

Grindr founder discusses LGBT rights, business strategy

BY CORINNE SEGAL
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Grindr founder Joel Simkhai (LA '98) spoke yesterday to a crowd of about 45 students and staff about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality, the origins of Grindr and entrepreneurship.

In 2009, Simkhai created Grindr, a social networking application, in an effort to connect members of the gay community, he said.

Simkhai, who attended Tufts from 1994 to 1998, said that he was closeted during his college years and regrets not experiencing gay life at Tufts.

He moved to New York City after graduation and held various jobs in media and finance, but when the iPhone 3G was released in 2008, Simkhai knew he wanted to develop an app like Grindr.

"I immediately said, this is the moment I've been waiting for. This made my idea possible," he said.

Grindr uses GPS or Wi-Fi to determine a user's location and displays the profiles of other users in their proximity.

Grindr users total 4.5 million people from 192 countries, with approximately 10 thousand people downloading the app every day, according to its website. Anyone

can download the app for free on an iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Android and Blackberry.

This year, Grindr launched Grindr for Equality, an initiative to educate its users about political candidates' views on LGBT equality.

Non-heterosexual individuals do not receive equal rights across the country, Simkhai said.

"We can get fired in a lot of states, we don't have marriage benefits, we don't have tax benefits across the board, we don't have the same benefits as others out there," he said.

Equality should be the top priority of gay people while voting, Simkhai said, adding that he hopes the initiative will help bring more political awareness to the Grindr community.

"One of my goals is to remind us that the movement is not over and we're not done. We've got a lot more work to do," he said.

Katie Hegarty, a senior, asked Simkhai how Grindr helps its users remain sexually safe while using the app.

Grindr has created guidelines for its users to recommend safe practices but does not want to go too far in moderating them, Simkhai said.

"You don't want to be too paternalist or too judgmental," he said.



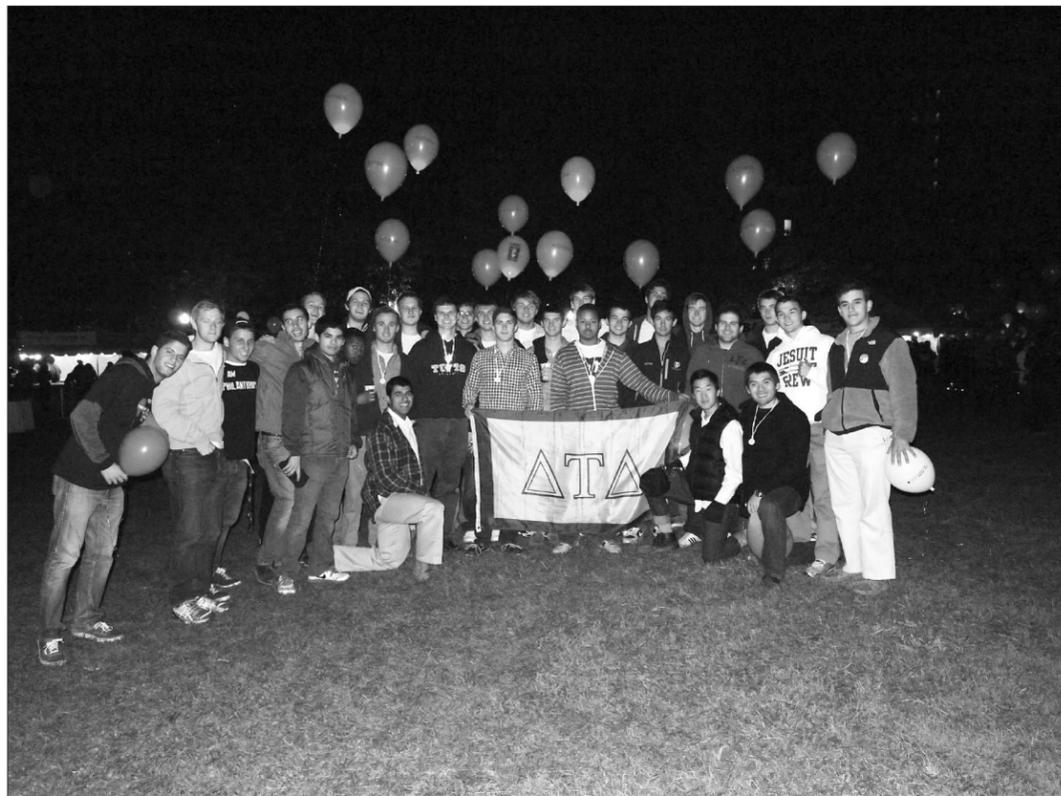
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Joel Simkhai (LA '98, right) founder of the LGBT social networking app Grindr, spoke to students and staff yesterday about LGBT rights and his time at Tufts.

Grindr will moderate profiles that state interest in unsafe sex, although it cannot moderate

what users say in private messages, he said. The company has supported

initiatives for HIV/AIDS awareness. **see GRINDR, page 3**



COURTESY TODD FRITZ

Delta Tau Delta brothers gathered in Boston last week for the Light the Night Walk hosted by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

DTD raises funds for cancer research

BY SARAH ZHENG
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Tufts' Delta Tau Delta (DTD) fraternity raised the most money out of all college teams participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) annual Light the Night Walk last Thursday at the Boston Common.

Thousands of people gath-

ered to walk laps around the central public park, holding illuminated balloons that flashed symbolic colors—white for a survivor, red for a supporter and gold for those who have lost loved ones to cancer, co-chair of the DTD Light the Night team Peter Estes said.

"The reason the event is called Light the Night is that

everyone lights a balloon," Estes, a sophomore, said.

The walk this year honored Jane Farrington, a Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor. After four months of chemotherapy and treatment, Farrington fought through the illness and is now cancer-free.

Cancer survivors like

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Tufts Greeks host annual Block Party today

BY AUDREY MICHAEL
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The annual Greek Block Party will take place today at 4 p.m. on Fletcher Field, offering the Tufts community a chance to come together and participate in a variety of planned activities.

The block party was rescheduled from its original date of Sept. 28 due to bad weather, but the event is not expected to be delayed again.

"It was [supposed to be] the Friday of Homecoming Weekend, but it was rained out," Interfraternity Council (IFC) President Tommy Castle, a senior, said. "I saw some chance [of rain for the new date], but hopefully not as bad as the Homecoming rain was and we can get it in."

Activities this year include powderpuff football sponsored by the Tufts Panhellenic Council, bocce ball and volleyball, as well as live music provided by a DJ.

"[Powderpuff football] is an event that they really enjoy doing every year, and so it's a nice time to be able to do that during a big event," Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Su McGlone said.

Each fraternity and sorority will host a booth on the field, offering face painting, cake decorating and free food like donuts and apple cider, according to Castle.

"This year we're trying to have more of a community feel," he

said. "In years past, everyone's had their place on the street and there's not much interaction, but we're trying to make it so everyone's integrated and everyone can experience everything."

This is the first year the block party will be held on Fletcher Field instead of in front of the fraternity and sorority houses on Professors Row, Castle said.

