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Logan Levkoff discussed relationships, pregnancy and the hookup culture.

Levkoff talks about sex, relationships

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Sexologist Logan Levkoff last night encouraged students to make a difference in a United States that she said desperately needs open sexual dialogue.

Levkoff led off with a promise: "I'm not going to sugar-coat anything. I'm going to be very candid about what is going on in this country."

Vitality, a Hillel health initiative group, sponsored the second annual "Ask a Sexpert" lecture in Pearson Hall.

Last year, Drew Pinsky, known as Dr. Drew, spoke to students in Cohen Auditorium.

During the talk, Levkoff worked in political issues regarding sexual health and education. She hoped to impress upon students "the importance of the upcoming

election and what is at stake about sexual health."

"We are seeing religious ideology taking over health and science," she said, arguing that the government is spending \$1.5 billion on ineffective sex education programs throughout the country, many of which only teach abstinence.

"This is crazy," Levkoff said. She went on to discuss federal legislation expanding refusal rights to pharmacists and doctors, which would allow them to deny a patient the morning-after pill or other types of birth control without giving a reason.

Levkoff said the fact that 31 percent of girls will become pregnant before their 20th birthday and that only 25 percent of couples between ages 18 and 54 use condoms during intercourse show the severe need for open policies regard-

ing contraception and sexual education.

She went on to describe the effects of the media and technology on sex and relationships. "Pregnancy is becoming glorified by having people like a pregnant Jamie Lynn Spears on the cover of magazines," Levkoff said.

She added that the news media and the film industry are not taking a serious look at the consequences of normal pregnancies or all the options surrounding pregnancy.

She said that it is unrealistic in "Knocked Up" when a successful TV personality does not even consider getting an abortion.

Additionally, a reliance on technology puts a disconnect in relationships, she said. "I am critical and cynical about

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TUPD officer uses pepper spray on brawling crowd

Officer felt threatened at Dewick event

BY PRANAI CHEROO
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A Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) officer, feeling threatened by a crowd of brawling students, sprayed partiers with pepper spray during Tropical Escape, an intercollegiate dance in the Dewick-Macphie Dining Hall on Saturday night.

The female officer, whose name was not released, ordered a crowd of individuals to stop fighting, but the crowd then began "moving towards her" and "crowding her," according to TUPD Capt. Mark Keith. In response, the officer "sprayed in the general area where the crowd was," Keith said.

The technique worked, as the crowd began to follow instructions and moved out of the building. But once the

attendees were outside, further brawls broke out. Six TUPD officers had been on duty at the event, but reinforcements from the Somerville Police Department and TUPD arrived soon after the spraying. These forces were eventually able to calm the violence.

"No injuries were reported, no arrests were made and the event was closed down for the rest of the evening," Keith said.

But at least one Tufts student felt the effects of the spray. "There was one student who approached one of our officers feeling the ill effects of our pepper spray, but that person was tended to and the effects subsided within 10 to 15 minutes," Keith said.

Senior Simone Grant, the president of the Caribbean

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Lobbying for change



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Tufts alum Lori Fresina talks about lobbying against big tobacco and bringing about policy changes. See **page 2**.

For Beelzebubs, appearance on ABC's 'Good Morning America' worth the wait

BY GIOVANNI RUSSONELLO
Daily Editorial Board

It looks like the third time was the charm for the Beelzebubs.

After "Good Morning America" canceled two consecutive appointments with the Tufts a cappella group, the students performed live on the ABC television show on Sept. 28.

The Beelzebubs, or Bubs, had to squeeze a trip to New York into a performance-crammed Homecoming weekend of performances. But they got a little bit of help from the chauffeur and hotel service that the "Good Morning America" staff lined up for them.

"It was fantastic. It was really cool," said sophomore Andrew Kluger, the group's public relations director. "They picked us up and drove us down there and put us up in the Millennium [Broadway Hotel] overlooking Times Square."

The Bubs performed songs from their usual repertoire, but when Music Director Nick Lamm, a junior, mentioned to the "Good Morning America" stage manager during a commercial break that the group sometimes performs the rap hits "Big Pimpin'" and "What's Your Fantasy," the staffer insisted that the students do "Big Pimpin'."

The song is "not necessarily national-television appropriate, but he got super excited and insisted that we do 'Big Pimpin,'" so [Bubs President] Matt Thomas and I were throwin' down the spit," said Kluger, who is the main soloist in the Bubs' cover of the Jay-Z classic.

In the case of this song, being the main soloist connotes spinning out expletive-laden verses. "I didn't want to risk it, frankly, so we just did the chorus of 'Big Pimpin,'" which

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Death of employee at Dewick-MacPhie takes Dining Services by surprise

BY GIOVANNI RUSSONELLO
Daily Editorial Board

Dining Services is in a state of mourning after a worker collapsed Sunday night in the Dewick-MacPhie Dining Hall and shortly after passed away.

Walter DeCoursey, a Dining Services employee, died of a heart-related failure.

"Certainly, they're all shocked and stunned," Director of Dining Services Patti Klos said of DeCoursey's coworkers at Dewick. "It has taken everyone by complete surprise. [DeCoursey was] well liked by his fellow employees."

DeCoursey was serving as a temporary worker in Dewick's dish room. Last year, he worked in Hodgdon's Good-to-Go dining facility.

On Sunday, he fell to the floor at approximately 7:40 p.m. He was at his

post at the time.

The Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) immediately received a call, according to Capt. Mark Keith. Police officers arrived on the scene to apply CPR until Tufts Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) workers came and used an automated external defibrillator (AED), a shocking device employed to reinvigorate a failing heart, Keith said.

Somerville Fire Department workers arrived and transported DeCoursey to the Somerville Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 8:19 p.m., according to TUPD Sgt. Robert McCarthy.

A funeral mass will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Holy Name Church in West Roxbury.

Sarah Butrymowicz and Rob Silverblatt contributed reporting to this article.

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Police Briefs

LAPTOP LOST AND FOUND

The Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) received a call from the Medford Police Department at 11 a.m. last Wednesday requesting that an officer come to a store on the corner of Boston Avenue and North Street. An individual was attempting to sell a laptop to the store, but when the worker checked it, the computer turned out to belong to a Tufts student.

A TUPD officer called the student, who told the officer that he had left his room at 123 Packard Avenue days prior when a fire alarm went off and that when he returned, his laptop was missing. He never reported the theft.

The student came to the store and identified his laptop. The individual trying to sell the laptop was arrested for receiving stolen property worth over \$250.

ECO UNFRIENDLY

TUPD officers responded to a call at 12:25 a.m. last Wednesday reporting a verbal altercation at South Hall. Two students had disposed of a large plastic pretzel container in a garbage bin because the recycling bin was full. Another student excitedly told them that they should have recycled it. He was "passionate about recycling," TUPD Sgt. Robert McCarthy said.

The officers talked to the three individuals and told them to stop arguing, and that while they probably should have recycled the container, it was not worth starting a fight.

--compiled by Sarah Butrymowicz

Bubs change pace with Jay-Z song

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doesn't have any cursing," Kluger said. He added that abbreviating the version did not detract from the excitement of covering Jay-Z on national television.

The Bubs did not receive ABC's confirmation for the Sunday performance until the day before. By that time, the Bubs had already performed their Homecoming show in Goddard Chapel on Friday — along with student a cappella counterparts the Jackson Jills and the Amalgamates — and they were gearing up for a Saturday performance in the Coolidge Room for alumni.

"We had another event for alumni on Sunday, but we decided it would definitely be worth it to go to New York, so we left right after the gig on Saturday, and then we were back in time for the event on Sunday," Kluger said.

"Good Morning America" got in touch with the Bubs after author Mickey Rapkin highlighted the Bubs in his recent book "Pitch Perfect: The Quest for Collegiate A Cappella Glory."

The show's crew came to Tufts during the Orientation Show in August. There they filmed the Beelzebubs and Tufts' other campus a cappella groups, Kluger said. He added that a number of these a cappella groups

got smidgeons of airtime on "Good Morning America" during a college a cappella video montage that included some footage from the Orientation Show.

Kluger said that because the show gave the Bubs such short notice about the performance, it was difficult to alert fans to the fact that they would be on ABC. They sent around a Facebook.com message and put a posting on their Web site, but they are not satisfied that they were able to get the word out sufficiently. "We're going to try to get the clips of us performing and put it on YouTube. We're working on that," Kluger said.

The Bubs ended up performing for two live broadcasts, as "Good Morning America" does two filmings per morning in order to accommodate audiences on both the East and West Coasts. Kluger said that performing for live television audiences was a rare and exciting experience.

"It was really exciting to be in the studio. There was a special spot for us, sort of a performance area where we would stand and they'd be shooting their news anchors live and we couldn't talk at all and then they'd switch over to us and they'd give us 10 seconds, five seconds, and point to us and then we had to start singing," Kluger said. "It was exciting to be in that room and see that it really was live, actual television."



COURTESY ANDREW KLUGER

The Beelzebubs get silly on 'Good Morning America.'

Students turn to Facebook statuses to replace face-to-face interactions

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how technology has changed the landscape of relationships," she said. Fox News recently cited that "one in four adults are okay without emotional connection if they have Web access," she said, declaring that this kind of thinking has to stop.

"We do not talk face to face anymore. Instead, we update our relationship status on Facebook to convey our feelings about our situation," Levkoff said to a knowing chuckle from the crowd.

She contended that part of this new mentality comes from the hookup culture on campuses.

Levkoff warned that relationships must be grounded in verbal communication, and that a person's worth is not determined by whether he or she has a significant other.

Touching on the use of alcohol, Levkoff said, "We use it to legitimize wanting to have sex."

She said people should not be ashamed of desires or needs. Levkoff believes that sex is so negatively portrayed in society that girls have second thoughts about going after what they want.

"I think Logan did a great job of summarizing the college hookup culture," junior Laura Hoguet, co-chair of Vitality, told the Daily after the lecture.

Hillel President Nathan Render, a senior, praised Levkoff's candidness.

"I went when I was a freshman to see her, and I think this is a fantastic opportunity to talk openly and honestly about issues that obviously affect the entirety of the Tufts population," he said.

In her closing words, Levkoff said, "I am not a pessimist. We have a tremendous opportunity to change things. Start with your own life and then move up to a national level. Get involved and take a stand."

Keith: Spray used to control scene

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Club, which hosted the event, said that the pepper spray forced one girl at Tropical Escape to seek medical attention. "One girl had to call TEMS because she was coughing so much," Grant said.

Grant recalled the chaos of the situation when the TUPD officer dispensed her pepper spray. "All of a sudden, people started coughing. We had to evacuate because we couldn't stay in the building," Grant said.

Keith said that the officer only used pepper spray when she felt the situation had gotten out of her control. "[She] told the crowd to disperse, they again started crowding her, so she feared for her safety," he said.

Keith could only recall one prior occasion when a TUPD officer used pepper spray. In that instance, which Keith believed to have occurred a year and a half ago, a reckless driver was acting combative but the pepper spray successfully subdued him.

"It's an effective tool and it would be something that would be less harmful than resorting to a baton," Keith said. "The effects incapacitate a person ... You can subdue them and get them restrained," he said.

