

# OBAMA

by Giovanni Russonello

Sen. Barack Obama yesterday became the first black man to be elected president of the United States, defeating Sen. John McCain in a victory that reflected the nation's economic woes and tinted the electoral map decidedly blue.

"If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible, who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time, who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer," Obama said at a victory rally in Chicago's Grant Park.

The election was a large leap forward in the history of a country with delicate racial wounds that this presidential campaign helped to re-expose. But perhaps more importantly, it was a rejection of the Republican leadership that has guided the nation for the last eight years.

Obama, an Illinois senator, won states that months ago were considered solid Republican territory, while Democrats made significant inroads in the Senate and

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## Voters consider ballot referenda

BY JEREMY WHITE  
Daily Editorial Board

Residents across Massachusetts voted definitively yesterday to decriminalize petty marijuana possession and to leave the state income tax intact.

Voters struck down Question 1, a proposed repeal of the state income tax, but supported Question 2, the decriminalization of possession of less than one ounce of marijuana. They also chose to abolish dog racing in the Commonwealth in the

last of three binding ballot measures.

With 81 percent of precincts reporting this morning, 65 percent of voters had voted yes on Question 2 and 35 percent had voted no, the referendum suggesting decriminalization. Sixty-nine percent had voted no on Question 1, the income tax repeal, with 31 percent voting yes.

With the passage of Question 2, voters effectively changed the

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## Mass. goes overwhelmingly blue

BY JEREMY WHITE  
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Voters in Massachusetts leaned hard on the Democratic lever yesterday, supporting Sen. Barack Obama and sending back state and national incumbents with overwhelming mandates.

"I voted for the whole Democratic ticket," Tom Dambrosio, age 65, told the Daily after casting his ballot in Medford. "What's the sense of having a Democratic president and a Republican Congress?"

That's like having a gun without a bullet."

On the congressional level, Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) disposed of GOP challenger Jeff Beatty, who formerly worked for the FBI and CIA, taking 65 percent of the vote with 86 percent of precincts reporting. Meanwhile, Rep. Edward Markey (D-Mass.) brushed away Revere businessman John Cunningham, bringing in 75 percent of the vote with 68 percent of precincts

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## Community comes together in campus center

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An eager crowd in Hotung erupted into an explosion of joyous screams and chants after counting down the seconds until the closing of West Coast polls and the official CNN projection that Sen. Barack Obama would be the 44th president of the United States.

Organized chants of "yes we did," "Obama" and "U.S.A." resounded through the room as many continued to celebrate and shed tears of joy while waiting for Obama's victory speech in Chicago, Ill.

The night started much earlier than that, however, when students started pouring into the campus center around 7:30 for the Experimental College's Election Night Extravaganza, filling Hotung and the upstairs lounge of the campus center. Many brought their own computers to follow the action online, and some even brought homework as they camped out for the long haul.

Though JumboCast, which broadcasted coverage adjacent

to the major news networks' displays, followed the contest with its own reporting and interviews, CNN's commentary captured most of the attendees' attention.

As swing states such as Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida were called for Obama, students erupted in cheers.

University President Lawrence Bacow left a friend's election party early to make an appearance at the event. He made some brief comments to the crowd

and was received by thunderous applause.

In reference to Question 2 on the Massachusetts ballot, which called for the decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana, Bacow said, "Whatever the law is, we abide by it." Voters yesterday supported decriminalization.

As the night went on, Masters of Ceremonies Stephanie Brown,

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Students in Hotung celebrate Obama's victory. Many stayed in the campus center for most of the night.

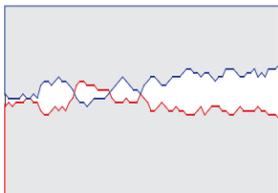
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# Mapping it out: A breakdown of the 2008 election results

Sen. Barack Obama won the election in a landslide yesterday, taking 338 electoral votes to Sen. John McCain's 163 as of press time. In comparison to 2004, when President George W. Bush won a second term in the White House by a 286 to 252 margin over Democratic nominee Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.), Obama took yesterday's election in a convincing fashion reminiscent of the Nixon and Reagan years. Unlike Bush's chief strategist Karl Rove, who focused on garnering just enough votes to win the election, the Obama campaign devised a 50-state strategy that refused to discount even the reddest of states. It paid off: Obama took swing states Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida, putting the Democratic Party back in the White House for the first time since the Clinton administration left office in January 2001.

## 2008 Massachusetts Results

Massachusetts

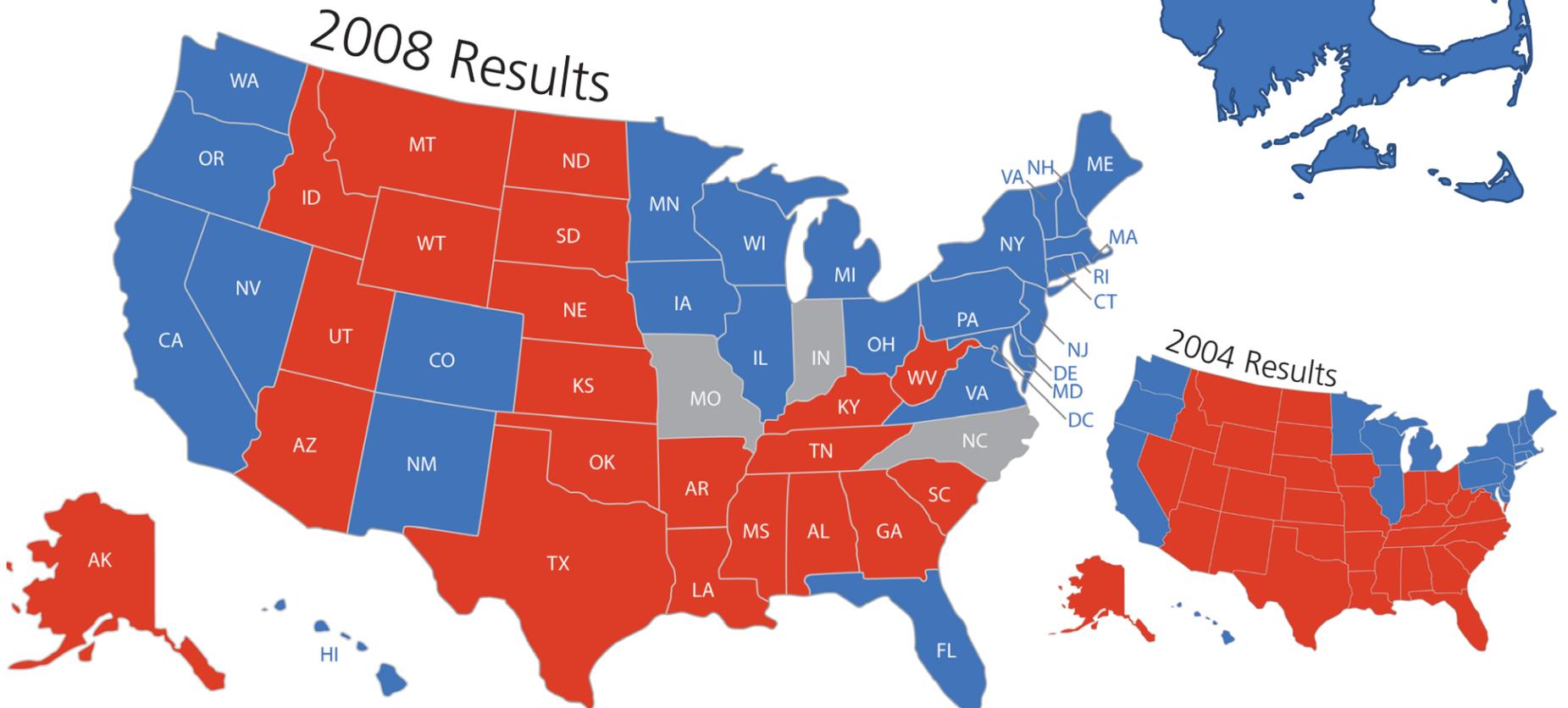
Obama: 62%, 1,835,995 votes  
McCain: 36%, 1,073,761 votes

Somerville

Obama: 82%, 26,430 votes  
McCain: 16%, 5,197 votes

Medford

Obama: 66%, 17,507 votes  
McCain: 33%, 8,627 votes



## Obama victory accompanied by gains in both chambers of Congress for Dems

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the House of Representatives. With four Senate elections still undecided at press time, the Democrats had picked up five seats, leaving them in control of 56 overall. In the House, meanwhile, Democrats gained at least 14 seats yesterday; 33 races were still undecided at press time.

"It's pretty much a total victory for the Democrats tonight," Political Science Lecturer Michael Goldman, a Democratic strategist, told the Daily late yesterday evening.

McCain, an Arizona senator, struggled to cement Americans' trust on economic issues, the primary concern on most voters' minds during a time when the country faces some of the worst financial turmoil in generations.

Dan Carol, the Obama campaign's national issues director, said voters saw McCain as out of touch on economic issues, citing a comment McCain made multiple times on the campaign trail. "When the economy's cratering and he says the fundamentals of the economy are sound, that was a tectonic shift. He clearly didn't get it, and Americans got it," Carol said.

"It was both a character question of, like, you have seven houses and you think the economy's fine, and it goes to [McCain's conservative] philosophy," he added.

Eighty-six percent of respondents to CNN's national exit poll yesterday said they were worried about the economy, and 63 percent said the economy was the number-one issue on their minds.

The war in Iraq, which Obama opposed from the outset and used as a wedge issue to set himself apart from fellow Democratic contenders in the primary elections, was patently secondary in yesterday's vote. Only 10 percent of voters called this the most important issue in the election, putting McCain, a decorated war veteran whom Americans trust more on foreign policy than Obama, at a disadvantage.

Obama energized young voters since the primary season and electrified minorities with his historic candidacy. His campaign mobilized these demographics in

large numbers, allowing him to compete in states such as North Carolina and Indiana that until recently were considered solidly red. It was undetermined at press time whether Obama had won these two states.

While final turnout numbers have not been compiled, early tallies indicated that more young voters cast ballots this year than in 2004, which was already marked by a surge in youth turnout. Young voters chose Obama over McCain by a margin of 68 percent to 30 percent, according to numbers that the Tisch College of Public Citizenship's Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) gave to MSNBC. "It's actually extraordinary," CIRCLE Director Peter Levine told MSNBC, saying that such a polarization of the youth vote was remarkable.

Associate Political Science Professor Pearl Robinson estimated that Obama won the support of between 93 and 97 percent of black voters who cast ballots. As a black woman, she said this election had a particular personal significance. "I felt that when I went to vote, marking that ballot was carrying history," she said.

"I tried to imagine, first of all, what it felt like for my parents not to be able to vote, and then what it felt like for me to be able to vote for them for Obama. In terms of my life, this was the most meaningful vote I have ever cast, and I don't expect to have another voting experience that will be like this."

McCain delivered a concession speech last night in Phoenix, Ariz. "We have come to the end of a long journey. The American people have spoken, and they have spoken clearly," he said.

McCain spent much of his speech honoring Obama's place in history as the first black president-elect. "America today is a world away from the cruel and frightful bigotry of [the past]. There is no better evidence of this than the election of an African-American to the presidency of the United States," he said. "Let there be no reason now for any American to fail to cherish their citizenship in this, the greatest nation on Earth."

Obama held his tens-of-thousands-strong victory rally at the Chicago park

where rioters manifested their frustrations with the Vietnam War and the Democratic Party 40 years before during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

"The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even in one term. But, America, I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there," he said.

Tufts alum Liz Hoffman attended the rally and described the electric atmosphere. When Obama's victory was announced at around 11 p.m., "people just lost it," Hoffman (LA '08) said. "It was just deafening. There was laughing and a lot of people were crying."

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## Networks show more restraint this cycle

When the networks finally announced an Obama victory around 11 p.m. last night after polls closed on the West Coast, Americans had already been on a roller-coaster ride through the airwaves.

Wary of repeating the skewed predictions prominently featured during the past two presidential election cycles, networks aimed to balance responsible forecasts with the public's desire for every last detail. Tufts political science experts are split on how effectively they accomplished that mission.

"I think they've been very conservative. I think people realized around 4:30 that it was going to be a tsunami," Democratic strategist and Tufts Lecturer Michael Goldman told the Daily last night.

While restraint might be a worthwhile default, Goldman said that news sources could not mislead the public by predicting a tighter race than the evidence supported.

"I think it's always a fine line," he said. "But you can't lie."

This year, ABC, NBC, Fox, CNN and The Associated Press decided to keep a lid on exit-poll results until 5 p.m., as opposed to 1 p.m. in 2004. Throughout the night, networks called states at different paces, but they generally lagged behind Internet sources in the boldness of their predictions.

Time.com, for example, let its readers know at 9:47 p.m. that Sen. Barack Obama had brought home the election. The video blog Rocketboom made the same call hours earlier, at 6:37 p.m.

In 2000, the networks gave Florida to Al Gore before realizing that their exit polling had not yielded the correct result. Meanwhile, in 2004, broadcast-news

sources tended to exaggerate Sen. John Kerry's chances. Heading into last night, most promised more restraint in making predictions.

Swing-state results put networks' patience to the test, but the major sources held off until after 8 p.m. to make their predictions. CBS and Fox gave Pennsylvania to Obama at 8:30 p.m., followed shortly by CNN.

Political Science Lecturer Bart Edgerton said he got the sense that Fox and CBS were the most aggressive of the channels.

"It is kind of interesting to see that [they] have seemed to be on the forefront of calling stuff. It does seem that NBC tends to be a little more conservative, and the AP lags quite a bit behind."

