Making a Difference

From the Director

I would like to extend my thanks to all of you who traveled from different parts of the world to attend Parents Weekend, 2006. More than 3,500 parents, other family members, and friends visited from places as far away as Pakistan and Singapore, making this event one of Tufts’ largest campus gatherings.

We were proud to showcase our faculty and students’ latest advancements in personal and public health research. Tufts is fortunate to have internationally renowned researchers and scholars on subjects ranging from cancer research to pediatric disease in Africa.

A nearly perfect fall weekend also allowed for some quintessentially New England views and outdoor activities. Hundreds of people watched Tufts’ many student performing groups and attended athletic events. Many of you proved to be not only interested in hearing about health issues, but also taking charge of your health — you joined President Lawrence S. Bacow and Adele Fleet Bacow on Sunday morning for an invigorating run and walk. Our hope is that you spend quality time with your sons and daughters and left our campus well-exercised and intellectually engaged in the life of our institution.

At this time of year, when people are especially aware of the impact of charitable giving, we also hope you might reflect upon the important scholarship within the Tufts community and make an additional investment in our great university through the Parents Fund. The faculty and students you heard from during Parents Weekend rely to some degree on private support to fund new research. Giving to Tufts helps the university to continue the support of important global and community initiatives, among other academic scholarship. Your generosity to the Parents Fund also allows the university to offer financial aid and other important resources to students who might otherwise not have the opportunity to attend Tufts.

Last fiscal year brought record philanthropic participation, and we are grateful to all of you who made an additional contribution by supporting the Parents Fund. Each and every gift we receive ultimately enhances the strength of our community and its reach, so we hope that Tufts will be among the institutions, organizations and causes you support this year. Your gift helps Tufts students and faculty help the world and we trust you agree that this is a very worthy investment.

Sincerely,

Jessica Papatoticas
Director, Parents Program

P.S. Please consider making a gift to the Parents Fund by contributing online at www.tufts.edu/givenow, or contacting us at 1-617-627-3798.
The freshman was having difficulty breathing. She had a rash, was agitated, and only able to talk in two to three word sentences, all signs of a severe allergic reaction.

Tufts Emergency Medical Service (TEMS), an entirely student-run organization, responded immediately.

“TEMS quickly provided her with high flow oxygen,” said Executive Director Brian Yun, A06.

“Unfortunately, the patient did not have her Epinephrine auto-injector (a life-saving drug for severe allergic reactions). When the ambulance arrived, TEMS quickly gave a report to the paramedics providing a clear narrative of what happened.

“Calls like these highlight that TEMS is here to provide an empathetic and quick, first response to the Tufts population,” said Yun, adding that TEMS would soon be carrying Epinephrine for patients experiencing allergic reactions, aspirin for chest pain, and Albuterol for asthmatic patients.

Overseen by the Tufts police and Tufts Health Services, TEMS has served the Medford/Somerville campus since 1985.

“TEMS is an important asset to the public safety program at Tufts,” said John M. King, director of the Department of Public and Environmental Safety. “These devoted, motivated, and well-trained men and women provide volunteer services to our community and help the Tufts police and local response agencies in and around the Medford/Somerville campus.”

To volunteer with TEMS and work for an ambulance company, students must first pass a class at Tufts in emergency medical technology; about 50 students are trained each year. The 110-hour class, offered through the department of Physical Education, teaches cardiopulmonary resuscitation, trauma management, medical emergency management, patient stabilization, extrication, and more. Students then go on to take a Massachusetts exam to earn EMT certification.

About 450 calls come in each year for emergencies ranging from trauma calls — falls and sports injuries — to more serious medical calls, such as asthma and allergic reactions.

TEMS has a fully functional first-response Ford Explorer equipped with oxygen and equipment to stabilize injuries. The students transport ambulatory patients with minor injuries to a nearby hospital, but a city ambulance would be sent for patients with a major illness or injury.

Jeffrey Wacks, A09, director of training and quality improvement, said that TEMS asks its members to take a minimum of four shifts per month, and the average person takes about six. Shifts are twelve hours long. “Saving someone’s life is an indescribable feeling. It’s such a rush when everything just clicks into place, all the training comes back to you, and what you have to do becomes crystal clear,” he said.

Senior members are on call for medical emergencies on average 24 hours a week in addition to all the desk and non-field work, explained Jamie Tung, A08, director of operations. He also coordinates emergency services for campus events, including Commencement and Spring Fling.

“The members of TEMS represent the best of Tufts students. They are mature, selfless, responsible individuals with a commitment to service and to the well-being of our community.”

— JOHN M. KING, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY
Family members, friends, and alumni helped make **Parents Weekend 2006** one of the biggest campus events ever. Hundreds participated in workshops, attended lectures, and were entertained by the many student performance groups. A special thank you to our keynote speaker, Professor David Kaplan, chair, department of Biomedical Engineering, who spoke on “Medicine in the 21st Century Through Tissue Engineering.” Webcasts of lectures will be available soon at parentsprogram.admin.tufts.edu.
Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences Robert Sternberg generates laughs during his talk on the bright and dark side of love.

Tufts Women’s Field Hockey beats Williams.

Dean of the School of Engineering Linda Abriola explains advances in technological innovation to treat groundwater contamination.

Parents Reception, hosted by the Tufts Parents Committee.

President Lawrence S. Bacow and Adele Fleet Bacow greet parents Saturday afternoon.

John McCann conducts the Tufts Wind Ensemble.

The Amalgamates, Beelzebubs, and Jackson Jills perform on the steps of Goddard Chapel.

The Traveling Treasure Trunk performs.