The event ended at 1:30 a.m., which was one and half hours earlier than planned, according to Grant.

Grant did not know the individuals involved in the fight that triggered the spraying, but she said that they were not Tufts students.

She said that students from Harvard, Boston College, Wellesley and other Boston-area schools attended the event.

Grant said TUPD was not prepared for the event and had failed to set up

a barricade in front of the dining hall to organize the entrance procedure.

"It was just a bunch of people fighting to get to the front. There was no order to get people into the party," she said.

She also said that the floor in Dewick had not been cleaned, which led to a 30-minute delay in starting the event.

"The Caribbean Club [executive] board had to clean the ground ourselves and ... TUPD wasn't there to open the closet so that we could get a broom," Grant said.

According to Grant, the Caribbean Club sent in interdepartmental requisition forms (IDRs) to TUPD early, describing the nature of the event and the services they would require.

"We sent in our IDRs and it's up to TUPD to provide the service we paid for... They did not prepare adequately for the event. We didn't get what we paid for," she said.

Grant is planning a meeting with the Office of Student Life and TUPD to discuss the events of Saturday night. She wants to discuss how to avoid similar mishaps in the future. "TUPD needs to be prepared," she said.

"It was the Caribbean Club's first big event of the year. We were trying to build up the Caribbean Club because last year we didn't have much of a presence, but it's kind of difficult to do that given what happened," she said.

Grant said that the event staff "did the best that they could with the resources they had" at the dance, which featured Boston-area DJ King Ilabash.

Giovanni Russonello contributed reporting to this article.

Fresina gives tips on advocating for policy changes

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Lori Fresina, head of the New England branch of M&R Strategic Services, spoke yesterday about lobbying against tobacco companies, noting to a crowd of politically conscious upperclassmen the importance of active citizenship in influencing change on the state and local levels.

The Lecture, entitled "Getting People to Stop Smoking," was sponsored by the Communications and Media Studies Program and was part of the Experimental College class "Marketing for Social Change."

Fresina, who graduated from Tufts in 1989 with a master's in public policy and citizen participation, first worked as

a copy machine salesperson, learning the important but humble skill of "get[ting] used to people saying no." Soon after she was working for a 14-day treatment program for second-time DUI offenders, inspired in part by the loss of a friend to drunk driving.

Lobbying on Beacon Hill for new drunk-driving laws, Fresina quickly learned the ins and outs of political advocacy, and soon left her job to become a member of the American Cancer Society's (ACS) Tobacco Oversight Council. "Our smoking area [in high school] was literally outside the principal's office," Fresina said. "Some people didn't even believe [smoking] caused cancer. Tobacco companies reframed the smoking issue in a way that we com-

pletely missed. We had a lot of work to do."

Despite being outspent by tobacco companies ten to one, the ACS successfully advocated for making tobacco more expensive and regulating its use in Massachusetts.

Fresina said that the ACS was largely successful in reshaping how society views tobacco use, especially in public spaces.

"When you go to your local Friendly's, people aren't smoking around you," Fresina said. "Your generation has grown up in a different world."

In her lecture, Fresina outlined a "Power Prism" of six essential tools for being a good advocate: research and data collection, the effective use of coalitions, careful budgeting, grassroots work, media advocacy and lobbying.

She underscored the importance of conducting thorough research before embarking on a specific advocacy project, mentioning media such as campaign Web sites and Google as tools for making a comprehensive argument.

Fresina's second component drew on the adage "A house divided against itself cannot stand" to urge organizations to pool their time and resources to work towards a common goal.

When she got to her fourth tool, she differentiated between grassroots and "grasstop" avenues of influencing public officials. She defined "grassroots advocacy" as private citizens' efforts to establish contact with their government representatives and call for change, whereas

"grasstops" already have easy access to officials.

Moving onto media advocacy, Fresina said that journalists can play an important role in shaping policy. She said that they should remain vigilant and not shy away from hard questions out of fear of offending people.

Fresina said lobbyists are also crucial in the process because they can "get bills moving" and play elected officials off of one another.

She concluded the lecture by urging students to stay involved with political advocacy, even if it does not yield immediate results.

"The American political system isn't by designed to fix things fast," Fresina claimed. "Good issues don't always win ... It takes time."

Features

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There's always 'room' for improvement Some incoming students take roommate selection into their own hands

BY ALISON LISNOW
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On April 4, freshman Gabe Bourgeois took his fate into his own hands. With a few choice keystrokes, he was able to direct the course of his freshman year social life.

Web site: Facebook.com. Group: Class of 2012. New Discussion Topic: Guys Roommate Search.

"Roommate matchmaking," or the selection of one's own freshman-year roommate, is a growing phenomenon: 66 freshman pairs chose their own roommates this year, compared to 60 from the Class of 2011. According to Yolanda King, director of Residential Life and Learning, the number has been on a slow and steady rise for some time.

Though some students choose to live with high school friends, many, like Bourgeois, are hand-selecting strangers for roommates.

Take freshmen Courtney Adams and Natalie Matheny, who became friends on Facebook before ever setting foot on the Hill.

"We had never met," Adams said. "She lives in Virginia; I live in Illinois. We had no mutual friends. We didn't know each other whatsoever."

Adams and Matheny sent each other pages of messages for months and found they were very compatible. They shared embarrassing stories with each other and even high school lingo — Adams' term for prom drama, "proma," quickly spread to Matheny and her friend circle. Eventually, they decided to request each other as roommates.

"If you're going to be with someone for a year, it's a pretty important thing in terms of the freshman experience," Bourgeois said. "I wasn't scared of getting a bad roommate, just being optimistic about the situation.



Freshmen Sam Laber (left) and Chris Kudlack (right) were assigned to room together in Houston after taking an ORLL survey. They put down that they were messy and didn't smoke.

I might as well put in a little extra effort; I have better knowledge of myself than some random system."

Freshman Reed Shimberg was one of the 105 freshmen who responded to Bourgeois' post. Though Shimberg ultimately used the Tufts housing questionnaire and the subsequent random pairing, he found it to have many flaws.

"I thought it was skimpy to say the least. I just felt that it was kind of lacking. Like it only asked me if I drink or smoke, if I like people in the room or if I went to bed early. There was a 'yes,' 'no' or 'kind of.' There wasn't a scale," Shimberg said. "I definitely would have made it so there was a scale. If you were going to go to bed, what time would it be? Late. Does that mean four in the morning or 12 at night? The words were kind of nonspecific."

According to King, the questionnaire

covers important topics, but the Office of Residential Life and Learning (ORLL) is always open to student opinion.

"Right now, we take our cues from students," King said. "We update the forms based on feedback from the Senate every two to three years."

But King said she has no plans to create a more complex personality study.

"I think everything is on there for now. I think we ask all the relevant questions: study habits, type of music, bedtime," King said. "Most conflict is very personalized to students and deals with lifestyle differences. We can't ask questions about all those things — what I call 'intimate details.'"

Other universities do try to account for all those details. At the University of Richmond, students are asked to send in lengthy answers

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Ranking the ranking systems: As approach comes under fire, a look at leading strategies

BY JULIE KALT
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At the onset of each school year, prospective students typically flock to two sources of information regarding the long and arduous college admissions process that sits inevitably ahead of them: U.S. News & World Report's and The Princeton Review's annual rankings and descriptions of the country's top colleges and universities.

While some students view college rankings as a wealth of information over the course of the application process, dog-eared pages and color-coding their lists of choices, others consider them neither beneficial nor valid. As a result, a new breed of college ranking systems is being developed to target high school students in a different way.

The college ranking industry is a complex business and a crucial component of the college admissions culture. In spite of their dominance, Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman said that some rankings can be misleading.

"While I can't speak for everyone at Tufts, guides are often arbitrary, and the methodology of collecting data can be anything but scientific at times," Reitman said. "I don't typ-

ically look at the reviews and I don't give a lot of credence or validity to the college guides, but I also know that we can't just disregard them, because a lot of students look at them."

The two most popular ranking resources represent a dichotomy. While U.S. News & World Report uses five factors to calculate an institution's score, The Princeton Review uses more subdivisions. For example, The Princeton Review's "quality of life" rating evaluates beauty, safety, location, food, dorms, the friendliness of students, student interaction and the school's relationship with the local community.

While U.S. News & World Report awards the most weight to "Peer Assessment," which has deans and presidents from other institutions evaluate a peer school, The Princeton Review relies solely on students from the institution to gather its information.

But the fundamental difference between the two systems is that U.S. News and World Report actually ranks the schools in numerical order, while The Princeton Review does not.

"We don't rank on a one-to-100 scale because there is no such thing as a best school. Rather, there is a best-fit school for every stu-

dent. We provide what we believe to be the best schools in the country, and they are all excellent for different reasons, but it is not appropriate to assign rankings to schools that are all completely different from each other," said Rebecca Lessem, senior editor of The Princeton Review's publication "The Best 368 Colleges."

Considering the number of colleges and universities to which students apply, college guides are becoming increasingly crucial for some.

For those who cannot come to the school for a tour or stay overnight with a current student — like many of Tufts' international contingent — there is little to rely on beyond a reputation and an image promoted by guidance counselors, word of mouth and tools like The Princeton Review and U.S. News and World Report.

Proponents of the system contend that the main advantage of rankings is that they provide a way for families to make smart financial decisions and allow students to compare colleges and universities in a standardized way. And in the chaotic world of college admissions, guides are sources of accessible, comparative data.

But Director of Admissions

Susan Garrity Ardizzoni explained that there has been an ongoing discussion in admissions circles encouraging schools to withhold the information U.S. News & World Report uses to formulate its list in an effort to discourage students from relying on a ranking system.

As traditional rankings systems are being called into question, a number of new ones are emerging. Boeing, the world's largest aerospace company, has spent the last year matching internal data from employee evaluations with information about the colleges its engineers attended. This information will be used to create a ranking system that links a college with its graduates' success.

"It's really about improving the dialogue on curriculum, performance and how we can build a stronger relationship between the colleges, universities and us because, ultimately, their students become our employees," said Richard D. Stevens, Boeing's senior vice president for human resources and administration, in an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The Center for College Affordability and Productivity (CCAP) is also

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COLLEGE IS AS COLLEGE DOES



This is not 'interesting'

I learned very early on that when my mom says something is "interesting," it means she doesn't like it. This goes primarily for food, but also applies to clothes, movies, haircuts and boyfriends.

In my household, "interesting" is the last adjective you want to evoke; over the years it has gone from diplomatic to downright insulting, so you can imagine my shock when I arrived at Tufts and heard it aimed at professors and their scholarly texts approximately 87,324 times a day. The first time one of my classmates said it to a professor, I winced. The wincing has not stopped since.

Why is it that "interesting" is the only word Tufts students can come up with to preface a comment about class material? We are an intelligent, verbose and ostentatious crowd with an average SAT Verbal score somewhere in the low 700s. You'd think we could — and would be dying to — manage something a little more impressive. But instead, like that guy from freshman year you just can't stop hooking up with, we are stuck on that old standby: interesting. Every time I hear someone use it, I immediately care less about what they are about to say. In fact, my abhorrence of any one of my poor, unsuspecting classmates is directly proportional to how often they use the word. I am repulsed by the sound of it, and it turns out I'm not the only one.