He said he prefers the more deliberative approach, noting that quick forecasts can depend too heavily on exit polls of questionable accuracy.

"I think it is bad. The reason that the AP doesn't make calls is not that they're looking at different numbers, but what the AP is looking at probably a little more closely is county-by-county numbers as they roll in," he said.

Goldman, an affiliate in Tufts' political science department, emphasized the balancing act. Apart from questions surrounding the legitimacy of predictions, news sources generally want to wait until polls close in order to not influence voters' decisions.

"You don't want to discourage people from going out, and again, I think it's always a fine line," he said.

— by Rob Silverblatt

# It's not just Obama's night: States consider a variety of ballot measures

BY MICHAEL SHERRY  
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The historic nature of yesterday's presidential election has rightfully cast a shadow over every lesser race this cycle. Yet, amid the hype and hope of one of the wildest and most stunning campaigns in recent memory, voters will be affected in ways large and small by the lesser-known ballot initiatives on state election slates across the country. Here, then, is a sample of the ballot initiatives we flagged as interesting, weird or noteworthy in some way — and how they fared.

**California Proposition 8, Florida Amendment 2:** This pair of ballot measures would amend their states' respective constitutions to ban gay marriage, which is the strongest step voters can take on the issue — courts cannot overturn that which is encoded in the state constitution. California's Prop 8 was the real highlight of the gay marriage battle, as California became the second state in the union to legalize same-sex unions by court order. As of press time, it appears both measures will pass. This is not surprising in Florida, where the measure had polled well, but is a bit of a surprise in California, where LGBT interest groups and donors from around the country had rallied to defeat the proposition. The amount of money spent on this proposition in California is a stunning \$73 million — and a testament to what can happen when a high-profile culture war issue is fought about in a state with no contribution limits.

**Colorado Amendment 48:** The ultimate pro-life ballot measure, a "yes" vote here would amend the state's

constitution to declare that "personhood" begins at the moment of conception. Not surprisingly, Colorado's voters did not line up in droves to declare fertilized eggs to be one and the same as a full-grown human being, and the measure was defeated soundly. If enacted, the measure's implications would seem to force a statewide ban on abortion, stem-cell research, the morning-after pill and some forms of contraception. Much more realistic (and in tune with the state) was South Dakota's Measure 11, which would ban abortion in all cases except for rape, incest and health of the mother. Two years ago, a similar initiative containing no exceptions was defeated soundly, so it is evident that pro-life activists learned from their previous defeat in the state, but it appears that South Dakota is more pro-choice than its representatives would indicate, for this too failed to pass.

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The election of the first black president in U.S. history is an interesting prism through which to view Ward Connerly's

anti-affirmative action crusade. Connerly, a black professor at the University of California, has been one of the most vocal opponents of the practice in states across the country. His trademark tactic has been to circumvent legislatures and courts and take his case directly to the people, pushing ballot measures that would ban race-based preferences in academia and employment. This year is no different. Nebraska Initiative 424, Connerly's brainchild, passed with a clear majority. On the other hand, Colorado Ballot Initiative 46, which Connerly also pushed but over which Coloradans were sharply divided, was rejected by voters.

The Pacific Northwest will also remain the only region of the country in which it is legal to off yourself. Washington state has joined Oregon in permitting physician-assisted suicide. Washington Initiative 1,000 will allow terminally ill patients with less than six months to live the option of requesting and consuming a fatal combination of medications, allowing them a quick and painless death. The initiative's passage has dismayed pro-lifers and been a significant victory for the budding right-to-die movement.

It seems Montanans have a bigger issue with socialism in name than in practice — Montana Initiative 155, an ambitious plan to provide health insurance to every child in the state, passed overwhelmingly. The strength of the proposal, even in deep-red Montana, should be a signal to the upcoming Obama administration — when going for a national health care plan, start with the kids.

## You can vote however you like: 'Youth vote' has a new meaning

With the persistent discussion of the importance of the youth vote in this year's presidential race, the spotlight is often focused on the voting trends of the college-aged population. This time, however, the Daily chose to examine the opinions of America's youth milling around the Gantcher polling station who are too young to vote. With the rise of YouTube.com coverage showcasing children's engagement in the election (i.e. the "You Can Vote However You Like" video, featuring schoolchildren doing their own politically-charged rendition of T.I.'s "Whatever You Like"), it appears that many children may be more informed and involved than their age indicates.



"It was cool to see my parents vote in an election, because I've never seen anyone vote before. [My siblings and I] weren't bored at all because it didn't take long — we're all excited for when we get to vote. I would have rather voted for Obama because I want a change in our system, but I don't mind that my parents didn't vote for him."  
— An especially vocal child from a family of seven



"If I could've voted, I would have voted for Obama because he is a Democrat. I'm not registering here because I'm not from the United States; I'm from Denmark. I liked coming into the polling station because it was very interesting to see how it's all done here, it was my first time seeing people voting in real life. Before, I had only ever seen it on television. There was no line, so it took like two minutes."  
— Anis



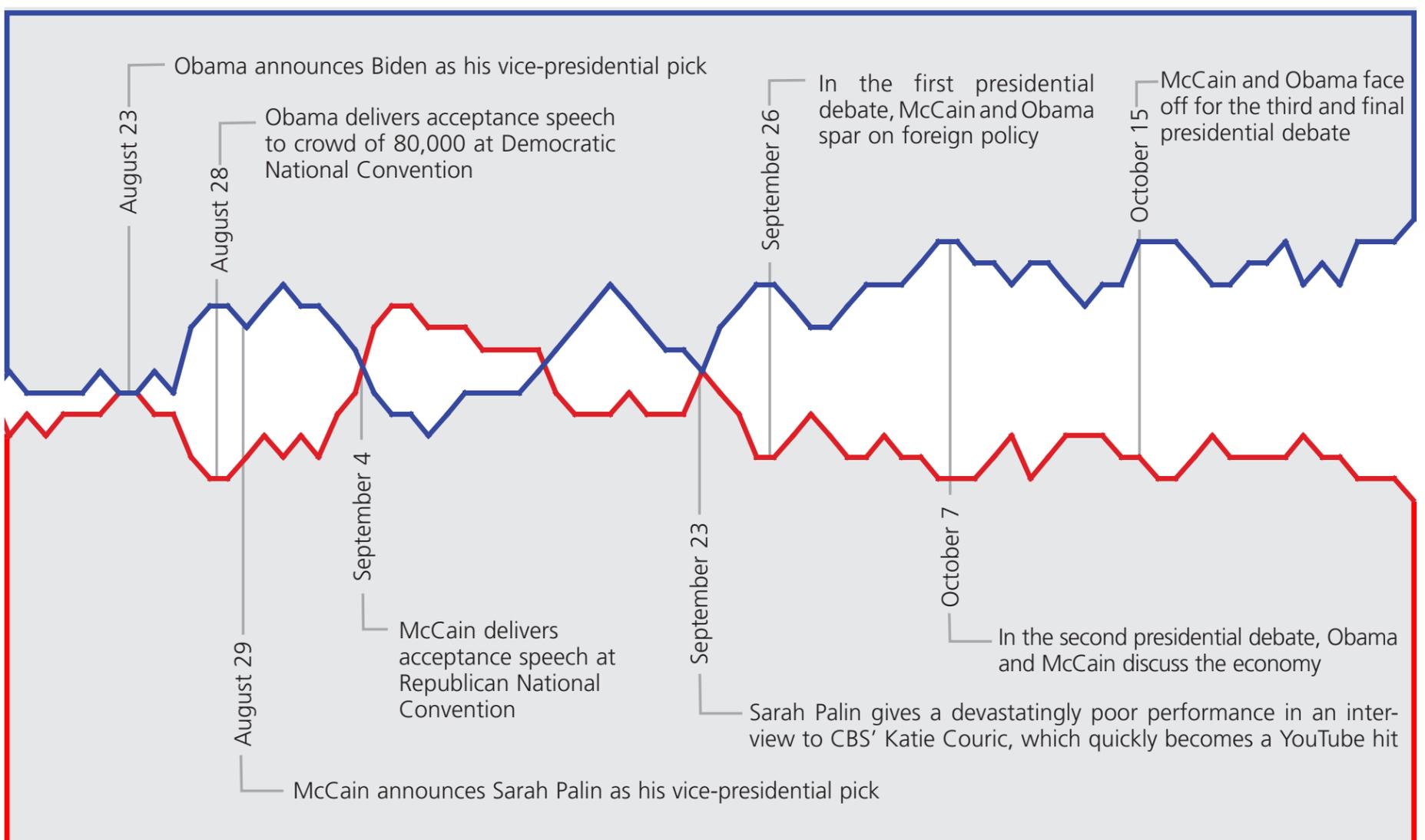
"I would've voted for Obama for President in this election because he's not like an old dude, and he's got some interesting ideas and a lot to say — he seems more intelligent than McCain. I'm excited for when I get to vote."  
— Eli



"This wasn't my first time [being present for] voting, I think I came back in September, when we went for the local elections. It was fun to come [to the polling station] because I got to fill in the bubbles! If I could've voted, I would have voted for Barack Obama because we're not very rich, and I think he would be a good President for us."  
— Sanjay

— by Charlotte Steinway

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## State Rep. Sciortino secures third term in unopposed contest

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Massachusetts state Rep. Carl Sciortino (D-34th-Middlesex), a Tufts alum whose district includes parts of campus, won reelection comfortably yesterday in an uncontested vote.

Sciortino (LA '00) credited the easy victory to his "heavily Democratic" district, which covers all parts of campus located in Medford and the area west of Packard Avenue in Somerville.

Sciortino is now set to serve a third term. He said that the unusually high levels of energy swirling from the presidential election trickled down to local campaigns this year.

"I think that the national climate around

the importance of voting and campaigning probably helped people get involved at the local level," Sciortino said. "I definitely witnessed a huge amount of energy in my [primary] campaign this September."

When asked last night who he supported in the presidential election, Sciortino replied, "Obama, of course."

He said that the senator's charisma and enthusiasm can pay real dividends. "We've had a really challenging eight years," he said, "and I think that the hope Obama brings is very real."

Although he had no competition yesterday, Sciortino defeated Democratic challenger Bob Trane, the president of Somerville's board of aldermen, in September after waging a write-in primary campaign.

Three referendum proposals were on

the Massachusetts ballot yesterday, and Sciortino has proved a visionary on one of them. Question 3, which passed yesterday, will ban dog racing in the state. Sciortino reflected to the Daily on his unsuccessful bid to pass legislation in his first term eliminating the sport that many say promotes animal abuse.

"The racing industry is a very powerful lobby, so we weren't able to get that legislation through," he said.

Sciortino said that he is looking forward to his third term as a state representative.

"I was delighted to win the primary in September and am very excited and appreciative to serve for a third term," he said. "A lot of Tufts students were involved in my September primary campaign, and I'm very appreciative for all of their help."

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## The end

It's over. At long last, it's over. The longest, wildest and most historic presidential election of my short lifetime just concluded yesterday, and my mood mirrors what I imagine is the attitude of the entire country: relief that, one way or the other, we've finally decided this damn thing and can move onto the business of taking this country forward. For many young Americans like myself, who first became politically aware in the chaos of the aftermath of the 2000 election debacle in Florida, the concept of a post-Bush political world is a tough one to comprehend. And even before that, when we were little kids running around our parents' living rooms, there would be the Clintons on our TV screens, the eternal faces of the Democratic Party. It is fair to say that for the vast majority of Tufts students, a Bush or Clinton has inhabited the White House for every moment they've been on this earth.

No longer. Obama's impending presidency will mark the end of 20th-century politics and usher in the first wave of a 21st-century political system. It will be one that embraces technology, courts and mobilizes the young, and confronts problems and issues completely foreign to our parents and grandparents. Clinton, and even Bush (whose presidency was nominally in the 21st century) were the culmination of the post WWII baby boomer generation. Obama is of a different generation, literally and figuratively, and may represent our best chance to move beyond the culture battles of the '60s that every other president has lived through. To grossly oversimplify, Obama will be the first president not to look at an iPod and wonder how it works.

OK, enough with the high-minded stuff and on to the nitty gritty. How did Obama pull this thing off?

There are a thousand and one reasons why Obama, not McCain, won the presidency last night. But they all boil down to two things: message and machine. I guarantee you that every factor the pundits mention in the weeks to come will fall under the broad heading of those two themes.

The Obama message, like all great political themes, was stunningly simple: Change. From Day One — Day One — the Obama team made the decision to focus, laser-like, on a theme of change. They understood better than anyone else how dissatisfied the country was with its present course and knew that an open-ended promise of "not this" would allow them to appeal to the vast majority of the electorate. The fact that Obama had been beating the "Change" drum since the start of his campaign allowed him to own that theme in a way the McCain folks, who lurched from message to message 5 or 6 different times, could not.

A great message is only half the battle. Running a top-notch campaign, your machine, is what gets that message to the voters and turns them out on Election Day. I will have more to say on this next week, as I don't like talking nuts and bolts before all the numbers come in. But suffice it to say that the Obama '08 operation has been one of the most finely tuned, excellently managed and well-funded campaign machines in the history of American politics. What the campaign's architects, chief strategist David Axelrod and (especially) campaign manager David Plouffe did was, essentially, the equivalent of building a nation-wide, \$600 million dollar corporation in the space of a year and a half. Oh, and Obama & Co. had to be built while conducting business (the primaries were a national election in and of themselves), and it had to compete with the established players: Clinton, Incorporated, and the Republican Party Company. Also, the product they were selling for president was a black liberal with a nutty pastor, a funny name that evoked two of America's worst enemies and the least political experience since Kennedy.

Would YOU have invested?

