

AVIAN FLU HITS THE HILL!!!!

BY TOMMY PASTRAMI
Primary Source Defect-ee

Apocalyptic mayhem, contingency plans, and gas masks have entered Medford and Somerville. As the first wave of the avian flu pandemic hits the twin city area, Tufts students are being ordered by the Federal Government to stay indoors under lock and key.

In the first confirmed case of avian flu to hit the continental United States, Tufts University will be closed until further notice, according to a direct order from the President's office.

"We are shutting down the campus indefinitely until we know for shizzle what the dilleo is, yo," said el-Presidente Bacow in a press conference on his front lawn. He was sporting an orange jumpsuit and purple-ish galoshes from Orvis.

"Give me a little credit. If I wanted to kill the student body, I could," Bacow said at his press conference. "It's not difficult; because of the flu and lack of social life, they are killing them-

selves."

The flu case has been attributed to an overseas trip by Dean of Students Having Affairs Bryce Leftman to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Leftman billed the trip as a chance for him to "better understand the disparity in housing costs in dorms" like Wren and Sophia Gordon.

"I initially went there to find out if our proposed abroad dorm for our proposed Congo campus should cost the same as living in Sophia Gordon," Dean Leftman said from his hospital bed. "Then I saw a chicken. I like chickens. I went over to it, then I knew I was through."

"How can you avoid chickens?" he asked.

The H5N1b strain of avian flu has officials particularly perplexed: the World Health Organization (WHO?) confirmed that in 2006 the strain spread from Southeast Asia to central Eurasia and killed 73 people.

"Today, the gravest danger in the war on terror, the gravest danger facing America and the world, is Dean Leftman and his



strain of the avian flu," President Bush said in a Rose Garden press conference yesterday.

Saddam Hussein, from his jail cell modeled after a room in Wren, said in a tape while

munching Doritos released to Al-Jizz-er-AHHHH that the outbreak at Tufts "is yet another sign that the great Satan is doomed... ow look a chicken, how did he get in here?!"

daily adopts tufts' new logo

the daily has elected to adopt tufts' new lowercase logo. "nobody likes this logo, but they put it all over the sweat-shirts," says daily graphic designer miss understood. "we don't like it either, so we decided to put it in the paper."

the daily has also announced that it will be entirely eliminating the use of uppercase letters.

"now we can operate with our crumbling 80's era keyboards none of the shift keys work," miss understood explained. "we can also really push the envelope of vomit-inducing, blood-curdlingly trendy/emo graphic design."

the decision comes on the heels of rumors that tufts will be entirely ditching all capital letters in all material for the upcoming capital campaign. punctuation is also rumored to be in line for the ax.

"it's all about the new student demographic," consultant lobby me ridiculous said, on retainer with the university for \$10 million. "punctuation is so last year it's all about speaking to them in their language lets hear out a big lol."

Carmichael Cockroaches found to be protected species; students relocated

BY TOYOTA HIGHLANDER AND THE HALLUCINATOR
The 2006 series; Class A

In a press conference held yesterday outside the battered hut that once was Carmichael Hall, "housing" director Yasmin Queen announced the University's new Cockroach Preservation Plan (CPP).

"Basically, we've been hearing a lot of complaints from students about the cockroach infestation in Carmichael," Queen told the Daily.

But she said are some environmental preservation issues are coming into play.

"These cockroaches are a protected species. Students, unfortunately, aren't," she said.

While striving to protect the biodiversity of the environment (also making sure the spiders appeared undisturbed), the students were relocated from their rooms.

Queen said this would be a temporary solution, only lasting until her office can fix the gaping structural damage caused by the combination of the cockroaches and flooding in Carmichael.

"We've placed a mass order for Scotch tape," the Queen assured the audience. "The building should be up and running

in a few short years."

Tufts Community Union President Mitch Robinson has called for a compromise.

"Maybe students can room with the cockroaches. They're just like regular roommates except they tend to mate a little bit more, so you should be ready to be sexiled once and a while."

"That's what makes Tufts great. Cooperation. Write that down. Harvard doesn't cooperate. Can't we all just get along?"

"Did I mention that I just coughed? You're covering that tomorrow, right?" he

added.

Until then, Queen suggested that the few remaining Carmichael residents could sleep outside of Sophia Gordon Hall.