Upon presenting my secret rage to others, I was met with enthusiastic agreement. Apparently, this horrible word-plague even transcends languages; nothing makes my friend Emma's blood boil like the word "interesante." Every person I've spoken to about the issue agrees: This has got to stop. I can't help but wonder how professors take it day after day. Do they feel patronized? Insulted? Lied to? Perhaps, like a bunch of clueless cuckolds, each believes that students reserve the word only for his or her classes. If this is true, then our faculty is seriously getting played.

But I think they recognize the pattern. Let's be honest, our professors collect Ph.D.s like I horde Dewick silverware; they are not a bunch who are easily taken in. They are just able to see past that god-forsaken word to the content of what a student is saying, or else they appreciate the effort it took for someone to say something at all. Well, guess what? I'm not, and I don't.

I do understand why it happens. It's a crime that, like referring to the library as "the libes" or overusing the word "like," is as innocuous as it is infuriating, and we are all guilty of it. With the pressure to pipe up in class or risk losing participation points, in a caffeine-saturated academic environment that never sleeps and has rising standards of achievement, sometimes a half-observation, half-opinion made relevant by using everybody's favorite describing word is simply all we can muster.

But I know we can do better, and I have a feeling the key to ending this oppressive vocabulary regime lies in contradicting it. Say it with me, Tufts: "This article I just read entitled 'Ancient Phoenician Boating and Sea Trade' was completely, mind-numbingly NOT interesting." There, feel better? It does not make you less intelligent to be less than compelled by something, and every reaction to information needn't be intrigue. Not all students can be riveted by everything they read or discuss in class. It wouldn't be normal, and it would make for an incredibly boring intellectual terrain.

So, the next time you are in class and feeling the same way about last night's reading that my mom felt about the pancake soup I made her for Mother's Day in '94, try saying what she meant instead of what she said. You might surprise yourself.

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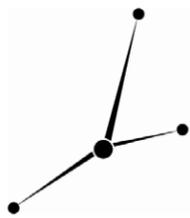
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EDUCATION FOR ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Some schools employ more advanced pairing systems

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to a long list of questions. These forms are then all hand-matched by the housing staff.

And Davidson College in North Carolina has an especially sophisticated process.

"We read every folder of every incoming freshman," said Judy Klein, security access coordinator at Davidson. "We make our own notes on a separate sheet. In addition to taking those notes and what we glean from reading their essays — their 'Why they want to come to Davidson' [essays] — and basically looking at their application, we also look at their preference card and their Myers-Briggs."

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator is a personality test based on renowned psychiatrist Carl Jung's theories. The results divide the test takers based on considerations of: extroversion vs. introversion, sensing vs. intuition, thinking vs. feeling and judging vs. perceiving.

"We place them where they are going to be in their rooms, and then we start pulling from these different piles [to place them on a floor]. We'll have different athletic groups on the floors, we'll have some international, some [with] academic risk," Klein said.

The housing process at Davidson is very time consuming: The staff spends 15 to 20 minutes on each of the approximately 500 incoming students' folders. Klein said that the system has been in place for over 19 years and that her office is looking for a more efficient one.

But perhaps the effort goes a long way.

"My friend who goes to Davidson had to take an hour-long personality assessment, and she absolutely loves her roommate. They get along great, almost too well," Shimberg said. "In the end, that's worth it because you have to live with this person for a year. It's worth an hour

of your time or however long it takes you."

Bourgeois put in the extra time. He sent Facebook messages to four or five incoming students who had already paired up before ultimately finding his roommate, freshman Martin Ribadeneira.

Though his methods were not as scientific as those used at Davidson, Bourgeois believes that his system was more refined than the one employed by the ORLL.

"It's hard to get a feel for someone off the questions [Tufts] gives you. You can see a lot more from a Facebook profile than just one aspect," he said. "A picture says 1,000 words, so you get a better sense of your potential roommate. You can look at the wall posts and see what type of people they talk to. Are they social?" he said.

Ultimately, Bourgeois was looking for someone fresh.

"I didn't want some white New England boy like me. That's boring. Part of the reason I came to Tufts was for its diversity," Bourgeois said.

Ribadeneira is from Ecuador and has helped Bourgeois sharpen his language skills.

Though Klein stressed how liking one's roommate "sets the tone for your being happy or unhappy [at school]," some students feel that random selection is a beneficial process.

"I think it's good because it makes everyone deal with not necessarily the perfect situation," sophomore Alex Abeger said. "Some people are lucky and they get a perfect situation, which is awesome for them. The other people who don't necessarily have the perfect situation get the experience of having to deal with someone who's not like them. For the rest of your life, you're going to be dealing with people who aren't like you. College is a good time to learn how to deal with people you don't necessarily agree with."

For many at Tufts, rankings are not primary concern

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producing its own ranking system: America's Best Colleges. According to the business publication Forbes, the ranking will include more practical evaluations such as future career prospects and amount of debt after college, and is based on considerations such as student review Web sites, notable alumni, the number of students graduating in four years, and the number of students and faculty members who have won nationally competitive awards.

Another development in the world of college rankings is called the National Survey for Student Engagement (NSSE), which works to comprehensively determine the quality of the student experience. The NSSE gathers information about student participation in programs and activities that institutions provide for their learning and development. The results are intended to show how students spend their time and what they gain from attending college.

Among Tufts students, there seems to be a consensus that a college's ranking is less important than finding a school that matches interests.

"How you feel about Tufts depends on where you are coming from and how you wish to be involved. And there are some measures that schools look at that the ranking process doesn't or can't take into

account," Reitman said.

"I think there is a subconscious college ranking system within our culture that I was somewhat dependent on during the application process. But when I sat down and weighed the pros and cons of each school I was considering, I realized that ranking is secondary," freshman Tori Elliott said. "The point is to get the most out of your education, and that transcends rankings."

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Bruce Reitman
dean of student affairs

Nevertheless, rankings and guides have become such important advertising tools for schools around the country that they seem to have carved out a lasting place for themselves in the market.

"While we put the guide together for the benefit of students using it, the guide secondarily serves as an advertisement for the school, especially because we often feature small-name schools or schools that give these student consumers the best financial deal," Lessem said.



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MOVIE REVIEW

'Blindness' stares straight into the heart of fear and desolation

BY CAROLINE ROBE
Contributing Writer

A Nobel Prize-winning novel, an award-winning director and an A-list cast fashion a compelling mix in Fernando

Blindness



Starring **Julianne Moore, Mark Ruffalo, Alice Braga**
Directed by **Fernando Meirelles**

Meirelles' new film, "Blindness" (2008). Movie-goers familiar with Meirelles' work (notably, "The Constant Gardener" (2005) and "City of God" (2002)) and those searching for another intellectual thriller will not be disappointed with his new release. Do not let the mediocre reviews and the bad response at Cannes fool you — "Blindness" may not be a cutting-edge art film, but it is solid and thought-provoking entertainment.

Julianne Moore, Mark Ruffalo, Danny Glover, Alice Braga and Gael García Bernal star as Doctor's Wife, Doctor, Man with the Black Eye Patch, Woman With the Dark Glasses and Bartender, respectively. A strong supporting cast including Sandra Oh and Yuseki Iseya rounds out the film. No characters have names or personal



Julianne Moore regrets eating that last éclair.

histories, which creates an ambiguity that makes the film more adept at exploring a microcosm of humanity.

"Blindness" is an amalgam of terror and

compassion. When an unnamed modern city is inflicted with an inexplicable epi-

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TV REVIEW



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You know what they say about people in glass houses ... they deal with intensely private issues while hanging out half naked.

Time-constrained search for love proves a witty, intriguing premise in 'The Ex List'

BY CATHERINE SCOTT
Daily Editorial Board

CBS premiered its new attention-grab for the female population over 30 last week: "The Ex List." Starring

The Ex List



Starring **Elizabeth Reaser, Rachel Boston, Adam Rothenberg**
Airs **Fridays at 9 p.m. on CBS**

Elizabeth Reaser from "Grey's Anatomy," the show has potential with its interesting premise and star power, but it must compete with a multitude of other similar, already well established series, a fact that could ultimately thwart efforts at true success.

The show begins with Bella Bloom (played by Reaser) taking her soon-to-be married sister Daphne (Rachel

Boston) to a psychic as the culmination of her bachelorette party. When Bella takes her turn, the psychic informs her that if she does not get married within the year, she will never be married. The psychic also relays that Bella has already met her soul mate; he is someone she previously dated.

Bella then proceeds to make a list of her exes (hence the title) to help her re-find her "life partner," as she says. Helping her on this journey are her sister Daphne and Bella's three roommates: Augie (Adam Rothenberg), her best friend since college; Vivian, Augie's lover; and Cyrus, currently nothing more than a jobless free-loader.

Complicating Bella's search for her soul mate is her ex-boyfriend Elliott (Mark Deklin) who she recently broke up with because he refused to commit to the institution known as marriage.

As Bella tries to ignore her still-

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ALBUM REVIEW

Anberlin waves white flag with 'New Surrender'

BY GRANT BEIGHLEY
Daily Editorial Board

Anberlin hasn't been around long enough to be considered seasoned in the rock scene, but the group is

New Surrender

Anberlin



Universal Republic

definitely getting close to entering its golden years of rock-age. With its first major label album, "New Surrender," the band takes a cue from George W. Bush and stays the course, sticking by the sounds and techniques that have served them well for so many years as a pseudo-underground Christian rock act.

The opening track from "New Surrender," entitled "The Resistance," starts off quite hopefully, with an up-tempo drum beat and palm-muted guitars backing up lead singer Steven Christian's enticingly unique voice. His nasal-sounding vocal lines complement the distorted riffing of guitarists Joseph Milligan and Christian McAlhaney, but the melodies he belts out are just short of being memorable.

"NewSurrender" continues with a ballad-esque love song called "Breaking," the chorus of which, fittingly goes: "You make breaking hearts look so easy/ It seems like you've done this before." As catchy as the chorus is, the tune needs the tiniest bit of something extra to push it from "very good" to "excellent," a trend which makes itself apparent as the album continues.

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CARYN HOROWITZ |
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The brawn of the broth

There is something about October that makes me sick, literally, not figuratively. The combination of the temperature drop and the rising amount of schoolwork has, without fail, landed me in bed with a cold during October since grammar school. This year seems to be no different. I have been sipping tea and popping vitamins for the past week trying to prevent my sniffles from turning into a full-blown cold nightmare.

I failed. I spent my weekend in bed with a box of tissues, endless mugs of tea and season 4 of Entourage (to distract me from my misery). There was one thing missing, however, from my usual under-the-weather accoutrement: soup. Nothing can lift me from the October doldrums as quickly as a steaming bowl of chicken noodle soup.

No one, and I mean no one — except my mom — makes chicken noodle soup like my grandmother does. I don't know if she legitimately has the perfect recipe, if her 50-year-old soup pot has some magic in it or if she just puts the right amount of grandmotherly love into her cooking, but her chicken noodle soup has healing powers.

