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## A Word from the Editor

Time makes fools of us all, dear readers. Welcome to the first issue of the year of the Zamboni, Tufts University's only intentionally funny magazine. I have a confession to make, however. In the rush to the cornucopia of ideas that would have gone into this issue, the tributes from District Zamboni were caught off guard and swiftly decapitated by the professional tributes.

That reference was an antique, which brings me to the theme for this month's issue: Time Capsules! We've "discovered" a time capsule from the year 2002, when the Black Eyed Peas roamed the land and Mayan sacrifice was just starting to take off. And by that I mean that we wrote a bunch of articles pretending to be from 2002 (and maybe other time periods too! You'll have to turn the page to find out! (Yeah, there are other time periods. So, yeah. Awkward.))

So what do you have to expect within the pages of this magazine? The untold story of the Bikini Bottom housing bubble, the establishment of an exciting new workstudy opportunity, as well as literature reviews, renovation news, and more opinions than you can shake a stick at! Like come on, try it. I bet you can't. I dare you.

We'll be back next month with more fake and funny news from the present and the future but for now we ask that you sit back, relax, and enjoy the greatest hits of The Zamboni from 2002, 1912, and the far-distant era from 1012, all of which inexplicably had magazines called The Zamboni even though we were only founded in 1987. The less said about the 80s, however, the better. We do actually have one article from the future in this issue, but you're not my dad and you can't tell me what to do.

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## News From 2002

## May contain low-fat news substitute

#### HOUSING MARKET IN BIKINI BOTTOM CRASHES

RESIDENTS TRYING TO STAY AFLOAT

By Emily Barns

BIKINI BOTTOM, OCEAN -- After many years of holding the title as the world's most stable and reliable housing market, the Bikini Bottom housing bubble has burst, leaving residents stranded in what once was the happiest place in the ocean.

On Tuesday morning, government officials swept the ocean floor, demanding immediate eviction from residents' houses, causing them to leave many possessions behind. One Bikini Bottom civilian, Jared Ray, was evicted from his Yoplait yogurt tin yesterday. Jared Ray reports "We were just sitting... when a man approached the house and forced me to leave! It's a sad time, but right now I'm just trying to keep my head above water." But Jared Ray is not the only victim of this suspicious eviction raid, the other fish in the sea are also suffering. Esteemed veteran Mermaid H. Mann, Pearl Krabs, the daughter

of a local wealthy burger magnate, and even Gary the Snail were all forced to evacuate their homes. Gary's shell will be put up for auction on November 3rd. (Check our realestate section! Three bedroom, two bath, with plenty of room for a home gym, kids, or guests. Call Alex at 269 555 2363 to schedule a tour)

The housing crash had its first casualty yesterday, October 14th, 2012. Longtime resident and beloved squirrel, Sandy Cheeks passed away after a sudden unplugging of her dome by government official Plankton, who fled the scene immediately after the incident. When asked to comment on the tragedy, other government officials noted Ms. Cheeks tax evasion and failure to pay rent as possible reasons for the drastic action taken on her gaseous home. The words 'freeloader' and 'hippie' were tossed around after close friend Patrick Star

accidentally revealed that Sandy Cheeks held no apparent job, and spent most of her days sitting in the trees and flowers of her dome-home. The incident also sparked debate on whether the immigration laws should be stricter.

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However, it's not just the poor and overlooked who suffer. Local celebrity Spongebob Squarepants is also struggling after being evicted from his iconic pineapple. After resisting to immediately evict his house, police punished Squarepants by ordering him to demolish and eat the remains of his home that has been rotting in the ocean since the mid 1990's.

It's clear that it is no longer the best of times in sunny Bikini Bottom. With residents shut out of their homes and possessions, many are turning to prostitution and illicit drugs to cope with the problem. What once was a sunshine-filled, family friendly community is now turning into a seedy, soiled Bikini Bottom.

The brains behind this mass eviction movement, Barry Hutchins, was asked if he felt sympathy for the now broken, suffering Bikini Bottom citizens, to which he replied, "They are fucking cartoons. Nobody cares. Get over yourself kid, jeez."

#### **New Findings Cast Doubt on Authorship of Ancient Comedies**

By Andy Lang

THE FUTURE—As far back as our bio-synthetic suppository hard drives are capable of remembering, the collective works of early 21stcentury auteurs Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer—better known by the portmanteau "Seltzerberg,"—have been used as a vital point of reference for students of literature in the years leading up to the sweeping changes to human civilization brought on by the Real Horrible Shit of the early 2020s. Outstanding examples of Seltzerbergian literature composed for pre-Ludovico cinema, including raucous satires like Epic Movie, Vampires Suck, and Ben-Hur? I Hardly Knew Her, have shed great light on the cultural landscape of the so-called Silicone

Age.