"In previous years, we've closed down [Professors Row] and blocked it off, but we're going to try something new and make sure we stay out of the way of the hustle and bustle," he said.

In pushing back the date of the block party, both Castle and McGlone noted that the event will attract a larger number of prospective Greeks and other students since more people will have had time to hear about it.

"[The block party] has a dual purpose," McGlone said. "One, for the fraternities and sororities to get together and have a social event on campus in a prominent location, and to be able to spend some time together doing some great activities but then also of course to invite prospective members or even non-prospective members who just want to come and enjoy themselves."

The block party is an important part of the image that Greek life presents to the community, according to McGlone.

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The Daily takes a look at the five biggest surprises in the NFL so far this season.



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Tufts engineers gain knowledge beyond the classroom to build hybrid racecar

BY ALEXANDRIA CHU
Daily Editorial Board

These days, the auto shop of the Tufts Bray Laboratory is buzzing with activity. Approximately 33 students on the Tufts Hybrid Racing Team spend anywhere from 30 to 100 hours there each week building a hybrid electric car in preparation for the New Hampshire Motor Speedway competition in May.

Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Thomas James has guided the team as its faculty advisor since its inception in 2008.

His role is to act as a resource for the students and ensure the safety of the project. According to James, the team consists of a variety of engineers from different concentrations.

"I approached Dean [of the School of Engineering] Linda Abriola and we talked about making it a School of Engineering team because to build a hybrid racecar, we need mechanical engineers, electrical engineers, software managers and accounting types," he said. "It takes a whole team for people to build a car."

The team is split into sub-teams for the drivetrain, electrical systems, chassis and un-sprung weights. Each section is crucial in the building process of various parts of the car. The holistic practice of creating a hybrid car, however, remains a substantial challenge, according to lead engineer of the chassis team Alex Chan.

The team must also build a car that complies with the competition's requirements in order to beat out other schools.

"The premise is that each school is being given the challenge of designing a weekend hybrid race car," Chan, a senior, said. "We have to design and build something that drives quickly and is safe but also think in terms of moving forward technologically."

Project Leader Chris Jackson, a mechanical engineer, described the different aspects of the competition, which include more than just racing.

"The simple breakdown is in the static events, we have to have a business presentation. We have to basically sell the car as if we were going to make a limited production run," Jackson, a senior, said. "Assuming we've passed the technical inspections, we'll go to the dynamic events on the track [where] each event is allocated to a certain amount of points."

Last year, the team's car failed to pass technical inspections, so the team is excited to compete again this year with an improved hybrid car.

"We're planning on making some changes to the car to get it in the right safety specifications so that we qualify [for] inspection," Chan said. "And then we want to basically get our car running as quickly as possible so that we can do as much testing as possible. If we can have a car that runs well, maybe we can do further modifications if necessary."

While the team must create a business presentation as a component of the competition, they must also sell their car in order to locate sponsorships that support the team.

Jackson said that the team produc-



COURTESY CHRIS JACKSON

The Tufts Hybrid Racing Team, comprised of students in the School of Engineering, devotes hours to building a hybrid electric racecar for the New Hampshire competition.

es their own marketing brochures to attract it's sponsors.

"There [are] three types of sponsors who we reach out to and ask for money, and sometimes it's alumni and sometimes it's companies," Jackson said. "Sometimes, we also ask companies for discounts on parts or to donate the parts."

With the support of these sponsors and a considerable amount of time and energy, the team has grown considerably over the past four years.

"Our [previous] car was basically an old frame off of some other school's car," Chan said. With an increase in student enthusiasm, the team has been able to achieve more, including last year, when the team designed and created a hybrid car on its own.

The Tufts Hybrid Racing Team is defined by student control at every stage of the process.

"We run the entire program as students," Jackson said. "Not just the design and the building, [but] we handle the management, fundraising and marketing as well."

James believes the work of the students is the team's strongest feature and has helped him reform his role as faculty advisor.

"Initially, I was very hands-on, [but] I realized right away that the Project Leader would always be in my shadow," James said. "Now, I meet with the Project Leader in my office every Friday

... and then the actual students interact directly with the Project Leader."

In the future, James hopes to include more students from other engineering disciplines in leadership positions to build upon the knowledge that these students bring to the table.

"The car is primarily electrical, because we're building a hybrid, and it would really be great if we had the next project leader be an electrical engineer or computer science engineer because we can use [the] help in that area," James said. "So, I'm hoping the leadership will also become interdisciplinary, even though the team is very interdisciplinary."

Students chose to become involved in building the racecar to expand their knowledge of engineering.

"Mainly, I joined to get the opportunity to apply what we learned in class and in order to get a hands on experience," drivetrain team member Mariana Liebman-Pelaez, a junior, said.

Chan acknowledged that typical class work differs greatly from the work he and his peers do to build the car, but that the knowledge gained is advantageous.

"A lot of the things we learn in class are pretty theoretical whereas this works on a lot of hands-on skills," Chan said. "I think it's incredibly important in terms of developing good engineers ... [For example], if you design something that's impossible to manufacture, that doesn't make sense. You can't ever

make it."

James finds that the ability of students to apply classroom studies in a tangible way requires a set of skills that extend beyond material taught in engineering courses.

"Basically it's the application of the bachelor degree's toolbox of engineers. It's the real thing. It's not a class project," James said.

"Construction of the car is an application of classroom knowledge, but there isn't specific instruction in courses."

In effect, the team has to teach themselves many skills in order to build the car, many of which are not engineering skills.

"In terms of the technical stuff, some of the class work can definitely be applied. [But] there are certain aspects of vehicle design we have to search for ourselves," Jackson said.

"We look into what our competitors do, other teams in professional auto racing do ... The rest of it we just find on websites or books, and you teach yourself."

Both Jackson and Chan agree that these challenges pay off along the way.

"One thing I like to say in this project is there's no black boxes, you can't just say, 'Oh we'll figure this out later.' You have to think of every single detail or the car won't work," Jackson said. "It's also really rewarding, seeing something go from a blank sheet of paper to being built."

DTD fundraising pays off at Light the Night event

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Farrington spoke throughout the evening, echoing the event's slogan: "Walk because someone's life depends on it."

The cause is a personal one for DTD, as a brother began participating in Light the Night after he was diagnosed with leukemia.

The fraternity put themselves behind the cause to support him, according to DTD President Alexander Freiberg, a senior.

The brothers began planning the event last month, requesting donations from the community to reach their goal of \$5,000. DTD's team of 50 brothers surpassed that goal and raised over \$6,140.

Bentley University's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee had the second highest fundraising total at \$5,655.

"We fundraised through outreach to friends and family, and people responded very positively," captain of the DTD Light the Night team Mark Meiselbach, a sophomore, said.

"We were the only Tufts team there and almost every brother helped out in our contributions."

Funds go towards blood cancer research, local peer-to-peer counseling programs and support groups, educational opportunities for patients and their families and the LLS Information Resource Center, according to the LLS website.

