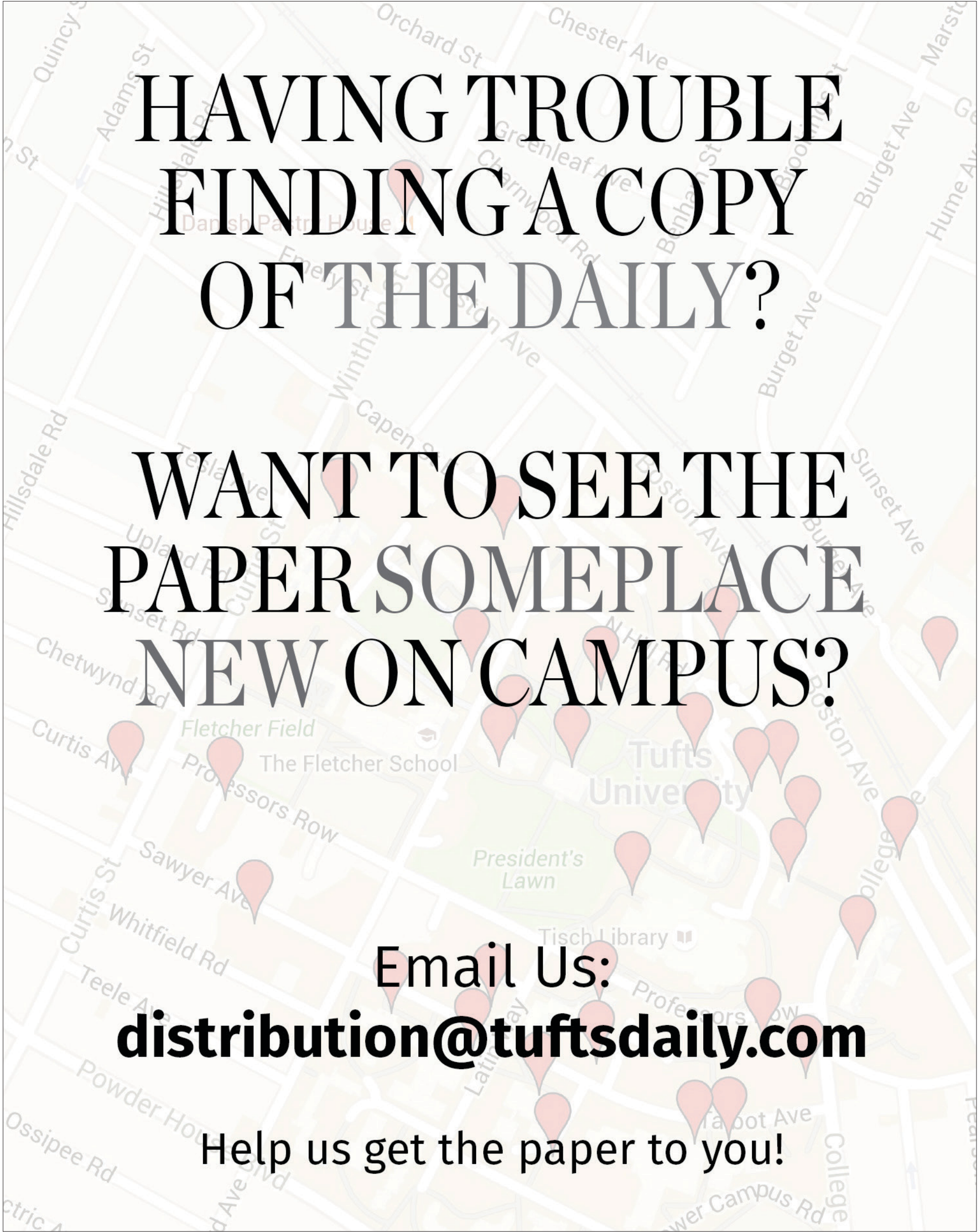
Tufts Hillel: from Curtis Hall basement to Granoff Family Hillel Center

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Hillel is Reform and Conservative-centric makes an Orthodox Jew not want to look at Tufts.”
Even though the percentage of Conservative, Orthodox and practicing Jews in general was small when he was a student, he recalled that certain events, such as major Jewish holidays, attracted even nonobservant Jewish students.
“We had services on the High Holidays and on Purim, because it was a drinking

holiday,” he said. “What more do college students like to do than drink? And it was legal then. So ... there was more widespread religious observances [on holidays in which] almost all Jews participated in some way.”
Since its inception, Summit said Tufts Hillel has undergone many changes in programming.
“A major [recent] change has been our realization that we don’t want to only program for the students who get involved and connect naturally to Jewish life,”

Summit said. “We want to develop programming that will appeal to students who have not yet explored their Judaism, but want to explore it.”
Senior Harry Weissman, who is the president of Tufts Hillel, said Hillel is working to be more intentional about its programming and ensure that students involved with Hillel are excited about the events they are planning and attending.
“It’s ... this theme of programming with purpose, which is something we are really

trying to drive home this year,” he said. “Not programming because you have to, but programming for something you are personally passionate about or think the community will be passionate about and enjoy. The idea is that our programs will be better because people planning them will be more passionate about them, and also it’s better for the community, because individuals now have a better way to really actively participate in what goes on at Hillel.”
Miranda Willson contributed reporting on this article.