"I mean, we installed waterless urinals. Waterless urinals. Just keep saying that. The urinals, they do not have any a single drop of water and yet the urine disappears," she said.

When one student complained that sleeping outside of the building would not help, Queen vanished in a puff of smoke after someone threw a bucket of water at her. "I'm melting, melting!" she exclaimed.

Halloween on the hill: disaster!

BY PO PO
Do-nutter

Tufts University Police cut short Halloween on the Hill this weekend. Officers confiscated scores of Juicy Juice boxes from a handful of rowdy future Tufts students celebrating the holiday in Carmichael Hall on Saturday.

TUPD received the report at 10:00 am that an individual tore off his Spongebob Squarepants costume and exposed himself.

Upon arriving at the scene, the police found many of the kindergarteners running rampant and dancing to "Monster Mash."

"It was during quiet hours," said Cap'n Keith Crunch. "There's no excuse for that type of behavior." Cap'n Crunch said that the police also found an individual who had consumed excessive amounts of candy vomiting in the corner, and that Tufts Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) had to be called to his aid.

"His mother was nowhere to be found," the Cap'n added.

The officers also scoured the floor, to no avail, for Dunkin Donuts, a typical Halloween snack. "There had obviously been a high rate of consumption," Cap'n Crunch said,

looking disappointed. "Two hundred boxes of munchkins had been ordered, and there were none left when we arrived."

When the police unplugged the boombox and attempted to clear the area, the children began rioting.

When asked to spell 'riot', the children said, 'r...' and ran away, the Cap'n said.

Upon being denied candy, many of the children became belligerent and destructive of property. "One little girl even had a temper tantrum and threw a finely carved Jack o' Lantern," the Cap'n said.

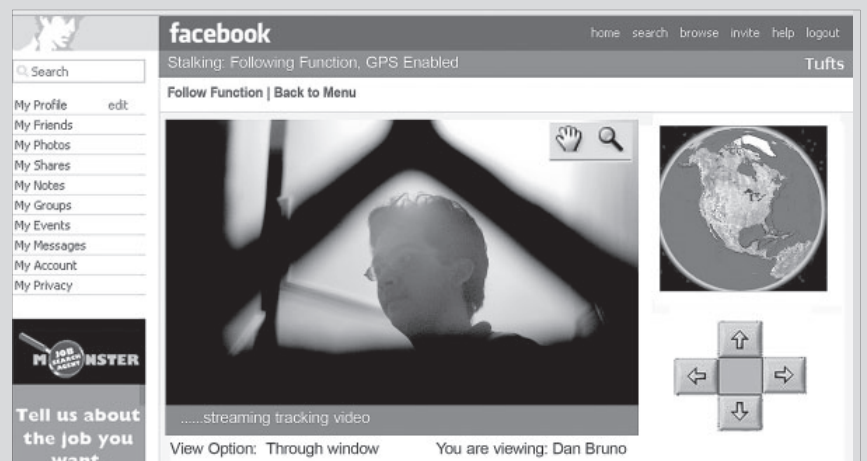
"It was a waste of a fine pumpkin," he said.

Bryce "Avian Flu" Leftman is sending a formal apology to the neighbors. "Due to the high number of complaints, we thought it would be appropriate to send out a formal apology on behalf of Tufts," he said. "I mean, 10:00 on a Saturday morning, come on," he said. "It's not like it was Spring Fling or Homecoming."

"If only the freshman knew what Halloween at Tufts used to be like," said a slightly inebriated Eli Cohn, a senior.

"Back in my day, the parties from Friday night would go until noon on Saturday, at least," Cohn said, with a loud belch.

News feed's got nothing on this



In response to the overwhelmingly negative student reaction to Facebook's news feed and other features, the Web site has created even more ways to stalk (and potentially budgeon with a battle ax) your friends.

The newest features include an overhauled news feed that features live webcams in all members' bedrooms as well as in the shower stalls.

"I think it is extremely exciting, especially the shower cams," junior Voi Errr said.

The number of groups protesting the action and claiming that they are the "official petition to Facebook," also sextupled.

Sextupled, good word.

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Crazy Elephant claiming to be Jumbo raised from his dead attacked Tokyo this weekend in what can only be referred to as "a normal day in Japan".