Now, however, several prominent literary scholars have begun to question the authorship of various other 20th and 21st-century comedies—among them Bridesmaids, Requiem for a Dream, and the legendary lost film Freddy Got Fingered—long attributed to Seltzer and Friedberg. These scholars cite a number of stylistic differences between these and the "core" works of Seltzerberg. "I suppose the satire is rather Seltzerbergian," explained Professortron Richard #12054341 of the University of the Moon—Sea of Tranquility. "But I just can't reconcile the fact that Dr. Strangelove doesn't have infantile humor and non sequitur pop culture shout-outs every thirty seconds. I'm really beginning to doubt that Seltzerberg

wrote and directed it, and started the Third World War in the process."
When asked how a robot such as himself could get a Ph.D, the Professortron shrieked "Because it's the future!" and attempted, unsuccessfully, to flip over a hover table.

Some, like Professor Skrillex
Del Espacio of the University of
Oxford-DeVry, have even labeled
some Seltzerberg films as outright
forgeries: "All of the scenes in The
Big Lebowski involving Saint
Carmen Electra were clearly
inserted into film at some point after
its release," argued Señor Del
Espacio. "They're jarring, there are
no transitions into these scenes, and it
makes no sense in the context of the
plot." Others go so far as to attribute
the collective works of Seltzer and

Friedberg to someone else. "My research suggests that 'Jason Friedberg' and 'Aaron Seltzer' were nothing more that aliases for a writer who for some reason did not want to be associated with these classic films," said Professor Skrillex O'Reilly of Wesleyan Still a College. "My current theory is that the 'real' Seltzerberg was a rather obscure director of low-budget independent films by the name of Francis Ford Coppola." Coppola is most well-known today for a horror film called Jack (starring prominent 20th-century Orkan actor Robin Williams). O'Reilly notes that this film especially had stylistic similarities to the works of Seltzerberg, the most important one being that "they both are fucking horrible."

# News Apparently people still care about this

# **Cybernetic Classroomhouses:** The SIS Revolution!

By Andrew Reisman

The Zamboni is proud to report that the Office of Campus Life has just announced what promises to be a fantastic new website that will bring Tufts all the way into the 21st century. The new "computer web-program," tentatively titled Student Information Services, will be rolled out in time for Spring class selections and will be an easy, intuitive, and reliable way to check class times, open slots, and even transcripts.

"We've never done anything like this, and we're so proud of everybody who had a voice in creating this infallible, miraculous website," crowed Bjork Metcalf, director of the new department. Student Information Services, or "SIS" for short, promises an elegant, appealing, web-tastic experience, with a brilliant yet professional white and blue design that's miles away from the standard neon green and pink Comic Sans fonts. Expert "cyberneticologists" like Tom Arrow predict that it will allow up to fifteen minutes of viewing at a time before Bleeding Eyeball Syndrome sets in, up from the three minute standard used on most modern websites. "There's no way this design is going to look ugly or unrelentingly cold and awful ten years down the line," Arrow said for no reason whatsoever.

Students are excited for this new pit-stop on the Information Superhighway as well. Clarabel Johannisonwitzkova, a freshman who will be getting the most out of this website, was optimistic. "I think it will be the crowning achievement of our age. Nothink better will come again in the foreseeable future. This is truly the pinnacle of web design and reliability."

As of press time, the SIS website could be found at www.tufts.geocities.com/yahooclient/SIS/StudentInformationServices2002/Welcome%15. html, and is currently undergoing minor maintenance that in a year, authorities say, will only ever have to be carried out once a month at most.



Matilda declined an interview with the Zamboni.

#### President Bush Jr. Promises Long, Interminable Struggle in Middle East, World

By Andre Rishomme

WASHINGTON, DC – Yesterday, President George "Dubstep Dubya" Bush called a special press meeting at the White House to put forward what he called his "ten year plan" on engaging with several Middle Eastern and North African nations whose names he sort of muttered under his breath. These nations, claimed the affable clown we've all grown to know and love in the months since his tragic swearing in on 1/11, 2001, were at risk of, predisposed to, or erstwhilely engaged in looking at the United States funny. "These injustices will not stand," swore Mr. Bush, "and I will not rest until each and every home in America is weeping over the senseless loss of their sons and daughters."

Mr. Bush's statement was delivered while wearing a general's uniform, one of the many fanciful costumes for which he is known, and stationed in front of a scaled up portrait of a torn and bloodied American flag. His declaration coincided with the opening of enlistment offices all across America and the deployment of several thousand troops to the middle of Afghanistan. When asked about the specific location of the troops, and what their effective mission will be, Mr. Bush simply shrugged and said "I guess they'll find out when they get there, huh?"