The successful marriage of penetrating message and well-oiled machine won this election. I look forward to really taking apart the nuts and bolts of the Obama operation next week, as well as providing an autopsy on the McCain campaign's doomed bid for the White House too. I hope you'll stick around even though the election's over — what else is there to do until Inauguration Day anyway?

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## After close race in '06, Courtney takes home comfortable win

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U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney (D-Conn.), a Tufts alum, won reelection yesterday by a landslide — but his glide to a finish did not keep the congressman from hitting the campaign trail hard yesterday.

Perhaps Courtney's (A '75) vigilance was motivated by past experience: He won his seat in 2006 by under 90 votes over incumbent Republican Rob Simmons.

Yesterday, though, Courtney soundly defeated Republican challenger Sean Sullivan, claiming 66 percent to 32 percent with 99 percent of precincts reporting.

A Sept. 30 poll of likely voters conducted by the University of Connecticut showed Courtney 27 percentage points above Sullivan, a former commander of the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Conn. Courtney received endorsements from several organizations and

newspapers, among them the New York Times on Oct. 25.

Still, Courtney refused to take Election Day lightly. "We've got a lot of ground to cover," he told the Daily yesterday afternoon. "I'm far from complacent."

Courtney started his day in Vernon, Conn. He had already made six stops when he spoke with the Daily, and he planned on making at least two more before ending his day in Old Lyme, Conn.

Courtney said that the presidential race between Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain had energized the electorate and played a role in "enhancing" the voting experience. "This is an election for the ages," he said.

Courtney announced his support for Obama on May 21, two weeks before the senator secured the nomination.

During his stops at polling stations, Courtney talked to several voters, including many who had never before

cast a ballot.

Courtney took advantage of this year's piqued voter interest to do some last-minute campaigning for his candidacy — even if that meant simply reminding voters there are other races they should take an interest in.

"Everybody who gets in their car knows who they're voting for for president," he told the Daily. But there is a "slice of voters" who are not totally sure of the rest of the ticket.

Courtney highlighted the high voter turnout that he had been experiencing first hand. "We're seeing it in towns all across the district," he said.

Leaving Clinton, there was a traffic jam just to get out of the polling place, Courtney said.

Now that the campaign is over, Courtney said he will be returning to Washington with clear priorities: fixing the economy, improving healthcare and getting a stimulus package out as soon as possible.

## Large youth turnout keeps community busy

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reporting, and Rep. Michael Capuano took home an uncontested victory.

On the local level, state Sen. Patricia Jehlen (D-2nd Middlesex), state Rep. Carl Sciortino (D-34th Middlesex) and state Rep. Sean Garballey (D-23rd Middlesex) also went unopposed.

Somerville Board of Elections Commissioner Nicholas Salerno said the numbers of voters flocking to the polls outstripped those from previous years, particularly among young people.

"There's been a much greater turnout compared to recent elections," he said.

Sharon Bourque, who worked the Gantcher Center polling station, attributed the extensive turnout to college voters. "We've never had that many voters, so that shows you college students can make a difference," she said.

Freshman John Peter Kaytrosh, who voted at Gantcher, supported Democratic candidates for Beacon as well as Capitol Hill spots.

Kaytrosh worked on Sciortino's (LA '00) campaign and said that the local politicians resonated with him.

"He's been a real champion of gay rights and other issues that are important to me," Kaytrosh said. "Of course, he's a Tufts graduate, so I'm proud to give him my vote."

Russel Cickinger, age 28, said he voted down the line for Democrats. Specifically, he supported Capuano and the type of programming he has funded for Somerville.

"I think he's done a lot of good work in the area," Cickinger, who voted in Medford, said. "I like how he's supported Somerville and increased funding for the arts. That's been pretty impressive."

Maureen Borgan, a Medford resident and mother, also gave the nod to all the Democrats on the ballot. She said she voted for Kerry because of his achievements as a senator. "He's doing a great job," Borgan said. "He just stands up for what we want. He represents us."

Giovanni Russonello contributed reporting to this article.

## Obama comfortably earns majorities in both Medford and Somerville

BY JEREMY WHITE  
Daily Editorial Board

Exit polling in Somerville and Medford indicated a resounding mandate for Barack Obama yesterday, as most citizens fell in line behind the Democratic nominee.

With 100 percent of precincts reporting, 66 percent of Medford residents supported Obama. Eighty-one percent of Somerville residents voted for Obama, with 71 percent of precincts reporting at press time.

Their voting preferences were in line with the greater Massachusetts vote in which 62 percent of residents voted for Obama with 83 percent of precincts reporting at press time. Foreign policy played an integral role in shaping the preferences of many voters, who believe the Bush administration's actions have alienated America from the international community.

"We'd like to see an improvement in our image in the world," said Emily Culliton, a Medford resident who voted Democrat "straight down the board." She and her husband Zac said foreign policy and healthcare were of paramount importance in shaping their views on the presidential candidate.

Over 63 percent of Middlesex County, of which Medford and Somerville are a part, voted for Obama with 77 percent of precincts reporting at press time.

Nicole Jalbert, 22, is a registered Republican but said she switched allegiances for this election because America needs to change course.

"I just think in general the Republican way isn't working so we need to get the Democrats in here and see if they can fix the mess we're in," Jalbert said.

Kemi Akinyele, a 22-year-old registered Democrat, said she voted for Obama because "he presents himself in a very intellectual manner, and he seems to care a lot for the

people he wants to represent."

In reference to a McCain policy that would give \$5,000-per-family tax credits toward healthcare insurance, Akinyele added "anyone who believes \$5,000 will take care of your healthcare is completely delusional."

The daughter of Nigerian parents, Akinyele said Obama is a unifying figure who can help heal a large "divide in how [African Americans] represent ourselves."

"It makes me feel extremely proud that not only do we have an African-American candidate, but a well-qualified African-American candidate," she said.

Valerie, a registered Independent who requested her last name be withheld, said Obama's more egalitarian economic policies appealed to her.

"I believe that the wealth should be shared," she said. "That makes me a bit of a socialist, but community is an aspect of socialism. Healthcare needs to be government funded and universal."

Sophomore Adam Arazi said that he voted for the Obama-Biden ticket because he believes that Biden, who Arazi supported in the primaries, "needs to be in office some way or another."

"I do not like Barack Obama, but I like Sarah Palin less than Barack," Arazi said, citing Obama's inexperience.

A 59-year-old registered Democrat who asked to be referenced as Jim, said he decided to vote for Libertarian candidate Ron Paul because neither of the major party choices seemed worthy.

"I wasn't happy with either candidate," Jim said. "I think that too [often] there is too much government; I think the corporations control this country. I don't think Obama's got enough experience and I'm not happy with the failed Republican policies of the last eight years."

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# Students' political engagement increases due to intense issues of 2008 elections

BY JESSICA BIDGOOD  
Daily Editorial Board

The Daily examined patterns among young voters yesterday, both at Tufts and on a national level. In the wake of yesterday's election, we look at how this election has affected political engagement and awareness.

Today is a strange day in American politics.

Regardless of one's political persuasion, the seemingly endless race for the presidency and the constant news cycles that accompanied it caught the attention of even the least politically interested individuals. National voter turnout reports suggest that citizens

have been highly involved in this election. Today, left with no new campaign news, students and citizens reflect on the way the 2008 presidential elections engaged them in ways other than their simple vote.

According to Tufts political science lecturer Jeffrey Berry, it is common for election seasons to increase American political awareness and activism.

"Elections educate people," Berry said. "But at the same time, voters are not exactly blank slates."

"For most Americans, I think that politics is sort of off in the background," said Michael Hawley, president of Tufts

Republicans. "But, especially during the last three months of an election year, when the election dominate[s] all of the news, Americans can't help but be exposed to the ques-

**"People genuinely think their vote matters, and they want to send a message with their vote."**

Michael Goldman  
political science lecturer

tions of the time that lead to greater political awareness."

Political science lecturer Michael Goldman said that the 2008 campaign represents a new level of voter awareness as compared to past elections.

"Elections matter when people believe that they will impact them directly or indirectly," he said. "In 2000, if you took a poll and asked about the fundamental difference between Gore and Bush, it was center versus left of center."

Goldman said he believes that the perceived similarity between the candidates in 2000 left people relatively apathetic about the race, but the political developments of the last eight years have made indifference nearly impossi-

ble. "This election is like 1968," Goldman said. "People genuinely think their vote matters, and they want to send a message with their vote."

The heightened importance of the election has caused many Tufts students, to become better versed in politics.

"I definitely read [and] watch the news more, and discuss politics with my friends more often," senior Shana Goldstein said.

Sophomore Adam Fischer credited his own political awareness to both the length of the campaign and to the messages within it.

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## State still has income tax after yesterday's vote

### REFERENDA

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law by lessening the civil penalties associated with the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana. The referendum needs no passage by lawmakers and is set to be implemented immediately.

Offenders who are 18 years old or older will be forced to relinquish the marijuana and pay a \$100 fine, the spoils of which go to the offender's municipal government, not the state government. In addition to facing the same penalty, minors will have to enroll a drug awareness program to be completed within one year of the offense.

State Rep. Carl Sciortino (34th-Middlesex), who won reelection yesterday in an unopposed race, supported the proposal.

"I think our policy around drug use needs an overhaul in reform and I think this gives voters an opportunity to make their voices heard," he told the Daily. "If a minor were caught under current law they would have a criminal record and be arrested and put in jail, and that would eliminate that student qualifying for any financial aid in college — really problematic."

Todd Corbett, a Medford resident who was voting at the polling station at Tufts' Gantcher Center yesterday, agreed. "I think bogging up the courts system is not doing us any good," he said. "Most of my friends smoke it, I'll smoke it occasionally ... You don't see anybody smashing up cars."

Ina, a 29-year-old registered Democrat voting in Somerville who requested her last name be withheld, agreed that such a transgression should not affect offenders indefinitely.

"I think it would be something young kids do and have on their record for a long time, which would hurt them with things like getting into college and getting scholarships," Ina said.

Valerie, a Medford schoolteacher who opted not to give her last name, voted yes on Question 2, saying that current rules punish marijuana-related offenses too heavily.

"People should not be permanently penalized for being caught with marijuana," she said.

Brian Given, a 54-year-old Republican from Medford, said he voted yes on Question 2 because he thinks the police waste resources fighting what amounts to a petty crime.

"The police department has more important things to chase people around for," Given said.

But Republican Nicole Jalbert disagreed, suggesting that reducing penal-

ties for marijuana possession "would start a bad precedent."

Question 1, a binding proposal to eliminate the state income tax by January 2010, received a large amount of attention across the Commonwealth this fall.

If it had passed, the measure would have slashed the roughly 40 percent of the state's \$28 billion budget that the tax brings in. This would have reduced the average Massachusetts taxpayers' tax burden by over \$3,600, according to proponents. But detractors worried that it would cripple the government and force lawmakers to raise other, less egalitarian taxes, like the property tax.

Valerie, a 30-year-old registered independent and schoolteacher who asked that her last name not be used, voted no on the referendum. She offered a grim picture of Massachusetts without the financial support of an income tax.

"I think that would collapse the society of Massachusetts," she said. "We're used to a certain amount of money."

A similar ballot measure in 2002 received about 45 percent of the vote. This time, a number of major national and local organizations, ranging from non-profits to labor groups, spoke out against it.

Sciortino opposed the proposal. "There is no way that local government could function if it passed. Its effects would be devastating," Sciortino said.

Corbett voted yes on Question 1 to secure some economic relief in troubled times. "I'd rather get a little raise in my paycheck," he said. "Yeah we'll probably get a raise in the property tax but I don't own anything."

"If the government stopped wasting all of our money, they could get by on a little less money."

But Given expressed concern that Question 1, if passed, would hamstring the ability of public services to operate efficiently.

"We need protection for the police and fire in the cities and that would be one of the first things they try to cut," Given said.

Question 3 passed by a margin of 56 percent to 44 percent, with 81 percent of precincts reporting, and will force the closure of the two pari-mutuel greyhound racetracks in Massachusetts. This could put hundreds of people out of work.

Corbett said he cast his ballot to ban dog racing. "I'm an animal lover," he said. "It's kind of sad to see what happens to those dogs."

Ben Gittleson and Giovanni Russonello contributed reporting to this article.

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Members of the community participated in a variety of activities in the campus center.

## Student groups set up tables, look to involve community during campus center programming

### EXTRAVAGANZA

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a senior, and sophomores Brian Agler, Chas Morrison and Samuel Wallis commented on the results, often receiving news from audience members watching the returns online.

Early on, Brown took informal polls, asking how many people lived in swing states, how many volunteered for one of the campaigns and how many actually voted.

Brown and the other MCs occasionally asked members of the audience for their opinion on the election and the issues.

The night began with the screening of a documentary created by an ExCollege class. It struck a lighter note, with highlights of the presidential race interspersed with a number of clips of funnier campaign moments.

Students from "The Institute," a TUTV program, showed two comedic videos, and there was also another ExCollege documentary recapping the intense primary battle, the bitter campaign attacks and various other memorable moments.

As the first results started rolling in, a panel of various political minds, some of them members of the Tufts community, discussed major themes of the election and the meaning of the numbers.

The panel also addressed negative campaigning.

"Usually, you can tell who's behind by who has the more negative campaign," Dean of Undergraduate Education James Glaser said. "When the McCain campaign really started to dish it out .... [the Obama campaign] didn't go as low as they could have gone."

On the issue of the historical significance of Obama's presumptive election, Glaser, also a political science professor, said it compared to other events he thought he would never experience in his lifetime, such as the fall of the Berlin Wall and the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Politically oriented student groups set up tables on the lower floor of the campus center, providing free handouts to students and opportunities for attendees to share their views.