Now, I know what you're thinking: My grandmother's soup probably kicks her grandmother's soup in the tuchus. Maybe you're right (you're not ... seriously), but regardless, chicken noodle soup seems to have some special ability to relieve cold symptoms. It could just be a self-fulfilling prophecy — I think the soup will make me feel better, so it does — or there could be legitimate medical truth behind it. Dr. Stephen Rennard, a pulmonary specialist at the University of Nebraska Medical Centre, wanted to see if there actually is any scientific merit behind the healing abilities of chicken noodle soup.

Dr. Rennard tested 14 different types of chicken soup, including his wife's grandmother's recipe, in his laboratory, and the results of his experiment were published in Oct. 2000. He added the soups to white blood cells called neutrophils, which attack invading viruses. When neutrophils move quickly they cause a buildup of fluids in the chest, causing inflammation and congestion, which makes your nose and lungs stuffy. In all 14 cases, adding the soup to the cells slowed their movement, which would prevent congestion from occurring. So, did Dr. Rennard scientifically prove that chicken noodle soup has medicinal powers?

Not exactly. He only did the test once, and each type of soup slowed the neutrophils at different rates, leaving the scientific community highly skeptical of his results. So maybe on a highfalutin medical level there is no proof for the power of chicken noodle soup, but there is a physiological basis for soup's healing abilities. Rachael Ray, of all people, knows what it is.

It annoys me to no end when RR stands over a pot of soup and says, "Wow, that's like a chicken facial!" Unfortunately, in this one case, the woman knows what she's talking about. Even though chicken noodle soup itself has no accepted scientific credibility as a remedy for cold symptoms, the steam it releases does. The steam emanating from a bowl of soup breaks up nasal secretions so you sniffle less, and it decreases lung inflammation so you breathe more easily.

I still think there's more to it than just the steam, no matter what the scientific community says. Chicken soup warms your body and keeps you hydrated. It also has the perfect balance of carbohydrates, protein and vegetables, all of which my sore throat could not handle unless they were in a soup-induced tender, soft state. Scientific proof or not, when it's October and Ari Gold just isn't cutting it, I'm reaching for the chicken noodle soup — preferably from my grandmother's kitchen.

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Mediocre song writing makes Anberlin's 'New Surrender' just good, not great

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The first single, "Feel Good Drag," which is actually a re-recording of a 45-RPM single of the same name, is definitely the most attention-grabbing cut off the album. Just as all the other tracks

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fall short of being truly great, "Feel Good Drag" succumbs to being ever-so-slightly too generic.

"Haight St," a direct reference to the infamous San Francisco neighborhood, is unashamedly pop-oriented, with hand claps making up a large part of the bridge, but remains endearing enough to avoid being trite and cliché. The lyrics from the chorus, as recycled as they may be, are still sweet and seem heartfelt enough, with Christian singing, "Let's you and me make a night of it/ Old enough to know but too young to care/ Who cares if there's trouble tonight?/ Because the kids are alright." OK, the song gets a little too saccharine, but who doesn't enjoy a guilty pleasure every once in a while?

While Anberlin has always been known for its more rocking songs, "New Surrender" sees a bevy of softer and more emotional ventures. "Breathe" is the first taste of a new, more sensitive Anberlin, and it goes down smooth and easy. That said, the lyrics and guitar lines are nothing too remarkable, and while it's cer-



Anberlin responded to their first major label release with new floppy hairdos.

tainly pleasant to listen to, it's nothing that will have listeners hitting the repeat button. As good as the track may be, those in search of a real heart-warmer would be better served by a classic Jimmy Eat World ballad.

The album concludes with "miserabile visu (ex malo bonum)," a feeble attempt at an epic closing number. Even though

the lyrics deal with the vast ideas of life death and youth, the music that accompanies them is mundane enough to bore the listener before they get a chance to take in what's being said.

"New Surrender" is a solid album in the 'good' category. It has the smooth choruses, distorted riffs and pounding drums of a good rock record, but the writ-

ing just isn't up to snuff with what it takes to make and break a band into the popular scene. Those looking to get a taste of a band that has pretty vocals and a positive vibe should check out Anberlin's 2002 debut, "Blueprints For The Black Market." As is frequently the case, the band produced better music when it wasn't afraid of letting anyone down.

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Reaser, paired with entertaining supporting cast, makes 'Ex List' a promising new series

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existent love for Elliott and follow the signs leading her to her old flames, she gets into different shenanigans and remembers why these past relationships didn't work out in the first place.

The first ex-boyfriend that Bella tracks down is Johnny Diamont, played by guest star Eric Balfour. Bella left Diamont seven years earlier on his birthday. Bella then discovers his band and their hit song, which describes a woman who breaks up with a guy on his birthday. Bella forces herself to reconnect with Diamont, assuming he will no longer be emotionally handicapped, but she is totally (and amusingly) wrong.

Audiences feel a strong connection to the characters due to the noticeable chem-

istry between cast members. Many viewers have problems with Reaser, especially due to her absurd role as the psychotic Jane Doe/Ava/Rebecca on the last season of "Grey's Anatomy." Her acting on "Ex List" is questionable in parts, and her potential as a leading lady has yet to be proved. But she handles the flawed Bella Bloom with comedic wit, and there are many laughs to be had at the expense of her character.

The supporting cast is quite funny, especially Boston as the lovable, younger sister Daphne. The roommates lack character development, and so far their roles' purpose is unclear, but they each carry off their minimal roles as well as they possibly can. The subplots built into Bella's search for love are very strange: Vivian gets an interesting wax job and

Augie takes the stance of loving women 'au naturel.'

Another problem the show has to deal with is that it is set over the course of a year — no more, no less. Though there is no rule that units of TV time have to equal units of human time (despite the "24" precedent), there is no possible way that one year in this show can be believably stretched out over numerous seasons. Making matters worse, it is painfully obvious that Bella's soul mate is right under her nose, probably being the non-committal ex-boyfriend or possibly Augie, the best friend/roommate.

All in all, the show isn't as bad as some other new endeavors. With a cute cast and a funny plot, it should be able to last for at least one season, and who knows, maybe a little bit longer.

Cast brings clarity to complex plot, nameless characters

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demic of white blindness, fear and anarchy ensue. The first people infected are quarantined in a deserted asylum where they are effectively abandoned and receive no medical care. Moore and Ruffalo are among these first few. Ironically, Doctor is an eye doctor, and astonishingly, Doctor's Wife can see.

Somehow immune to the blindness, Doctor's Wife leads her husband and the rest of "Ward One" through daily life at the asylum. Order, sanitation and morale slowly crumble. While the members of the ward grow closer to each other and increasingly reliant on Doctor's Wife, who keeps her sight a secret, more and more people are packed into the asylum. Overcrowding and fear create a leadership vacuum which is filled by Bernal's warlord-like character, the Bartender.

Atrocities ensue. Disease, starvation, murder and a horrendous mass-rape scene create some gut-wrenching moments. However, the mayhem is balanced by the tenacity and compassion exhibited in certain characters. "Blindness" picks apart humanity, simplifying it into two core elements: good and evil. The extreme and order-less environment reduces previously ambiguous characters to their simplest forms. Some characters, though still exhibiting human flaws, display tremendous tenacity, while others like The Bartender are as evil as they come.

Moore gives an especially rousing performance as the clear-sighted Doctor's Wife. Her transformation from cushy stay-at-home woman to a forceful-but-forgiving leader is well-played and believable. The other characters, who are connected by random events in their pre-blindness lives, are also fundamentally changed during their time in the asylum. In fact, all of the major and supporting characters infected each other in some way. Of course, being blind, most are ignorant to this

fascinating fact.

The events of "Blindness" cause the viewer to question the nature and depth of humanity. Meirelles' vision is terrifying and beautiful in equal measures, and in the end there is hope and evidence that humanity is greater than the sum of its parts.

All of the actors, including the extras, were trained to be blind, making their mannerisms eerily realistic.

The directing and cinematography call attention to the de-personification the film depicts. The camera's viewpoint is not reliant on any one person. Often, it is omniscient and unattached. The color of the film is wan and grey, fitting for such a bleak setting, and the city is unrecognizable, making it easily relatable. The musical score is beautiful, slightly tribal, entirely instrumental and a wonderful addition to the film.

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"Blindness" is a stunning film about both the degeneration and strength of humanity which exist in the space between esoteric art films and mass entertainment. The director and actors did a wonderful job adapting José Saramago's novel and "Blindness" is an excellent pick for viewers hungry for an entertaining blockbuster with a side of depth.



Ménage à trois is so '70s. Ménage à cinq is where it's at these days. Take that, "Desperate Housewives." CBS.COM

Arts Editors' Mixtape | October 2008

Each month the Arts Department will share our mixtape, a list of our favorite new songs that we've been listening to around the office. To hear the songs and for descriptions of our picks, visit our brand-new blog, "The Scene," at tuftsdaily.com.

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CATHERINE SCOTT	"HUMAN"	THE KILLERS	NEW SINGLE (2008)
GRANT BEIGHLEY	"TWO WEEKS"	ALL THAT REMAINS	"OVERCOME" (2008)
SARAH COWAN	"RAGGED WOOD"	FLEET FOXES	"FLEET FOXES" (2008)
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EDITORIAL

A reason to get involved

A recent Rasmussen Reports survey asked respondents whether they would vote to throw out the entire Congress and start anew if given the opportunity. Fifty-nine percent of respondents said yes, and just 17 percent said they would keep the current lawmakers in office.

According to the report, just under half of all respondents believed that "the current Congress [is] better than individuals selected randomly from the phone book." A full third disagreed with this assessment, and 19 percent were unsure.

While acknowledging the possibility of a certain margin for error, this essentially amounts to a bare majority of the public believing that the current Congress is no more effective at their jobs than the proverbial man on the street; that is to say that any bar fly, college student, retiree or hockey mom would be at least as well-equipped to deal with America's problems as the legislators toiling in Washington today.

First of all, we at the Daily believe that this does a disservice to the men and women serving in the Capitol. While we often take issue with the acts of individual

congressmen, on the whole we are supportive of the institution and appreciative of the hard work of its members. Legislators in Washington have a difficult job; they spend a great deal of their time away from their families, struggling to pass legislation and make beneficial policy and then must read that the public wants to give their job away to any random person who wants it.

However, even if these feelings are unjustified, they are important, and they point not to Congress' lack of ability, but to the American people's lack of action.

At the end of the day, these numbers suggest that literally half of Americans should be demanding that their congressman or senators either focus on the issues that matter or step down. They suggest that half of Americans should be engaged enough in the process to be able to make their plainly serious displeasure known. They suggest, at the very least, that well over half of Americans would make the nominal effort to show up at the ballot box every time these apparently ineffectual legislators are chosen.