Foreign policy experts have hailed this move as an inspired choice that will surely move America further into dominance in the 21st century. When asked, Fletcher Dean Jarrod Naglesby commented "There is absolutely no way this will backfire. The Russian efforts to conquer Afghanistan may have failed, but we beat the Russians, so we can beat these chumps too!"

The move has impacted the student population too, with hundreds of Jumbos taking to Packard Ave waving American flags and cheering their methodical, drawn-out demise. "You know," said one student, "I know I'll be paying for this war until I'm well into my 40s and 50s, but at least we'll have the stability of bleak, bloody, senseless war for years and years to come."

As of press time, President Bush is scheduled to deliver a speech aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln declaring the mission of embroiling the United States in a hopeless quagmire "accomplished."

"Finally," Mr. Bush said in a pre-speech interview, "this country's destiny as a shell-shocked, debt-stricken, post-industrial wasteland has arrived."

#### Houston Student Requests Roommate Transfer, Citing Furby as Reason

By Connor Des Rochers

On Saturday, September 15, after two weeks of living together, Houston freshman Thomas D'Marques filed paperwork with the Office of Residential Life and Learning in the hopes of getting a new roommate. His only complaint towards his current roomie, Bradley Feinengeld, who he describes as quiet, thoughtful and studious, is the constant cooing and nighttime screeching of Feingeld's in-room pet, Matilda the Furby.

"Everything was fine for the first week. We seemed to really work well together and I thought that the music questionnaire for housing assignments really came through. But everything changed when Brad's parents drove up from Providence the next weekend."

It was this day that Mr. and Mrs. Feinengeld dropped off Brad's beloved Matilda, the only animatronic, furry alien that ever understood him.

"He called every night that first week checking up on her, asking if she had fresh batteries and if his little sister had cut off any of her rainbow fluff. We could hear the toll the distance was taking on him so we decided it would be best if Matilda lived at Tufts." Said Maurine Feinengeld, Brad's mom.

However, after moving in with the two boys, Matilda began acting just like a Furby does and spoke throughout the night from her nest under Brad's bed. And while the bionic "Furby" echoing throughout the room brought peace of mind to a previously panicked Brad, Thomas found himself lying awake for hours each night in a cold sweat because of the gremlin peeking out from beneath the bed skirt.

So after a week of sleepless nights uncomfortable roommate meetings where Brad demanded that Thomas help monitor Matilda's battery levels, Thomas finally broke down and requested a housing transfer.

"One of my friends in South lives in a dingle, so I think that's my best option. Plus, he doesn't seem to have any robo-pets lurking in his closet."

Brad could not be reached for comment but from behind the door of room 215, a cold growl could be heard, eerily repeating the name, "Furby."

#### News

## For when you've already discussed the weather

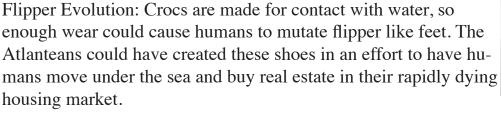
## NATIONAL NEWS: BBB Attempts to Decode Origin of Crocs

WASHINGTON D.C.- The Better Business Bureau has launched an investigation on the new and popular foam clogs known as "Crocs", which recently emerged on the fashion scene. This trend has grown so rapidly and out of such obscurity, some experts are questioning the threat this footwear has on the country. Today the BBB released a press statement containing several theories from their top analysts on possible origins on this phenomenon.



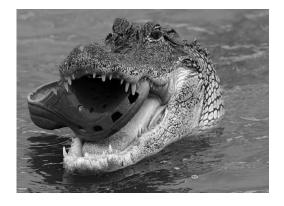
The Bet: Quite simply, some designer bet another designer to make a stupider sounding shoe than "flip flop".

- Barry Quentinstein, Fashion Designer



- Gregory Umbergad, Overly-Enthusiastic Real Estate Agent





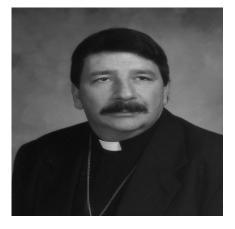
Food for Thought: Crocs are incredibly difficult to do any physical activity besides walking in, so some theories suggest Crocs were created by actual crocodiles to slow their prey down and make them easier to catch. Oh God, there's one now!

- Herman Baquon, Wildlife Expert (RIP)

Population Control: Interlaced with powerful lead paints, the federal government could be using this insane footwear as criteria for who is smart enough to live, and who is dumb enough to die.