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Streaming services and students: the allure of binge-watching

by John Fedak
Contributing Writer

With its recent renewal for a second season, “Stranger Things” (2016) is poised to join an already extensive lineup of formidable titles, including “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” (2015-present), “Narcos” (2015-present), “BoJack Horseman” (2014-present) and others. Looking back, then, it is astounding to realize that ten years ago, the idea of a service that streamed content to its viewers was something of the future, a possibility but not yet a realized dream. Netflix still shipped DVDs to subscribers, Blockbuster still had thousands of stores in operation and cable TV was very much alive and kicking.

Just one decade later, the future has arrived and the tables have turned. Netflix is now present in over a third of homes with cable, there are a plethora of options that put television at the viewer’s fingertips and according to USA Today, 2015 saw seven of the top-ten basic cable networks report a decline in prime-time viewership. The age of television on the internet is undeniably upon us.

The social ramifications of online TV are still uncertain, but this much is known: binge-watching, where a viewer watches at least three episodes in a row, is becoming more and more common. This habit is especially present among college students. A study from the Texas Tech University reports that nine out of 10 American college students use Netflix, and 68 percent of these students binge-watch shows (compared to only 11 percent who binge-watch TV marathons).

It seems easier for college students to default to this style of online viewing,

and there is an expectation that because you can watch shows on your phone or laptop by yourself for long periods of time, you should. Watching Netflix in bed by yourself is not viewed as out of the ordinary on college campuses. Quite the opposite, in fact; Netflix themselves state that their members are increasingly choosing to binge-watch their way through a series, averaging an entire season per show in just one week. The company even proclaims that binge-watching is the new normal, and this trend is evidently agreed upon.

Yet why is such a practice regularized, and why does it predominantly affect college students? As with most aspects of technology, convenience is likely the culprit. The trade-off of having something available wherever, whenever is that people take this advantage to the extreme. It is ridiculously easy to give yourself a quick Netflix study-break, only to find yourself hours deep into a marathon. It doesn’t help that many streaming services have features like auto play, that starts one episode right after the previous one has finished. The push towards binge-watching is a perfect storm of captivation and convenience, with a system that draws the user in and then makes it easy for them to continue watching.

No one can deny that Netflix and other services are also actually pushing superior content. From the ever-popular “House of Cards” (2013-present), which is currently renewed for a sixth season, to the aforementioned “Stranger Things,” which was renewed for a second season specifically because of its immediate critical acclaim, Netflix Originals often feature acclaimed actors in intriguing roles. These original shows cover a wide range of genres, featuring

characters that college students can relate to, ensuring that there is something for everyone. Netflix knows what people want, and it knows how to regularly put out good content.

A recent example of this is “Marvel’s Luke Cage” (2016), which is the latest addition to the Marvel Cinematic Universe. What makes this show so timely, however, is that it comes at a time when the issue of police brutality is being examined in the United States, and Luke Cage, the show’s eponymous character, is an invulnerable black man that gets frequently shot at while dressed in a hoodie. As actor Mike Colter recently said in an interview with NPR, “It’s a difficult subject but I felt like what we’re doing with the show is saying there can be some heroes in hoodies.”

With quality, relevant shows such as this, there is a reason that streaming services are so successful; they only become a problem when people begin isolating themselves from the world, when all students do is binge-watch by themselves. In moderation, the advent of TV on the internet is not something bad, but something to be admired, something that can fit into the lives of busy people. It is certainly capable of fitting into the lives of busy students. So the next time you decide to binge-watch the latest and greatest hit, consider inviting a friend (or three). Boot up your laptop, enjoy its hypnotic, radiating light in the presence of others, and use the convenience of modern technology to re-connect with those around you over common interests and discuss the world around you.

And, of course, from time to time, binge-watch that new show everyone is talking about (and yes, that new show is “Marvel’s Luke Cage.”)

Parker Selman
All in Good Taste



Mr. Bartley’s review

My roommate Ana and I are enticed by the “Best in Boston” signs outside the door of Mr. Bartley’s Gourmet Burgers in Harvard Square and are immediately sold once we enter the one-room restaurant. The eclectic space is littered with posters and knick-knacks making it a cross between a dorm room and a 1960s diner. Along the front of the restaurant is a counter where servers yell burger orders to short order cooks. I feel like I’ve stepped back in time. I see that there are cards all around the eatery boasting famous clientele, including Jackie Onassis, Bob Dylan and Shaq.