Tufts Votes Co-Chairs Christina Kay, a sophomore, and Emily Hellman, a junior, gave out candy and "I Voted" stickers.

At another table sponsored by VOX, Tufts' reproductive rights and sexual health awareness group, members of the community had the opportunity to write out their suggestions for what the president-elect should accomplish while in office.

Senior Jason Safer placed a note encouraging the next president to fund stem cell research. Freshman Richard Ammerman proposed, somewhat less seriously, that the winner grow a beard.

"It's just been a really long time since an elected president had a beard. There's just a stigma against beards [in the White House]," he said.

Meanwhile, WMFO broadcasted live from the campus center's second floor, drawing on commentary from its DJs, members of the community and local residents.

The station's coverage focused on local ballot issues in addition to the national race, according to freshman and DJ Garrett Gilmore, who staffed a table giving away and selling various WMFO mer-

chandise.

"It's fabulous seeing so many students here, engaged, excited about what's going on," Bacow told the Daily. "Elections matter. I'm delighted to see that this generation understands that. I hope they will remember elections matter ... two years from now."

Although Bacow said he does not envy Obama's job, he thought the way the candidate has been able to bring people together in his campaign bodes well for his capacity to govern.

"This probably won't surprise you, but I actually think leadership matters," he said. "What I'm most encouraged by in this election is the fact I'm hopeful that this election signals a change in the nature of the level of political discourse that we will see."

Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman also attended the event. "I'm excited," he said. "This is the best use of the campus center we've ever had in its history."

"It's been incredible, it's been great," said Tufts Students for Barack Obama co-leader Ethan Hochheiser, a junior, who returned to campus shortly before 9 p.m. after campaigning over the weekend in New Hampshire. He credited his co-leaders and other student volunteers for their efforts in the Granite State, which Obama won.

Early in the night, Tufts Republicans President Mike Hawley, a sophomore, expressed cautious optimism while talking to the Daily over the shouts of the overwhelmingly Democratic-leaning crowd.

"This is the environment I go to school in every day," he said. "[The Republicans are] going to try to make up in enthusiasm

what we lack in numbers."

At the end of the night, though, freshman Megan Luce, a McCain supporter, said that she was happy to have closure.

"It's been too long," Luce said of the election. "I'll be kind of glad when it's over, just all the campaigning. It's too drawn out, but it is exciting."

### Major goes political, adds comedic flair to campus center Extravaganza

Major Undecided added a touch of comedy to the Election Night Extravaganza last night, drawing nearly 50 students away from the TV networks' projections. But in a break from their usual routines, their six skits were in keeping with the political theme of the evening.

In a Sarah Palin skit, it is Jan. 22, 2009, the day after John McCain tragically suffered a fatal heart attack, the causes of which are still being investigated. The now-President Palin, played by a cross-dressing Peter McCormick, appears after wikipedia-ing how to be president and informs the reporters that she will "not be taking questions today, or ever."

When she does open the floor to questions she ends up declaring it National Moose Hunting Month.

Despite the highly partisan feel of the campus center, Obama did not escape the comedy group's mocking. Major performed a skit that envisions an Obama cabinet meeting, where the Secretary of Hope is a key member.

The skit culminates with the appearance of the Secretary of Change, who feels a compulsive need to change everything—including her clothes, the location of the meeting and the War in Iraq. "Yeah, we need to switch that up," she said. "How do you feel about Australia?"

One skit, written three years ago, is about a turf war in which Tufts Democrats and Tufts Republicans compete over recruiting a freshman but are ultimately defeated by the newly formed Tufts Monarchs.

Major started brainstorming ideas for the other skits in mid-October and spent last week rehearsing, according to senior Mark Paglia.

The final product included a balanced mix. Outside of the Palin and Obama skits, the others poked fun at pollsters, debate prep and Bob Barr, the 2008 Libertarian candidate for President—whose campaign headquarters turn out to be a KFC.

— by Sarah Butrymowicz



ANNIE WERMIEL/TUFTS DAILY

## Students find time between studying and work to tune into omnipresent coverage of yesterday's major races

Even students swamped with midterms and locked behind the counters of their on-campus jobs found time to follow the election last night. Students in both Brown 'n Brew and the Tower Café studied furiously before running home to tune in, while others studied with their laptops nearby streaming live coverage. The students working in both locations remained huddled in masses behind the counter with laptops open — the students at the Tower Café even had multiple tabs of news sites open, in hopes of gaining well-rounded campaign information.

"[The rest of the staff and I are] huddled in the back of Brown 'n Brew watching the election on two different computers. My shift goes from eight to 11 tonight, and I have it every week, so I couldn't really switch out of it. When the debates were going on, sometimes we would just not go up to the counter so as to discourage people to leave."

Patricia Pop, sophomore

"Behind the counter, on a laptop, we've got ABC — where we're watching streaming coverage, and we've got NBC [on another tab], but they keep taking breaks every five minutes, so we're not really watching that, and we've even got Fox News, just to see what they're up to. So we're really keeping ourselves updated, even though we have to work."

Josh Hale, Emily Starck, Phil Ramirez, sophomores

"I'm going to start watching the election coverage really soon, but right now I have to finish up some work for my midterm tomorrow ... it's so unfortunate that we have midterms during election week, and the teachers can't be convinced."

Tatiana Rais, sophomore

"I'm studying for my genetics exam tomorrow at 1:30. I'll probably go back and forth between studying and checking in on the coverage throughout the night."

Stacey Lee, senior

"I'm going to study for my midterms tonight. I'll probably watch some of the coverage also, either on my computer, or I might go to the Campus Center to watch it on a TV."

Martin Ribadeneira, freshman

— by Charlotte Steinway

## At impromptu revelry, chants of 'Yes we can' fill quad after election

BY SARAH BUTRYMOWICZ  
Daily Editorial Board

Hundreds of Tufts students gathered en masse on Packard Ave. between Barnum Hall and the Fletcher School early this morning to celebrate Sen. Barack Obama's presidential victory. Shortly after Obama's historic acceptance speech, students assembled, carrying signs, shouting and hugging.

As students left the Election Night Extravaganza at the campus center, they stayed outside. "Nobody wanted to go back to bed," junior Dan Stone said. "Someone said, 'We're going to the quad,'" and the group ran up.

This crowd "collided" with another group that had congregated separately around Miller Hall, according to freshman Danielle Wilson. She had heard the celebrators from her dorm and came outside to join.

Chants of "Obama," "U.S.A." and "Yes we can" broke out sporadically among the crowd. Some voiced their equally

enthusiastic approval of the passing of Question Two on the Massachusetts ballot, which decriminalized the possession of small amounts of marijuana.

Students also started sing-alongs of "We are the Champions," "The Star Spangled Banner," and "We Shall Overcome."

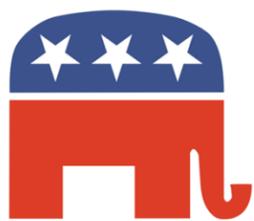
At one point, an impromptu, fully clothed quad run broke out, spearheaded by senior Derek Ricciuto. The group ran around the Res quad once and then grouped on Packard again, where a few climbed trees, as well as Barnum's generator.

TUPD had at least one officer present to make sure the proceedings did not get out of hand.

"It's amazing," Stone said. "I'm struck by how universal this is," Stone called his host brother from his stay in Ghana at four in the morning to wake him up and tell him the news.

"I'm proud to be an American — as dumb as it sounds — for the first time," junior Jessie Sofio said.

## Student activists reflect on Obama's landslide victory



### Tufts Republicans

"I'm feeling as bad as everyone else on this campus is feeling good," Hawley said. "I'm not shocked, I'm just deeply saddened."

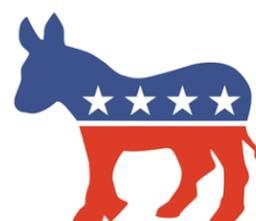
For the marginal group of students dismayed by the results of the 2008 presidential election, the overwhelming late-night revelry in the Campus Center when Sen. John McCain made his concession speech added insult to injury.

"I couldn't even bring myself to watch [McCain's speech]," Hawley said. Despite recent polls indicating a clear path to victory for President Elect Barack Obama, the Tufts Republicans had held out hope that their efforts were not in vain. "I, along with other members of the Tufts Republicans, had worked very hard on this campaign," Hawley said. "And we wouldn't have done that if it were a waste of our time."

For Hawley, the relative silver linings of last night's event were the minor successes within Senate races. "We've not done nearly as badly in the Senate as expected, which gives us some leverage to prevent what we see as disastrous policy being rammed down our throats," he said. "I certainly wouldn't call it a great silver lining. You have to look for good news where you can get it I suppose."

After the culmination of what has been a seemingly never-ending election cycle, the Tufts Republicans will continue to work toward their cause in the wake of an enormous defeat.

"We'll continue to do what we've always done, which is to advance and make the case for our conservative and Republican ideals," Hawley said. "The election is over and now we go back to what we usually do. We'll debate the Dems on occasion, we'll bring speakers. Life will go on."



### Tufts Democrats

From the Radisson Hotel in downtown Manchester, N.H., Tufts Democrats President Shana Hurley celebrated the victory of Sen. Barack Obama, riding a wave of joy alongside her fellow activists.

"It's awesome," she said. "Everyone is elated. It was a great night, not only for Barack."

The junior explained that while polls had indicated Obama would likely win the election, she and her fellow student Democrats had learned to be cautious. "[You] never forget that feeling where you think you have it and you don't. We couldn't take it for granted," she said.

Hurley, who was active during both the primaries and the general election, said this cycle represented a shift in youth activism. "Some of us really got it this year," she said. "I really feel like I was part of the process."

But even in light of the initial celebration and wave of happiness resulting from Obama's victory, Hurley said that America and its people have a long and difficult road ahead of them — and that Obama's win does not necessarily ensure the future of the nation.

"I think as young Democrats, as Americans, it's our prerogative to make sure he does his job," she said. "I especially think as young people, it's really up to us to kind of challenge the president and the party, [especially] when we're inheriting the budget deficit. If all these things don't get fixed, not only are we paying for it later, we're paying for it now."

For the Tufts Dems, the victories of both Obama and a number of Democratic congressional candidates present an enormous opportunity. "It provides a really exciting opportunity to force new solutions to come to the top. I think the time demands it," she said. "The challenges, they're not insurmountable — but they're really big, and they're scary."

— by Carrie Battan

## Students question whether 2008 activism will fade away or have continuing impacts in future years

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"This campaign has been going on so long, it's hard not to be aware of it," he said.

Like many Tufts students, Fischer has made an effort to stay abreast of campaign developments.

"Although I haven't actually gotten involved in the campaign, I think it's important to stay aware of the issues," he said. "It's important to give time to such a unique election."

President of Tufts Democrats Shana Hurley, a junior, believes that the unique campaign structure employed by Democratic candidate Sen. Barack Obama has caused more students become politically engaged than ever before.

"We have seen a lot of people who weren't previously involved in the Tufts Democrats get involved," she said. "We had 146 signups for the Get out the Vote Weekend in New Hampshire — which is amazing — mostly of people who haven't been involved before. There is much more engagement on a field level."

Hurley said the high level of student involvement in the Obama campaign is a result of both the campaign's outreach strategies and the perceived importance of this election.

"The Obama campaign, in a way that hasn't been done since Bobby Kennedy's 1968 Democratic primary campaign, has really asked students to get involved," Hurley said. "There's been an active effort to include them."

Obama's message has driven those concerned with the state of current affairs to engage in this presidential election, Hurley said. "People are worried about the world, and we're in a very challenging situation. There's excitement among people because of change, and that's why Obama's message resonated," she said.

In addition to increasing overall political awareness, this election cycle has created a change in the way already politically interested students interact with politics, said junior Jarrod Niebloom, head of the Institute for Political Citizenship, which is run by the Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service.

"Normally, the students at Tufts are more interested in doing substantive policy work than getting involved in partisan politics," he said, listing work with non-profits, community organizing and policy research as typical paths chosen by Tufts students. "But I think we've seen in this election that there is a real interest in electoral politics, particularly for the Obama campaign."

Like Hurley, Niebloom credited this shift both to the campaign itself and the urgency of the situation.

"[Students] genuinely care because whoever is elected is going to, in some way, substantively change the direction of the [country's politics]," Niebloom said. "I don't think it's just students; I think it's most of the elec-

torate. And certainly almost [all students] at Tufts, who are educated and passionate about bread and butter issues."

Goldman added that fundamental changes in the nature of campaigning have contributed to the ability of citizens already interested in politics to participate.

"The Internet has changed everything," he said, citing the role that online campaign ads, bloggers, and candidate's Web sites have played in the election.

He added that the Obama campaign's fundraising structure has encouraged additional participation, as the ease of contributing small sums has given more people a financial stake in the campaign.

Hawley, however, was more skeptical about the future impact of the Internet on campaigning. "You certainly can be more politically aware if you choose to than you were ... 50 years ago, but whether or not Americans will choose to because they have these tools at their disposal — I think it's too early to tell," he said.

Today, the critical question is whether this increased political engagement can be sustained until the next cycle. Berry expects a dip following the election.

"It always drops off as elections are such a feverish period, but there [are] always more voters that come in and become engaged," he said.

"I think it probably drops pretty fast, especially with an election of this length," Hawley said. "The three months between election day and inauguration are politically uneventful, which makes it easier for people to tune out."

Hurley, however, is more optimistic. "The youth vote surge didn't start in 2008, it started in 2004 as a response, not to Obama, but to [Sen.] John Kerry [D-Mass.]," she said. "It continued in 2006 with the midterm elections," she said. "The increase in youth turnout has not been a response to Obama, it's been a response to George Bush ... If you're our age, you're thinking about the kind of world you're inheriting, and it's pretty scary right now."