"We can easily make this a bigger event next year," Estes said. "Everyone participates in Relay for Life, an event with a similar cause and setup in the spring, so Light the Night can be a fall complement to that. This can be a stepping stone to bigger and more active events."

Since DTD was re-chartered in April 2010 after a four-year suspension, the fraternity has been eager to create and maintain a good image within the Tufts community.

"My co-chair and I wanted to make fraternities have a positive impact and for Greek societies as a whole to do that," Meiselbach said.

"I think part of any fraternity's goal when doing philanthropy is to involve others and lead the way," Freiberg added. "Our aim is to strengthen our whole community and show our dedication to a certain cause."

LLS holds walks in over 200 communities across the country. Event participants in 2011 raised over \$76.7 million for blood cancer research. This year, the Boston walk reached its goal of raising over \$1.4 million.

"This was a great experience," Estes said. "It really gives DTD some momentum and energy at the beginning of the year for our entire fraternity to be so involved in this event."



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The Greek Block Party, open to all Tufts students, will feature cake decorating, apple cider, powderpuff football and live music on Fletcher Field today.

Fraternities, sororities to host block party today at Fletcher Field

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"It's an opportunity to hopefully dispel some of the myths about fraternity and sorority life, to learn more about fraternities and sororities," she said.

"I hope that someone who comes to it can get some food, have some fun, and see that there's a lot to fraternities and sororities and this is just one small component, and it's one small social aspect of them."

McGlone believes that Greek members and non-Greek students alike will enjoy the event.

"I think it's a great time for friends to come and get together and enjoy Tufts in the fall," she said.

Simkhai describes the evolution of Grindr

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ness and will soon release a public service announcement encouraging Grindr users to get tested for the disease, he said.

Grindr plans to launch a new version that will allow users to provide more details about themselves, such as physical build or HIV status, Simkhai noted.

Simkhai also spoke about the financial challenges of founding a company, noting that Grindr does not have any investors and was developed with the help of volunteers. Money from advertisers as well as subscribers to Grindr's extended version, Grindr Xtra, funds the company, he said.

Simkhai advised entrepreneurs to create an early business model and start charging customers as soon as possible to avoid economic pitfalls.

He then discussed the importance of finding role models for gay men in the business community.

"Just as a gay man, there aren't that many role models out there," he said. "I don't know of any Fortune 500 company CEOs that are out."

All students, no matter their sexual identity, should aim to get work experience in order to be more qualified for jobs after college, he told the Daily.

"A liberal arts education is great, but go get an internship, go get a job," he said. "Don't just rely on your Tufts degree."

Simkhai told students they should follow a career path they are passionate about.

"At the end of the day, you should love what you're doing. And that's the key to success," he said.

Director of the LGBT Center Tom Bourdon said he thought the discussion went well.

"It was wonderful to hear him talk about his experiences and inspire students," he said.

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ALBUM REVIEW

McLaughlin's 'Now Here This' is homogenous, heartless

Jazz musician's new album won't resonate with fans

BY MATTHEW WELCH
Daily Editorial Board

Few jazz musicians today have as much clout as guitarist John McLaughlin. His incendi-

Now Here This
John McLaughlin and The 4th Dimension
★★★★☆
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ary flair and virtuosic skill have made him one of the most influential instrumentalists of his generation. His style has segued effortlessly between genres as diverse as jazz fusion, flamenco and classical Indian music with his revolutionary group Shakti. While McLaughlin has always been renowned for his speedy licks and technical accomplishment, most of his career saw him balancing his penchant for meticulously-executed runs with thoughtful phrasing and an emotive playing touch. Unfortunately, John McLaughlin and The 4th Dimension's latest album, "Now Here This," comes off as a one-track platform for displaying his virtuosity and lightning-fast precision, often at the expense of the expressive value of the music itself.

"Now Here This" commences in the fashion it maintains for most of the album; frenetic drumming and edgy keyboard stabs open "Trancefusion," which proceeds at a breakneck pace. McLaughlin's dizzying guitar work laces through the mix as his taste for machine-gun guitar work is thoroughly



PIERRE CORBUCCI VIA FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS

McLaughlin's lengthy career has afforded him performances within diverse genres, including classical Indian music.

indulged; the rhythm section provides bombastic yet precise accompaniment. Gary Husband's keyboard playing tastefully skirts the underlying chords without ever fully engaging them, giving his tightly wrought lines a slippery feel that keeps the listener guessing.

The album's production may irk some listeners: there is an '80s-pop sheen to the bass and drum production that can be invasive when a particular soloist is being highlighted. While the recording is certainly high fidelity with considerable detail in each instrument track, the overall mix lacks the

necessary nuance to balance the contrasting approaches of each musician. The bass and drums dominate the sound stage while Gary Husband's keyboard work, which produces the best solos of any of the group members, is too frequently buried in a mix that favors the high and low end of the

frequency spectrum to an exaggerated degree.

Production quibbles aside, the album's second track, "Riff Raff," proceeds in the same spirit as the opener. With a tempo and aesthetic much like "Trancefusion," inattentive listeners may be surprised the track isn't simply an extended coda from the preceding song. "Riff Raff" contains some of McLaughlin's best playing on the album, but even this doesn't set the piece apart from the others on "Now Here This." Ranjit Barot's histrionic taste for crash cymbals and heavy bass pedal usage keeps almost every track on the album in full-tilt "rock out" mode for its entire duration. As a result, there is very little dynamic range on the album since each instrumentalist has to go all-out just to keep up with the rhythm section.

This is not to say that there is anything wrong with this kind of macho approach — in fact, it's one that has frequently displayed McLaughlin at his best — but such bombast only keeps its value when there are other moods to contrast it with. Unfortunately, this is hardly the case with the vast majority of "Now Here This." Even slower numbers like the bluesy "Echoes from Then" are charged with explosive, needlessly theatrical drum fills that negate any subtlety the rest of the band could have provided.

When the album does slow down, it's to an almost syrupy pace. "Wonderfall," replete with cascading piano work and cathartic new-wave synth pads, jarringly segues from the amphetamine freneticism of the three opening tracks to a numbing new-age

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TV REVIEW

'The Vampire Diaries' is ghoulish fun for viewers

BY SAFIYA NANJI
Contributing Writer

Get your garlic out and be ready to ward off vampires as "The Vampire Diaries" returns for its fourth season.

The Vampire Diaries
★★★★☆
Starring Nina Dobrev, Ian Somerhalder, Paul Wesley
Airs Thursdays at 8 p.m. on The CW

The supernatural series was developed by Kevin Williamson from L.J. Smith's series of books and began airing in fall 2009. After the "Twilight" books (2005-2008) and the subsequent movies (2008-2012), and shows like "True Blood," you'd think that people would be operating on vampire-werewolf overload by now. Yet, "The Vampire Diaries" keeps turning out quality material, and its viewers can't seem to get enough.

The Vampire Diaries revolves around Elena Gilbert's (Nina Dobrev) life and romances. Forced into the supernatural realm, she encounters two vampire brothers — Stefan (Paul Wesley) and Damon Salvatore (Ian Somerhalder) — who later both fall in love with her.

