From the President

Dear Council Members,

Year End Activities a Big Success

We have come nearly to the end of a very busy academic year for the Tufts University Alumni Association. April, May, and now June have been jam-packed with events that have brought our alumni family together in various configurations.

In April, we honored the most distinguished members of the Class of 2003 at a lovely dinner held in Alumnae Hall. We then bestowed our Distinguished Service Awards and our first Young Alumni Achievement Award at a very fine banquet held in Wakefield, MA. On the first Sunday in May, we held both the annual meeting of TUAA and of the Alumni Council at the Jaharis Center on the Boston Campus. This historic event was the first webcast from that fantastic new research facility and drew Council members in person, by phone, and on the Internet from the four corners of the United States.

Alumni Weekend and Commencement drew hundreds of alumni, family, and friends to the Hill for an extraordinary succession of events. I represented TUAA at some 23 events in four days! The following weekend the oldest of our a cappella groups, the Beelzebubs, celebrated their 40th anniversary with a great reunion on the Hill and in Boston. It was my pleasure to designate the Beelzebub Alumni Association as a chapter of TUAA at the gala dinner on Sunday evening. Later this month we will welcome representatives of TUAA chapters from across the United States and from Canada to the Hill for a symposium on the growth of this most important aspect of our alumni family.

Council Membership Requirements

As the year ends your officers are balancing the books and assessing the success of this most active year. As the members at the spring meeting strongly suggested, we have sent each of you a report on how well you are doing in meeting the four basic requirements for membership on the Alumni Council that are set forth in the 1999 revision of the bylaws. Both I and my two predecessors have frequently mentioned these requirements in correspondence with you over the last four years. The four-year grace period has gone by and we now must enforce them. They are:

• You must attend (in person or electronically) at least one Council meeting a year.
• You must provide some significant service beyond mere Council membership to the University.
• You must make an annual contribution (the amount does not matter) to the Association’s Loyalty Fund, which provides operating funds for TUAA.
• You must make a financial contribution to the University.

Many of our members live up to these requirements year after year and provide great service and support to our Alma Mater. Others do not.

Committee Reports

The Alumni Resources Committee has been assembling its database of term members’ satisfaction of the four TUAA membership requirements. The committee sent an individual report to let each term member know whether s/he is in compliance with the membership requirements stipulated in our bylaws. The committee reminds all members that their financial contributions must be received by the University and the TUAA prior to the end of the University’s fiscal year on 6/30/03 in order to be credited for 2002-
2003. In addition, the committee encourages term members to update their service information so that an accurate Final Report on Term Members’ Compliance can be sent to the President as of 7/1/03. Please address any updates or questions on the satisfaction of membership requirements to the chair of the Alumni Resources Committee:

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The Citizenship and Public Service Award Committee is pleased to announce that 22 high school juniors in New England, Washington, D.C., New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and the state of Florida received the second annual Citizenship and Public Service Award at their schools’ recent award ceremonies. These awards, honoring a student’s academic and community service achievements, have the enthusiastic support of both Deans David Cuttino of Undergraduate Admissions and Rob Hollister of the University College of Citizenship and Public Service. UCCPS contributed the book, “Voices of the Heart: In Celebration of America’s Volunteers,” written by Tufts Alumni Council Life Member Brian O’Connell.

The committee is interested in hearing from individuals or alliances who would like to sponsor this award in their region or high school next year. A packet of guideline materials has been developed by our committee and is available through the Office of Alumni Relations. The committee also suggests that alumni representatives giving the awards also present the high school with a perpetual plaque on which names of award recipients can be engraved and displayed at the school.

For more information on this pilot program or if you want to become a committee member, please contact the chairwoman or the Office of Alumni Relations.

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The Career Services Committee has undertaken three major projects:

1. Interviews are under way to hire the Assistant Director of Alumni Career Services. We hope to be able to introduce the successful applicant in July.

2. Our committee will work over the summer and next year to significantly increase the number of Winterships and Internships available for students. If you can provide either a Wintership or an Internship (or both) for a Tufts student next year, or know someone else who could, please contact us at the address below.

3. We will continue our efforts to expand membership in the Tufts Career Network. Currently we are marketing through class leaders and to various affinity groups. Moving forward, we plan to solicit more alumni who are leaders in specific career fields of interest.

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The Continuing Education Committee is savoring the victory of a wonderful series of Super Seminars over our recent Alumni Weekend. The healthy number of attendees, along with overwhelming positive comments, validates our feeling of success. For the first time, our committee was given full responsibility for the planning and implementation of Super Seminars. We certainly learned much, not the least of which being the extraordinary amount of work involved.

Our challenge for next year is to at least match the high standard we set with this year’s lineup of very talented alumni and faculty speakers. Additionally, we will be examining new projects as the mission of our committee continues to evolve.

Members with any ideas, suggestions or feedback should contact:

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Just as summer is coming upon the Hill, thoughts are already turning to the fall. The Homecoming Committee has begun to look toward this year’s celebrations, which will take place the weekend of October 4. Along with traditional events including Tailgaters’ Village, the Big Tent and of course the athletic competitions, the committee will be discussing some new ventures, and of course how to continually improve upon this traditional celebration of Tuftonian spirit. The Homecoming Committee is always looking for new members, and everyone is invited to help kick off another great year for alumni in the Hill. For more information, contact:

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This year the Traditions Committee undertook the project of producing an updated version of a self-paced, informative walking tour of the Medford/Somerville campus. Accordingly, the committee submitted a proposal to the Financial Resources Committee, which in turn provided $7,000 to fund the project.

The guide will be made available to new students each fall as well to alumni returning to participate in Alumni Weekend activity. The Traditions Committee believes that such a guide will become a treasured keepsake in years to come as people reflect on those experiences that gave meaning to their time on the Hill.

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Mark Your Calendar

June 20-22
TUAA Regional Leaders Symposium
Medford Campus

Sept. 6
School of Veterinary Medicine Reunion & Comeback
Grafton Campus

Oct. 4-5
Homecoming Weekend

Oct. 5
Fall Council Meeting