Goldman said the concerns that drove people to worry about politics during the elections will keep them engaged afterwards. But, he added, the current problems with the economy and foreign policy might drive people away. "Our problems are not short-term issues, and Americans aren't used to that," he said.

Niebloom said he hopes that the next months and years will see a continuation of high political engagement.

"It's one thing to get someone elected, but I think the greater question is, 'what are they going to accomplish once they get into office?'" he said. "Let's see students take this interest in politics that has come because of a campaign and carry it into engagement in the political sphere."

## Tufts students, many first-time voters, successfully 'Rock the Vote' by turning out

The after-work polling rush proved to be swift and steady at the Gantcher Center polling station last night. Some students trickled into the polling station in between classes to cast their votes, but the bulk of the voters were comprised of middle-aged to elderly Medford residents, who stopped by to vote after work. Plenty of parents brought their young children to the polls with them, but most of the kids seemed happy to have gotten the chance to partake in the action.

Most students saw short lines and meager waits, and were able to get in and out of the station quickly. Although most student voters deemed the voting process "simple," and "quick," a few students were faced with some difficulties. Senior Sarah Leenen, for example, was turned away from the Gantcher polling station because her dorm, Latin Way, made her a Somerville, not Medford resident.



"This was my first time voting. It was actually really exciting: As I left the exit, I was like, 'Is this it?' and the woman at the polling place asked me if I was excited, and I said 'yes.' It was a good feeling. Voting was a lot easier than I expected — there was no line. I even brought course books so that I could pick courses for next semester [while I waited], but I didn't need them. I voted for Obama because I'm a Democrat and also because I think that he would bring the best results for the country right now in terms of both international and domestic policy."

Jamie Gang, sophomore



"This was probably my third time voting at a polling station. It went just fine — really quick. I'd rather not say who I voted for."

Liz Johnson, LA '05



"This was my first time voting — it really didn't seem that special, it was so easy and only took five minutes, 10 at the most. I voted for Obama: I have my reasons, but for one, I think he will lead our country in the right direction."

Zach Groen, junior



"I wasn't able to vote here at Gantcher, I just found out that I have to go into Somerville. Apparently Latin Way isn't listed as one of the dorms [eligible to vote in Medford], because of the way the campus is split. I have to go to another polling place, but, I don't really care, as long as I get my vote out."

Sarah Leenen, senior



"This is my first time voting in an American election: I've done Canadian elections before, but never an American one. It was really good to vote — I felt so important! I was dead sure to fill in the entire bubble. I didn't have much of a choice in the state I could vote in, and it won't really make a difference here, but it was still good to vote. I voted for Obama for so many reasons: He looks like a bright new future, I put all of my trust in him and he's really articulate, which is something I put a lot of weight on, and he's very sure about everything he says and truthful."

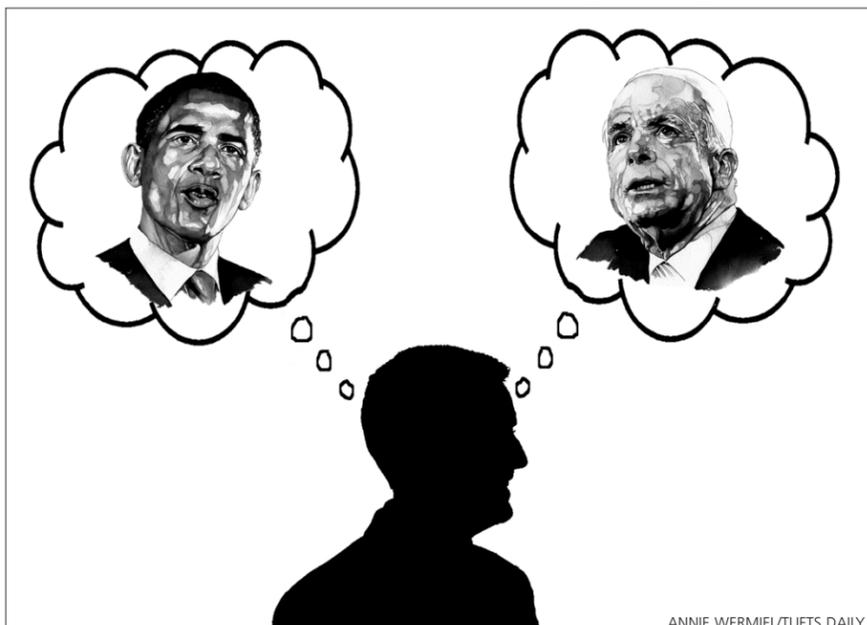
Jamie Greenberg, sophomore



"This was my first time voting, and I'm currently a Massachusetts resident, so that's why I decided to vote in person. Voting at Gantcher was relatively simple. I voted for Obama because I liked his views on the energy crisis."

Jason Moloney, sophomore

— by Charlotte Steinway



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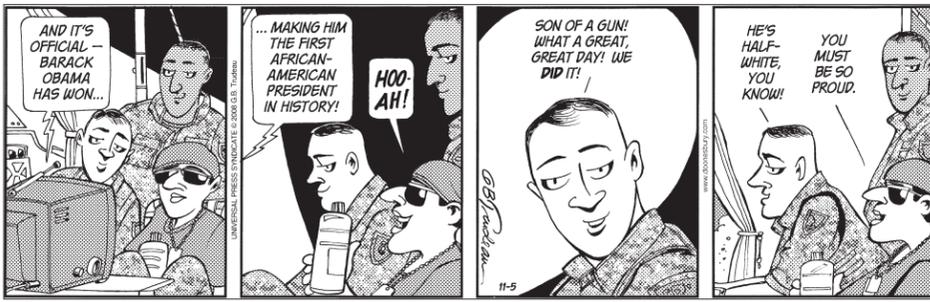
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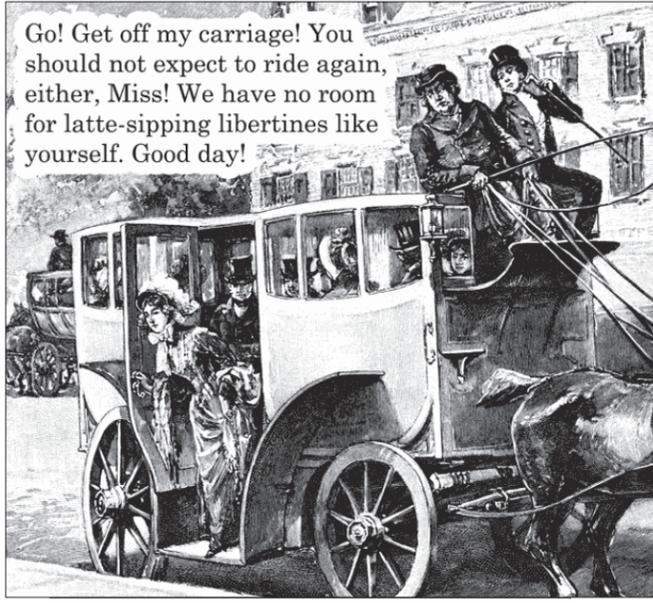


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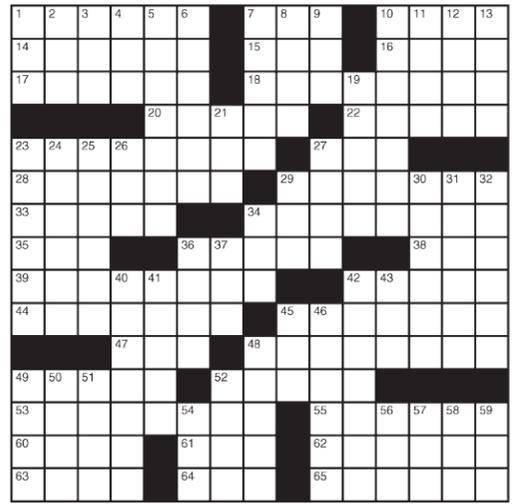
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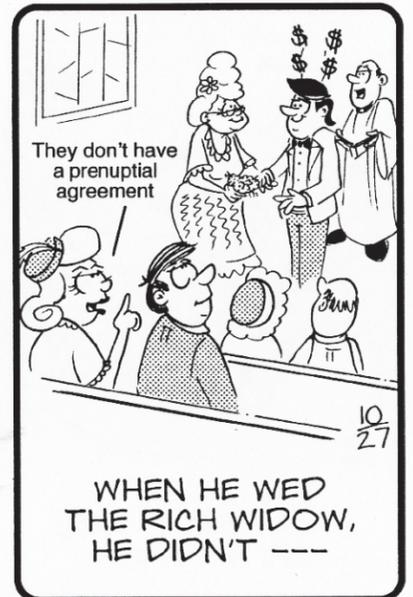
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## EDITORIAL

What we have witnessed over the past 21 months, culminating in the events of yesterday's general election, is historic in its own right. The rapid ascent of Barack Obama — the 47-year-old Hawaiian-born son of a Kenyan man and a white American woman, a junior senator with under four years of Washington experience on his résumé — to the presidency of the United States of America is nothing short of miraculous.

For those who have supported Obama's candidacy from the beginning, or for those staunch Democrats who put their support behind him when he sealed the party's nomination in June, or for those who made up their minds this October during the heated debate season as Obama squared off with Sen. John McCain, today is a day to celebrate.

Tomorrow, however, is a day to move on. However hard-fought and well-earned it may have been, this was more than simply a political win. For Barack Obama, emerging victorious in yesterday's election was only a small fraction of the battle — what lies ahead is much more significant.

In reality, this was a victory for all Americans, even those who never embraced Obama's candidacy. His campaign, even when the opposition was at its angriest, nastiest and most hateful, was never about politics: It was about a clear vision of a better future for all Americans, including those who opposed him politically. That, above all else, was what enabled him to take the stage last night in Chicago's Grant Park to proclaim victory.

But victory isn't truly a reality. Not yet, at least. We would like to believe that the chants of "Yes, we can" that we have heard for months at every Obama rally nationwide were not about triumphing over John McCain — they were about triumphing over a great many difficulties that face this country as it proceeds under a new leader with a new vision.

It's quite possible that no incoming president has ever faced loftier expectations than Obama will upon his inauguration 11 weeks from now. The incoming administration has inherited an economy in shambles, a fraudulent war that has killed thousands of our troops and the burden of environmental crises that with time will only grow greater. His election was historic. But in the long run, what's to follow is more important.

Beginning in January, we will see the start of a new era in American politics. We can expect a Democratic president, a Democratic Senate and a Democratic House of Representatives to take firm control of Washington. Never in recent memory have we seen one party establish such complete dominance; as such, we

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Every generation has its moment. Our parents' generation burst onto the national scene with the student protests over the Vietnam War and segregation in the South. Our generation has come of age through its opposition to the Iraq conflict and its support for the integration of the White House.

Regardless of one's own personal politics, there is little doubt that the college voter has helped to transform Sen. Barack Obama into President-elect Barack Obama. Members of our generation have organized, canvassed and donated money to the Obama campaign, all the while dreaming of his victory last night. In the cold of winter, our generation helped to propel the long-shot Obama to victory in the Iowa caucuses. Throughout the summer, college students volunteered tirelessly, many participating in the political process for the first time. And yesterday, we voted for him. According to NBC News, the youth population both turned out in greater numbers and voted more heavily for Obama than they did four years

## Yes, we really can



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may be on the verge of a tremendous wave of political progress.

At home, the economic stimulation that has been promised by Democratic candidates since Al Gore in 2000 could finally become a reality. Rather than provide tax relief only for those that need it least, an Obama administration will seek to improve life for all Americans. We may enter an era in which families can afford health care, in which homeowners can stay above ground, in which more and more young people can afford higher education. These are the challenges Barack Obama faces.

Abroad, Obama must deal with the consequences of the Bush administration's misguided efforts in Iraq. But rather than make bitter, politicized attacks against President George W. Bush and his actions, Obama's mission is instead to solve the problems of the past with pragmatic solutions for the future. Figuring out the exact logistics of the withdrawal of our troops from the Middle East, managing the timing precisely, all the while maintaining stability in the region and good standing with our nation's allies, will be no easy task. On top of it all, Obama will face the burden of rebuilding our nation's reputation in the eyes of dozens of former allies who have turned against the America they have witnessed over the past eight years.

If one were to argue that all these obstacles were interconnected, the link binding them together would be energy policy, and Obama's support for technologies that could potentially revolutionize the way we power our lives will

be crucial. The potential for America to wean itself off of fossil fuels will save its citizens billions of dollars in the long run, and a decreased reliance on foreign oil will forever change the way our nation approaches foreign policy. Investment in these potential changes at the executive level is the first step, and it's a step that Obama appears willing to take.

All told, this is a tremendous multitude of challenges facing one administration. It is easy at times such as these to panic — it is difficult to imagine a 47-year-old junior senator solving all of our nation's many problems. But panic, we can conclude after prolonged reflection on the events of the past 21 months, would be too simple. Obama has made not only a political campaign, not only a career, but an entire lifetime out of his uncanny ability to defeat the odds. Perseverance in the face of adversity is exactly what has made Obama what he is today — the president-elect of the United States.

Ever since Obama announced his candidacy for the presidency on Feb. 10, 2007, he has been confident. That confidence helped him triumph over Hillary Clinton to win the Democratic nomination; it helped him triumph over McCain, as well. But Obama's most difficult opponents are still to come. We can only hope that the incoming president faces future adversity with the same steely resolve that helped him through his past. The chant that epitomized the Obama campaign is one that will prove itself equally apt as we move into the Obama presidency.

Yes, we really can.