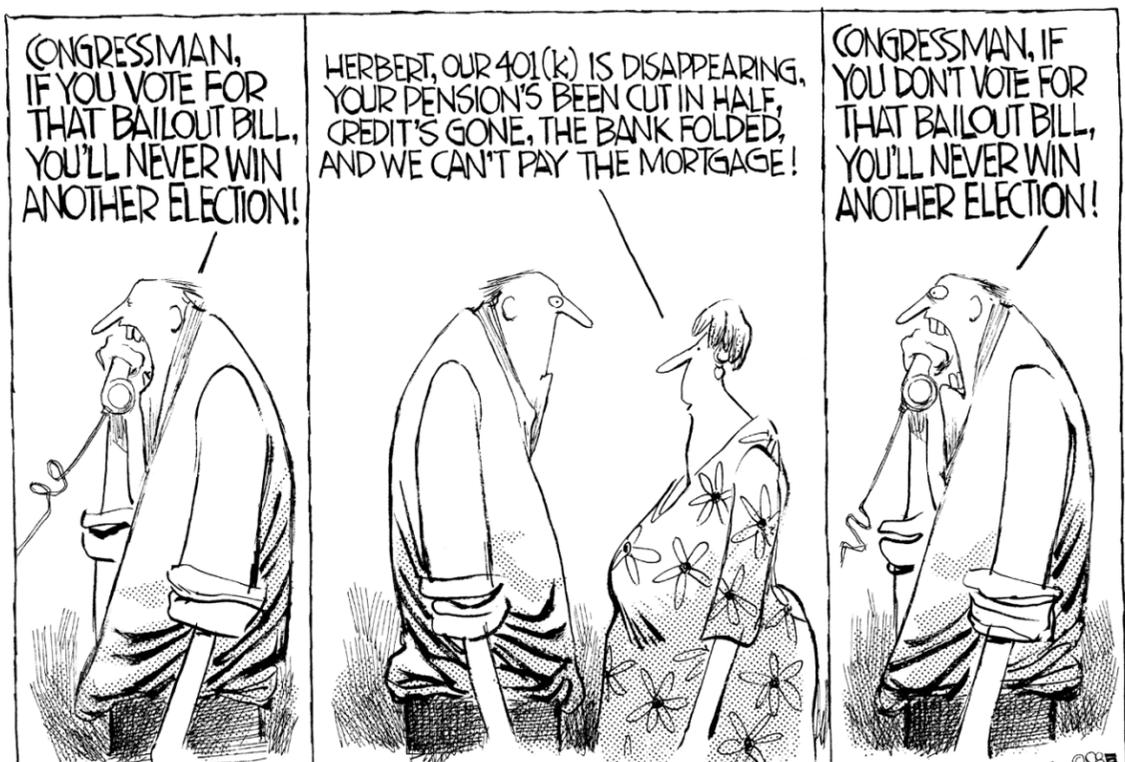
Yet turnout for midterm elections, when

Americans are not voting for president, remains under 50 percent. Even in 2006, a year that featured many competitive races in the House and the Senate, just over 40 percent of eligible voters bothered to cast ballots — and this was seen as a high-turnout election.

If you are so disgusted by the state of legislative activity in Washington that you would be willing to roll the dice on a completely randomized government-by-phonebook, why wouldn't you register your disappointment? Why wouldn't you get involved in politics? Why wouldn't you engage in advocacy?

Politics and the development of policy are patriotic undertakings. More than personal glory, they are about public service. They are about solving the problems that plague our society and making life a little bit better for the people who live in our nation. Certainly, politicians have their problems. But we, as citizens, have our responsibilities. Government by the people, for the people was a hard-sought and hard-won victory. It is time that we begin living up to that promise.

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Obama's subverted version of free speech

BY MITCHELL BLATT
The Indiana Daily Chronicle

If Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) needs to send any legal papers my way after reading this column, he can find me in Read Residence Center, floor 5, Curry wing. After all the disruptions, smear campaigns and legal threats that Obama's campaign has pursued against his critics, I wouldn't be at all surprised if he had something for me as well.

Obama has a disturbing record of trying to silence critics with Chicago-style tactics this election season. In an attack ad against free speech on Sept. 23, Obama's general counsel, Robert Bauer, sent letters to managers of TV stations in Pennsylvania and Ohio warning them not to run an anti-Obama NRA ad. The letters read, "For the sake of both FCC licensing requirements and the public interest, your station should refuse to continue to air this advertisement."

Bauer cited court precedents that found that independent political organizations "do not have a right to command the use of

broadcast facilities" and that stations have a duty "to protect the public from false, misleading or deceptive advertising."

The NRA advertisement accuses Obama of supporting tax increases on guns, banning deer-hunting ammunition, shotguns and rifles. It certainly is selective in its use and presentation of facts, but there is nothing inherently false about it.

Each of the statements used in it were backed up with citations.

At an anti-gun rally in December 1999, Obama outlined a plan that included raising taxes on guns by up to 500 percent and banning gun shops within a five-mile radius of schools or parks, a measure that the NRA says would close 90 percent of all shops.

Obama also supported a bill in 2005 aiming to prevent armor-piercing bullets that would have also made certain types of hunting ammunition illegal.

The advertisement is no more inaccurate than some which Obama's own campaign has run.

One, for example, claimed McCain wants

to cut social security benefits in half. He does want to cut them in 2075, by an average of 28 percent. Until then, Obama's truth squad might want to alert the FCC about that one.

For someone who says, "We must ensure that we have an open media market that represents all of the voices in our diverse nation," Obama never has done a good job of advancing the cause.

Earlier this year, he was intimidating critics like David Freddoso, whom he labeled as "dishonest and hate mongering," before Freddoso appeared on WGN Radio in Chicago. Obama called on his followers to bombard the show with telephone calls as he had done a week earlier when Stanley Kurtz appeared on the show.

In August, Obama called on the Department of Justice to launch a criminal investigation into the American Issues Project for their ads linking Obama to William Ayers.

Now he's trying for FCC regulation. What's next? With his support for the FISA wiretapping bill, it shouldn't be long before he starts regulating the phone lines as well.

Corrections

An Oct. 3 article titled "Tufts Mountain Club looks to get Senate funding for Trips Cabin" incorrectly stated that the Tufts Mountain Club owns the Loj. The university owns the house, and the student organization operates it. The Oct. 1 article "TCU senators may get assigned districts" had an accompanying box that incorrectly stated that senior Ryan Pallathra would represent Hillside. Instead, the proposal listed sophomore Ryan Heman as the representative.

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Palin falls short at VP debate

AMIT PAZ

On Thursday, there was unprecedented buzz concerning the vice-presidential debates. In light of the abysmal interview, Gov. Sarah Palin (R-Alaska) gave with CBS's Katie Couric, no one was expecting much of her. Republicans were anxious to see a performance that would put former Vice President Dan Quayle's now-infamous potato incident to shame. Democrats couldn't wait to see Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) tear the Alaskan hockey mom to shreds.

The beginning of the debate was a bit dry, with Biden sounding monotone and unexcited compared to the energetic yet uninspiring governor. But as both candidates gained momentum, Biden pulled ahead by a far margin. He presented himself as a coherent and experienced statesman who could identify with the American middle class and its frustration that has accumulated over the past eight years under the Bush administration. He articulated specific policy initiatives that an Obama-Biden administration would implement while aptly attacking Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and irrevocably tying his policies to those of the increasingly unpopular President George W. Bush.

Compared to Biden's clear grasp of the issues that are most important to Americans this election year, Palin absolutely failed to make headway in any significant way, except perhaps to correct Biden when he mistakenly thought that "drill, drill, drill" was the official slogan for offshore drilling when in fact it is "drill, baby, drill."

Palin did not discredit Obama or his policies; she did not present clear, concise policy prescriptions to the American people; she did not bolster McCain's deflated campaign; and she certainly did not prove that she was anything more than your average "Joe Six-Pack." Palin sounded like a broken record that was stuck on the "Republican Talking Points 2008" track. She failed to answer questions head on and was proud of it, proclaiming she would not answer the way "East-Coast liberals" wanted her to. She certainly did not show a true understanding of most of the issues discussed, especially in matters relating to foreign policy.

She cloaked her ignorance by trying to articulate a political philosophy that amounted to a heap of fragmented, random talking points in broken English. There was nothing refreshing about her performance, and she was anything but reassuring. Her voice, at times, was shaky



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and unsure, as she was searching for something credible to say, often reverberating back to her comfort zone. She often contradicted herself, for instance, when she talked about decreasing government regulation in the private sector while at the same time praising the new oversight attached to the bailout plan. Frighteningly, the governor seemed to agree with Vice President Dick Cheney's version of the vice presidency, showing that she was completely out of touch with the effects that Cheney's actions have had on American democracy.

In short, Palin was anything but presidential; she acted more like a cheerleader for a team that is down in the fourth quarter with five seconds left in the game. Her performance was perhaps one of the last gasps of a Republican Party that has been taken over by an elite group committed to the religious right on social issues, big corporations and Wall Street and failed policies of a neo-conservative foreign policy.

Yet the moment the cameras shifted their gaze to the warm scene of Palin and Biden's families embracing each other after the debate, the pundits across the news spectrum seemed to, incredibly, reach some sort of a consensus on her performance. Almost all the guests at CNN's news desk praised Palin's performance, mentioning that she rose to the occasion and didn't have any serious missteps. Fox News anchors were elated. I couldn't believe what I was hearing.

Was the bar set so low that our national media deemed Palin's performance a success? Some analysts went so far as to claim that her performance was proof for the toughest of critics that she was ready for the VP slot and implicitly, the presidency. Republicans sighed in relief not because Palin showed she was ready to take on the challenges that the next administration will have to deal with but because she was able to mask her lack of knowledge well enough

to assuage the average voter's belief that she can potentially lead this nation.

This is shameful.

What I saw during Thursday's debate was a clear choice between two distinct paths that Americans can choose to take this November, and this debate, more than most of the political headlines spewed on the 24-hour news circus, made the choice more clear than ever before. It was not just a choice between specific substantive differences on issues like health care or energy policy; it was a choice of leadership, and Sarah Palin failed in every way possible to show the American people the kind of leadership they deserve and expect in times of crisis.

If I ever get the chance, I'm going to ask the governor how to spell the word potato.

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And your posterity

JOHN KAYTROSH

On Jan. 20, 2009, the president-elect will take an oath to preserve, to protect and to defend the Constitution of the United States of America. Contained therein are many articles, detailing the workings of Congress, the duties of the president and a rather thin description of the federal judiciary. The primary function of these articles is to direct and to restrict the actions of elected officials. But the greatest calling, perhaps, of the Constitution is in its preamble. This preamble enumerates those values that set the United States apart from every other nation on earth at the time the Constitution was framed.

The preamble tells, as Schoolhouse Rock explains to us, "what those Founding Fathers set out to do." Most Americans, whose ancestors immigrated to this country from all over the world, have little in common with our founders other than goals for the nation. But the same ardor

to achieve these goals is necessary to uphold the spirit of the nation created generations ago by the forefathers from whom we are separated by time, technology and twists of fate. Indeed, the preamble is the article of the Constitution that says what all Americans — not just the president — must do not only to be good citizens but to continue the American tradition.

