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From the Director

Parent giving has a tremendous impact on Tufts. Each year, thousands of Tufts parents make gifts to the Parents Fund, and each contribution goes a long way to help Tufts support and strengthen the undergraduate experience.

I am pleased to report that this generosity continues to grow. Philanthropic participation by parents of Tufts students in the past fiscal year increased by 50 percent. You also contributed to a 103 percent increase from the total amount of dollars raised during the last school year, bringing the Parents Fund total to $3,785,562. (See illustrations below.)

There were also many special gifts toward endowment and building projects, as well as other areas of the university, that are not represented in this total.

Your gifts support what makes Tufts such an exceptional and enjoyable experience. These gifts touch every aspect of the academic mission of Tufts and campus life for students and faculty.

Certainly one of the hallmarks of that mission is cultivating an international perspective; your sons and daughters have unprecedented opportunities to study abroad and to connect with the communities surrounding Tufts; we see a steady increase in interest from students in this kind of engagement. At the same time, Tufts remains true to its liberal arts tradition, offering students small classes taught by professors committed to excellence in teaching and inquiry.

This great university will undoubtedly continue to thrive thanks to the restless yearning of young men and women to learn. The Parents Fund plays a central part in ensuring that their inquiry is challenging and exhilarating. Thank you for your support and for the difference you make in the lives of Tufts students.

Jessica Papatolicas
Director, Parents Program

PS: Please join me in welcoming our newest staff member, Linda Levin-Scherz, whose daughter is a freshman at Tufts. I hope you’ll have the opportunity to meet Linda at our next Parents Program event.

A masterpiece in the works

Consider the $27 million music center rising on Talbot Avenue as the architectural equivalent of a Fabergé egg or a Russian nesting doll. The recital hall inside is designed, for acoustic reasons, as a building within a building, or as Linbeck Construction Project Manager Matt Horrigan says, “a box within a box.” As a result: “An airplane will be able to fly overhead and you won’t hear it in the hall.”

The new building, to be completed in December, will give a striking new home to Tufts’ music program, which currently enrolls more than 1,000 students in academic and performance courses while staging more than 80 concerts and recitals a year.

Work began in May 2005 on the 55,000-square-foot music building, located adjacent to the Aidekman Arts Center, and soon to be connected by corridor to the Cohen Auditorium. Designed by Perkins + Will of Boston and Babcock Design Group of Salt Lake City, the building will seat 300 in its recording-quality recital hall, while housing Music Department classrooms and offices, a music library, rehearsal space, and practice rooms.

Linbeck Group, of Lexington, Mass., the construction manager/general contracting firm overseeing construction of both the Music Building and the new Sophia Gordon Residence Hall across Talbot Avenue, counts among its previous projects the Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth, Texas, the Marion D. Campbell Performing Arts Center at the Grotton School, and a renovation of MIT’s Kresge Auditorium, designed by Eero Saarinen.

To learn more about this and other capital projects, go to advancement.tufts.edu/why_give and click on giving in action.

Every gift makes a difference!

Parents Fund Achievement 2000–2005

Expenses Supported by Arts, Sciences & Engineering Annual Funds

In support of general operations for the fiscal year 2004–5 budget, Arts, Sciences & Engineering revenue totals $261 million and expense totals $256 million. Gifts to the Parents Fund help meet the needs of the Arts, Sciences & Engineering operating budget. These gifts touch every aspect of the academic mission of Tufts and campus life for students and faculty.

OCTOBER 20-22, 2006

New Frontiers at Tufts:
Advancing Personal and Public Health

Make your reservations early! The Head of the Charles Regatta is scheduled for the same weekend and hotel space is limited.

Check for updates at: parentsprogram.admin.tufts.edu

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Three Lives Touched—and Touching

Students share their Parents Program internship experiences

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C aptain of the Tufts women’s crew team. Fundraising coordinator for Tufts Hillel. Marketing specialist for a start-up company in Manhattan.

The common thread is not evident at first glance, but it’s there. All three—Jackie Stone, A06, Dan Palay, A06, and Julie Burstein, A05—worked as interns in the Tufts Parents Program office.