## Passing the baton

ago for Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.). NBC exit polls reported that approximately 70 percent of voters under 30 supported Obama over Sen. John McCain. This support, no doubt, contributed heavily to Obama's historic victory.

Previously, the Daily has challenged the campus community to make voting a priority. We have commented that political candidates do not pay enough attention to the youth vote because the youth do not vote. Through our volunteer efforts and our ballots, we have established our generation as a national political force. Hopefully, politicians will take notice and focus more on the issues that matter to us. Perhaps the Bush administration's greatest failure will be the decision to pay for current expenditures with borrowed money. The politicians of our parents' generation will leave us a national debt that will hamper future prosperity. As President Obama begins his administration, we hope he will not forget the young voters who helped to get him there. He must work to repair the national debt and help us

to continue to afford our college educations as this nation moves forward.

We hope that the Obama presidency will speak to the world we will soon inherit. Our generation does not look at the world through the prism of American exceptionalism but rather treats global politics and relations as an integrated whole. Obama's ability to verbalize the international perspective of our generation is one reason so many college voters found him so inspiring.

Obama spoke to this theme in his victory speech, saying, "Our stories are singular, but our destiny is shared." As the world becomes increasingly global, Obama has always played to tomorrow's possibilities rather than the fears inherent in the future.

Years from now, we'll be telling generations to come about the monumental history made last night. The 2008 presidential election is transformational on several levels, including the arrival of our generation into the national political arena. America will never be the same.

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ALBUM REVIEW

## Eagles of Death Metal's boogie-rock effort, 'Heart On,' takes chances that pay off

BY RYAN ZUCKMAN  
Daily Staff Writer

These days, rock music remains as prevalent as ever. Though genres fall in and out of fashion as bands seek to break

**Heart On**  
Eagles of Death Metal

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new ground, the fact remains that the guitar-bass-drums-singer combo is here to stay. As most groups look forward, with some transcending genres even as they reinvent them à la Beck, a few look back. One such band is Eagles of Death Metal. This band worships at the altar of The Rolling Stones and T-Rex and feels that there is a real lack of old-school, good-times music. The group's latest, "Heart On," which seeks to inspire the listener to dance all of their troubles away, delivers an excellent set of toe-tappers and hip-shakers, with tongue planted firmly in cheek.

For the uninitiated, Eagles of Death Metal thankfully sound nothing like either The Eagles or death metal; the name is merely an in-joke among members of the band. Initially a side project of drummer Josh Homme (Queens of the Stone Age), the reins are entirely in the hands of mustachioed singer/guitarist Jesse Hughes, while the king of desert rock is relegated to drum duty. Though the two derive much stylistically from classic rock days of yore, they do not solely rely on the past and manage to create a refreshing brand of boogie rock.



Eagles of Death Metal were originally a pet project of Josh Homme from Queens of the Stone Age.

Take the one-two punch of the album's first tracks. "Anything 'Cept the Truth" is an even-keeled, mid-tempo anthem, driven by a wall of fuzzy guitar sounds and the ever-present problem of the opposite sex. It doesn't exactly break new ground, but it certainly is catchy. Following it is "Wannabe in LA," which kicks up the tempo and trades in the fuzz for a Stones-esque twang. If you're not moving by the end of this song, it's quite possible that you might be dead.

But unlike so many other records, "Heart On" isn't front-loaded with a bunch

of singles and followed up by filler. It takes chances, early and often. "Now I'm a Fool" is a surprisingly tender number, allegedly about Hughes' feelings for tattoo artist Kat Von D. It creates a warm, open sound driven by acoustic guitars and bolstered by some stronger-than-usual singing. And though it is slow, it's not quite a ballad, and it still possesses a beat — as though it's reluctant to break momentum.

These first three tracks exemplify the types of songs found on the album, and

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DEVIN TOOHEY | POP CULTURE GONE BAD

## Pain in the McCain



Three weeks ago, I voiced my hesitance culturally over Obama winning. I rescind that statement. I'm sick of John McCain and his cronies invading my television set and would like to see them banished like oh-so-many "Power Rangers" monsters-of-the-week.

Joe Wurzelbacher, aka Joe the Plumber, has a record deal. What the hell has our country come to?

Originally, I was willing to write this ill-advised sponsorship off into the realm of William Hung and Samwell (remember "What What (In the Butt)"?), but the more I thought about it, the more it troubled me. Hung and Samwell are talentless, flash-in-the-pan symptoms of where pop culture has failed us, but Joe the Plumber is much worse. Over the course of the past few weeks, he has shown himself to be small-minded, racist and so radical in his attacks on Obama (e.g. "a vote for Obama is a vote for the death of Israel") that even Fox News has called him out on his malarkey. This man is the walking embodiment of "the stupid American" and the reasons why most other civilized countries don't respect us.

And yet, he's getting a record deal. Why? For kitsch value? Because our culture has decided that anyone who gets more than a few mentions on the evening news is obviously so worthy of our attention that he should continue to be shoved down our throats no matter how despicable he is? Have we lost the ability to discern who's amusing because of stupidity and who's actually a horrible person? Joe the Plumber should not be getting a record deal! Darn it, I wish he were not even in my column. For once, I think we Americans should embrace our puritanical roots and shun him.

And then, of course, there's the man who turned this boorish dullard into the celebrity every-man (a phrase about as oxymoronic as "mass-produced counter-culture"): John McCain. I think I'd rather sit through a marathon of Michael Bay movies before the special effects than see this guy as president.

What has made me sick over the past few Saturdays has been watching the Arizona senator and his vapid piece of running mate eye-candy blatantly pandering to the American youth. Every non-risky skit on "Saturday Night Live" was a disgusting plea for free ad time, to appeal to the youth of America not through any plan that won't screw them over, but by saying, "Hey look! We can be funny and cool!" What happened to Obama being the celebrity, the rock star, the Paris Hilton?

And shame on Lorne Michaels for having the two on his show and treating them with kid gloves! Alec Baldwin's anti-Palin tirade was about as soft as you could be while not waving a "Country First" sign. He essentially did the equivalent of being told to denounce the last eight years and only saying, "Hey! Bush said 'nuclear' wrong!" Why not hit McCain and Palin with more biting lines when they were on the air, instead of becoming more duplicitous than Harvey Dent, mocking Palin one episode and then all but kissing her feet when in her presence? The only people I can commend are those who were honest and booed McCain. I'm not saying I support booing veterans, but it was refreshing to see just the slightest bit of sincerity among all the false supplication and spineless exploitation.

As I finish this column, I just want to utter a prayer that a few pages before there is not a headline about McCain getting elected. Because at the moment, it seems that he's dragging any and all forms of culture, pop or otherwise, into the mud.

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THEATER REVIEW

## 'Saint Joan' tests viewers' sympathies

BY VICTORIA PETROSINO  
Daily Staff Writer

"Saint Joan," written by Nobel Prize-winning author George Bernard Shaw and performed at the Wheelock Family Theatre,

**Saint Joan**

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Written by **George Bernard Shaw**  
Directed by **Susan Kosoff**  
At the Wheelock Family Theatre through Nov. 30

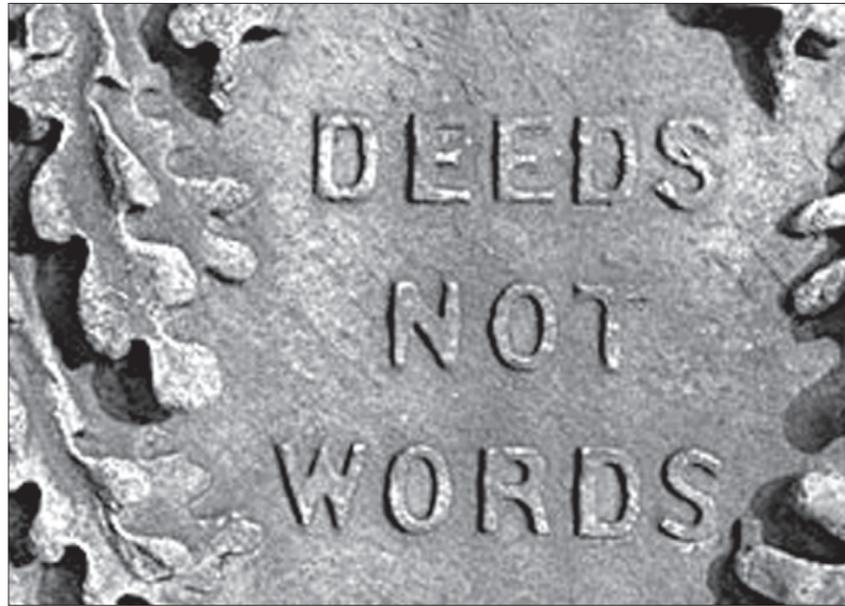
tells the infamous tale of Joan of Arc, the zealous 17-year-old girl on a God-given mission to see the Dauphin crowned king and to lead France to victory over the English. Few characters in the play are truly likeable, and most fall into a trap of oscillating hypocrisy, where they make statements that serve their present purpose but leave the audience confused as to their true intentions.

The play opens on a scene both empty and ornate. The set is imposing, with straight-backed chairs and high arches, and comforting, with soft browns and warm oranges in the faces of the saints' statues. The imbalance of these images sets up the hypocrisy of both the interactions between characters and the scenes of the play.

The Dauphin, Charles VII (played by Shelley Bolman), is petite and petulant. He excitedly frolics around the stage, teasing the Archbishop of Rheims (James Bodge) that the "Angel" Joan chose to talk to him over the Church. When he talks to Joan, he sulks and complains how everyone in the French government bullies him.

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GALLERY REVIEW



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Kramer's photography often deprives the viewer of the full context of the image.

## There's more than meets the eye in the minimalist 'Interesting & Dull Shapes'

BY CAROLINE DICZOK  
Contributing Writer

Shapes occur everywhere in nature, yet they are also recreated in man-made objects. A careful look around reveals

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the way in which shapes, both natural and man-made, can combine, forming

an endless repetition of form and patterns. John Kramer examines just that in his multimedia show in the Art Institute of Boston Gallery at University Hall at Lesley University, entitled "Interesting & Dull Shapes." Through a multimedia presentation of photographs, prints and film, Kramer examines the relationship between shape and form.

The images Kramer produces focus on both natural and sculpted forms found at Forest Hills Cemetery in Jamaica Plain. The exhibition is small, consisting of only two rooms in a gallery nestled among shops and restaurants in the ground floor commercial hub of Lesley University. Several photographs and a cluster of prints adorn

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## 'Joan' reveals modern relevance of classic tale

### JOAN

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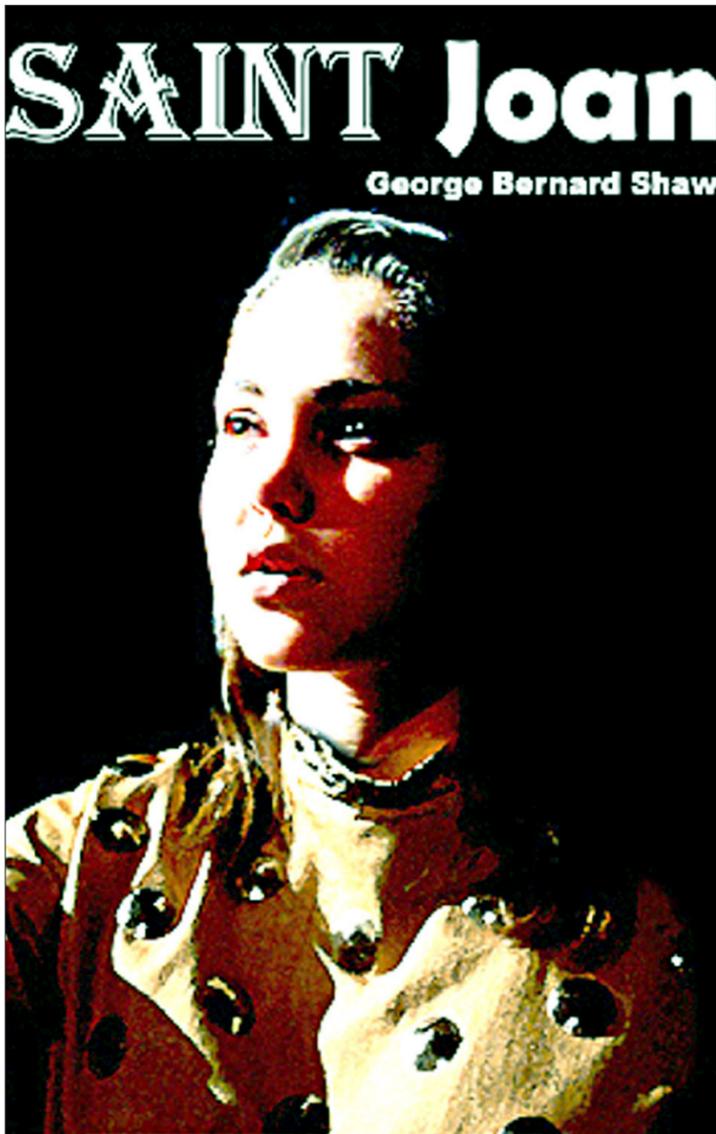
The archbishop represents the corruption of the Catholic Church. Stout and somber, he lets Joan carry on with her fanaticism, telling La Trémoille (Dale Place), the commander of the French army, that "a miracle is an event that creates faith." Even if it is an illusion, as long as everyone is fooled, Joan can inspire the country to follow her, tricking them into believing that they have God on their side. La Trémoille agrees that he could never get his troops to fight if they knew the real reason for battle. Though the story of Joan of Arc is over 500 years old, these scenes illustrate the modern relevance of the situations: the fundamental battle between morality and politics.