Paula Kaufman, A10 and her father, Tod Kaufman, A75 with Tufts Marathon Coach Donald Megerle.

Provost and Senior Vice President Jamshed Bharucha with Summer Scholar, Nina Sainath, A07, at a poster session showcasing the program.

Sunday morning run/walk with President Lawrence S. Bacow and Adele Fleet Bacow.
Annual Parents Committee Meeting and Dinner Members of Tufts’ Parents Committee heard updates from Parents Program Director Jessica Papatolicas, Assistant Program Director Ruth Emanuel Maffa, J85, Provost and Senior Vice President Jamshed Bharucha, Dean Linda Abriola and Dean Robert Sternberg, and Parents Committee Chairman Ruth Fisher, A04P, A08P.

Packard Society Luncheon at Gifford House

1. Overseer Andrew Safran, A76, FG77, A09P, Tufts Provost and Senior Vice President Jamshed Bharucha, and Parents Committee Chairman Itzahk Fisher, A04P, A08P
2. Jonathan Gold, A07, with parents Jeff and Barbara Gold
3. Susan Cronenberg-Javors, A07P, and Jessica Papatolicas, director, Parents Program
4. Snigdha Mitra, E10P, Linda Abriola, dean of the School of Engineering, and Stephanie Lawson, J73, A08P
5. Priscilla Kane with her son Peter “P.J.” Kane, A07

6. (l-r) President Lawrence S. Bacow, Bryn McCarthy, A07, Shelley McCarthy, J75, A07P, Adele Fleet Bacow and Brian McCarthy, A75, A07P
7. Esther Tan with her daughter Rachel Tan, A10
8. Liz Mintz, J81, A08P, Adele Fleet Bacow, Sarah Mintz, A08 and President Lawrence S. Bacow
9. Morgan Glasebrook, A07 with her mother Lucy Glasebrook
10. (l-r) Overseer Andrew Safran, A76, FG77, A09P, Adele Fleet Bacow, Lily Safran, A09, Linda Safran, A09P, and President Lawrence S. Bacow
International Parent Receptions

August 28, 2006 Each year, the Parents Program hosts a reception at Ballou Hall for incoming international students and their families. This year, Tufts welcomed 369 undergraduates from 25 countries.

September 17, 2006 The Honorable Sir Michael Kadoorie and Lady Betty Kadoorie, A08P, A09P, hosted a reception for parents at the Peninsula Hotel in Hong Kong in honor of President Lawrence S. Bacow and Mrs. Adele Fleet Bacow.

September 21, 2006 The first gathering for Singapore parents was hosted by Mrs. Darani (Winnie) Lin-Tsao, A07P, at the Attitude Performing Arts Center, Singapore.
Richard E. Snyder President’s Lecture Series
September: Dr. Shelby Steele, a conservative race theorist, discussed “White Guilt: Why Americans Can’t Solve the Race Problem or Win Wars.”

Research Days

The Institute for Global Leadership
October: IGL Director Sherman Teichman, in conjunction with Seton Hall Law School, organized a symposium, “Guantanamo: How Shall we Respond?” as part of a national teach-in that was webcast to other universities around the country.

School of Engineering
Professor Kyongbum Lee, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemical & Biological Engineering, was chosen to receive the Jay Bailey Young Investigator Best Paper Award in Metabolic Engineering.

Professor Maria Flytzani-Stephanopoulus was the recipient of a $1.2 M grant from the Department of Energy’s Office of Science, and the principal investigator for a joint research project with Tufts and Columbia University, involving research on clean hydrogen production.

Department of Chemistry
MIT’s Technology Review magazine named Tufts Professor Krishna Kumar as one of the top 100 young innovators in the world.

Professor Samuel Kounaves was one of 24 scientists awarded a $386 million grant by NASA. Kounaves will lead as co-investigator, Phoenix, the 2007 Mars Scout Lander mission.

Department of Physics and Astronomy
Professor Larry Ford was named a Fellow of the American Physical Society for his “pioneering contributions to quantum field theory in flat and curved spacetime”. He is the fifth member of the department to receive this honor.

Drama and Dance Department
THE SEAGULL by Anton Chekhov translated and directed by Laurence Senelick

Student Theater Productions
CONTROL FREAKS by Beth Henley directed by Josh Altman

ARSENIC & OLD LACE by Joseph Kesselring directed by Ari Rosenbaum

STILL LIFE by Emily Mann directed by Ari Rosenbaum

THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD By Rupert Holmes

Dance Program Events
The Performance Ensembles premiere new choreography under the direction of Daniel McCusker. 
West African Ewe Dance/Kiniwe Performance
Kathak Open House, a North Indian Classical Dance demonstration
Scenes with Eccentricities, performed by the Physical Theater

Tisch Library


October: Parents Weekend Author’s Talk by Frank Ackerman, Tufts faculty member in the Global Development and Environment Institute, entitled Priceless: On Knowing the Price of Everything and the Value of Nothing.

Athletics
The performance of the Tufts women’s cross country team highlighted the 2006 fall sports season. The Jumbos finished in fifth place at the NCAA National Championship Race, led by All-Americans Katy O’Brien and Cat Beck.

The field hockey team, featuring All-American Stacey Watkins, finished with an 11-5 record that was the best by the team since the 1998 season. Volleyball, paced by honorable mention All-American Kelli Harrison, was one of the best teams in New England again with a 23-8 record. Women’s Soccer took second place in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) and was 9-4-2 overall.

The Jumbo football team showed improvement with a 4-4 record. Senior defensive end Chris Decembrele earned All-Conference honors for the third straight year.