We form a more perfect Union. We root out corruption. We discover greed within our government. We try to harmonize differences among those states of the Union with differing opinions. More than that, we have to get past the biases and prejudices of the founders, which may have prevented them from doing what was truly necessary to perfect the Union without fear, to change it without an inclination to preserve tradition for tradition's sake. We establish justice. We ensure not only that everybody has an equal right to take our government or fellow citizens to court but that those

accused also have the right to stand up for themselves. We ensure domestic tranquility. We respect individual and group differences without resorting to violence. We come to understand each other as people, so that we might never wage racial or class warfare. We provide for the common defense. We decide how best to combine diplomacy and military defense. We promote the general welfare. We take steps to preserve those elements of our infrastructure that make it possible for us to prosper materially, and we encourage entrepreneurship while still caring for those in our society who are unable to care for themselves.

We secure the blessings of liberty, to ourselves and our posterity. We vote. We elect our leaders, just as those who came before us did. Who were they? They were the men who elected the first Congress. They were the nineteenth-century citizens who fought to remove property qualifications, poll taxes and literacy tests as a requirement

for voter eligibility. They were newly emancipated blacks who cast ballots for a short time in the South. They were women who agitated for suffrage. They were civil rights activists in the 1960s who fought for the death of Jim Crow and the restoration of the constitutional rights of all Americans. They were the ballot counters in Florida in 2000.

And who is preserving our liberty today? They are the minimum-wage employees who work an hour later on Monday in order to vote on Tuesday. They are the soldiers who cast absentee ballots from Iraq and Afghanistan. They are immigrants, newly minted Americans, proudly voting in their first election. They are the soccer moms and dads on the sidelines discussing last night's election coverage. They are the Democrats of Idaho and the Republicans of Massachusetts who cast ballots, knowing that their candidate of choice will likely not win.

Who will preserve our liberty in the future? They will be the teens who skip primetime

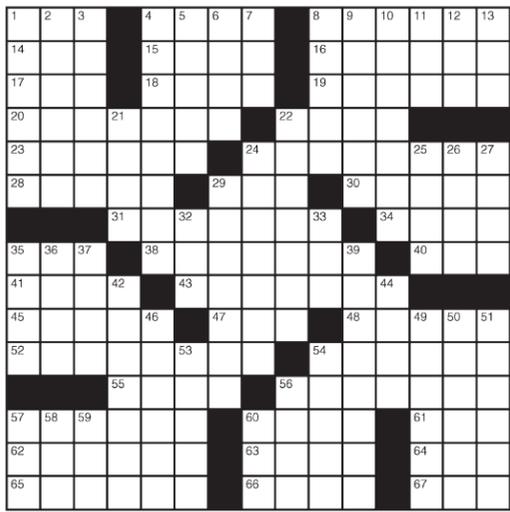
television in order to inform themselves by watching a debate. They will be Students for Obama and Students for McCain. They will be the Tufts Republicans. They will be the Tufts Democrats. They will be you and me. As registration deadlines approach, many of us look forward to voting in the first elections for which we will be eligible. But we would not be doing so were it not for the generations which have secured these blessings of liberty for us. Our posterity will no longer enjoy these blessings if we do not deliver on the great promise of this generation to engage itself in our republic. This is why we vote in states navy blue and burgundy red.

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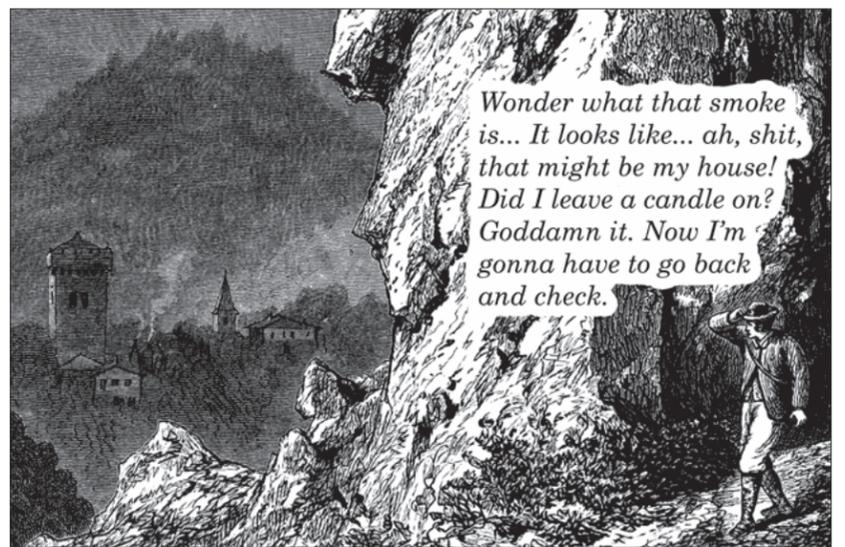


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Solution to Monday's puzzle

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LATE NIGHT AT THE DAILY



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before leaving in the fifth inning after the Angels had taken a 4-3 lead and his pitch count had hit 106. The Red Sox' fate may hinge on whether Beckett is at full strength to shut down the Rays' bats in the coming week. He insists that he is, but for Boston's sake, his actions had better speak louder than his words.

As it has all season, the Rays' offense will continue to rely on the bats of Evan Longoria and Carlos Pena. Longoria went deep twice in the series opener against Chicago, posting a 1.020 OPS in the series, while Pena was an on-base machine in limited action. Pena missed part of the series with an eye injury but put up five singles and a walk in 11 plate appearances.

Overall, these are two very evenly matched teams. The Red Sox were chasing the Rays all season to win the division, and Tampa Bay finished the year two games in front. But as always, luck has a lot to do with that — the Red Sox actually outscored the Rays by 71 runs in the regular season (845 to 774), while pitching and defense were on the Rays' side (671 runs to 694).

Head to head, the Rays were 10-8 in the teams' 18 regular season meetings, but the ALCS bodes a bit better considering their home-field advantage to open the series — the home team was 15-3 in Rays-Sox games this year. But Tropicana Field or not, all logic may just go out the window when baseball's two newest rivals take the field for Game 1 on Friday night.



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Final dual match of fall season slated for Saturday versus NYU

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the way Meghan and I handled ourselves out there. We fought really hard, and we didn't give up when we were down in the tiebreak. It was a really good demonstration of how much we wanted to win, and even though we came up a little short, we definitely put everything out there."

Browne and McCooley regrouped in time for the third-place match, defeating host Middlebury's duo of freshmen Victoria Aiello and Anna Burke 8-4. It was the second consecutive strong showing for the pair after a runner-up finish at ITAs in their first tournament together. Browne and McCooley's early success, particularly against stiff competition — Berckes is a two-time national champion at doubles — has the pair eager for the challenges ahead.

"It's really good practice for us to be playing these top teams now because when we go to Alabama for Nationals [on Oct. 16], we're going to be coming up against some really good competition," Browne said. "It gives us a lot of confidence that we can compete with these teams because any of those other teams are going to be just as competitive, and it definitely gives us a sense of feeling ready for that tournament coming up."

Tufts nearly had a second team, consisting of Lavet and Stewart, join Browne and McCooley in the championship bracket. But in first-round play, the duo let a 5-2 lead slip away

to freshman Stephanie Langer and senior Rachel Waldman of Bowdoin, leading to a costly 8-6 loss. Lavet and Stewart rebounded to win their final two matches and finished the tournament 2-1.

Both of the Jumbos' other two pairings — LaCara/Rosen and Hogue/Schils — went winless in round robin play. But in a tournament where the focus was less on results than performance, each tandem showed positive gains.

"Jen LaCara and Hillary can serve as a model for the rest of the team as far as communication and their energy out there," Bayard said. "That's how I'd like every team to be. And Laura and Nat also work really well together. They seem like they've been playing together for at least a year. Those two teams were great as far as their dynamics."

Tufts has the rest of the week off before it hosts its final dual match of the fall season Saturday against NYU. The focus of the match, unsurprisingly, will be on building off the weekend at Middlebury and continuing to hone doubles skills.

"As a team, we'd definitely like to sweep the doubles and use everything that we've learned from this weekend and all the practice that we've put in to our doubles play to go out strong from the beginning," McCooley said. "As far as singles goes, we're all pretty confident, and we're going to have to work hard to earn each point. But I think the focus right from the start of the match is going to be our doubles."

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Don't hate the agent

I recently overheard a conversation between super-agents Scott Boras and Drew Rosenhaus as they were finishing lunch. Not only a columnist, but also a reporter, I decided to take notes. The transcript:

Drew Rosenhaus: "So I say to him: 'Plax, you're the only wide receiver client of mine who has yet to get into a scandal. You're a team player, right?' Next thing you know, I'm on ESPN fighting the suspension."

Scott Boras: "Brilliant. So he sided with his agency over his teammates. Capitalism at its best."

D.R.: "And that's precisely my point. The NFL and MLB are anticompetitive markets. In what other profession do you come out of college and have your employer, salary and location set for you? These leagues are monopolies."

S.B.: "Exactly. And so what if I've ruined baseball's drafting system by having amateurs demand sums of money that only certain teams can afford? And who cares if I lie in arbitration cases about a player's previous achievements? Sue me."

D.R.: "If only they would."

S.B.: "I know. I would win since I'm better at my job than anybody else is at theirs. These athletes, the most talented in the world, sign with me to make the money that they deserve. After that, I don't care if front offices or league officials or clients hate me. How do I go to sleep at night? On top of a mattress stuffed with cash. Look, I got A-Rod and Pedro Alvarez more money by making them do something they didn't want to do. The bottom line is that figure on the paycheck."

D.R.: "Word on that. And if I steal other agents' clients, well, I guess those agents should have been doing a better job in the first place. The NFL Players Association wants me to shut up, but if they were smart, they'd have Rosenhaus Sports run the union. I'm the best thing to happen to football players since the vertical pass. We are ambassadors of Kwan, am I right? We're just showing our clients the money."

S.B.: "I still can't believe that Tom Cruise made a movie about you."

D.R.: "You mean 'Swingers'?" *They high five. Upon touching each other, they immediately retract their hands as they feel a searing heat pass through their foreheads.* "That was weird. But yeah, T.O. was my Rod Tidwell. I made Terrell Owens T.O. I brought him out of San Francisco, and where is he now? I gave him 25 million reasons to be alive."

S.B.: "And J.D. Drew is a richer person because of me. People hate that I got J. Dizzle not to sign with the Phillies when he was drafted. Well, turns out those \$10 million demands would've been a bargain. And people were pissed he opted out of his L.A. contract? Then why were those provisions included in the first place? Why should players have loyalty to their teams? They're not the greedy ones. Owners are making money hand over fist and denying athletes what they deserve. If this were a free market, these guys would be making twice as much. Why do people love Ari Gold and hate us? You're just as big a jerk as he is."

D.R.: "Thanks! I also like to think T.O. and Clinton Portis are better actors than Vincent Chase. But we agents aren't middlemen. We're enablers. We enable players to sign big-money contracts and then we enable ourselves to our share."

S.B.: "I like the cut of your jib, sir. I, for one, can't wait to cash in on Manny's contract year. All right, I got work to do. You want to pick up the check?"

D.R.: "Five percent of it."

S.B.: "Good one. I'm not sure that even makes sense. Speaking of nonsense, whose idea was it to change his name to Chad Ocho Cinco? Did you not tell him how that would impact his marketing credibility?"