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You mean you want a crossword puzzle? Can you find it?

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SOYLENT GREEN IS PEOPLE!



作りのよいステーキ! [Rachel Ray makes good steak!] FOOD NETWORK

Popular, all-American 'secret ingredient' makes exotic meal

Food Network finds creative use for pin-up chef

BY SCOOTER
The Blair Witch

While the intention of creating a U.S. spin-off of the hit Japanese cooking show "Iron Chef" may have been to showcase America's most popular chefs, audiences watching last night's "Iron Chef America" on the Food Network got a little closer to home than they might have been prepared for. The famous "secret ingredient" presented as the core component for each of the show's recipes was the carcass of popular cooking diva and rising media star Rachael Ray.

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Alton Brown
Completely Unnecessary Host

According to sources at the Food Network's kitchens, Ray ended up in the pressure cookers of Iron Chef's Kitchen Stadium after a bizarre run-in at a small organic poultry farm in upstate New York. Chicken had been the intended ingredient for last night's program, but as witnesses explain, Ray ended up in the slaughterhouse with the other chickens during a shoot of one of

her upcoming shows for Food Network.

"She was running around, clucking and beating her arms to imitate the chickens. She apparently became overexcited and entered the slaughterhouse," explained witness Sara Moulton, who was recently released from her Food Network contract after network executives expressed disinterest in her "overly instructive and informed TV persona."

When "Iron Chef America" cast member Alton Brown learned that Ray's meat was to be the featured ingredient, he admits he thought twice, but then realized the possibilities.

"Rachel is the perfect consistency for excellent fried dishes and for pressure cooker recipes," said Brown. She won't be too meaty, because she doesn't actually work hard in the kitchen, and there's nothing like a pressure cooker to break apart that aggressive mama."

Iron Chef Mario Batali, who has made a name for himself by preparing rare artisanal sausages and using unusual meats and animal parts in his cooking, agreed with Brown that Ray's meat, while not a typical ingredient choice for the show, provided a good opportunity to display the advanced cooking techniques the chefs are capable of.

"Rachel is a real girl-next-door type, but I think we can show tonight that mediocre ingredients, under the hands of real chefs, can turn into something actually palatable," Batali said.

MO MONEY, MO PROBLEMS

Kurt Cobain far from 'Nirvana' after newfound, postmortem wealth

The Daily lands an exclusive interview that will blow you away

BY FOZZIE
Better than Liz Hoffman

After hearing the announcement that he was the highest-earning dead celebrity in the past year, deceased Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain was in shock.

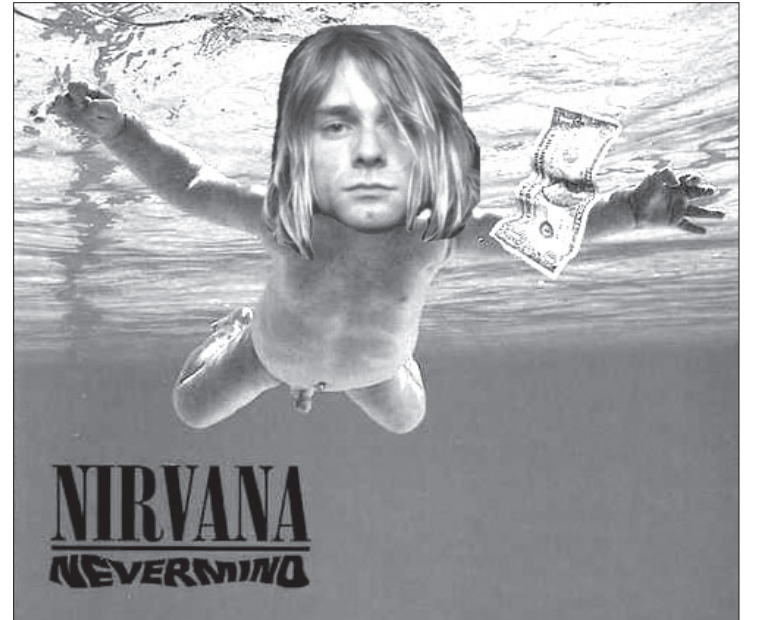
"Here I am up in heaven with Frank [Sinatra] and Jimi [Hendrix], listening to the new record they cut together, when Biggie flies over and shows me the article saying I earned 50 million bucks last year," Cobain said.