They each chose their internships for different reasons. Jackie, the crew team captain, wanted a summer internship close to her home in Winchester, Massachusetts. Dan was coordinator of Hillel’s telefund, and when he found he enjoyed it a lot, Hillel Director of Development Jerry Tuckman suggested an internship with the Parents Program. Tuckman also pointed Julie, a political science major interested in marketing and public relations, in the same direction.

Dan, who comes from Madison, Wisconsin, says the greatest joy of the experience was the people. “I couldn’t have had better people to work with,” he raves. “They created a wonderful environment.”

The others agree. They also appreciate the varied assignments that gave them the chance to develop career skills. “My internship gave me excellent practice in multitasking,” Dan says. “I had to go back and forth between projects—and as something came across my desk, I did it. In my coursework, I have the luxury of being able to focus on one thing at a time. And I don’t have professors calling me up, saying, ‘You’ve got to do this right now.’”

Jackie, an economics major, spent part of her internship on recruiting activities such as showing prospective students around Somerville’s Davis Square, a popular nearby shopping and entertainment destination. She also researched other universities’ fundraising programs for comparative analysis. And, though her internship has officially ended, she still works occasionally in the Parents Fund office, assisting with special events.

Julie used her internship to sharpen her research and organizational skills. In the process, she gained “a better understanding of all that is involved with fundraising—a side of Tufts I never really thought about as a student.”
These skills are particularly important as she contemplates her future in the entertainment industry. “It was amazing to meet people who were still so strongly connected to the university even though they were across the Atlantic.”

“With their energy and enthusiasm, not only did they give a tremendous boost to the efforts of this office, but they were a joy to work with.”

Leslie Limon

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Picking Up the Pieces

Tufts students and alumni reached out to those in need over their winter break when they spent a week in Gulfport, Mississippi, helping people recover from Hurricane Katrina.

The Volunteer Vacation, organized through the Leonard Carmichael Society, paired the 87 undergraduates, 12 graduate students, and seven alumni with needy families. “I think it was a huge success,” said Alexandra Kramer, A06, who planned the trip with Rachel Rosen, A06. “People were able to understand what life is like for those who still live on the Gulf Coast and how much help they still need in order to rebuild.”

Tufts connected with approximately 20 different projects and families. While the jobs were mostly limited to cleanup work such as debris-clearing or demolition, one group of students helped build a house from the foundation up, as its future inhabitants watched from their FEMA trailer.

Much of what still needs to be done on the coast involves clearing away mounds of trash and garbage. “It may not seem like we’re doing much, but walking along the beach, where everything is completely destroyed, you realize that there’s just an unbelievable amount of cleanup still to be done,” said Elizabeth Fusco, A09.

Some students spent a day clearing branches, garbage, and fallen trees from a park in the Bayou View area of Gulfport. By evening, the park was clean and safe to walk through again. “It showed that it doesn’t have to take years and millions of dollars to make a difference,” said Nicole Guanzon, G08.

The students also visited the home of Verlon Herbert, whose son had seen a TV advertisement about the cleanup efforts and called for help. When the volunteers arrived, they spent the morning spackling the walls, painting and filling in cracks, removing floor tiles, and discarding damaged goods. Herbert tearfully struggled to part with her belongings. “It’s so hard,” she said, “but I feel blessed and grateful that you’re here.”

Edited from a longer piece by Rebecca Dice, A06, which can be found on the Tufts website (www.tufts.edu).
Parents Weekend

T orrential rain didn’t dampen spirits for Parents Weekend, Oct. 14–16, attended by more than 3,000 parents. The program, “Going the Distance: Tufts and Its Communities,” brought parents from as far away as Australia and China for a weekend packed with purpose and fun. The academic program was a natural fit for Tufts; it underscored the university’s commitment to active service, showcasing how the college remains true to its calling as a “Light on a Hill.”