And since vampires weren't enough, the show threw in a few werewolves, witches and vampire/werewolf hybrids for extra paranormal drama.

All these supernatural beings have some sort of human identity to hide behind, allowing them to blend into the small town of Mystic Falls undetected.

The third season finale left viewers in a panic as they saw Elena drown. Matt Donovan (Zach Roerig), Elena's longtime friend, had been trying to get Elena out of town when their car spun out of control and plunged off a bridge into the water. Stefan fruitlessly tried to save them but was too late. But wait! There's more! Elena died with vampire blood in her system. The last five seconds of the episode show her eyes flashing open and her gasping for air.

Season four returned with Elena being technically dead and having begun her transformation into a vampire, a transformation that has Elena horrified by the thought of being "alive." Her worst nightmare comes true — she must drink blood in order to complete the transition phase or else she'll die. The audience gets a firsthand look at this transformation, experiencing the same vivid details that Elena does, from the loud buzzing of



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Nina Dobrev appears at Comic-Con for her role in "The Vampire Diaries."

fluorescent light bulbs around her to her extreme sensitivity to sunshine.

During her transformation, Elena seems to regain memories that had once been wiped

from her brain by Damon. When she realizes that she met Damon before Stefan, and that Damon professed his love to her first, a love triangle is reestablished. This proves to be a stumbling block for the show, as this love triangle is slightly too reminiscent of the romances in "Twilight."

An air of mystery pervades the season premiere, with Klaus (Joseph Morgan) having taken over Tyler's (Michael Trevino) body.

Trevino does an excellent job portraying Klaus' character, and the body-swapping episodes are some of the show's most intense. Trevino's talent as an actor is evident in his gestures and syntax, making the body-swap all the more believable for viewers.

Our favorite witch, Bonnie (Kat Graham), is also back for the season premiere. Practicing dark magic to try to save Elena from transitioning into a vampire has minimized her powers and cast her mother into purgatory. This should develop into an exciting plotline, as both Klaus and the Salvatore brothers rely on Bonnie's magic to survive.

This year has Mystic Falls thrumming with action, but despite the multitude of prom-

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McLaughlin sacrifices emotion and variety for virtuosity

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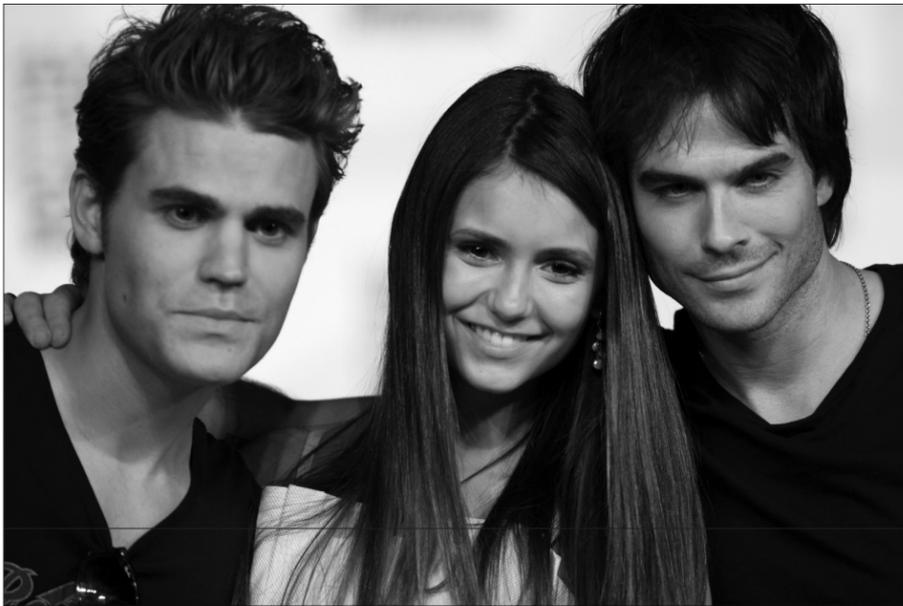
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slump. Husband's pastoral synth work, which vacillates between slow melodic lines and quick-fire wizardry, is a highlight for an otherwise forgettable track.

So frequently the gem of every album it appears on, McLaughlin's playing only feels like it has two modes on this album. The guitarist's taste for tortuous lines and

speedy precision is emphasized at the expense of his more thoughtfully-phrased work, which was put on such glorious display in his early work with Miles Davis and Mahavishnu Orchestra and classic solo records like "My Goal's Beyond" (1970).

Though McLaughlin has and always will have the chops to beat just about any guitarist, his playing as of late begs the question: is this really a good thing?



WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

The cast of "The Vampire Diaries" smiles for the cameras at Comic-Con.

New 'Vampire Diaries' season promises dramatic plot continuations

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ising sub-plots, the gusto that's present in most "Vampire Diaries" premieres is missing. It's as if the show's writers simply continued on from a mid-

season hiatus rather than starting a whole new season. All in all, the season premiere is a typical "Vampire Diaries" episode but promises its viewers a season rife with drama — as long as they're willing to wait.

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Bare feet: just watch what yo

NADIA DI MARCO

I am currently sitting in the Tower Café mortified and surrounded by bare feet. There is a girl to the left of me bobbing her head to the music surrounding her ears. She is completely oblivious to the fact that her bare, wiggling toes are less than two feet away from my face.

She's not even comfortable. She keeps adjusting, readjusting and moving around. Perhaps it's a new trend? To my right there is another young girl resting her bare feet on the marble table.

On the table. The very same table upon which this girl's feet are splayed is one where I ate many a time last semester. I'm not alone in my repulsion; I see the girl sitting next to her eyeing her feet as well, but she's just oblivious. That's two people in a five-foot radius with zero consideration for their fellow neighbors.

When I sit on an airplane and the person (usually a kid) next to me has his or her bare feet on the tray table, I get the same feeling of disgust. I don't understand why anyone

would think that it is okay to throw their feet about in public.

Do people like the thought of licking other's people feet? (Let's leave kinky cases out of this.) How about the thought of smelling other people's feet? No, no, no! In our society, feet are known to be dirty, smelly and unpleasant; I mean come on, I don't even want to be close to my own feet.

By the way, as I type, the girl next to me just moved her foot even closer to me!

Why don't people get it? It is just plain common sense! You would think attending Tufts University would be enough to figure out that being barefoot in a café is not only rude, it's despicable. It says, "I don't care about anyone but me and my own comfort."

Imagine going into work and putting your bare feet on your desk or going to a client's job site, or anywhere else professional. Imagine walking into your dean's office and he or she has his or her bare feet on the desk. It would never happen, because it's not okay.

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can trust me, people: No one or her shoes in a professio My rampage has turned in kids need to understand their rude habits leave T big surprise.

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SEAN O'LOUGHLIN

On Monday, Will E... voiced his support for Barack Obama in the Presidential campaign ("for president", Sept. 10). At one point, supported Obama's bid for the White House. An intelligent, charismatic whose greatest political indeed his criticism of from the start. And he the harbinger of great ch Washington. That's why a great vice president Joseph Biden.