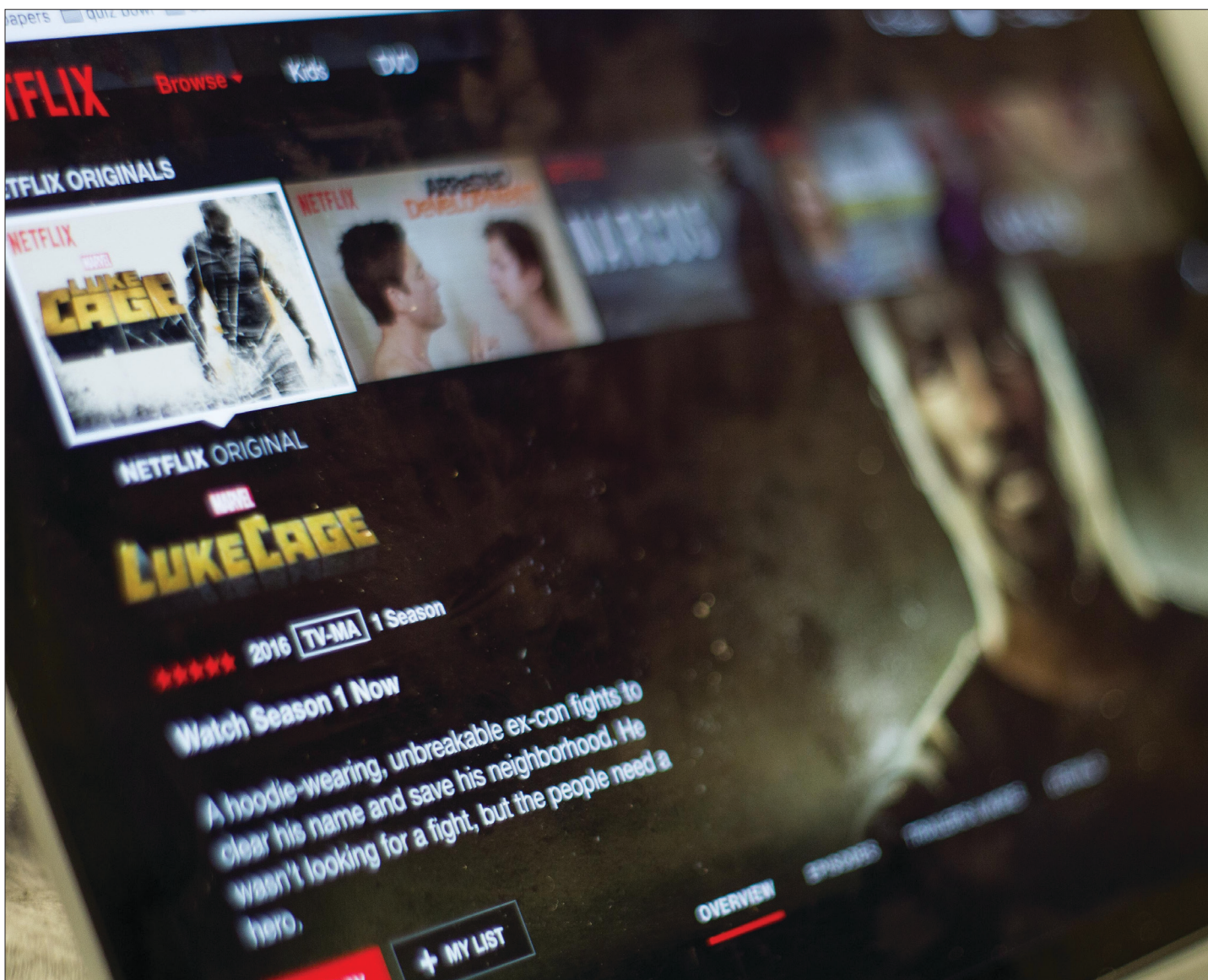
The menu is completely overwhelming with over 30 different gourmet burger options. Each is seemingly more complex than the last. The burgers have catchy names that typically contain pop-culture references such as the “Next President: God Help Us” and the “Taxachu\$ett\$.” The beef can be substituted with a turkey, chicken, black bean or veggie patty. The remainder of the menu is chock-full of fattening appetizers like fried pickles, homemade onion rings and sweet potato fries, as well as sandwiches and wraps. The sandwiches are named after colleges in the Boston area (and YES, there is a Tufts which consists of grilled chicken, pineapple and teriyaki sauce!), and the wraps are all named after various celebrities who have dined at Mr. Bartley’s in the past. The back page is entirely dedicated to inventive frappes. If there are any other confused Midwesterners out there, it turns out a frappe is just a milkshake.

As soon as the friendly waitress comes around to collect our drink orders, I enthusiastically ask for a chocolate fudge brownie frappe with an added banana. After poring over the menu and struggling to decide what to get, we ordered two orders of sweet potato fries. I opt for “The Suffolk,” which is essentially a grilled cheese sandwich with a fried egg, while my roommate chooses “The Rio Olympics,” a burger with bacon and ghost pepper mac and cheese.

When the food comes, we dig in. The frappe honestly surpasses my expectations. The fudge brownie and banana flavors mix impeccably. My sandwich is good, but I am too focused on the incredible frappe and fries to finish it. When we stop to take a breath, I ask Ana if the burger lives up to the large “Best Burger in the USA” poster hanging over the counter. She is so entranced by the concept of mac and cheese on a burger, which she describes as “so extra ... in a good way” that she is able to eat half of her burger before surrendering to the spice.

Mr. Bartley’s is only two T stops away, and it is absolutely worth the short trip. The frappes are mind-blowingly good, and the fries are a must-have. Though the menu is vast almost to the point of confusion, if you’re in the mood for a burger or a sandwich it’s a perfect stop, and the ambience inherently makes for a great experience. I felt transported back in time during my lunch.