D.R.: "Hey, it's not always about the money."

S.B.: "Good one."

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Bowdoin records 29th consecutive win in weekend game

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And the time before that.

And the four times before that.

The game, which marked Bowdoin's 29th consecutive win and 38th straight at home, also marked the seventh straight dismantling of the Panthers, who have not defeated the Polar Bears since a 2-1 overtime contest in October of 2004 — and Bowdoin knew it.

"They know they can beat them," McDavitt said. "They know they've beaten them before, and they know they can do it again. I think it definitely gives them a mental advantage coming into those games."

The Panthers lost their conference crown after a 4-3 overtime loss to third-seeded Williams in the NESCAC title game in 2004. The following season, Bowdoin, who had suffered an early exit in 2004 at the hands of seventh-seeded Colby, jumped into the championship mix — and never looked back. Every NESCAC title since has gone the Polar Bears' way, with Middlebury falling in the finals in 2006 and 2007 before its defeat on the national stage.

Despite its recent success, Bowdoin was far from taking Saturday's date with the Panthers lightly. After analyzing their previous game, a 3-1 rout of Amherst, the Polar Bears devoted a solid block of time to studying Middlebury's play before the

contest.

"Thursday and Friday, we started to focus on Middlebury just because they play such a different style," Bowdoin coach Nicola Pearson said. "They send a forward very high, so they spread out the field. They're very offensively minded, more so than any other team we'd played. We needed to go over the positioning and how we were going to play that."

The Polar Bears certainly did have cause for concern. Even after being blanked by Bowdoin, Middlebury's goals-per-game average (4.57) still sits significantly higher than the Polar Bears' 3.56. Before Saturday's game, the Panthers were outscoring their opponents at a perfect 4:1 average, making 122 shots compared with their opponents' 59.

But ultimately, it was Bowdoin's airtight defense, which surrenders approximately 0.11 goals-per-game, that prevailed.

"We knew that their corners were very good," Pearson said. "I thought we defended their corners well — I was very pleased with that. I thought our one-on-one defense throughout the field was better than it had been at the beginning of the season, and both of those factors were important."

And then there was McNamara, who padded her league-leading goal total with the pair of tallies. McNamara now has 18 goals on the season -- six more than runners-up senior Karli del Rossi

of Trinity and Jumbo sophomore Tamara Brown. The Panthers have senior co-captain and goaltender Caitlin Pentifallo, who recorded seven saves, to thank that Bowdoin didn't manage more out of the 20 shots they fired compared with Middlebury's six.

"I was pleased with the amount of offense that we created," Pearson said. "To be honest, we probably should have scored a couple more goals, but in the end I was obviously happy that we won the game."

All said, Middlebury will just have to wait for its next crack at Bowdoin. While the Polar Bears will now get a break from NESCAC competition, hosting Maine-Farmington before heading to New London to face eighth-place Conn. College, for the Panthers, it's a different story. Middlebury will square off against two more undefeated teams in Trinity (8-0, 4-0 NESCAC), who they will play later today, and Tufts (9-0, 5-0 NESCAC) on Saturday.

But if history repeats itself yet again — and the Panthers are determined it will — the team should be back on track in no time.

"[Middlebury is] always a very competitive team, so I don't see them having any problem bouncing back," McDavitt said. "I think if anything, it will fire them up more to get wins over both of our teams to prove to themselves how good they really are."

Top Ten | Senior Citizens in Sports

Wait a minute, the Arizona Cardinals are in first place in the AFC West? And with 147 points scored in five games, they're only two off of Jay Cutler's Broncos for first in the NFL? How did that happen?

Don't look now, but it's true. And the 25-year-old Matt Leinart (hey, remember when he won that Heisman?) has nothing to do with it. The man behind the magic is Kurt Warner, adept grocery-bagger and occasional NFL starting quarterback, a man who turned 37 this summer and flirted with retirement this fall. Instead, he's sticking around to lead one of the best offenses in football. Go figure.

Here are 10 more of our favorite old farts in the sporting world. Oh, and these people are actually old.

10. Dick Vitale. I'm turning 70 next June, baby! And I'm now best known for my tidbits of basketball analysis that range from the utterly irrelevant to the completely senile! I've also forgotten the names of about 300 schools to the point where I can really only name one — Duke! Awesome, baby!

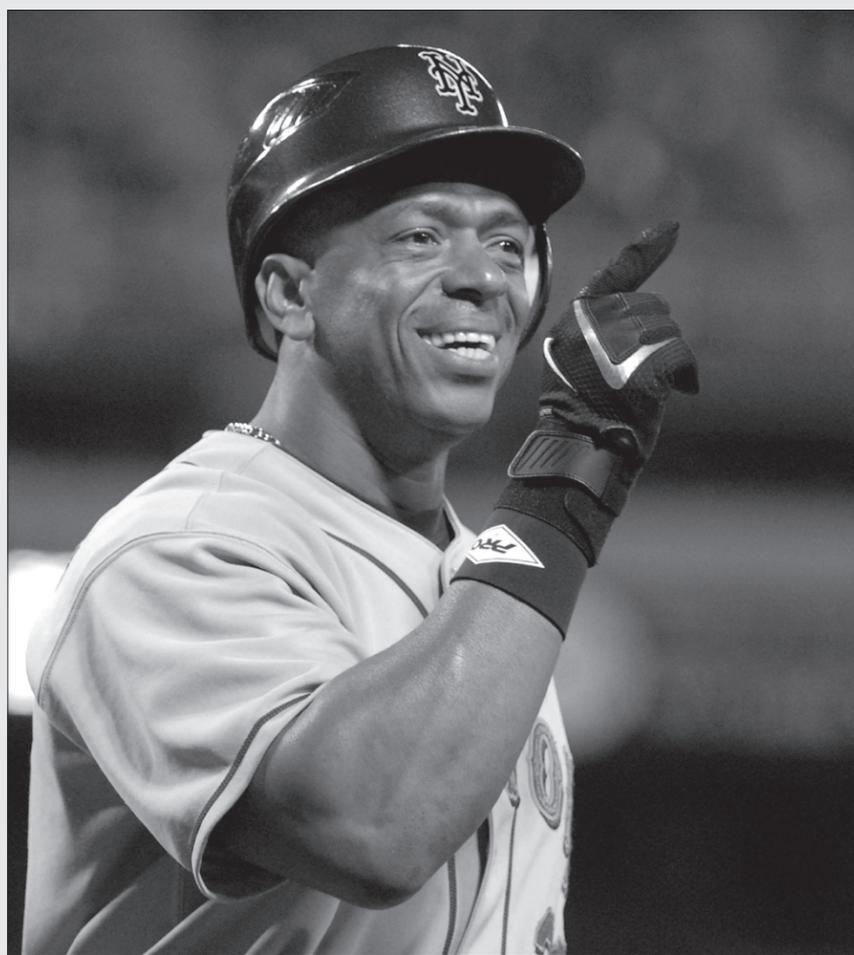
9. Don Zimmer. Here's a brief rule of thumb: When you are 72 and decide that it's a bright idea to attack a perfectly healthy, physically fit 31-year-old man, that's when you know you are too senile to be working in major league baseball. (Or anywhere else.)

8. Al Davis. Exactly one year older than George Steinbrenner (both men were born on the fourth of July), the Raiders' president is one of the all-time great sports executives. Somehow after 79 years, he's still alive and kicking enough to make questionable hires of ineffective coaches. Remember when Jon Gruden left, and then his Buccaneers beat the Raiders in the very next Super Bowl? Hasn't been a winning season in Oakland since. Just saying.

7. Jamie Moyer. He has never had the overpowering velocity or the dazzling arsenal of pitches, but this old-timer continues to get it done with accuracy and command as he rumbles on toward this year's NLCS with the Philadelphia Phillies. The oldest current player in baseball has been the model of consistency through the years with a devastating changeup and a studious approach to his craft. A World Series ring this fall would be the perfect ending to his rather nondescript 22-year career.

6. Joe Paterno. While he isn't as useful as he once was roaming the Nittany Lions' sideline on Saturdays, the man still does one hell of a job as figurehead for the one of the best college football programs in recent memory. At a hilarious 81 years old, the Div. I all-time leader in victories certainly doesn't have much left to prove other than his ability to walk sans cane.

5. Jesse Orosco. In addition to being baseball's all-time leader in games pitched, Orosco is



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Man, he makes Moses look young.

known for recording the final out of the 1986 World Series, throwing a two-inning save to finish off the Red Sox. He was 29 then. He kept pitching for 17 more years! Orosco was the oldest player in his league every year between 1999 and 2003.

4. Dikembe Mutombo. That's Dikembe Mutombo Mpolondo Mukamba Jean-Jacques Wamutombo, to be exact. The Congolese-American center has made a name for himself — er ... made a place for himself — in the NBA by redefining shot blocking and defensive prowess from the center position. The eight-time NBA All-Star and four-time Defensive Player of the Year has done an epic job of sticking around at age 42. He also makes himself useful as a translator, boasting fluency in French, English, Luba and Lingala. What's not to love?

3. Chris Chelios. The current Detroit Red Wing defenseman is the ironman of today's hockey landscape. At 46 years old, Chelios is currently the oldest active player in the NHL and has played in the most games of any player in the league. On the flip side, the Greek God is the king of penalty minutes, leading the league's

current players in that category as well, and boasts one of the league's ugliest noses. Good lord, he needs some work on that shnoz.

2. Morten Andersen. This one-bar Danish wonder might never put an end to his foot magic. The NFL's all-time leader in points, who actually started off his long career as a gymnast, has bounced around a total of six teams and been named to seven Pro Bowls. So when will the ever-aging master of the uprights call it quits? He had named his 50th birthday as the finish line, but he's not feeling the love thus far in 2008, and let's hope it stays that way.

1. Julio Franco. To all outward appearances, this man would appear to be retired from major league baseball. He hasn't played a game since Sept. 17, 2007, at which point his official age was listed as 49 but reportedly could have been anywhere between 46 and 53. But Franco, who attributes his tip-top shape to a disciplined diet, just loves the game too much to stay away. Is he actually done for good? We'll believe it when he's dead and buried.

—by Evans Clinchy and Scott Janes

And then there were four

Dodgers, Phillies vying for chance to play in Fall Classic

BY DAVID HECK
Daily Editorial Board

There's only one thing for certain in this year's baseball playoffs: everyone at FOX is happy.

In the National League Championship Series, the **Los Angeles Dodgers** will face off against the **Philadelphia Phillies** — two large-market teams full of youth, homegrown talent and exciting brands of baseball.

On one side, the Phillies have one of the deepest and most balanced lineups in baseball. They have the past two NL MVPs in Jimmy Rollins and Ryan Howard, while Chase Utley is the best second baseman in baseball. Utley, the only one who has not won an MVP award, is the best of the three, providing the team with serious offensive and defensive production at second base; the other two are probably a bit overrated.