I wouldn't be surpr learn that many people familiar with Sen. Biden. I wouldn't be surprised that many people are no iar with most presidential dates, Democrat and Rep The media, in their att focus on Obama, Sen. Clinton, former Mass. G Mitt Romney and form York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, have allowed candidates such as Sens. Biden, Christopher Dodd, Sam Brownback, and former Ark. Governor Mike Huckabee to fall through the cracks. However, attention needs to be paid to these "also-rans," because among them lies the best man to lead our country.

It is true, Biden did vote to authorize the war in 2002. When asked about this vote, Biden says that, as President, he too would have asked for the authority to go into Iraq. He simply would not have used it. It is also true that he voted for the special funding bill earlier this year, while Obama and Clinton did not. He explained this in a debate soon after, saying that he "knew the right political vote." But he also knew that a large portion of that funding would be going to better equipment for our soldiers.

Biden is the only candidate with a viable, possible plan for post-Bush Iraq. N. M. Governor Bill Richardson wants to leave within 6 months of being inaugurated. Unfortunately, that's physically impossible. There are simply too many men to be withdrawn in 6 months. If all of the troops are withdrawn right now, as soon as possible, we're going

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The Biden plan is simple. Imagine a country with a national government, but also with distinct regions, each with certain jurisdiction, that is complementary to, yet still subordinate to the national government. If this sounds familiar, you may live in the United States of America. This is also what it says in the Iraqi constitution. The Bush administration has said that for the Iraqi constitution to be implemented, the national government needs to be strong enough to enforce security throughout the country. But as the success of al-Anbar province has shown us, security is built from the ground up, not the top down. The Biden plan does just that.

Biden was elected senator in 1972. He has served as chair of both the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Foreign Relations Committee. What our country needs most right now is foreign relations experience, and Biden's got it. He is the best man, Democrat or Republican or Green or Bloomberg, to sit in the Oval Office.

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forgot the courage, values and resolve that propelled our country to greatness.

Even worse, we have betrayed our forefathers' confidence in the righteousness of fighting on freedom's behalf — a confidence that once instilled courage in the hearts of American revolutionaries despite the seeming impossibility of victory and later invigorated Allied forces fighting fascist enemies in Europe and Asia.

We are assured of America's defeat daily in Iraq, not by our enemies on the battlefield, but by a growing contingent within the Democratic Party. It is this lot — led by Sen. Harry Reid, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Rep. John Murtha and the party's presidential candidates — who insist on the futility of U.S. military and Iraqi political efforts alike.

They insist on the rapid withdrawal of troops from battle. They insist that staying in Iraq to fight extremism, to deter Iranian interference, to run with the current wave of military momentum and to build on popular uprisings against al-Qaeda throughout the country (or, what residents of the now famous Anbar province call the "Great Awakening") is contrary to American security interests.

insignificantly on the conscience of Sen. Obama, who indulgently lauds himself as a champion of hope. His hope is an audacious brand indeed.

The reality is that we are in the midst of the first great war of the 21st century. It is a war of ideology as much as it is a contest to be won on the battlefield. And whereas Iraq may not have been the frontline of this struggle in 2003, it is the theater of the conflict today.

On one end of the spectrum is the United States, defending the rights of ordinary Iraqis and committed to the creation of a stable ally in a region otherwise defined by dysfunctional government. While American-style democracy may never take root, Iraq still clings to the prospect of representative politics.

Amazingly, after four years of devastating violence, Iraqis continue to show resolve and an admirable determination to emerge from the shadows of despotism and terror.

At the other end of this spectrum are the existential enemies of human progress. Peddling an antiquated ideology of extreme Islam and preaching a virulent message of hatred, the warriors of Islamism draw on a totalitar-

n vision of societal order that, at its most basic level, a fantasy. Their unrelenting pursuit of long-dead caliphate is glaring in its denial of modern political realities and the overwhelming power of the Western world. However, this delusional ideology sanitizes discriminate violence and brutality, deeming them obligatory within a framework of "defensive" jihad against Islam's enemies.

In fomenting civil war in Iraq, al-Qaeda and its proxies seek to engender despair, inefficiency, insecurity and resentment — the fuel to their militant fire. We must realize the simple truth that just as Iraq is our frontline against terror, so too is the terrorist's against Western civilization.

After turning back the "effeminate superpower," their next step is cleansing the Holy Lands of infidel blood and ousting a Saudi regime that is, unbelievably, inadequately Islamic. From Mecca to Egypt to Jerusalem and beyond, the caliphate is to be extended and its enemies destroyed. Thus, looking to those among us who frown at American military gains and find a perverse vindication of their anti-war politics in every truck-bomb that claims innocent Iraqi lives, we find a segment of our country definitively unprepared to face civilization's enemies.

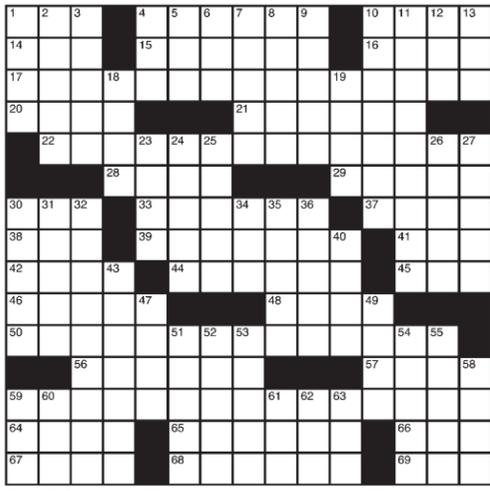
It is true that our predicament is a frightening one. Armed with a dangerous irrationality and a passion for martyrdom, the jihadists are decisive and resolute. There is no appeasing this enemy. There is no reasoning with it. There is no compromising and there is no coexistence.

Surrender or Persevere. These are the only options and the choice is ours to make. In choosing the path to victory, however, one thing has become increasingly clear. In November 2008, American voters will have to send the Democrats the very same message that must thunder in the ears of those extremists who dare to wage war against the United States of America: "You cannot win and you will not prevail!"