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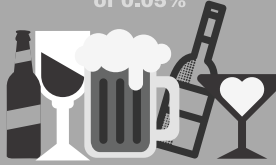
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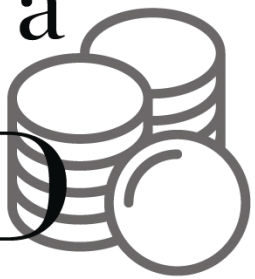
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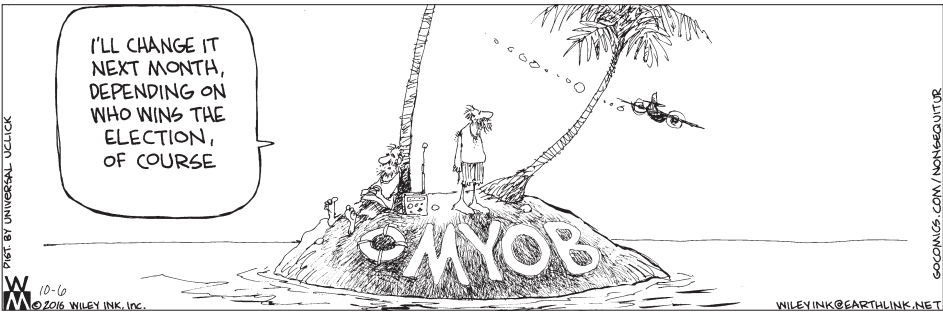
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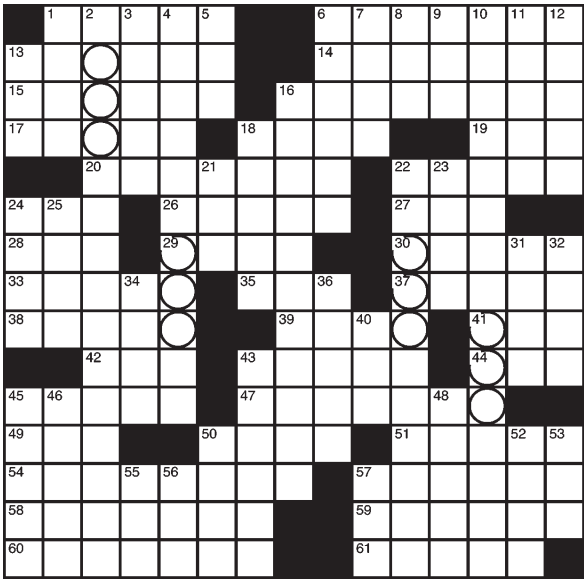
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- 39 Chips source
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By C.C. Burnikel

10/8/15

Wednesday’s Solution

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- 56 It covers a lot of ground
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OPINION

POINT-COUNTERPOINT

Need Blind Admissions at Tufts

{ ‘Point-Counterpoint’ juxtaposes two opposing perspectives on polarizing issues and debates. The following responses, written by the Daily’s opinion section, address two sides of the debate on need-blind admissions at private universities. }

In Favor of Need-Blind Admissions

As a liberal university community, most Tufts students would agree that one’s family income and wealth should not be a determining factor in their ability to attend Tufts. Certainly, equity for students of lower socioeconomic status is a goal that Tufts strives for. The Tuition and Fees page on Tufts’ website declares, “Tufts University is proud to meet 100% of the full demonstrated need of all admitted students.” That goal is a virtuous one, but what about all the students who don’t make the cut? That is, how many students are barred admission from our university because of their inability to pay tuition?

For years, Tufts has maintained that the number is low. In April 2009, the Daily reported that the admissions office used need-blind review for almost 95 percent of applications, while taking into account financial need for the final 850 applicants when potential financial aid had run out. Essentially, the applicants who happened to be at the bottom of the pile were arbitrarily assessed by a different set of standards from the rest. Why should we force students from less wealthy backgrounds to be victims of circumstance? That last five percent of applicants faced a level of scrutiny that the other 95 did not.

But let’s set aside the “unfairness” argument, as this problem is apparent to almost anyone examining the issue. Two of the major arguments against need-blind admissions are that it is unfeasible and too costly. How legitimate are those claims? Sure, Tufts has a finite endowment that it is always trying to maximize through investment. But class size is not a fixed number. Were Tufts truly committed to socioeconomic equality, the admissions office would, in 2009 for example, have created more stringent requirements for admission, reducing class size by enough to make the process need-blind through and through. Certainly, changing class size drastically is potentially problematic for colleges, but if small decreases could increase economic parity in our university, that is a reasonable goal for Tufts admissions to consider.

One should also consider how need-blind admissions can be advantageous for the entire university, benefitting both the student community and Tufts’ reputation as an academic institution. First, need-blind policies create a true meritocracy in admissions, as those who gain admission are truly the most qualified candidates — not simply those who are willing and able to pay. This, in turn, means that the academic quality of the average student increases, not only engendering an improved intellectual environment, but also boosting Tufts’ academic reputation.

Beyond that, having non-need-blind admissions also has a potentially chilling effect on less wealthy students. Need-aware policies can deter economically disadvantaged individuals from applying in the first place, as students may fear that the institutions are unwelcoming to those of lower socioeconomic status, and that their rejection is a foregone conclusion. Finally, schools that have transitioned to need-blind admissions have found the policy to be an effective tool for bolstering ethnic, socioeconomic and geographic diversity, a goal Tufts also claims is at the forefront of its agenda.

Why should we force students from less wealthy backgrounds to be victims of circumstance?

If Tufts has to take relatively small steps to close the gap from 95 percent need-blind to 100 percent, the benefits would undoubtedly outweigh the costs. By taking a completely need-blind approach to admissions, we can create a more inclusive, more meritocratic and more diverse student body, something that we can all celebrate.