“One of Tufts’ greatest strengths has always been its dedication to promoting exemplary citizenship among its students, faculty, and staff,” said Jessica Papadoticas, director of the Parents Program. “We wanted to showcase this aspect of the university during Parents Weekend so that our parents would be made aware of some of the ways in which Tufts effects positive change through its outreach to communities in the Medford/Somerville area, and in cities and towns around the world. In selecting this theme, we also sought to demonstrate to parents that their Tufts students would undoubtedly graduate with a strong sense of commitment to active citizenship.”

The keynote address on Oct. 15 by Molly Mead, Lincoln Filene Professor in the University College of Citizenship and Public Service, spotlighted four Tufts students distinguished in their public spiritedness.

“These students are making a difference in themselves, in the community — and at Tufts as well,” Mead said. “They come back to Tufts and change the dynamics in the classroom.” Their field experience adds measurably to classroom discussions on topics from engineering to public policy,” she said. “We don’t just speak theoretically about immigration when students have been out working in the immigrant community. They come back and hold the bar higher for us.”

The civic theme was borne out in a varied program of faculty presentations over the weekend. Parents took in a talk by Peace and Justice Studies Assistant Director Dale Bryan on sustainability in the Mystic River watershed, and by Fletcher School Professor of International Environmental Policy William Moomaw on global climate change. They listened to Jonathan Wilson, Fletcher Professor of Rhetoric and Debate, read from his collection of comic and bittersweet short stories on American middle-class life, An Ambulance is on the Way. Stories of Men in Trouble.

More than 100 visitors filled one corner of Tisch Library to hear political scientist Jeffrey Berry hold forth on topics in American politics, from the effect of the Internet to the impact of the Miers Supreme Court nomination. In another room, anthropologist Rosalind Shaw described an oral-history project under way in the African-American neighborhood of West Medford.

An ambitious program of offerings in the arts and letters highlighted the buzz of cultural activity at Tufts. Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David Herbert Donald spoke at the Tisch Library opening of “Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation,” a national traveling exhibition on Lincoln’s quest to restore a Union divided by war. Civil War re-enactors staged an encampment on the Tisch Library lawn in conjunction with the exhibition’s opening.

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Parents Weekend ’05

Parents Committee Meeting

1. Susan and Tom Nicholson, with Luke and Kate (twins), A08
2. Joan and Bill Parmer, A08P, with Robert Sterner, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences (center)
4. Ruth Fisher, A04P, A08P, chair of the Parents Committee

Metro D.C. Parents Annual Spring Reception
WASHINGTON D.C., MARYLAND, AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA AREA PARENTS, MAY 3, 2005

1. Marshall “Sandy” Sinick and Heidi Sinick, A08P, with Provost and Senior Vice President Jamshed Bharucha (right)
2. James and Marilyn Ungerleider, A05P, A08P, Drs. David Grant and Lynn McKinley-Grant, A07P, with Trustee Steven Epstein, A65, A01P, A07P (center)
3. Adele Fleet Bacow (right) joins (l-r): Gayle Haslett, A07P, A09P; Naoko Yoshimo, A09P; and Maureen Lee, A09P, all of Singapore
4. President Lawrence S. Bacow (left) welcomes Emircan Gencer Sahin, A09 (second from right), and her parents, Onder and Buket Gencer Sahin, from Turkey

Parents of International Students Reception
COOLIDGE ROOM, BALLOU HALL, AUGUST 29, 2005

1. Paul and Nicole Reynolds, A09P, of London, with Bill Gehling, A74, G79, A05P, director of athletics (right)
2. President and Mrs. Bacow with Alan and Sherry Leventhal, and their son Stephen Wise, A08
3. President and Mrs. Bacow with Paul and Marjorie Stanzler, J73, and their son, Matthew, A09

President’s Luncheon
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They’re just about everywhere, lending a hand in service projects around the globe. Here is just a sampling from travels in the summers of 2004 and 2005.