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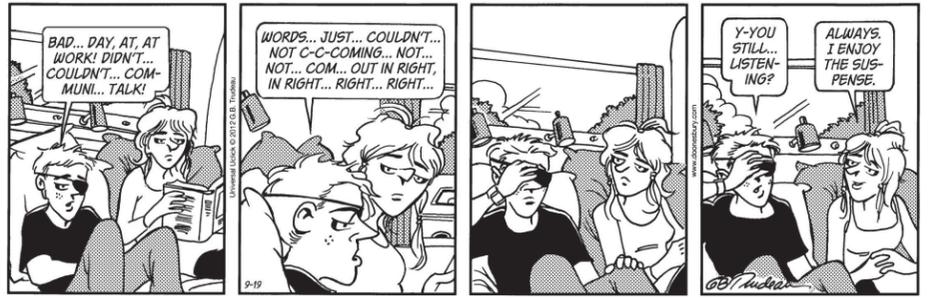
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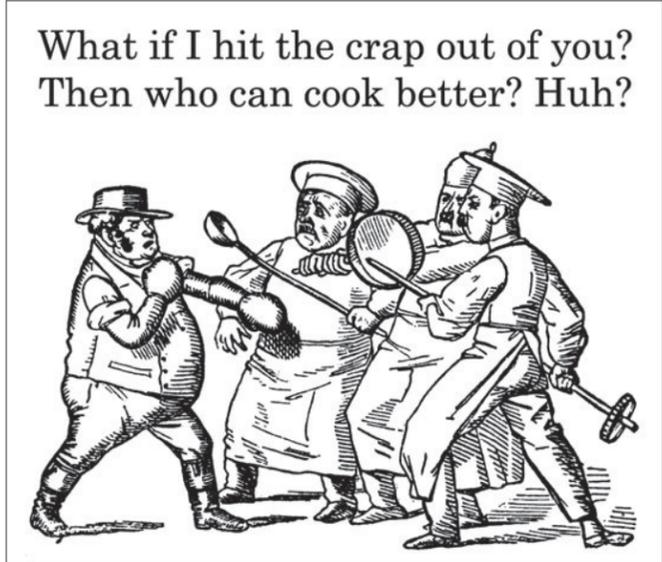


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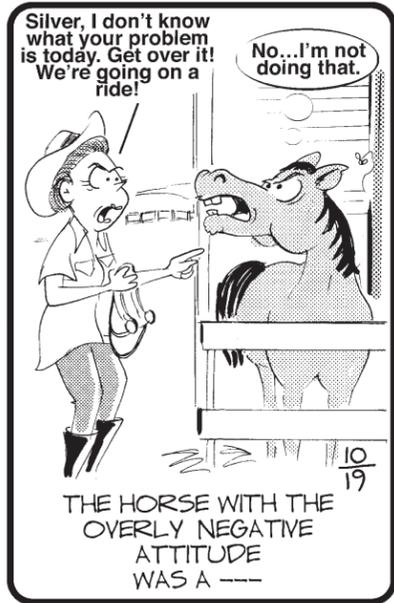
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Ans: "PROBLEMS - PROBLEMS"

(Answers tomorrow)

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INSIDE NFL

Surprises abound in early weeks of NFL season

BY ALEX BAUDOIN
Daily Editorial Board

In the world of American professional sports, the NFL is consistently lauded as the most compelling and exciting of them all. The combination of a short, 16-game season, elite athleticism and full-contact play provides fans with unrivaled entertainment in the sports world.

While these factors weigh heavily in the NFL's appeal, the most influential aspect of its success as an industry is its ability to provide new surprises and unexpected results each and every season. Success one year doesn't guarantee anything for the next in professional football. Just ask Tennessee Titans running back Chris Johnson, whose performance has completely fallen off since he broke the single-season record for yards from scrimmage in 2009.

Teams and players can rise to the top or plummet to the bottom at any time, giving fans a unique sense of hope that their team can win at the beginning of each season.

With all of that in mind, the Daily recaps the five biggest surprises in the NFL entering the seventh week of the 2012 campaign.

Robert Griffin III

Robert Griffin III's ascension from 2011 Heisman Trophy Winner to most electrifying player in the NFL has been nothing short of spectacular. The majority of rookie quarterbacks suffer growing pains before becoming stars, but Griffin is no typical play caller.

Consider this: Griffin rushed for 138 yards in last week's win over the Minnesota Vikings — the most rushing yards by a quarterback since Michael Vick ran for 173 in 2006 — just one week after suffering a concussion. But unlike Vick and other run-first quarterbacks, Griffin has also shown an ability to throw the football, currently ranking third in the NFL in passer rating and first in completion percentage.

The fall of the New Orleans Saints

The turmoil within the New Orleans Saints organization



The electrifying play of Redskins rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III is just one of the storylines heading into Week Seven of the NFL season.

actually began during the off-season, when the team was ruled guilty of putting bounties on opposing players. The ensuing punishments included the suspension of head coach Sean Payton for the entire 2012 season.

While experts predicted that it would be difficult to replicate their 13-3 record in 2011-2012 without their head coach, no one expected the Saints to struggle as mightily out of the gates as they have thus far.

Coming off its bye week, the team stands at 1-4, including an embarrassing loss at home in overtime to the Kansas City Chiefs.

After starting the season 0-4, the Saints finally picked up their first victory in Week 5 against the San Diego Chargers in the Superdome.

The Minnesota Vikings

Entering the 2012 season, many expected the Vikings to finish among the worst teams in the NFL. Star running back Adrian Peterson was an unknown quantity coming off ACL and LCL surgery, second-year quarterback Christian Ponder hadn't proven that he could adequately run an NFL offense, and there were question marks on what used to be a top-notch defense. Competing in a stacked division with Green Bay, Chicago, and an up-and-coming Detroit was seemingly impossible.

Fast forward to the third week of October, and the Vikings are 4-2, Peterson is back to being the elite rusher he had always been, Ponder has consistently silenced the doubters, and wide receiver Percy Harvin has emerged as

one of the top playmakers in the league. That's how much things can change in one offseason in the NFL.

The replacement referees

Yes, everyone and their mother knew that the replacement refs were going to be bad. Could we really expect people who had been used to officiating low-level Div. II football — or worse — to adjust in two weeks to making calls in the NFL? Of course not.

But no one expected the replacement refs to be as bad as they were. Nearly every game had blatant missed calls, culminating in the now infamous Green Bay v. Seattle Monday night matchup, where a Hail Mary caught quite clearly by a Green Bay defender was called a simultaneous catch and a Seahawks touchdown, giv-

ing Seattle the win.

Luckily, we could all breathe a sigh of relief with the return of the usual referees in Week 5.

Tebow who?

Does Tebowmania even exist anymore? Despite dominating the offseason headlines, Tim Tebow is nowhere to be found in the Jets' offensive game plan. He has attempted just three passes and has rushed for an unimpressive 64 yards on 18 carries.

The Jets luckily stand at 3-3 in spite of the relatively low quality of football they have displayed in most of their games. Mark Sanchez has shown, yet again, that he is not a quality starting quarterback in the NFL. Perhaps the Jets would improve if they incorporated more of the Tebow wildcat attack into their game plan.

Young team hits bumps in road, coaches remain optimistic

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was going in a different direction," Santos said. "We had heavily recruited guys, and that change was shown in our record."

The infusion of a talented and athletic core of players turned Tufts from a team that squeaked into the NESCAC tournament with 3-4-2 conference record to a team that finished 5-3-2, and found itself firmly entrenched in fifth place in the conference.

However, Shapiro was not finished with his program makeover. After laying the groundwork in 2011 with athleticism and depth, he saw the 2012 recruiting class as an opportunity to build upon that foundation.

In his effort to bring in the best players he could find, Shapiro did not shy away from going after players that, a few

years ago, might not have considered Tufts a viable option.