Against Need-Blind Admissions

Need-blind admissions is an honorable goal, but ultimately an unrealistic one. Universities with finite endowments simply cannot afford to disregard students’ tuition-paying abilities while maintaining the financial stability and academic standards of their institution. The reality is that if Tufts does go need-blind, the university will face severe financial strains, potentially forcing admissions to account for applicants’ financial capabilities in more clandestine — and even discriminatory — ways.

Diversity at Tufts is something we all want to strive for. But a need-blind admissions policy, at our current endowment level, is simply unsustainable.

To start, let’s examine the necessity of considering financial need with a hypothetical situation. First, imagine that Tufts completely disregards financial need during this year’s round of admissions, and within the applicant pool, 100 percent of students are unable to afford full tuition. When the Class of 2021 is announced, financial aid officers scramble, unable to provide grants to cover financial need for all students. Instead, those students are forced to take out loans, and Tufts’ endowment is spent mostly on financial aid rather than academic quality.

This example is hyperbolic, of course, but the idea still stands: going need-blind poses a great risk for our university’s finite budget. One may propose that we instead raise tuition for those who can afford to cover grants for less wealthy students, akin to price discrimination that some claim already occurs in colleges and drives up tuition. This proposal is not only cyclical — higher tuition means more people need aid,

leading to even *higher* tuition — but it also generally has a chilling effect on all but the wealthiest of students. Tufts’ tuition is already one of the highest in the country, and raising it further would only deter more non-wealthy prospective students from applying.

It is clear that few adaptive options would be very appealing to the university should we switch to fully need-blind admissions; either the university is forced to give *less* aid to students as we take on more financial need than is built into the budget; spend *more* on aid and less on overall academic quality at Tufts; or raise tuition further to cover financial aid and protect academic spending.

Without a favorable option, admissions could be forced to resort to a “de facto” need-aware admissions policy, using non-financial measures to identify candidates that wouldn’t be as costly to admit. This could mean using “legacy” status as an approximation for wealth, which would give an unfair admissions advantage to white students, whom — based on Tufts’ demographic makeup — are far more likely to have legacy than students of color. SAT and AP scores, both of which correlate strongly with income, could be valued more strongly to the end of lowering costs. This also has the potential to impact racial and ethnic diversity, as students of color are far less likely to take AP exams, and less likely to score highly on the exams. And ultimately, because these approximations are just that — approximations — it means that *more* low income and minority students could be screened out by admissions, only worsening the problem at hand.

Diversity at Tufts is something we all want to strive for. But a need-blind admissions policy, at our current endowment level, is simply unsustainable. Unless students are willing to embrace tuition hikes, less academic funding or less financial aid for students, need-blind admissions has the potential to *worsen* discrimination towards students of lower socioeconomic status during the admissions process. Unfortunately, for the time being, completely need-blind admissions isn’t a feasible possibility at Tufts, where money is a valuable and limited resource.

“What the hell do you mean, you forget how you got up there?”



NOAH KULAK

Anna Sossenheimer
Jumping Hurdles



Keeping clean

Last night, my housemate accidentally put dish soap in the dishwasher instead of actual dishwashing detergent. One hour of chaos, wet socks, laughter and foam ensued, along with a very spotless kitchen. A word of advice to all aspiring, trying-to-be-functional-adults: don't ever put dish soap in your dishwasher. It will create more soap suds than you could ever want — even in your bubble bath — and these suds will proceed to spill out of the machine and flood the kitchen floor. You'll then have to frantically Google “how to fix a dishwasher,” while your housemate attempts to pile towels under the soapy waterfall to stop the flooding (to no avail, of course). Turns out, to stop the flood, you have to completely empty the machine, scoop out all the soap bubbles and then dump salt and vinegar (not the chips, unfortunately) all over the bottom of the dishwasher. It's a pain in the butt, that's for sure.

But, in dark times — like those of an explosive dishwasher — there is always a bright side. The soap all over the floors inspired me to deep clean my whole kitchen, since I pretty much had the floors mopped at that point. So I swept, scrubbed and vacuumed until the kitchen looked like it came right out of a catalogue. It took much longer than I expected because our kitchen was grimy — although it didn't look like it on the surface level. It made me wonder if the kitchen had ever been deep cleaned in all the time people have lived there. Seriously.

How come nobody cleans their house in college? It really isn't that hard — a little sweeping here, a little dusting there and just like that, a house can transform into a place of cleanliness and refuge. I'm learning that if I do just one chore every day, my house can stay comfortable and livable, and I won't have to wear shoes all the time for fear of stepping in yesterday's spill or the dirt someone tracked in. A clean home is a happy home; decluttering and keeping tidy is a surefire way to keep stress levels down and we Tufts students definitely need all the destressing we can get.

This goes for dorm rooms too — nothing stressed me out more than having my one space on campus be cluttered and dirty, especially since dorm rooms are already so tiny. Keeping my desk clear, rug vacuumed and bed made gave me sense of control and peace.

College is crazy and stressful and we are constantly bombarded by events and activities happening every second. It is important to have a place to escape to decompress and take some alone time. This is why a clean room or a clean house can be so helpful — it makes your space a place where you can truly unwind, without feeling overwhelmed or stressed out by the mess around you.