- Gumpy Penchart, Conspiracy Theorist And Lead Suspect In Baquon Murder Case





Biblical Proportions: Sent by Satan to test us with their extreme comfort and accompanied lazy lifestyle, these shoes are the ultimate vehicle for sloth and are not to be trusted.

- Steven Wentrop, Suspicious Pastor

#### HAVE YOUR OWN THEORIES?

Well the BBB doesn't actually care. Go complain about it to your neighbor or something.

#### News

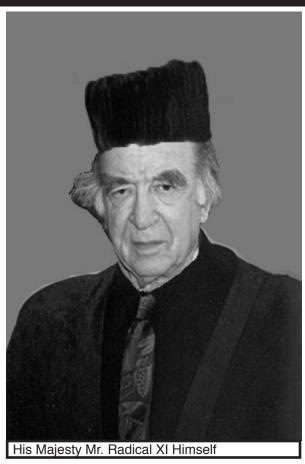
### What you need to know for if you need to know it

# **Editorial**The 90s: Best Decade Ever.

By Ernest P. Radical XI

Day Glo. Grunge music. Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. Saved By The Bell, Boy Meets World, AND The Death Of Superman. It is because of these factors, these magnificent works of art that will forever shine in the hallowed museums, opera houses, and concert halls of history, that it is within my better judgment to declare the decade from 1990 to 1999 the encompassing time of mankind's greatest works.

What merit have the works of the Great Masters of the Renaissance when compared with Beavis and Butthead, Ren and Stimpy, and the inimitable and unparalleled brilliance of Dumb and Dumber? Were Michaelangelo alive today, he would surely weep, burn the Sistine Chapel to the ground, and start afresh so that he may better ape the stylings of Ralph Bakshi, Jim Davis, and Rob Liefeld. These titans of art and artistry have woven pure and unrelenting expressions of joy and heavenly good from the raw brushes and rudimentary cross-hatching available to them.



Compared to the dull echoes with which we imagine Odysseus, Perseus, Paul Bunyan, and those of their ilk, we may now bask in the majesty that shines down upon us from the likes of Deathstroke, Killstorm, Swordknife, and the rest of the new heroes of the comic book page.

And music! O what sweet music there is! The pulsing rhythms of The Backstreet Boys and N "In" Sync (what clever word-play!) are leagues above Stravinsky, Jon Coltrane, and the rest of that pre-Generation X trash.

But alas, we are all but twinkling lights amidst the firmament of destiny, and all good things must pass. I foresee, now that this glorious golden era is dust and bone, a rekindling of these ways in "90s Colonies" where like-minded luminaries such as myself may cling to the old "Pre-Millenial" practices and hope that one day the world may regain its former luster. There are already those who, before the final bell struck midnight on January 1st, 2000, wiped themselves from the face of the Earth rather than spend a single second in this hellish nightmarescape of the post 90s World. In establishing these colonies, I hope that we may now be able to stem the unending tide of these sorts of reports. I pray you, the reader, share my vision, and I wish good tidings to you and your family in the dark millennia ahead.

As the founder of my distinguished "Totally Rad" line, Ernest Radical I, once said, "Smell you later!"

#### **BREAKING NEWS**

#### Leading Zamboni Scientists Discover Time Capsule From 100 Years Ago!

ZAMBONI HEADQUARTERS, THE MOON -- Researchers at The Zamboni Institute For The Zamboni have just announced a shocking discovery: A time capsule hidden within the very pages of the magazine. The capsule, bearing the date of 1912, was found alongside instructions to remove it in case of emergency or worse. We will hastily disregard that warning because of our dedication to our noble readers, and also because we, The Zamboni of the year 2002, have frankly completely run out of ideas to fill space in this magazine. Also, we didn't even know there was a Zamboni in 1912. I guess you learn more every day, huh? So come with us now, dear readers, on a journey through time and space. Spacetime, if you will. Except not, because you'll only just be looking at the next page. So... turn the page, I guess. Or just glance over to the next facing page. We're too lazy to plan the magazine that well. Deal with it. Until Next Week!

-Jackleton H. Merrimow

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Dear Fantastic Future-men:

If you are receiving this telegram, then it's been a century since this telegram was first mailed, in the glorious year 1912-with express instructions to return it to Tufts University only after a hundred years' time. Where has it been for the past hundred years? I can't say, but I shall rest easy as long it was kept out of the hands of those filthy anarchists. You know the ones. Anyway, I'm sure things are very different in 2012. Why, I reckon that in the future passenger liners only take one week to get to Europe, and that your Model T Fords can reach speeds of fifty miles per hour. Gee whiz! And I can only imagine what wonderful practical applications you space folk have found for marijuana and cocaine. Well, I'll leave you lot to your new-fangled aeroplanes and sepia-tone motion pictures. Peruse these news snippets at your own leisure. Maybe you'll learn what it was like in the distant past. And in case the horses have finally risen up and taken over humanity, there is an attached cipher from English to horse-talk. Enjoy! And say hi to the stuffed corpse of Jumbo the Elephant for me!