Utley led all major league second basemen with 33 homers, 104 RBI and a .915 OPS, while his zone rating was fourth-best. Rollins, on the other hand, made the most outs by an MVP ever, and his .786 OPS this season is almost 100 points lower than last year. He



The Phillies will need solid production from Chase Utley at the plate if they want to defeat Los Angeles in the NLCS. Game 1 will be played Thursday in the City of Brotherly Love.

does, however, provide a spark at the top of the offense, especially with those ridiculous 47 steals in 50 attempts — he's just not a player that should have an MVP trophy on his mantle.

Howard put up impressive counting stats this season, leading the majors with 48 home runs and 141 RBI, but his .251 average and .339 on-base percentage are poor, and the fact that his OPS was lower than that of Cleveland outfielder Shin-Soo Choo is less than inspiring.

Still, that's not to say that the Phillies' lineup does not have depth. Shane Victorino has decent power and great speed to go along with a consistently

solid on-base percentage — all desirable qualities in a No. 2 hitter — and his Game 2 heroics proved he's capable of stepping up in a big spot (he hit a two-out, 1-2 pitch from CC Sabathia for a grand slam).

In the five hole, he is one of the most underappreciated hitters in the

playoffs. His .250 average makes him look mediocre, but he has patience and power, compiling a respectable .367 on-base percentage and .507 slugging percentage. After that, Jayson Werth had a quiet 20-20 year, and he is particularly strong against right-handers (.303 average, 1.020 OPS), who happen to make up the entire Dodgers playoff rotation.

As for the team hailing from the opposite coast, Los Angeles boasts an offense with several solid role players and up-and-comers but only one true superstar: Manny Ramirez. After hitting .396 with a 1.23 OPS during the regular season (the NL portion of it, anyway), Ramirez led the Dodgers to a sweep of the **Chicago Cubs** in the NLDS by hitting .500 with two home runs over three games.

Behind him, Andre Ethier and his .885 OPS provide solid protection, while Matt Kemp provides power and speed remarkably comparable to that of Victorino — Kemp's stats include a .290 average, 18 HR, 35 steals and 11 times caught stealing; Victorino posted a .293 average, 14 HR, 36 steals and 11 times caught stealing.

Arguably the second most important hitter in the lineup, however, is Rafael Furcal. If he can contribute like he did before he got hurt, hitting .367 with 15 walks against 15 strikeouts in April, he

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Sox, Rays to renew rivalry at Tropicana Field Friday night

BY EVANS CLINCHY
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Welcome to what is quickly becoming one of the best rivalries in sports.

The **Tampa Bay Rays** and **Boston Red Sox** have met this season for 18 games, several memorable pitchers' duels and one particularly memorable bench-clearing brawl. The bad blood has been simmering all season, and now it will inevitably boil over as the last two AL teams standing meet in Tampa Bay for at least four more games starting Friday night.

Pitching propelled both teams to matching victories, three games to one, in the first round of the American League playoffs.

With Curt Schilling out for the year and Josh Beckett a bit weakened by a strained oblique, the Red Sox have found a third generation of post-season heroes to pitch them through October. Jon Lester earned two of the Sox' three wins in their series victory over the Los Angeles Angels, putting up two matching seven-inning starts and allowing zero earned runs. Lester, Daisuke Matsuzaka and a reportedly "fine" Beckett will lead the Red Sox into Tropicana Field this weekend.

For the Rays, a quartet of young starters will set out to prove this October that the intangible effect of fall experience is overrated. James Shields (26), Scott Kazmir (24), Matt Garza (24) and Andy Sonnanstine (25), each making his first career postseason start, took the ball for the Rays in their first-round win over the **Chicago White Sox**, and the Rays' pitching staff posted a solid 3.81 team ERA against the homer-happy Sox lineup. How they will perform against the other more potent Sox, however, remains to be seen.

What bodes well for the Rays' young staff is the setting of this year's ALCS. All four Rays starters are prone to the

occasional rookie mistakes, and all four have a tendency to serve up more than just the occasional long ball. The Sox and Rays, however, play in two of baseball's least homer-friendly ballparks — both Fenway Park and Tropicana Field are among the six parks with home run rates 15 percent below average.

The Red Sox' bats are not exactly on a hot streak at the moment, as the team collectively managed a lackluster .250/.317/.375 line in four games against the Angels. Jason Bay and J.D. Drew teed off against the Angels' starters in the first two games back in Anaheim, but the Sox cooled off from there. They'll look to get back on track against a Rays



Boston starter Jon Lester pitched seven innings of shutout baseball in the Red Sox's Game 4 ALDS victory over the Angels 3-2 last night. Boston will take on the surging Rays in the ALCS in Tampa Bay on Friday.

staff that has had their number this season. It certainly doesn't help that they'll be without last year's World Series MVP — Mike Lowell was scratched from

Boston's playoff roster with an injured right hip. He was replaced on the active roster by Gil Velazquez, a minor league infielder who made his debut with the big club on Sept. 25.

As for the Sox' pitching staff, there are question marks. Beckett, who was dominant last postseason, leading the Red Sox to their second title in four years, has been a bit unreliable this season with his health in constant question. The team's sometimes-ace posted a 5.74 ERA in July followed by 5.82 in August, and the Sox slowed him down in September by limiting him to 25 innings in four starts.

Making his first start in 13 days Sunday night, Beckett looked ugly. He allowed four walks and nine hits, two of them home runs to catcher Mike Napoli,

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Tampa Bay celebrates its 6-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox yesterday as the Rays punched their ticket to their first-ever American League Championship Series.



WOMEN'S TENNIS

Browne, McCooley reach semis at Middlebury

BY SAPNA BANSIL
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In another step toward achieving a season-long goal of improving its doubles play, the women's tennis team traveled to Middlebury over the weekend for its first-ever visit to the annual Gail Smith doubles tournament.

Of the Jumbos' four entries into the tournament, one team, featuring sophomore Julia Browne and junior captain Meghan McCooley, advanced to the championship bracket before taking third place overall. Tufts sent three other pairs — freshman Jen Lavet and sophomore Edwina Stewart, freshman Jen LaCara and sophomore Hillary Rosen, and junior Laura Hoguet and freshman Nat Schils — as well as freshman Kaitlyn Pritchard, who was teamed with sophomore Kathryn Friedman of Williams.

Even after the careful attention the Jumbos paid to their doubles play both this weekend and throughout the fall, the task of perfecting their doubles skills remains a work in progress.

"We certainly were executing some of what we've been working on," coach Kate Bayard said. "However, we have a long way to go still with our doubles ... We really need to bring our aggressiveness to the next level — dictate more, take more chances and be okay with getting burned once in a while. Basically, we need to be the aggressor and not the reactor throughout the course of every match. It was exciting to see some of that over the weekend, but it would go in phases."

In their second time paired together, Browne and McCooley began the tournament by winning their first four matches. The duo first breezed through Saturday's round robin play

at a 3-0 clip before scoring an 8-6 victory over Bowdoin senior captain Sarah D'Elia and freshman Emily Lombardi in Sunday's quarterfinal.

"We came out knowing that even though they weren't necessarily the top teams, they were going to fight and be ready to play," McCooley said. "They definitely put the pressure on us, so we had to bring our top game, really be aggressive at net and close out the point."

The quarterfinal victory set up a semifinal showdown against junior Brittany Berckes and sophomore Natasha Brown of Amherst, the same team Browne and McCooley beat in a 9-8 (11) thriller at the ITA New England semifinals at the end of September. The rematch once again went to a tiebreak, but Berckes and Brown pulled away this time around, winning 9-8 (7).

But Browne and McCooley didn't go down without a fight. Trailing in the tiebreak 6-3, the Jumbos saved all three match points to knot the score at 6-6. Tufts then had a match point of its own at 7-6, but Browne's attempt at a win-clincher landed just wide.

That opportunity was the last the Jumbos would get, as Berckes and Brown eventually closed the door with a shot that clipped the top of the net and rolled onto the Jumbos' side. The Jeffs duo went on to take the title, downing the Williams team of senior co-captain Cary Gibson and sophomore Nicole Reich by a score of 8-6 in the finals.

"It was a really, really good doubles match," Browne said of the semifinals. "They're a really good team; we barely beat them at ITAs, and this time it was just a matter of a couple points here and there. But I'm really proud of



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Shown here during the women's tennis team's match against MIT Thursday, freshman Nat Schils and junior Laura Hoguet took part in the Gail Smith doubles classic at Middlebury over the weekend.

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INSIDE THE NESCAC

Polar Bears best Panthers again in clash of NESCAC field hockey titans

BY CARLY HELFAND
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They say it's always harder to beat a team the second time.

"Especially when they're so evenly matched," Tufts field hockey coach Tina McDavitt said. "Once you've seen them as a coach, you find things you could have done better and things that worked really well. You're modifying your game to adjust to their style and their system. It's definitely a challenge; what works to get the win the first time may not work the second time."

Apparently, nobody told Bowdoin.

In a battle between two undefeated NESCAC giants, the national No. 1 Polar Bears squared off against second-ranked Middlebury on Saturday for the first time since defeating the Panthers in the national title game last November.

And thanks to 2007 NESCAC Player of the Year and senior captain Lindsay McNamara, who scored the game's only two goals, the Polar Bears downed Middlebury in Brunswick, Maine just as they had in the national championship.

And the time before that.

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Bowdoin senior captain Lindsay McNamara continued her offensive onslaught Saturday, scoring both goals in the Polar Bear's 2-0 victory over Middlebury.

WATER POLO

Jumbos perform swimmingly at Colby

BY CARLY HELFAND
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The water polo team may be experiencing a bit of déjà vu, but no one is complaining.

Like last year, the Jumbos followed up a 4-0 start with four more victories at their second and final regular-season tournament to remain undefeated. This year, the wins came at Colby and put Tufts in sole possession of first place in the North Atlantic Division.

The Jumbos capped off the weekend with their closest game of the tournament, a 14-12 win over the host Mules, who were 3-1 heading into the weekend. Senior tri-captain Pete Georgakakos led the team in scoring with six goals, bringing his weekend total to a team-high 26. The Jumbos shut down Colby's main scoring threat, allowing them to focus on moving the ball and creating their own offensive opportunities.

"If you look at the score spread, our leading scorers still had the most goals, but you could tell they were giving a lot more passes before looking to shoot," senior tri-captain Ben Mitchell said. "It's a lot more fun for the team — I know I had more fun at this tournament. It's just really easy when you have such good players not being

selfish. When you're passing the ball around, it's really easy to get goals."

Tufts' hole sets were particularly effective, with Mitchell and freshman Benji Koltai each chipping in with three goals and one assist. Koltai also managed a steal, one of seven for the Jumbos in the game. Koltai's solid performance was especially valuable this weekend, as a number of key players were unable to make the tournament.

"This tournament, [Koltai] stepped up and started for one of the guys who was missing," Georgakakos said. "He filled that role, and we didn't miss a beat. He meshed really well with all of us — he's been a great addition."

The win cemented the Jumbos' first-place ranking, one they occupied alone after previously undefeated Coast Guard was upset on Saturday. Tufts faced Coast Guard on Sunday, handing the Bears their second straight loss by a score of 12-6. But the battle was hard fought — the Jumbos were understandably expecting a physical game.

"They've never beaten us, and the more times we beat them, the more frustrated they get and the harder they come out the next time," Georgakakos said. "I got

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