Keep it clean, folks. It's easier than you think.

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Editors’ Challenge | Week 5

Guess who’s back? Back again. Phil “the Goldstein Imposter” Goldberg is back, still tied for fifth. That’s right, interim writer Zach “Sticky Chicken with Asian Slaw” Hertz posted a subpar eight correct picks out of 15 matchups, although he is still tied for first with Maclyn “Apple Fluffernutter” Senear and Evan “Bread” Sayles. Rounding out the bottom of last week’s picks were our guests: Vegetarian Managing Editor Jake “Pigs in Blanket” Taber and football coach Jay Civetti managed only seven correct picks last week, as Taber intentionally picked against the grain and Civetti was betrayed by his insider NFL contacts. Representing the sports section, editor Eddie “Vegan Falafel” Samuels and I posted contest leading 10s, narrowing the gap between top and middle.

This week, our esteemed coaching guest is women’s cross country and track and field coach Kristen Morwick. A die-hard Patriots fan, this “New Englander” surprised us by being the only competitor to select the San Francisco 49ers to beat the Arizona Cardinals. Personally, the fact that our undergraduate guest, Executive Photo Editor Max “Roast Beefalo” Lalanne, and I were the only ones to select the Lions against the rolling Eagles has me worried. David “Half Sour” Westby maintains that he will make a comeback for the ages, but with bye-weeks in full swing and his falling further and further down the standings, we in the Daily office are not convinced. That said, there was minimal pick diversity this week as everyone picked Minnesota, New England, Baltimore and Carolina to win. Let our oblong balls bounce favorably, may we pick the winningest teams and may Eddie fall back to last place.

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Hamilton forces 2-2 tie with Tufts



Midfielder Nathan Majumder attacks before scoring his first goal on Oct. 10, 2015.

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MEN'S SOCCER

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for the rest of regular time, and despite two overtimes, neither team was able to finish their chances. At the end of the game, the Hamilton bench seemed happy to come away with a tie, but for Tufts it was disappointing to have given up two leads.

“Maybe our concentration coming out of Saturday wasn’t quite right, our legs were heavy, we weren’t active enough, we weren’t moving well enough and we weren’t solving it with our voices,” head coach Joshua Shapiro said. “We were a little bit behind the ball on Sunday and got punished for it even though we started pretty well. It is hard, [during] the fourth half of the weekend, to have the energy and legs to really drive forward and create chances.”

Saturday was a different story for Tufts. No. 16 Amherst is the reigning NCAA Div. III champion and Tufts had not defeated them in over ten years — even during its own NCAA championship season in 2014. Tufts had to focus on Amherst’s attacking unit, as its height and physicality was difficult to defend.

“For the first time, we have some guys who look like that ... You can train [sophomore defender] Jackson Najjar and [first-year forward] Joe Braun who are that type of guy, and it can simulate what you’re going to be dealing with a little bit better,” Shapiro said. “We also

have those guys to help negate them. Jackson Najjar coming into our midfield was really able to challenge their giant kid in the midfield and make that more of a draw rather than a one-sided competition.”

Amherst senior midfielder Andrew Orozco, who is 6’6”, attempted two header shots within the first 15 minutes. But the combined forces of Najjar, who stands at 6’5”, and Braun, 6’4”, managed to keep Orozco under control for the remainder of the game.

“Against Amherst you always know that you’re going to have to defend your penalty box really well,” said Shapiro. “They play a style that demands your total concentration because they put so many balls in that area. We’ve frankly been almost bullied by them in the past, but the guys were up for the challenge of being really competitive on the day.”

In the 17th minute, senior forward Gaston Becherano, Tufts’ top scorer this season, was able to put the rebound from Zach Halliday’s shot into the goal. Just 14 minutes later, junior defender Matt Zinner scored an unassisted goal on a shot on the bottom left corner, beating Amherst junior goalie Lee Owen. Zinner was making his return from a 10-day injury hiatus, and his presence as a starting defender helped bolster the back with both skill and experience.

In the second half, senior co-captain Nate Majumder made his return to the field after being sidelined

for the past six weeks with a concussion. With five minutes left in the game and the Jumbos up 2-0, first-year midfielder/forward Gavin Tasker sent the ball to Majumder who scored his first goal of the season in the 85th minute.

Majumder, who was the NESCAC’s second highest scorer last season with 11 goals, is excited to get back onto the field with his team.

“The biggest factor that we talk about is scoring the first goal in the game,” Majumder said. “We know that if we can score the first goal, we can force the other team to come out of their shell. Scoring the first goal [against Amherst] and then the second goal right after forced them to bring a lot of numbers forward, leaving them very exposed.”

The weekend was a strong contrast to the Jumbos’ 1-0 loss to a last-place in the NESCAC Wesleyan team on Sept. 27. Tufts’ main goal now is to establish consistency going into the second half of the season and take the season game by game rather than look to the NESCAC or NCAA tournaments.

The Jumbos look ahead to Saturday when they will travel to face the Middlebury Panthers, who are currently second in the NESCAC with a 3-0-2 conference record and a 6-0-2 overall record. Middlebury is the only team in the conference that has not yet lost a game, but with Tufts playing well against two of the other top teams in the NESCAC, the matchup will likely be a tough battle for both teams.