God speed (Neeeiiigh!),

Frederick William Hamilton President of Tufts University Wartime Editor, The Zamboni It's the 1910s and you all know what that means. Mankind continues on his eternal question to find new methods and reasons for horrifically murdering his fellow man. So to help keep you in the loop and out of harm's way, here are some of the most relevant war news for our largest reader demographic—disposable young fleshbags who are about to be thrown into the gaping maw of international armed conflict. Put on your killing faces. It's...

# THIS WEEK AT



As a result of the institution of a military draft by the government, applications to Tufts University this year have skyrocketed. A major reason that people are interested in going to Tufts, according to an overwhelming number of applications, is that they have "a great interest in not being sent off to die in some smelly trench." In response, the countries of Europe have stepped up efforts to make trenches much less smelly and much more pleasant to die in.

A number of applicants who have been rejected—regardless of any academic, extracurricular, athletic (hah, yeah right) merits they may have—have nevertheless found another way to stay out of the War; squatting. An enormous tent city (colloquially known as "Monacopolis") now sits astride the academic quad. Those without food have resorted to cooking and eating parts of Jumbo's definitely-not-yet-destroyed-in-a-fire taxidermy pachyderm corpse. These people will all die of malnutrition within weeks.



All Tufts students who purchase \$100 or more in war bonds at the campus bookstore will receive a free complementary limited edition Tufts Jumbos gasmask. Let the nightmares begin!

In defiance of our enemy, the horrible dictator Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany, the German House shall now be known as the Liberty House. Additionally, all those majoring or minoring in German will now be majoring or minoring instead in "Liberty." Majors in Liberty will have the liberty (ha) to do whatever they want, while gaining virtually no useful life skills and while retaining the liberty of paying exorbitant tuition costs. Liberty, you guys!

Due to the recent disappearance of Anastasia, daughter of the late Tsar Nicholas II of Russia, the Drama Department will be holding auditions for the part. Prospective Anastasias must be at least vaguely regal. The winner, along with an understudy, will be sent to meet with the exiled Dowager Empress in Paris, in order to bilk her out of all her money. Just watch out for undead wizard Rasputin!

# TWO CENTS

# JACKSON COLLEGE SHORTENS REQUIRED HEM LENGTH

BY MELISSA FEITO

Yesterday Jackson College for Women announced they are amending the required length for ladies' skirts, shortening the hem by one inch. Skirts and dresses can now leave the anklebone exposed. Skin will still have to be covered by socks or stockings. Student Affairs claims the decision was made in part by the alarming number of young women tripping over their hems as they walked uphill, injuring their porcelain feminine faces. This decision is already gaining much controversy in Middlesex County. Tufts Zamboni asked students at both Jackson and Tufts to give their two cents on this radical decision.

"I'm not too sure about it.
I know some ladies are
quite excited, but I feel
such chagrin with my
legs all a-show. How far
is too far? Next they'll be
telling us sleeves are optional."



"I'm still getting used to seeing my shoes."

Grace Armonsky

Hamilton Ablesworth
III, Esq.



"It's ridiculous how the Tufts administration has let these Jackson harlots take control of the policy. This is complete reverse sexism, and I can't believe that my tuition dollars are going towards "solving" this "problem." If my father were here, he would give President Monaco a piece of his mind, I say wot."

"Dese scabbety molls are getting their heads before their hollyhouses, dig? Me and da boys is lookin de other way until we gets ta look upways, see? Nyahh"



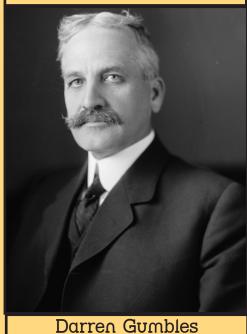
Ron Billman
President, Tufts Hardboiled
Gangsters Society

Some Radical Broad



"I am glad Tufts is finally getting with the times. And as
women of Jackson College we
must all participate in the feminine revolution. Just today I submitted a petition to hold a suffrage rall- wait, wait, where are
you going?"

"There's no need to walk uphill in a kitchen."



#### Heroic Ship Wins Resounding Victory against Iceberg, Nature

By Andrew Reisman, Andrew Lang, and Melissa Feito

NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN—Early telegrams indicate that the RMS Titanic, a British passenger liner, has won a resounding victory against the harrowing she-beast that is Mother Nature. The ship, which bested the iceberg in the early morning hours of April 15, set out from

Southampton at the end of March to, in the words of its captain, Edward Smith, "lick every aspect of nature from here to Monte Carlo." The ship's proposed name, the RMS Frost-Fucker, was rejected on the grounds that it was "not bully enough." The new name references the titans of antiquity, who bestrode the earth and were never, ever defeated by anybody whatsoever.