"Jason Kayne, Conner Schaible, and Rui [Pinheiro] are examples of guys that are definitely Division I capable guys, but maybe lack a little bit of athleticism, and that's why they're not there," Shapiro said. "This class has raised our soccer acumen as a team, and made us a better soccer playing team."

Santos agrees that the incoming class has had a very tangible impact on the team as a whole.

"They might not be as fast as our [sophomore] recruiting class, but they're more soccer players. They're smart in the way they play," Santos said. "Coach brought in a lot of kids who know how to handle the midfield well, and sought to control the game more with this class, whereas our class is more about pace and attacking."

The combination of the sophomore class' explosiveness and the freshman's skill has made for a deadly pairing.

"We complement each other," freshman defender Schaible said. "Where the differences are, we definitely work well together."

But despite the bounty of youth on the squad, things have been rocky lately, with the team especially struggling to convert scoring chances into goals. On Wednesday night, when Tufts dropped its second straight game, falling in the final minutes to the Engineers.

Tufts executed its game plan of controlling the midfield and pushing the ball up to Hoppenot and Santos, but despite taking 13 shots its efforts resulted in just one goal, a Santos strike in the seventh minute. A couple of tough saves by MIT keepers Samuel Cannon and Jake Amareno, along with several unlucky shots that banged off the crossbar, did not help their case, as the

Jumbos continued their bad habit of not banging home scoring chances.

The recent struggles may be indicative of the team's lack of experience, as players who have spent more time on the field have a greater chance to develop the killer instinct necessary to take advantage of scoring chances. However, according to Shapiro, the focus on youth is part of the staff's long-term strategy to develop the team's attacking philosophy.

"We're really looking to find quality soccer players, guys that we felt could imprint our style of play which was going to be a possession-oriented attack. You need to have skillful soccer players who can see it and do it," he said.

Despite Wednesday's loss, things look bright for the future of Tufts soccer, both this year and in the years to come. After all, the only thing more dangerous than talent and youth is talent and experience.

Tufts faces Williams squad coming off three consecutive defeats

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but then quickly gave up 26 points in the second en route to a 40-7 road loss.

This week, however, the Jumbos will take to Zinman Field for the first time since Homecoming, and will have a Parents Weekend crowd spurring them on throughout the contest.

"We've been on the road the last two weeks and it's good to get back home," head coach Jay Civetti said. "We've got another good test this week, and guys are excited about the opportunity."

That opportunity for Civetti's team is to take down a Williams squad in the midst of its first three-game losing streak since 2007. The Ephs have suffered lopsided defeats at the hands of Bates and Middlebury. The Jumbos may just be catching them at the right moment to snatch a win.

To pull that off, the key on both sides of the ball will be big plays.

In last year's matchup between the two teams, the Ephs surged to the lead after a 77-yard punt return and a crucial 33-yard pass broke the game open. This year's team has continued with more of the same, completing a play of over 25 yards in each of its games so far, with junior quarterback Adam Marske averaging more than 11 yards per completion.

"They like to take big shots," Civetti said. "And they've got two wideouts that can do it. Eliminating the big play will certainly be a top process on our end."

Conversely, the Jumbos have struggled mightily in that area this year, as they've had a great deal of trouble creating quick offense and capitalizing when given good field position in their opponents' territory.

"We gotta make plays," Civetti said. "We've got to continue to rally and when we get down inside the red zone we have to score. You've got to be able to capitalize, especially versus a team like Trinity or Williams."

Tufts' offense will look to make those

plays against a Williams defense that has given up an average of 219.5 passing yards per game and should give the Jumbos' second-ranked passing offense holes to exploit in the secondary. The Jumbos will rely heavily on senior quarterback John Dodds, and that will mean that he'll have to remain standing in the pocket under pressure from an experienced Williams pass rush.

"The biggest thing this weekend is just protecting the quarterback," Civetti said, alluding to a Williams defense that has recorded five sacks in its last three games.

At the other end, this week marks the first time that the Tufts defensive line won't have to face a top-five NESCAC rushing attack. But that doesn't mean that Civetti and his staff aren't worried about the Ephs' ability to move the ball.

"I would imagine they're gonna come out with a pretty good balanced attack and want to run early and catch us in some play-action opportunities," Civetti said.

Overall, Williams' offense breaks down similarly to the Jumbos', and Tufts' defensive players will be used to lining up across from an offense that favors the pass more than the run. Tufts' secondary will have opportunities to make big plays, and the rest of the defense will be hungry to shut down an offense that averages only slightly more yards per game than the Jumbos attack.

"If everyone does their job and executes what they're coached we'll be alright," senior tri-captain defensive end Chris Toole said. "We see drives where we stop the run and shut down the pass, it's just a matter of doing it consistently."

That consistency will continue to make or break this team throughout the season. They've been witness to their own moments of greatness, but have been unable to string those moments together for a full game. At home, in front of their parents, against a reeling Williams team is as good as any place to start.

Tufts faces Hamilton before clash with No. 3 Bowdoin

FIELD HOCKEY

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up to intercept and block all of those passes," Yogerst said. "They stayed extremely composed and made sure to break up the play as early as possible, so that Bates had few chances to get it inside our defensive zones."

After the intermission, Bates hoped to come out strong and redirect the pace of the game. The Jumbos, however, had a different plan. With junior Katie Stuntz taking over in goal for Keenan, Tufts continued to ramp up its play.

It took just one minute for Wan and Yogerst to connect again. Yogerst polished off her third goal of the game, and seventh of the season, to extend the Jumbos' lead to four.

"The goal early on made it clear

that we were not going to let up in the second half and that we were going to continue to elevate our play for the last 35 minutes," Yogerst said. "The team was really clicking throughout and the amount of goals we scored were the result of everything coming together."

Bates had its best chance just minutes later, when Yogerst was whistled for a green card, giving the Bobcats a man advantage, but Falcone's shot went just wide.

In the following minutes, aggressive play on both sides led to several green cards, but neither team managed to break through until junior midfielder Emily Cannon put through the final goal of the game at the 55:38 mark.

The 5-0 shutout marked Tufts' highest goal production this season, and was just the second time that the Jumbos have won

by more than one goal. Keenan and Stuntz, who didn't have to make a single save, combined for the Jumbos' fifth shutout of the season and their fourth straight.

On Saturday, the Jumbos host Hamilton on Bello Field. The Continentals are 0-9 in the NESCAC and Tufts hopes that a 12th straight win will propel them into their final regular season contest against No. 3 Bowdoin, with whom they are currently tied in the conference rankings.

"Eleven straight wins is absolutely huge for the NESCAC standings and tournament," Sagerman said. "But at the end of the day, we are going to continue to take it one game at a time. We strive to have the mentality that each game we play is the most important game of the season, so we can give it our all."



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Junior Chelsea Yogerst got the first hat trick of her collegiate career as Tufts dominated Bates en route to a 5-0 victory.

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Sophomore forward Gus Santos, who scored in Wednesday's game against MIT, is one of the many key players that coach Josh Shapiro has recruited in his short tenure.