Vinny Donofrio

Vinny’s Variety Pack



Week 5, the Brady bunch

Well, I hope you’re happy, Goodell. Deflategate was a disaster, but at least most of the football world got something out of it: NO TOM BRADY! What a great plan that turned out to be. The Pats are 3-1 and the chosen one returns this week. Look out, football world: Brady’s back and he’s about to set the league on fire.

**Tom Brady, QB,
New England Patriots**

Woah! Who saw that one coming? Tom Brady returns from his four-game suspension this week to face the Cleveland Browns — the best worst team in the NFL. Do I really need to say anything else? Do your job, Brady.

**Melvin Gordon, RB,
San Diego Chargers**

Gordon has been a touchdown fiend in his second year as the primary back, racking up six through four games. He has a juicy matchup against the Raiders who have allowed over 120 yards and a touchdown to RBs each of the last three weeks. Keep that touchdown streak going, Melvin.

**Odell Beckham Jr., WR,
New York Giants**

Odell is currently the 36th best fantasy wide receiver through four weeks in standard formats. You might be asking yourself, what the hell is going on? Well, let me tell you. As a Giants fan, I watch every game with baited breath in the hopes that one day my team won’t be absolute garbage. I’m still holding my breath. The Giants play-calling has been god-awful so far, throwing more passes under five yards than over. The silver lining: the Green Bay Packers have allowed the second most points to fantasy wide-outs this season, and Odell is coming off a 23-yard performance, his lowest ever. This better change week five against the Packers, otherwise I may suffocate.

**PPR: Mike Evans, WR,
Tampa Bay Buccaneers**

Mike Evans is the most targeted receiver through the first quarter of the season. He is going against the shell of a defensive juggernaut — the Carolina Panthers. Don’t let the name or past accolades fool you. The Panthers secondary may as well be starting me as a cornerback. They gave up 300 yards to Julio Jones last week. That isn’t a typo. Evans is going to do his damndest to follow up on that one.

**Rob Gronkowski, TE,
New England Patriots**

Is anyone else excited to watch Gronk destroy the Browns? No? Only Gronk owners and Pats fans? Eh, I’ll take it. This matchup is a dream come true for Gronk, going up against a terrible Cleveland D that just gave up two touchdowns to Jordan Reed last week. The only difference is that this is Rob Gronkowski and he has arguably the best QB of all time throwing the ball to him. This is going to be a Gronking to Remember.

Patriots D/ST

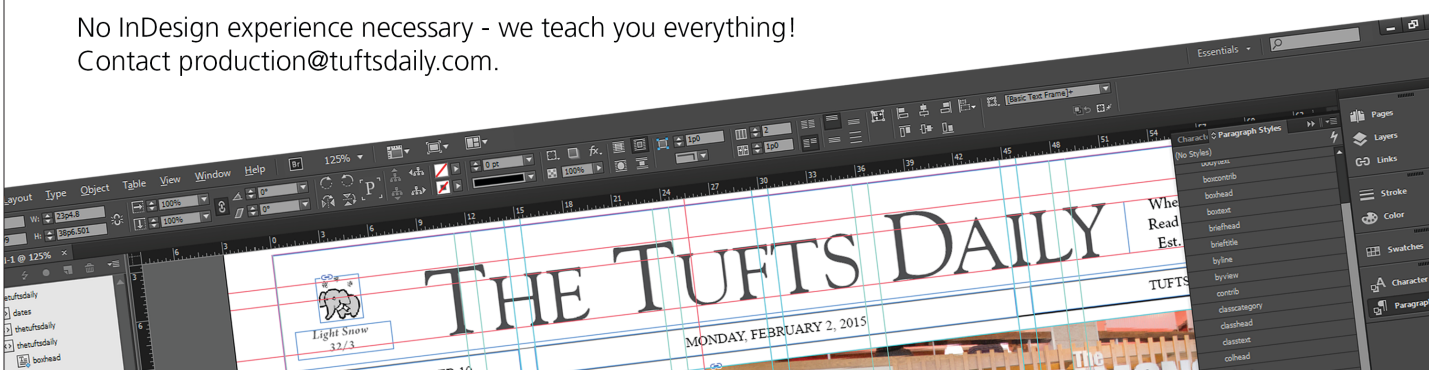
The Patriots won three straight games because of their defense, all of which were against much better teams than the Browns. Brady is back, meaning that the D will have some valuable rest and recovery time between possessions. Watch out, Cleveland.

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SPORTS

MEN'S SOCCER

Jumbos earn historic victory over Homecoming weekend

by Maddie Payne
Sports Editor

Men's soccer treated its returning alumni to a victorious Homecoming match on Saturday as Tufts beat No. 16 Amherst for the first time since 2005 in a decisive 3-0 victory. The Jumbos returned to Bello Field on Sunday to face the Hamilton Continentals, who currently top the NESCAC, and came away with a 2-2 tie.

Tufts' record stood at 2-1-1 in NESCAC play heading into the game against Hamilton on Sunday, and the Jumbos got off to a great start against the Continentals. Tufts scored in the fifth minute of the contest when senior co-captain midfielder Zach Halliday sent a ball sailing over players' heads to his brother, junior midfielder Kevin Halliday, who was able to send a cross into the box that senior midfielder Kevin Lawson drilled into the back of the net.