However, in light of budgetary concerns, the ship's builders were required to remove the ship's stainless steel front-mounted anti-ice contingency bowsprit and instead allow the rabble and ragamuffinry to infest and generally muck up the ship's anti-environmental crusade. Said monocled British MP Lord Harpcastle Thackleton, "This towering achievement demonstrates that only the British Empire is capable of subjugating this loathsome natural world—not some flowery Jack Frost strumpet without pedigree or squire." Lord Thackleton then proceeded to smoke a wheelbarrow's worth of opium while oppressing a young India sepoy, all while screaming "God save the king!"

Nevertheless, some small sacrifices were required, mostly of paupers and Irishmen, in order to achieve this decisive victory. As of press time, the Titanic has sunk below the waves to continue to fight against this godless moist scourge we call "ocean."



Artist's Rendition

# Breaking News Zambonerian Science-Chaps Discover Time-Traveled Copy of Zamboni

ZAMBONI HEADQUARTERS, THESE UNITED STATES -- Those indomitable bullyheadsmen at The Zamboni Institute For The Zamboni have done it! They've cracked the code behind the most bedeviling puzzle of our age: The mystery of the Ancient Zamboni. This parcel, which was discovered by His Majesty's Ever-Faithful Servant Sir William Tufts in 1900, has for over a decade been an unsolvable puzzle that now bears fruit. It appears that within this package lies a rare treasure from the year 1012: A copy of one of the very first issues of The Zamboni.

We hope you're as excited as we are, old chaps! Once more into the breach, I say wot. Here's to the Middle Ages.

Amaranth Fieldingsfire Jacobson Lead Researcher

The Zamboni Institute For Awkward And Convoluted Theme Issues

This shall not be opened till one thousand years hence, on penalty of excommunication.

To he that findeth this capsule of tyme:

If he be good Christian men of chivalen and faith, then he shall readeth these words wiseln. Anow that it be the hear of our Lord 1012, and that on these grounds there once didst stand the Tufts Christian Ceclesiastical College of Churchcraft. Det I fnoweth what thou thinfest: Wast not this land not discovered till 1492? If he asteth this question, then know that by God's will it is so, and also that we have saw this land from space. We haveth spaceshippes in 1012, and when we didst see this fertile and stately Fill of Walnuts, we fnew that 'twas the Lord's will that we bring His teachings to this new land. So if he should take note of the similarities between thine time and mine own, knoweth that it hath been life this for one thousand years.

Iless you, Friar Anthony The Monegasque

B.S.: Disturbeth not my sepulcher, lest J rise from the dead and hunger for flesh.

#### **Area Christian Finds Vision of Hell Underwhelming**

By Andy Lang

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOMERVILLE—While out in the forest searching for a lost goat, a local squire by the name of Absolon entered a clearing and came upon a luminous man bedecked in all in white. "He introduced himself as an angel of the Lord," recounted Absolon, "and he said he would show me what happens to the sinful after they die, so that I might use this knowledge in the future to help Christians lead a better life."

The squire followed the angel to a nearby cottage. Upon entering and descending a flight of wooden stairs, Absolon reports that the angel exclaimed "Behold the horrors and miseries of hell!" The whole adventure appears to have gone downhill from there. "I can't say I know much about Christian theology," admits Absolon. "Because if I did say that without the consent of the Church, then I would be charged with heresy. But even given my limited knowledge of Christian dogma, I didn't expect hell to be so...bland."

The "hell" witnessed by Absolon appeared to be a small, damp, undecorated room without any carpeting. "There were a few people there—not nearly as many as I expected. I didn't see any Jews there at all,



"Holy shit! How did all this happen? I was in the other room. I left you guys alone for like two minutes!"

and there weren't any demons to speak of. The people there didn't look particularly happy, but they weren't exactly suffering either," reported Absolon. "There was no carpeting, so the floor was cold to my bare peasant feet, but I wouldn't really chalk that up to punishment for my sins. All in all, I'm pretty disappointed. If that's where sinners go when they die, then I really don't have any reason to worry about keeping the faith. Don't tell the archbishop I said that though. They're not gonna burn this guy

yet," he said, pointing to himself.

In related news, a sophomore was sent to Somerville Hospital last weekend after wandering into the basement of a private residence on Sawyer Avenue. He was found to have large amounts of psychotropic drugs in his system, including large concentrations of PCP, DMT, and peyote. When asked what he was doing there, he replied he was "just following the angel and checking out hell." Trespassing charges are pending.