Shapiro sets recruiting sights higher

BY JAKE INDURSKY
Daily Editorial Board

In sports, inexperience rarely breeds success. Typically it brings frustration and inconsistency instead. The men's soccer team, however, is far from typical. The Jumbos' recent recruiting classes have brought athleticism, control and most importantly, success to the team. And they've done it within a short time span: 11 underclassmen saw time in a 2-1 loss to MIT on Wednesday. These freshmen and sophomores have rejuvenated a faltering program.

In the past two years to date, Tufts has gone a combined 15-7-5, and its success can be attributed to the dynamism of head coach Josh Shapiro's first two recruiting classes, which entered in the falls of 2011 and 2012.

"When we first inherited the program, I felt we had a general gap to make up talent-wise," Shapiro said. "We were looking for quality players across the board, and we felt we were not as athletic, and we lacked some pace and speed."

What Shapiro did to bridge that divide was an impressive feat. A team that had often built its roster partly from walk-ons suddenly began talking to the top players from the top clubs in their regions, partially due to Shapiro's pedigree as a former assistant coach at Georgetown University.

"We find ourselves recruiting a lot against Division I schools, like Patriot League schools and Ivy League schools, and I think that is a sign of our program moving forward," Shapiro said. "You win

some of those battles, you lose some of those battles, but it's a good spot to be." The results on the field last year showcased exactly what Shapiro and his staff are trying to accomplish.

On the defensive end, center backs Peter Lee-Kramer and Sam Williams, both current sophomores, played key roles in shutting down opponents. Between the 2010 and 2011 seasons, the Jumbos allowed 46 fewer shots on goal, and cut their goals allowed margin from 18 to 15.

Sophomores Michael Miele and Kyle Volpe also proved to be heady midfielders who could control the ball and push the pace of a team excited by its newfound athleticism and finesse.

The centerpieces of the class, however, are perhaps the best representatives of Shapiro's recruiting efforts. Sophomore forwards Maxime Hoppenot and Gus Santos arrived last fall to provide a speedy one-two punch up top that the Jumbos and opponents alike have not seen in recent years.

In 2011, Hoppenot netted six goals, good for second on the team, while Santos led the Jumbos with seven goals. In the process, Santos became the first Tufts player named to an all-conference team since 2008, and received the nod for NESCAC Rookie of the Year.

Santos said that he could feel the energy changing as the Jumbos restructured to fit the skills of his recruiting class.

"When I looked at the players coming in with me, I could tell Josh [Shapiro]

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FIELD HOCKEY

Rare blowout win makes it 11 straight for Jumbos

BY KATE KLOTS
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After battling through tight game after tight game, the No. 8 field hockey team got a breath of fresh air on Wednesday with a 5-0 victory over Bates. The Jumbos took out their offensive frustrations on the Bobcats, with junior forward Chelsea Yogerst scoring twice in the first six minutes to set the tone before finishing things up with a second-half goal for an impressive hat trick, as the Jumbos tallied their 11th straight victory.

Tufts improved to 11-1 and is in a position to climb even further up the national rankings. And with just two NESCAC contests remaining in their regular season schedule, the Jumbos, who are now tied for second in the conference standings, hope to make a push for the No. 2 seed in the NESCAC Championship.

On Tuesday, Tufts jumped out early when Yogerst found space on a corner attempt. She redirected a pass from junior midfielder Stephanie Wan and pushed it past Bates junior goalkeeper Becca Otley for a 1-0 advantage.

"We put on the offensive pressure right away which led us to get a corner almost immediately," Yogerst said. "Stephanie made a great pass to me from the outside to the middle of the circle which allowed me to get a quick shot off."

Yogerst struck again less than three minutes later, this time securing her own rebound and knocking it in just over six minutes into the game.

"I think scoring so early made a state-

ment that we're not taking the NESCAC games lightly and that we were ready to step up as a team right away," Yogerst said. "As a unit, we were focusing on making smart passes and using our speed to open up space."

The Jumbos continued to play strong defense at the other end, shutting down a Bates penalty corner opportunity when sophomore keeper Brianna Keenan stepped up to make a save on Bobcats sophomore forward Caroline Falcone.

As Tufts returned the ball to the offensive end, senior co-captain forward Lia Sagerman took four consecutive penalty corner strikes, with the redirections going just wide each time. Finally, senior forward Missy Carp followed through on a pass from freshman forward Hannah Park, finding the back of the cage to give the Jumbos a 3-0 advantage less than 20 minutes in.

"[On Wednesday], we knew we needed to come out with high energy," Sagerman said. "This past week we worked a lot on shooting and capitalizing on our chances in the circle, so we took what we've been working on in practice and executed successfully versus Bates."

For the remainder of the opening half, Tufts continued to pressure. Four different Jumbos got shots off in the closing minutes of the first 35. Meanwhile, Keenan stepped up to make another big save and preserve the shutout.

"Bates had really strong, hard hits, so it was crucial that our defense stepped

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FOOTBALL

Jumbos seek consistency to produce first win

BY MARCUS BUDLINE
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Consistency. Playing four hard, steady quarters of football. The Jumbos have repeated the importance of this message all season long. And, with a reeling Williams team coming into town on Saturday, four quarters of steady play might be all that is separating 0-4 Tufts from its first win of the season.

The players certainly believe that they are just a couple of plays away from a win as they head into tomorrow's game with

the Ephs. Each of Tufts' four games this season has seen the flashes of brilliance that this year's squad is capable of, yet has also displayed the prolonged struggles the team has been unable to avoid.

"We've had glimpses of success all season," senior tri-captain offensive lineman Andrew Rayner said. "But we just haven't been able to put it all together."

Last week showcased that contrast for the Jumbos, as the team played league-best Trinity to a draw through one quarter,

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The football team will take on a Williams squad this weekend that is in the midst of its first three-game losing streak since 2007.

FAN THE FIRE

Second Fan the Fire event benefits three charities as five teams set to play

After the first event drew droves of fans to football and volleyball games, the second Fan the Fire event will take place this Saturday, using its banner of "Spirit, Sports, Service," to benefit three charities: Soccer without Borders, Team Impact and Go 4 the Goal. Five Tufts sports teams will be in action, starting with men's tennis against the Coast Guard Academy at 11 a.m.

The charities benefiting from the event are all connected to individual teams. Soccer without Borders, supported by both the women's and men's soccer teams, is an organization working to use soccer as to promote positive change for under-served youth. Both squads will be raising money for the organization at their games against Hamilton College at 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., respectively.

Meanwhile, the association with

Team Impact and Go 4 the Goal is deeply personal for the football team, which last spring, through Team Impact, adopted as part of the team Riley Roman, an eight-year-old battling a brain tumor. Sadly, Riley passed away this summer, but all the sports teams will be wearing yellow laces to honor him, and the laces will be sold at the events in order to raise money and awareness for pediatric cancer research. The teams are wearing the laces in conjunction with Go 4 the Goal, another pediatric cancer charity that has teamed up with Fan the Fire.

In addition to the soccer and tennis events, the football team will play Williams at 1:30 p.m., while the No. 8 field hockey team will take on Hamilton at noon.

—by David McIntyre