CENTRAL AMERICA
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SUMMER TRAVELS: 2004/2005

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MEXICO
GHANA
ENGLAND
TIBET
ISRAEL
THAILAND
SOUTH AMERICA

Where in the WORLD are Tufts students?
Mark & Jane Alpert, A15, A5, A09, A08, Massachusetts
Erin & Jeffrey Altschuler, A70, Florida
Jennifer & Stu Beal, A25, A08, A09, Massachusetts
Philip & Elizabeth Bennett, A12, London, England
Saul & Jane Berman, A72, California
Edward Bloom & Barbara Myerson, A07, A08, Massachusetts
Alfred & Bonnie Blume, E25, A04, Colorado
Hassan & Robin Cavasoglu, A07, New Hampshire
Rajinder & Shashi Chawla, A71, A09, Massachusetts
Ernest & Patricia Corrigan, A5, A06, A08, Massachusetts
Antonio & Joan Deluca, A5, A04, A05, California
Freddie & Karen Edlin, A09, Pennsylvania
George & Lynn Fink, A09, New York
Ishak & Ruth Folker, A09, A07, New York
Harold & Stéphanie Fowler, A07, A09, Washington, DC
Ines Garcia-Thoeren, A70, A05, A06, Washington, DC
Jean Goulard & André Labaron, A08, Texas
Richard & Leslie Gledhill, A07, Connecticut
Jeffrey & Barbara Gold, A08, New York
Margo Goins-Robins, A07, A09, Massachusetts
Mark & Karen Green, A09, Massachusetts
Barry & Nancy Greenfield, A08, California
Michael Gross & Nancy Decker, A09, Washington, DC
Laili & Anaêba Gupta, J71, A08, Florida
Lloyd Heller & Cathy Schragis Heller, 171, A05, New York
Seymour & Cagiel Israel, A08, Connecticut
Barry & Jana Jutner, A06, A07, New York
Leland & Lena Jenks, 186, E01, Massachusetts
Norman & Brenda Johnson, A07, Massachusetts
Michael & Betty Kadover, A09, A06, New York
Gerald & Priscilla Kane, A07, New York
Gerald & Jann Katcher, A08, Florida
John Keegel & Susan Rothstein, A09, J71, A08, A09, Massachusetts
Ellen Lane, A09, Connecticut
Marc & Cathy Langer, A09, Washington, DC
John & Randi Lipshiss, A09, J71, A07, A06, A09, Massachusetts
Brian & Christa Lou, A09, Massachusetts
Robert & Christine Leibovitz, A07, Washington, DC
Mark & Judy Lerner, A09, Washington, DC
Alan & Sherry Lerner, A09, Massachusetts
Robert & Gita Levine, A08, New York
Steven & Marjorie Lewis, J78, A08, California
Stephen Livingston & Carolyn York Livingston, E09, A09, Massachusetts
Frank Lloyd & Elisabeth Albin, A09, Washington, DC
Steven Mann & Barbara Haber, A09, A07, Massachusetts
Frederick & Robin Millier, A09, A08, New York
Elisabeth Mertz, J71, A08, Massachusetts
Susan Mittekshal, A08, New York
Tom & Susan Mitzushima, A09, New York
Ronald & Renee Moren, A78, A14, A09, Connecticut
Thomas Palay & Diane Gutman, A09, J75, A07, A08, A09, Connecticut
Barry Paul & Joan Krimsky Rosenbaum, A07, Washington, DC
Sam & Solvat D’Arco & Florence Pesi, A06, France
Andrew & Linda Safar, A71, A07, A08, New York
Martin & Sybil Sagi, A09, New York
Scott & Rhonda Sain, A81, A80, Florida
Steven & Linda Shapiro, A73, A14, A09, Massachusetts
Marshall & Heidi Sneed, A09, Maryland
Paul & Marjorie Staelke, A78, A09, Washington, DC
Jonathan & Mary Stein, A08, A07, Massachusetts
Alain & Maria Stover, A17, A04, A09, Massachusetts
Gary & Sue Tepper, A09, New York
Robert & Cindy Wang, A09, California
Charles Zaroulis & Ione Kourides A09, New York
Michael Zisman & Linda Gamlin, A07, Pennsylvania