The play fails in its portrayal of Saint Joan (Andrea Ross) as a Christ figure. She is depicted as an innocent girl in a long, plain blue dress, with straight brown hair, who miraculously stops the soldiers from swearing. She speaks to Robert de Baudricourt (Cliff Odle), an army captain, with a desperate, compelling hope. Her enthusiasm for "carrying out the Lord's orders" and fighting the English finally convinces him to allow her to fight.

"I wash my hands of it!" he announces, channeling Pontius Pilate, who symbolically washes his hands of Jesus's fate. This trend continues, as Joan's zeal convinces person after person to follow her lead and fight on the side of God.

The audience, however, struggles because of its doubts about her intentions. Joan piously talks about keeping the English out, because the King of Heaven gave everyone their own countries. It is, therefore, not a sin to kill an Englishman on the battlefield as long as the action is in defense of France. Joan's eyes widen and she speaks with a crazed commitment in favor of using large guns and heavy artillery.

The audience oscillates in their devotion to Joan, torn between her conviction and the relative sensibility of others. The antagonist Bishop Cauchon (Dan Downing Jr.), for example, reasonably reminds the audience that there is only one land, the realm of God. Seeing Joan scuffle and pace



"Saint Joan" features — yep, you guessed it — the lovable martyr, Joan of Arc, complete with personal spotlighting.

and mope around a church after French victory, sighing that life off the battlefield is dull and making statements such as, "I have crowned Charles; why do they not love me?" weakens the sincerity of her cause, as she seemingly forgets that she works in God's name. To defend her actions, Joan attempts to play the victim card, saying that she has always walked alone in an effort to draw sympathy. Unfortunately, she chooses to convey this by ranting, chastising her executioners for picking over the bloody body of France.

The redemption of "Saint Joan"

rests in its modern relevance, particularly regarding the role of women. Joan appears at the end sickened and weak, the only female in a room of men. She is charged with heresy and wearing men's clothes. She chooses to be burned rather than face eternal imprisonment because in the end, the play is about the liberation of France from English rule, of the Dauphin from his cowardice and of Joan from a life of following orders.

After all, as the executioner says after the excommunication, "Her heart would not burn."

## Hughes and Homme manage to move into new territory

### HEART

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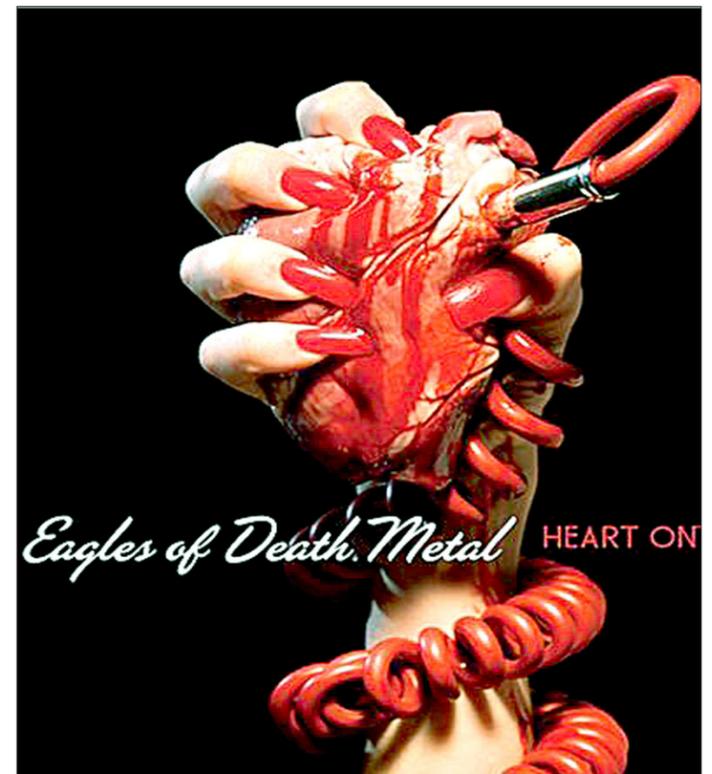
the band certainly doesn't stray too far from the sex, drugs and rock and roll archetype it loves so much (rivaled only by Red Hot Chili Peppers for number of songs about California). But that doesn't mean that there are no more punches to pack a quarter of the way through. See the gritty, electric stomp of "High Voltage" and "I'm Your Torpedo" (how's that for innuendo?) and the dark yet playful "Cheap Thrills" and "Solo Flights." The latter may be the best mainstream song about masturbation since Pink's "U + Ur Hand" (2006). Best of all is "How Can a Man With So Many Friends Feel So Alone?" which pairs vintage classic rock riffs with a distinctly Homme production style and guitar solo.

In fact, Homme's influence is heard more strongly than ever on this record, much to the album's credit, as he and Hughes seem to be pushing each other into new

territory. So while one, if familiar with his work, can easily recognize his studio touches and song arrangements — think George's influence on Ringo's "Octopus's Garden" (1969) — these never distract from Hughes' songwriting.

While their first album, "Peace, Love, Death Metal" (2004), was a lo-fi exercise in bluesy basics, and they brought sexy back long before Justin Timberlake with their riff-tastic 2006 follow-up, "Death By Sexy," Eagles of Death Metal are now at a sort of middle ground.

"Heart On" doesn't just borrow from both records; it's a step forward for the band in terms of songwriting, production and group dynamics, while still maintaining a sense of fun. The band doesn't take itself seriously, but Hughes and Homme absolutely take what they do seriously, which is exactly what makes "Heart On" such a success.



Eagles of Death Metal's album artwork certainly de-emphasizes the double entendre in "Heart On."

## Mirrors add different meaning to photography exhibit at Lesley University

### KRAMER

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the walls in the first room. In contrast, the walls of the second room are bare, with the exception of a large projection screen.

Despite the minimalist presentation, the pieces selected for the gallery are quite intriguing. Some photographs appear to capture a happened-upon moment in time, while others appear manipulated in order to achieve a specific effect. Two photographs of the words "July" and "Frost" are particularly eye-catching, and they raise a question of ambiguity.

They appear to be photographs of tombstone engravings, but since the image is focused in on the words, the viewer does not get the context of the full image. Looking more closely, moss fills in the engraved letters of "July" while snow envelops the word "Frost." Another visually pleasing photograph juxtaposes the irregularity of gnarled tree branches with the rigid geometric lines of a stone obelisk.

It is these contrasts of shape and form and interesting combinations of lines that make the photographs in the exhibition so aesthetically attractive. The exhibit lives up to its namesake; the shapes and the relationships between forms are indeed appealing. Nevertheless, the striking simplicity of the exhibition leaves the viewer wanting a little more.

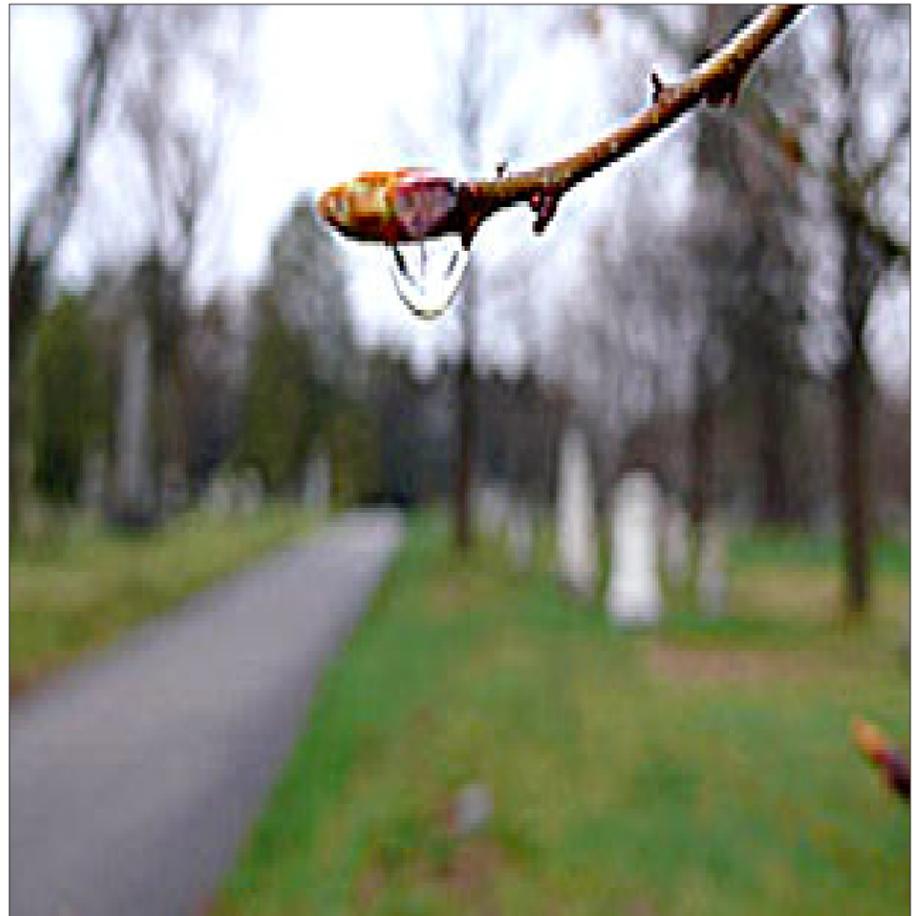
A closer examination of the works yields intricate details that are otherwise overlooked. Taking in the entire collection, from the photographs to the film to the rocks and other stone and cement blocks arranged on

the floor throughout both rooms of the gallery, the viewer gains a more complete sense of Kramer's vision. The forms and imagery of nature — mostly moss and leaves — dominate the cemetery landscape. Some of the tombstones in the photographs and film seem to impose themselves upon nature, while others are taken over by vines or enveloped so much so that they become part of the background.

Most intriguing, however, is a detail easily overlooked. The prints take on an entirely different meaning when viewed through the mirror hanging on the opposite wall. At first glance, the prints, which are made from stone rubbings, appear somehow disconnected from the rest of the exhibition. The shapes seem disjunctive, as they are simple geometric shapes of triangles and circles, drawing a comparison to the organic and natural forms apparent in all aspects of the rest of the works.

When a piece easily disregarded as a decorative feature hung above the guest book is viewed through the mirror, the shapes on the prints spell out "OAK" and "IVY." It is details such as these, things that could go unnoticed by the hasty visitor, that make the exhibition truly worthwhile.

Though small, this exhibition demands more than a quick walk-through. The gallery does not intend to tell the visitor what the exhibition is about; there is no wall text and no introduction explaining the purpose and inspiration for the works on display. Instead, the visitor must spend a few moments with the works in order to discover the exhibition's many intricacies.



Kramer's unconventional use of focus challenges viewers' expectations.

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## Despite semifinal loss at hands of reigning national champ Lindenwood, Tufts bounces back to down Coast Guard

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that boasts several recruited athletes and landed four players on the First-Team All-Tournament list, including the MVP. But while the Jumbos may have been over-matched, they held their own in the first two quarters, staying within reach of the Lions, partly thanks to senior goalkeeper James Longhurst who warded off six attempts from some of the best shooters in the country.

"I don't think anyone was really super upset about the loss," senior Ben Moskowitz said. "It would have been nice to make it to the finals because we've never been there, but Lindenwood was definitely the fastest team there and had the most dangerous players there. It was just good to play them for the experience."

The first game, a 20-5 romping over Carnegie Mellon, was more or less a chance for the Jumbos to have fun, exercise their bench and prove they deserved a spot at the tournament.

"We came into the tournament full of energy and ready to have fun," Moskowitz said. "If you look at the stats, almost everyone got a chance to play a lot of time. [After that], we couldn't leave the tournament and be really upset no matter what we did. We proved that we deserved to be at Nationals after that game, and we had fun."

After the tournament, both Mitchell and de Castro-Abeger were named to the Second Team All-Tournament list for their outstanding performances.

"Ben's first game against Carnegie Mellon was probably the best I've ever seen him play in four years," Georgakakos said. "He was doing everything right. He



COURTESY KOSTA GEORGAKAKOS

The water polo team displays its third-place plaque from Club Nationals over the weekend. After falling to eventual champion Lindenwood, Tufts defeated the Coast Guard Academy 7-6 in the consolation game.

defined where the defender was going, he was distributing the ball well, he made great decisions on defense and he was really the center of our offense in that game. I just think four years of progress were made very evident this weekend.

"I think [the] third game was really what got [de Castro-Abeger] All-Tournament," he continued. "He came out playing amazing defense and amazing offense. He was right where he needed to be. He played very intelligently and very calmly. I think a lot of other teams saw how mature he was."

Despite being unable to advance beyond the third-place mark, the Jumbos were more than happy to close out the season on such a strong note.

"I just think everyone on our team this weekend played the best I've ever seen them play," Moskowitz said. "Even against Lindenwood, that first quarter we played exceptionally well, and against Coast Guard, I think that's some of the best water polo I've seen. It was just a great way to end our season and for the seniors to end their water polo careers."

## Spirit of competition will prevail during winter training

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being present," coach Gary Caldwell said. "And it puts a lot of pressure on them, but it also creates a lot of opportunity for those who want to take that opportunity, and when you broaden that picture a little bit further ... and you take a look presumably in mid-March to figure out [that] out of that whole group of a varsity four, two varsity eights, two freshmen eights and somewhere between four and six athletes who are returning from abroad to give us a squad of 50, it's anybody's guess as to who's going to rise to the top."

Indeed, on the heels of what Tufts viewed as a successful head season — including a pair of top-10 finishes at the Oct. 26 Head of the Fish to bring the year to a close — that helped build up endurance across the entire crew, efforts now turn to the weight room and the necessary strength training to both ensure that the rowers reach peak condition and continue to acclimate the first-year rowers into the program.