"At first, it worried me a little. I was like, 'I came to heaven to escape all this fame and fortune, so now what do I do?' Well, since God doesn't allow guns in heaven, I'll just have to be happy that people are still buying my music more than 10 years later."

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Kurt Cobain
Inventor, Grunge

While content to see his legacy growing strong even after his 1994 suicide, Cobain is worried how his newly publicized wealth will affect his friendships in star-stud-



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'Smells like' someone is making bank.

ded heaven.

"It's not that I haven't been rich, but before, guys like Elvis and John [Lennon], you know, they've always been the real high rollers. But now, whenever we go out together, I'm going to feel like a jerk if I don't take care of the bill."

To cut down on his guilt, Cobain has been working to turn his recent windfall into a charity for living musicians.

"I'm really concerned about this new wave of emo bands; their brand of self-loathing and misanthropy just reminds me too much of a bad time in my life. I want to find a way to let the guy from My Chemical Romance know that there are other ways to live besides exist-

ing solely as a miserable, suicidal, strung-out heroin fiend," Cobain said. "And it's not even like their music is good. At least when I bit it, I could still write a decent tune."

Cobain turned remarkably bitter when asked about any financial gains his widow, Courtney Love, has made from the sale of her stake in his work. At first, he only muttered under his breath that he didn't want to talk about "that Hole whore."

After persistent questioning, Cobain lit a cigarette and took a long drag. "Let's just say that if God would let me go back as a zombie like I asked, I already know what brain I'm going after first."

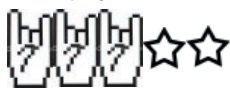
MOVIE REVIEW

Dude, 'Saw III' is really sick, man

BY SKEETER
Best reviewer, like, probably ever

If I knew Darren Lynn Bousman, director of "Saw III," we would totally be BFF. It's seriously amazing. I wanted to marry all of the

SAW III bRaH



Starring **Raven Simone, The Midget From the James Bond Movies, A Jar of Oregano**
Directed by **Steven Spielberg**

main characters — especially Jigsaw (Tobin Bell)! I don't really know why though, so I should probably talk to my shrink about that.

I am in awe of the director's talent; he's had a really impressive film career. Well, maybe not an extensive one, but at least he sticks with what he knows best, and by that, I mean SAWS.

Darren's other major film was "Saw II" (2005). Good thing he didn't direct the first one, though, only a poser would do that. I hate people who try to follow cinematographic trends, like making interesting horror movies, for example. I like that he picked up the series after it started to suck. I really value

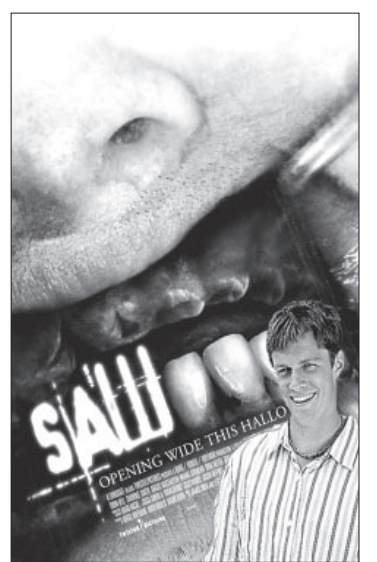
that kind of stick-it-to-The-Man attitude. Who needs acclaim? This movie gives him so much more street cred.

I would definitely give him a high five for this one. He found the perfect combo of a trite, overly complicated plotline, no-name characters and gratuitous violence to make me smile. I was kind of sad, though, because I came in expecting rainbows and bunnies like last time, but instead found it to be a little bit bloody. I couldn't even finish my nachos, God!

Darren's real strength is his ability to come up with the perfect title. "Saw III" really captures the film's message. Roman numerals make it all seem so authoritative and stuff. I would give him a job, man.

It also allows the film to appeal to all audiences. Kids and adults of all ages like saws. The "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" films tend to limit their scope with the inclusion of "chain." It's kind of intense, and let's be honest: I wouldn't bring the kids I babysit to that disturbing piece of junk. "Saw III" strikes the perfect chord of appeal and talent.