#### **Moats to Be Built Around South and Hill Halls**

By Melissa Feito

Students will notice that Tufts has been receiving an array of new renovations of late. The newest improvement to be implemented are brand new moats around South and Hill Hall. Both Halls were previously upgraded to stone forts to keep away the barbarians of afar (also known as the residents of Medford and Somerville). The barbarians have previously raged many pillages on Tufts' campus, such as the Great Egging of 1008, and President Monaco has declared enough of this heresy. These new moats will be deep enough to fit 20 horses, and filled with only the finest water. In addition, Tufts Board of Lords maintain

all able-bodied male students participating in the brand new JumboSerf program they must participate in war training. Axes will be provided. "I'm a little nervous." said one student "One of by buddies was TEMSed last time. He was disemboweled, what a drag. But it's part of my work-study, so what can I say." Tufts has already purchased their first cannon for the war effort. It is currently sitting outside Goddard Chapel, awaiting Guild members to paint it. Tufts would also like to remind all residents of Lewis Hall that they must report to Guard training, as the basement will now be used as a dungeon and interrogation chamber. For this project, no renovations

will be needed. But all these costs are adding up, and students are growing worried. "We must all contribute to the war effort on the barbarians." announced Monaco "Even if that means the implementation of a student war fee. Every single improvement is essential to the integrity of Tufts Kingdom. From the new moats, to the dungeon, to the unclimbable memorial steps, everything has been done to ensure the safety of Tufts Kingdom. Although the most important of these measures is probably the renovation of the front of the Gifford House. It has two entrances now."

#### **Tisch Library Offers Exciting New Readings**

By Assilem O'tief

The friars at Tufts Kingdom's finest library have just completed illuminating another tome for their impressive collection: the Bible. More specifically, the gospel of Luke. This will be the eighth book to be kept at Tisch library. This exciting new chapter recounts many of our Lord Jesus' adventures, such as His captivating parables, outings with his amusing cousin John the Baptist, and His Last Supper. Together with his 12 best friends, Jesus Christ denounces evil and helps the less fortunate all across the promised land. The Romans don't stand a chance! Fans are already lining up to get their chance to glance upon the tome, which will be available for viewing when the moon lies directly overhead. Each patron will be allowed exactly 30 seconds to absorb the story before the next student's turn. The lucky winners of last week's costume contest were given the chance to gaze upon this new volume in advance. "The colors were great!" exclaimed Joshua Biggoms, who won for his extremely convincing leprous skin "Also I really enjoyed one of the letters, I think it was 'L'".

"We are fully aware the literacy level at Tufts is low." Explained Friar O'Connor "We estimate it to be around... 0%. So we include plenty of illustrations to make sure no fan misses out on the Christ experience." This weekend, TRS (Tufts Reading Series) will be offering a reading at Barnum 008 for all those who are interested. "I hope they get the adaptation right." offers one student "These auditory types always mess the story up." The friars are very pleased with the series' popularity and insure that at least one other book will be released. "It takes time" Friar O'Connor says "We do have to hand write



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every page. And accidents do happen. Don't even get me started on the time Johnson brought the plague in."

But for now students are left gnawing in anticipation for the next volume. "I hope He doesn't die at the end." Biggons contemplates "That would be a bummer."

#### **Tufts Institutes Serfdom to Subsidize Tuition Costs**

By Melissa Feito

For years Tufts has included workstudy in their financial aid programs, to give students the money they need for a fine education in addition to real life work experience. But with the rising of tuition costs and more and more students finding it hard to make ends meet, Tufts has launched

an innovative new program. Last week TCU announced the all new JumboSerf program. This program is anticipated to help students at Tufts while keeping the school running smoothly. All students, regardless of financial aid package, are encouraged to apply. JumboSerf asks for students to contribute 15 hours of their day to jobs around campus such as farming and mining. In anticipation for this program, the President's Lawn will be converted into a rich patch of farmland

where potato, squash, corn, and cabbage will be grown. The coal mine under Carmichael Hall will also finally be opened to cultivation. To apply, future vassals will find an application in Student Services in Dowling Hall. Students should be physically fit, have no history of heart or breathing defects, willing to work, and eager to



Spring Fling is nothing new.

please their Lord. Student Services asks all students to please submit a cover letter, resume, health form, their civilian clothes to be replaced with burlap coverings, all worldly possessions to be kept in President "God Emperor" Monaco's funeral treasure vault, renounce all allegiance to state, and relinquish their family name. All vassals are

also reminded they must be present at the Coronation for their blood oath to God Emperor Monaco in Goddard Chapel on the night of the wheat harvest's full moon. TCU would like remark that vassals will receive no monetary compensation for their work, only the permission to stay on Tufts land and necessary essentials for survival. JumboSerf is already gaining mass approval from the University sphere, with more and more schools requesting House alliances. "It's hard work," says sophomore Juliet Krankers "but at least it's not elefund."