Lawson came close to tallying another goal minutes later, this time aiming for the bottom right corner, but Hamilton's senior goalkeeper Harris Pollack was able to make a diving save.

Five minutes after Tufts went up by one, Hamilton answered, catching the Tufts defense on its back foot. Continentals senior midfielder Mike Lubelczyk buried a shot in the bottom left corner from 35 yards out. Junior goalkeeper Bruce Johnson's attempt to save it was very close, but the wet conditions on the turf field helped the ball reach the net much faster than he could anticipate.



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Junior defender Conor Coleman winds up for a cross-field kick in the game against the Bowdoin Polar Bears on Oct. 31, 2015.

"There [were] definitely mistakes that were made along the run of play," junior defender Conor Coleman said. "The actual shot itself was unavoidable, but [senior defender] Daniel Sullivan and I could have stepped to the ball a little quicker. We could have put ourselves in better positions to not let the kid get that incredible shot."

The equalizer did not slow the Jumbos down, though, as they continued to fire

shot after shot on the Continentals' goal. First-year midfielder/defender Zachary Trevorow had a shot clang off the left post and a follow-up shot that went slightly wide, while Kevin Halliday also had an attempt on goal. In the 17th minute, the Jumbos were awarded a free kick in a threatening position just outside the goalie box. Kevin Halliday placed the ball perfectly in the box, and after some bouncing around, Sullivan

managed to get a head on it, putting the Jumbos back in the lead.

Once again, the Continentals refused to go down without a fight. Continentals senior midfielder Alec Talsania kicked a shot straight at Johnson and it rebounded to his teammate, first-year defender Luke Eckels, who managed to shoot the ball through several defenders and past Johnson. The score remained 2-2

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MEN'S GOLF

Jumbos just miss at NESCAC Championship Qualifier

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Coach George Pendergast's squad narrowly missed out on qualifying for the NESCAC championships last weekend, as the Jumbos placed fifth at the NESCAC qualifier tournament. A week prior to the NESCAC qualifier, Tufts put together a solid two-day performance at the Williams Invitational that saw the team secure its highest finish thus far this season, tying Middlebury for third place.

Tufts followed up on its strong performance at the Williams Invitational with an encouraging display at the NESCAC qualifiers, hosted by Middlebury College at The Ralph Myhre Golf Course. Though the Jumbos just missed out on qualification, their performance was vastly improved from the beginning of the season. Just two weeks ago, the Jumbos scored 626 at the Duke Nelson Invitational, also held at Ralph Myhre. This time around, they shaved 21 shots, posting a 605.



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Senior tri-captain Owen Elliott drives from the third tee at the Newbury Invitational on Sept. 23, 2015. This invitational was the first golf tournament he has won.

"I think the team played terrifically well," senior tri-captain Owen Elliott told the Daily in an email. "On Sunday, four out of five of us had our career-best scores at the Ralph. 605 is a great team score, it just came up a bit short this week. The thing that is super disappointing is that all of the NESCAC schools were at Williams the weekend before and we finished T3 which would have qualified. It just happened that Amherst careered the week of the NESCAC qualifier and thus a merely good week by us was not enough."

Tufts was also shorthanded for the day, as first-year Ethan Sorkin caught norovirus the day before the tournament, leaving sophomore Justin Feldman to take his starting place on short notice. Feldman successfully stepped in, posting a 158 total on the back of a 75 on Sunday. Only Elliott had a better round for Tufts on Sunday with a 73.

"A half hour before we were going to leave for the NESCACs I got a call from Health Services saying Ethan Sorkin can't go, he's got the norovirus," Pendergast said. "He couldn't even go on the van because its a highly contagious virus, so we literally had to pull Justin Feldman out of bed a half an hour before we left and he played well."

A tie-breaker was necessary to determine the winner of the tournament because Williams and Trinity both finished with a two-day score of 585. The Ephs emerged victorious since, according to NESCAC rules, the team with the best score from its fifth golfer wins. Senior tri-captain Jacob Watt-Morse won the day for Williams with a total score of 154.

Elliott was impressive in both tournaments, especially at the Williams Invitational where seven birdies across two days carried the senior to a first place finish. It is no surprise, then, that on Tuesday, Elliott was named to the NESCAC All-Conference Second Team for the third consecutive semester.

"It was special to win at Taconic," Elliott told the Daily in an email. "It is a phenomenal course with a rich history. I finished bogey, birdie, birdie, bogey, birdie, so it was a real rollercoaster coming in."

Elliott's birdie on 18 ensured the first under-par round for a Tufts golfer this year — he finished the tournament with an 143 — but it took more than just Elliott's brilliant weekend to secure a top three finish for Tufts. Junior tri-captain Taylor Nordan posted two sub-80 rounds and finished tied for 12th with a combined score of 152. Tufts' third and fourth scorers, junior tri-captain Aaron Corn and first-year Brandon Karr, were consistent both days as Corn hit 79s and Karr 83s. Sorkin rounded out the Jumbo scorers with a two-day total of 169.

The Jumbos have three weeks of practice before their next tournament, and despite missing out on the NESCACs, the team is in high spirits.

"The team is terrific; chemistry, talent and commitment are all super high," Elliott told the Daily in an email. "We're going to have a couple of fun weeks of practice where we have some internal competitions."

Tufts will look to continue its good run of form into the New England Championships in Brewster, Massachusetts on Oct. 23-24.