"I think we had a very successful fall season, and I think we accomplished all the goals that we had," senior co-captain Steph St. Thomas said. "But now this is the time to get serious and the time to get fast. I think there's a lot to be said for our learning curve right now, since we have so many new people, that just by virtue of rowing together more often is helping. Just having so many new people every day in the boat — I think they're making vast improvements."

Still, the notion of offseason training both for improving the fitness of the crew and for

sorting out the spring roster will only further motivate the Jumbos to persevere through winter conditioning. Based on their performance in the fall, the Jumbos are more than prepared for the challenges that await them between now and the spring.

"If the fall is any indication as to how everyone on the team is going to perform over the winter, how much work they're going to put in, this spring is going to be nuts," Mula said. "Everyone's going to have to fight for a seat, nothing is going to be given to anyone — you're going to have to fight, from the best seniors down to the freshmen, [and] it's going to be every girl for herself."

"[Knowing what the future lineups will look like] is absolutely a complete mystery because it's all about who does work over the winter, and there's no way to predict that," St. Thomas said. "I think we have no way to judge it until we get back on the water in the spring, because even if you're doing a lot of work, you don't know how it's going to translate to the water, too, and some people might be on the verge now and once they put in little bit of extra effort they might be fantastic rowers."

In the end, the crew's shape come March will depend on how both the veterans and the sizable group of experienced first-years push themselves through the winter, which will be no menial feat, even though most of those upperclassmen have gone through the Tufts fitness program during past off-seasons. Still, this year's freshman crew class has been nothing less than a pleasant surprise for the Jumbos, especially compared to the smaller

groups of less-experienced rookies that have joined the team in the past.

"The big difference between this year and previous years is there's an opportunity for freshmen to make a sea change, and when you have four freshmen on a varsity squad, that sea change is probably a ripple," Caldwell said. "When you have 18 freshmen on a varsity squad, that sea change can be more like a tidal wave if that group of people takes it upon themselves to buy into [the offseason training program] and do the work. From what I can see from this group is that pretty much everybody, regardless of what year they are, buys into this, and so we should expect to see some pretty significant changes."

The crew is prepared to feed off of its successes as it makes the full transition to the offseason.

"I definitely think that we saw progress, so now that [fall is] over, the only thing we can really carry is that motivation, because in terms of fitness, now that the fall is over, winter is a whole new ball game," Mula said. "It's not going to be the same kind of training; the only thing that's really going to carry you over is that motivation that you had and the hope that the momentum that we started in the fall continues through the winter."

"I think a lot of the girls are excited for winter training, which is something we don't normally have," St. Thomas said. "It can be something that we dread, but a lot of people are really excited to put in the work and be successful, which makes for a really great atmosphere right now. We just have to keep it up and play off of it."

combinations allow us to expand our arsenal to unthinkable proportions, the likes of which have never been seen since the epic days of the legendary [current coach] Ken Legler."

In preparing for the ACCs, which will take place the weekend of Nov. 15 at Hobart and William Smith, the Jumbos are starting to use flashlights on the boats to light up the sails

when it gets dark out in order to continue to steer the fastest course possible. However, despite this complication, the Jumbos remain confident of their chances to do well at ACCs.

"We're feeling pretty strong," Hornos said. "I haven't finished worse than fifth at any top regatta so far. We're looking good ... we're going to do well."

### EVANS CLINCHY | DIRTY WATER



## The man who would be king

I'm all out of ideas.

No, not for columns. I'm just short on ways to put into words exactly what it is that's so amazing about LeBron James.

What more can I say that hasn't already been said? Well, let's see. At age 23, he already has 17 career triple-doubles and is one of the NBA's top 250 career scorers. He's fifth all-time in points per game. He was the youngest player to reach 1,000 career points, the youngest to 2,000 and so on, hitting each milestone up to 10,000. He has one of the most recognizable names and faces in America and a net worth debatably somewhere between \$200 million and \$250 million. The man is a freak of nature. The end.

Okay, let's see. Word count: 123. I guess I can't stop here. Let's dig deeper.

I suppose what's really eating at me is the fact that as great as LeBron James is, there's the potential for so much more.

It's not just that he plays in Cleveland, although that's certainly part of it. It's also that throughout his career, LeBron has been on teams that have hindered his ability to bring home the championship he deserves.

His teammates have been bad, yes. Delonte West and Wally Szczerbiak are not the supporting cast one needs to win a title — just ask Paul Pierce, who teamed up with those two to go 24-58 one year before winning his first ring. But also — and I can't believe this theory hasn't gotten more press over the past three years — it appears fairly clear that Mike Brown just isn't that good of a coach.

Brown learned the trade as an assistant coach under Gregg Popovich in San Antonio, meaning he adapted a coaching style from a man who was blessed with a spectacularly good pair of defensive big men in Tim Duncan and David Robinson. He then tried to apply that same style to his first head coaching gig in Cleveland.

Last year's Cavaliers games had an average of 90.2 possessions, ranking them seventh-lowest in the NBA. Generally, the teams at the bottom of that list are defensive juggernauts led by great big men — Rasheed Wallace and the Pistons are at rock-bottom and Duncan's Spurs are third. And yet Mike Brown's Cavaliers, whose best player is an absolute freak on offense and a merely above-average defender, are playing the same slow, methodical style of basketball that doesn't fit their personnel?

LeBron isn't just the star of the Cavaliers. He is that team. More so than pre-Pippen Jordan, more so than post-Shaq Kobe, more so than anyone else we've ever seen, LeBron defines the one-man team. He once scored 56 points in one game — on March 20, 2005 — and Cleveland still lost, to the Raptors no less, 105-98. He famously joked that night, "I don't want to score 50. We're 0-2 when I do."

This is a chicken-egg dilemma that's as simple as they come. The players come before the coaching philosophy. Period. Defense first works when your leader on the floor is Duncan or Rasheed (or KG, or Ben Wallace or Yao Ming). But LeBron? This doesn't work. Build a roster and then find a coach who can work with that roster. It doesn't go the other way around.

LeBron has a chance to make himself known as what he is — the best basketball player on the planet. But he's in a city, on a team, under a coach that can't help but chain him down.

I'm waiting with bated breath for 2010. When LBJ finally becomes a free agent, he can find any number of attractive suitors on the market: the one with the best supporting cast (Detroit), the best city for marketing his image (New York) or the best owner for creating a global icon (Jay-Z, New Jersey/possibly Brooklyn). Any of the above would be better than where he is now. Way better.

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## Solid first-year performances bode well for the future

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future, and that's certainly what the Jumbos are doing.

"Our freshman team is unbelievably strong," Weisman said. "We have the capacity to put together two competitive teams of three boats each. The versatile skipper-crew

## SAILING

## Clear sailing for Jumbos as they capture ACC berth over weekend

BY PHILIP DEAR  
Daily Editorial Board

The sailing team had one main objective coming into this weekend: earn a berth in the Atlantic Coast Championships (ACC). Through some of the best sailing the team has exhibited all season, the Jumbos accomplished just that.

At the Schell Trophy regatta on the Charles River, hosted by MIT, the Jumbos finished fourth overall out of a field of 18 of the nation's top programs. The two Tufts boats finished with a combined score of 249 in 36 total races.

In the A division, junior Tomas Hornos and senior tri-captain Lara Hwa sailed the most dominating regatta in the multi-year history of the duo on the water. Scoring 103 points, Hornos and Hwa won the A division and essentially locked up the team's berth in the ACCs.

"We did well," Hornos said. "We didn't lose sight of our main objective, which was qualifying for ACCs. We wanted to make sure we had that at the end of the weekend. We didn't really look at how well we were going to do [in the regatta]. We just focused on qualifying. It was the best result that I've gotten in college sailing so far in three years."

The extra focus seemed to work well for the B-division boat as well, which was sailed by senior tri-captain Baker Potts and senior Christina Kelly. Potts and Kelly came in at the end of the two-day regatta with 146 points, good for eighth place in the division and enough to put the Jumbos into collegiate sailing's playoffs.

"Baker had moments of brilliance," Hornos said. "He had really good races. He also had some pretty crappy ones, but that was just a couple of races ... it wasn't much."

Although the outcome of the regatta was just what the Jumbos were looking for, senior Dan Hurwit and junior Nate Rosenberg missed out on competing during the weekend. As the heavy-air crew in a regatta in which the wind never built to more than 12 knots or so, Hurwit and Rosenberg spent the weekend cheering



COURTESY KEN LEGLER

Standout freshman Adam Weisman hikes out hard to keep the boat flat as he and freshman skipper Massimo Soriano enjoy a practice session on Upper Mystic Lake. The sailing team is preparing for the Atlantic Coast Championships, to be held the weekend of Nov. 15-16 at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

on their teammates from the dock.

"[They] supported Baker and me while we were racing," Hornos said. "They didn't get a chance to sail, but they were a big part of us doing well."

In a similar fashion, freshman Adam Weisman, another member of the heavy-weight crew, was left on the docks to provide coaching tips and snacks to his classmates at the New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association's Freshman Championships, held at Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

The Jumbos sailed to a fourth-place finish out of 15 teams in the championship, bringing

in 142 points in 24 races combined between the A and B divisions. The freshmen duo of Massimo Soriano and Emily Shaw hauled in 87 points in the A division, leaving them in ninth in the division. The B-division boat, sailed by first-years Nicolas Russo-Larsson and Jory Hanselman, garnered only 55 points, leaving it in third position in the division.

"This weekend had a pretty strong breeze from the north, northwest at 5-18 knots," Weisman said. "The venue ensured that the winds were going to be shifty, but a few races in, our team got the hang of the race course and started doing really well."

"We were up against some pretty stiff competition, with very competitive A and B divisions," he continued. "On Sunday, the wind picked up significantly and remained steady throughout the day. We finished day one in fourth and ended up fourth overall at the end of Sunday."

The strong performance by the freshmen bodes well for the Jumbos in the future. Finding a comfort zone in high-pressure situations early in their sailing careers can pay huge dividends for these young sailors in the

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## WOMEN'S CREW WRAP-UP

## Jumbos approach offseason with motivation to sort out spring lineups



COURTESY ED HEWITT

The women's varsity eight, shown here at the Head of the Charles regatta Oct. 19, was comprised of a group of Jumbos from across the spectrum of class years, an apt representation of the possibility of an equally diverse lineup come spring.

BY THOMAS EAGER  
Daily Editorial Board

With three head races and seven-odd weeks of fall training on the water behind it, the women's crew team heads into winter certain of one thing: starting spots for the spring season are up for grabs.

Following an influx of experienced freshmen and a few novice-turned-varsity sophomores who proved themselves repeatedly throughout the autumn season as

legitimate contenders for seats in the spring boats, the winter offseason training will not only get the Jumbos in shape for the rigorous sprint races themselves, but will also help separate and distinguish among the wide pool of potential talent available.

"The great thing about winter training is everyone is on the same footing for the most part," senior co-captain Kaitlyn Mula said. "I mean, it's how many, 14 weeks long, so it makes you or breaks

you; if you don't do the work, come springtime you're going to be in for a rude awakening when you realize that everyone else has been breaking themselves to make it. But then, on the flip side, if you do put in the work, you'll see that, come spring, you're just so much stronger and so much more ready to bring it to the next level in the boat, so to speak."

"These folks are going to sort that out on their own without my

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## WATER POLO

## Rule of three: Tufts finishes third at Club Nationals, beats Coast Guard

BY CARLY HELFAND  
Daily Editorial Board

With a narrow loss to Coast Guard Oct. 19 in the North Atlantic Division Championship — Tufts' first defeat of the season — it was all over for the water polo team. After finishing third at Club Nationals two years in a row in 2006 and 2007, the Jumbos would miss that tournament this year and were headed home.

Or so they thought.

Shortly after, the team received news that the University of Chicago had withdrawn from the tournament, and with the best record among the remaining teams, Tufts found itself in.

"When we got that call, I thought it was a joke," senior tri-captain Pete Georgakakos said. "I thought one of the guys was just playing a prank. It was amazing — we started practicing immediately. You could just tell how relaxed and excited everyone was because the worst had happened — we'd lost — so there really wasn't much stress, and every game after that was just a bonus."

The Jumbos made it count, again finishing third in the nation after falling to Lindenwood, the reigning national champion that would go on to win for the third-straight year. But the real marquee matchup of the tournament for Tufts was the consolation game, a rematch with Coast Guard which the Jumbos won narrowly, 7-6.

"For some of the guys, it was almost more what they wanted than playing in the championship because we felt cheated

the last time we played them," Georgakakos said. "The last game just kind of slipped away from us. We were really itching to play them again to prove to ourselves and everyone that we should have been there initially."

Meeting for the third time this season, the two squads knew each other well. Georgakakos, the team's leading scorer, found himself pressured with two defenders, while senior tri-captain and hole set Ben Mitchell was guarded carefully on his shooting side.

"Their goalie has been there for four years, and obviously Pete has been with us for four years, so the goalie knows Pete pretty well," sophomore Alex de Castro-Abeger said. "That showed in the numbers. He had a really great game, though they definitely knew how to guard us, but we overcame that."

After a back-and-forth first half, the Jumbos found themselves on the short end of a 4-3 score. But after the break, Tufts came out firing, scoring two quick goals to take the lead and never look back.

"Everyone was very calm and unselfish with the ball and moved it," Georgakakos said. "Our younger guys really stepped up. [de Castro-Abeger] had three goals — I was forced into kind of a playmaking role, stepping back and distributing the ball, which was fine. The younger guys put in that extra stroke and that extra drive to get open, and it paid off. I was real proud of them."

The victory came on the heels of a brutal 18-3 semifinal loss to Lindenwood, a powerhouse team

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