Tobin Bell, in his role as Jigsaw, really highlights the clever psychology behind his role. He has had a really good career. He was in an episode of "The West Wing" in 2002 (I LOVE THAT SHOW) and was in TWO episodes of "Walker, Texas



LIONSGATE

Have you seen my Junior Mints?

Ranger" a few years ago. He was really born to act.

The one bad thing about "Saw III" is that it dragged. Dragging is so annoying! But since the director and I are totally future BFFs, I think I'll let it slide.

To sum things up, if you really like "The West Wing" or "Walker, Texas Ranger" you should totally go see "Saw III." It totally sends similar messages and really hits home, especially if you're into woodworking and blood and stuff.

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Why you shouldn't mess with this Cowboy

BY BRAMLET ABERCROMBIE
Petty Bourgeois

The Daily was afforded a rare treat to visit the home of Drew Bledsoe on Halloween to find out just how a superstar quarterback celebrates the most frightful night of the year.

Perhaps no one loves Halloween as much as Bledsoe. His house was decorated with countless jack-O'-lanterns when I arrived, each in the likeness of his Dallas coach, Bill Parcells, or teammate Tony Romo.

"Nothing scarier than those two, right?" Bledsoe mused as he welcomed me into his home. Bledsoe found this comment to be supremely amusing, as he laughed manically, and repeatedly claimed, "No TDs and too many INTs make Drew a dull boy."

Adorned all in black, Bledsoe claimed to be the "personification of the failure and misery that has haunted my entire career like death itself." It was a thought-provoking costume, but its volume was muted when Bledsoe's wife forced him to wear his puffy Cowboys parka, so as "not to catch another cold," she said.

As we made to leave the house, Bledsoe's son came scampering down the stairs to ask if his father would take him trick-or-treating.

"Not tonight, son," Bledsoe replied. "Daddy's got business to take care of tonight. Big boy business."

Bledsoe apparently sought to make good on his threat that Parcells' benching him would



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Clearly, we know one individual that King Kong does not have shit on. Careful, Strahan, or your house might be next to get the Bledsoe treatment this Halloween.

indeed be "a big mistake." With a backpack full of eggs and toilet paper, the disgruntled QB

and I made our way to Parcells' nearby estate.

"I wonder how he likes his

eggs," Bledsoe questioned. "Over-easy, or all over his house?" Despite a wit as slow

as his pocket presence, Bledsoe went to work on the task at hand.

With a mastery that he has yet to ever show on the football field, Bledsoe threw perfect lobs of TP and laser blasts of eggshells that splattered all over his coach's home. Looking like the Peyton Manning of Halloween pranksters, Bledsoe added the finishing touch by placing a rotten tuna in his coach's mailbox.

"You don't know how good that felt," Bledsoe giddily remarked as we left. "Drew Bledsoe doesn't get benched by anyone. I did the same thing to Tom Brady's house in 2001."

Before returning home, Bledsoe ran up to a house that had left candy on the front stoop, returning with the entire basket. As we turned to leave, a rare sight greeted us: a young fan dressed in number 11's old jersey from his New England days.

"Nice outfit," Bledsoe called out to the kid.

"Thanks, mister," was the youth's reply.

As he turned, Bledsoe yelled back to the youngster and made to toss him a candy bar.

Bledsoe proceeded to hurl a Snickers bar over the outstretched fingers of the anxious youth into the pleasantly surprised hands of a passer-by.

"You throw like Drew Bledsoe!" came the taunt of the candy-less lad.

A dejected Bledsoe then returned home to restock on eggs with the hopes of finding Tony Romo's address on Mapquest.

Everyone agrees Alex Rodriguez is clearly not on steroids

BY BIG BOOBS MCGEE
Unimpressive

After a disappointing postseason and a down year statistically, fans and baseball insiders have begrudgingly accepted that New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez is not taking performance-enhancing substances.

"I really thought with his homerun pace that he had to be on steroids," said Peter Gammons, senior baseball writer for ESPN.com. "But [World Series MVP] David Eckstein played better against the Tigers than he did. Maybe we should investigate him instead."

In a decade where many of the league's best and brightest stars have been accused of using steroids or other drugs to improve their performances, it's no surprise that Rodriguez, a two-time American League MVP who has led the AL in homeruns in four of the past

six seasons would come under scrutiny. But in 2006, Rodriguez's production in homeruns, batting average, slugging percentage and runs batted in all dropped.