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## What America Means To Me (Totally Not An Advertisement)

By Andrew Reisman

Did you know that there are around 5,000 students at Tufts University? I'm sure you did, but now I'm going to use that mundane fact as a springboard into an equally unimpressive topic, but one that I think deserves enough non-controversial attention to merit discussion in The New Yorkerz, New York's most agreeable magazine.

Imagine if each of those 5,000 students were divided up into the political spectrum that currently makes up our country. And by that I mean, if each of us were divided in half, and one half painted blue, and the other half painted red, with a few sprinkles on top to denote the other, inconsequential parties. Mmm, sprinkles. Anyway, can you imagine that? After the initial bleeding and screaming had died

down, there would be 5000 lower bodies and 5000 torsos with heads and arms walking/crawling around campus, going to classes and frat parties and getting drunk and going home with other red torsos/blue lower bodies.

I forget where this metaphor was going. Oh yeah!

IN OBAMA'S AMERICA, which is totally post-racial and post-partisan and paradisiacal, we should all be whole people, or something. This would be a great time to mention that I have a new book out, because why else would I pay for the New Yorkerz to publish my opinionated, uninformed garbage? The title is called "Why Obama Is So Great: A Collection Of 300 Pages That Say 'He Just Is, Okay?'" and it's destined to be the most magnificent book ever created, just as Barack Hussein Obama is the greatest man, nay, the greatest President, ever to have lived. In my new, radical, edgy, totally cool book, I've assembled the three hundred greatest typefaces known to mankind, and lovingly (I've personally made sure my fluids are present on every single first edition copy) reproduced them with the greatest phrase in the world: Barack Obama Is Sooo Cool.

Anyway, I've done enough soulless shilling for my new book (Why Obama Is So Great: A Collection Of 300 Pages That Say 'He Just Is, Okay?') that I can come back to focus on the topic at hand (which, unfortunately, is not my new book (Why Obama Is So Great: A Collection Of 300 Pages That Say 'He Just Is, Okay?')). There are too many Republicans in the country. Going back to my earlier metaphor, if there were no Republicans, we would all be whole, blue-painted, healthy people. Of course, if there were no Democrats, we'd also all be whole people, but that's such a silly line of reasoning that I'm not even going to debunk it here, because I (as a New Yorker and a Democrat) know that all New Yorkers and Democrats are the most freethinking, nonjudgmental, open-minded, super-liberal people in the world. The sooner, then, that scientists discover a way to make people think the same way that we do, the better.

In closing, join the hivemind. Join us. JOIN US. GRAAAAAAAAAAAH

#### Briefly Noted: Reading Books So You Don't Have To

The 2008 Financial Crisis: What Really Happened by John Brown

John Brown stares at the reader with a wistful expression on the inside flap of his recently published Wall Street expose, The 2008 Financial Crisis: What Really Happened. He is a handsome man in his late 30s with deep blue eyes and a slightly crooked nose. His gaze seems to be searching, yearning for something beyond the futile existence of daily life in the 21st century. What is he searching for? Perhaps we will never know.

My Mother's Love: A Memoir by Nancy Reid

The most gripping character in Nancy Reid's memoir about her mother's battle with Alzheimer's is the family poodle, Lulu. Although Lulu is an ancillary for much of the work, her presence is deeply felt. Whether she is swimming in the lake near the Reid's summer home, barking at the neighbor kids, or standing solemnly on her owner's deathbed, Lulu makes us question what is truly human.

The Tears of a Clown by Anne Johnson

In Anne Johnson's new novel, The Tears of a Clown, the protagonist Chuckles goes to an Indian restaurant to celebrate his graduation from Pasadena Clown College. While at the restaurant, Chuckles orders spicy curry. When I go to Indian restaurants I usually have to ask the waiter to make my curry mild because I don't like spicy food. Sometimes, the mild is even too spicy and I have to ask for yogurt sauce to stop my tongue from burning.

### The Meaning Of Life

by Sarah Olstein

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My cat opens
the door gingerly with her
tawny paw
Meow.
She seems to sense the
darkness in my soul.
I cry.
Tears.
Her body rubs my
leg as if to say
I understand.
We lock
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we lock eyes and I know
that this creature is listening
She purrs to tell me,
"I know your pain."
Finally someone is listening
What more
could I possibly want?
In this fleeting moment
I have discovered

that this is

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