Rodriguez, the highest-paid player in the game, then followed up his sub-par regular season with an atrocious postseason. In the American League Divisional Series between the Yankees and the Detroit Tigers, Rodriguez went 1-for-14, striking out four times. Manager Joe Torre dropped him to the eighth spot for Game 4.

"I'm very happy that people have decided to stop accusing me of things I didn't do," Rodriguez said triumphantly in a press conference in New York last week. "I can say honestly that I didn't help this team win in 2006, didn't contribute against the Tigers, and definitely didn't take steroids."

Rodriguez also lacks the physical changes that performance-enhancing

drugs are known to cause. Whereas players like Mark McGwire and Jason Giambi possessed imposing physiques at the height of their drug abuse, Rodriguez is one of the more diminutive power hitters of his era.

"Have you seen my head?" Rodriguez said. "It's not nearly big enough for me to be taking steroids."

Many Yankees players, however, have shared a locker room with Rodriguez and have questioned the size of his testicles, leading to further steroid speculation.

For Yankees fans, the realization has been harder to take. Many of them were convinced the former shortstop, who has 464 career homeruns and is on pace to break Hank Aaron's career home run record, was using steroids.

"I've just gotten so used to blaming him and accusing him of everything, from the firing of Joe Girardi in Florida

to the flu that Rudy Giuliani was battling last week," said Arthur Martin of New Rochelle, N.Y. "But I guess we have to forgive him on this one. If he was on steroids, he might have produced."

"You saw the way he tried to cheat in 2004 against the Red Sox with that slap," said Vinny Mancini, a native of Hackensack, N.J. "Then again, he was slapping like a girl. Guys on steroids would have clothes-lined [Bronson] Arroyo."

However, the fan skepticism may have been an effect of the negative media attention heaped at Rodriguez, said Gammons.

"When you have Mike Lupica calling his mother a prostitute and Mike and the Mad Dog saying they heard he abused children, it's much easier to believe he took steroids," Gammons said. "The child abuse matter is still being looked into, but the steroid rumor is definitely false."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

FITZGERALD AGREES TO RETURN PENDING 401(K) AGREEMENT

Fifth-year senior Brian Fitzgerald has agreed to return to the men's basketball team for the 2006-2007 season pending the results of current pension negotiations with the team.

"I'm really excited to play again, but I'm at a point in my life where I need to start thinking about the long haul," Fitzgerald said. "I love the boys, and I believe I owe Amherst a thorough ass-whooping, but I've got other things to consider right now, like financial security."

Fitzgerald has been meeting with coach Bob Sheldon and members of the athletics administration to work out the details and find a loophole to get around Div. III restrictions against any financial compensation for play.

JOE BUCK "APPALLED" BY PARCELLS' MAN-BOOBS

Legendary sportscaster Joe Buck went on an on-air tirade during the Dallas Cowboys game Sunday, saying that he's "finally had it" with Dallas coach Bill Parcells' man-boobs.

"I've held my tongue as long as I can, but come on!" Buck ranted. "His hooters are as big as the cheerleaders! I don't care that he lives in Texas; polo shirts are not his look. And guess what? Cotton clings. Cover that up, man."

NFL commissioner Roger Goodwell has appointed a task force to explore the possibility of a league-wide dress code.

Hanes reportedly contacted Parcells last week about an endorsement deal for their new "Manzier," although officials commented that the product could be renamed "The Bro."

WILLIAMS CALLS IT QUITS WITH NESAC, MAKES MOVE TO BIG EAST

NESAC frontrunner Williams has decided that 2006 will be its last season in Div. III. The college was invited to join the Big East last month and has chosen to make the leap to Div. I competition.

"We held out as long as we could, but the competition around this league is just pathetic," Williams Athletic Director Harry Sheehy said. "You can only beat Hamilton so many times before the excitement wears off."

Many college sports insiders questioned the move, arguing that Williams, with its enrollment of just under 2,000 students, will have trouble competing with the increased competition. Sheehy downplayed the concerns, though.

"Try to tell me we can't beat DePaul, Seton Hall or South Florida," Sheehy said confidently. "Our women's teams can beat their men's teams, and they know it."