# INSIGHT

Tufts University Sackler School Graduate Student Council Newsletter

September/October 2014

# Sackler Relay XIX

Micro program takes home the Sackler Cup

by Daniel Wong<sup>CMP4</sup>

The nineteenth annual Sackler Relays I returned outdoors to the Dussault Track and adjacent field at the Tufts Medford campus this year on Friday, August 1, and Neuroscience's winning streak was broken by the Molecular Microbiology program, which placed first, followed by Cellular, Molecular, and Developmental Biology second, and Cellular and Molecular Physiology taking third. Funds raised from ticket sales and donations for the Relays benefit the Sackler Student Enrichment Fund, which provides grants to support the professional development of students through various activities, including, but not limited to, travel to and attendance at national and international scientific conferences to present their research. The Enrichment Fund replaces the former Sackler Travel Fellowship.

While the track events are a staple of the Relays, the tounarment games held after lunch were the main attraction. Tug of war, volleyball, and the obstacle course were popular, as always, and the "bear claw" technique for tug of war proved to be successful for several teams. Dodgeball, which was introduced last year when inclement weather forced the Relays indoors, reutrned with some rule adjustments. A water balloon toss was the new event for this year, and variability between balloons kept things interesting.

Lunch was catered by Red Bones Barbecue and Dave's Fresh Pasta, and was enjoyed by all. However, the number of cookies purchased was insufficient. The GSC liaison to Costco regrets the error and will double the cookie budget for next year.



Next year will be twentieth year of the Sackler Relays, and initial planning is underway to make this truly special, potentially coordinating it with other events. If you have suggestions, requests, and/or want to get involved, contact Melissa LaBonty at melissa. labonty@tufts.edu.

Thanks to sponsors, and additional photos on pages 4 amd 5.

# **Tufts Case Competition wins at home and MIT**

Biomedical Business Club initiative yields dividends for students interested in non-academic career paths

by Daniel Wong<sup>CMP4</sup>

Consulting and other non-academic career paths are increasingly popular options being pursued by graduate students across the country, and many student-led initiatives at Sackler facilitate this shift. Among the newest of these resources is the <u>Tufts New England</u> Case Competition (TUNECC), which gives students without a business background the opportunity to develop and demonstrate their problem-solving skills through a consulting challenge question. The inaugural competition featured 18 teams from 13 universities and colleges in the Northeast, and was held at the Tufts Boston Campus on August 9. Two Tufts teams, Team Jumbo, and Palantir, claimed first and second place, taking home cash prizes of \$2,000 and \$1,000.

TUNECC is the product of efforts by Jen Nwankwo<sup>P-</sup>
PET<sup>4</sup> to develop resources for students interested in consulting careers through <u>Tufts</u>
<u>Biomedical Business Club</u>
(TBBC). TBBC also organizes

a Case Study Group, which meets weekly on Tuesdays to practice solving consulting practice cases. Details on page 3.

Additionally, two TUNECC board members, Chieze Ibeneche-Nnewihe and Vinay Ramabhadran Post-doc, were invted to participate in the Sixth Annual Harvard vs. MIT Case Competition, held on August 22 at MIT. Their respective teams placed first and second at the competition, rounding out an exciting



Team Jumbo (from left): Ben Dake<sup>CMDB5</sup>, Andy Coppage<sup>Biochem5</sup>, Hailing Yang<sup>CMP5</sup>, Mike Baldwin<sup>CMP4</sup>, and Parimal Korgaonkar, won the grand prize at the inaugural Tufts New England Case Competition.

and rewarding first competition season for the TBBC Case Study Group.

For more information about TBBC, TUNECC, or the Harvard vs. MIT Case Competition, visit the following links:

ao.tufts.edu/tbbc

**TUNECC:** 

sites.tufts.edu/tunecc

Harvard vs. MIT:

harvardmitcasecompetition.com

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# Sackler InSight, our newsletter.

by the Sackler Graduate Student Council

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) is an advocate for the graduate students at the Sackler School, as well as a conduit for communication between and among Sackler students, faculty, and administration. This newsletter, the Insight, is a vital part of the communication effort by the GSC, and we hope that its role will grow with its redesign and revitalization.

To accomplish this, we will use the InSight to highlight GSC intiatives, student group activities, as well as individual students and faculty, alongside other information we believe will be valuable for and contribute to the enrichment of the student body. We would like your help in doing this. If you are interested in writing, or if there is anything you think is interesting and would like to share in this newsletter, please contact us. Reach out to your GSC Program Representative or a member of the InSight Newsletter Team, whose names are listed along the left edge of this page.

Finally, the work of the GSC is for the student body. We encourage and welcome questions, comments, and suggestions about and for our programs and initiatives.

# Volunteer through GSC Outreach

by Christina Deliyiannis PPET3

GSC Outreach is looking forward to coordinating fun and easily accessible volunteer experiences for the upcoming year. We are currently looking at opportunities with the Hale House, Red Cross, The Greater Boston Food Bank, and Boston University's Biology Inquiry and Outreach with Boston University Graduate Students (BIOBUGS). We are also trying

to coordinate student mentoring at local high schools and setting up an undergraduate science panel. We are welcome and encourage any suggestions you may have; if you send us information, we will follow up for you. You can contact one of our members or Christina Deliyiannis at <a href="mailto:christina.deliyiannis@tufts.edu">christina.deliyiannis@tufts.edu</a>.

# Digital resources for students

by Daniel Wong<sup>CMP4</sup>

Whether or not you're technologically inclined, an increasing amount of work is being done partly or wholly on computers and online. Beyond that, having a web presence is crucial for networking and finding that great post-doc position, industry job, or consulting firm offer. Here are some resources to help get you started for free and make your life a little easier:

## Online (Cloud) Storage

Dropbox is a pretty popular online storage service, but your account might be getting full. Tufts Technology Services has set up a cloud storage resource for the Tufts community with Box.com. All Tufts affiliates can sign in to the service securely with their Tufts username and password, and receive <u>50 GB</u> of storage space for <u>free</u>.

Get started with Box now, or find more details: tufts.box.com it.tufts.edu/box

#### **Custom short URLs for Tufts**

Every Sackler student has a web page set up for them by the Dean's Office that provides some information about their research. However, the address (URL) is a little unwieldy. Luckily, the Digital Communications Office at Tufts has a URL shortening service. Register a simple shortcut to solve this problem. For example, the Tufts Biomedical Business Club has one, 'tbbc', which is entered as <a href="mailto:go.tufts.edu/tbbc">go.tufts.edu/tbbc</a>, and redirects to the TBBC page on the Sackler website.

Register your shortcut URL, or find details: go.tufts.edu/goscript

http://webcomm.tufts.edu/web-resources-tufts/go-scripts/

# Free domain name and website hosting

Ever want your own domain name and website? Namecheap.com is giving away domains (one-year registration) for free to students through their "Namecheap for Education" program. The offer includes a year of either about.me Premium or GitHub Pages hosting, which are services that provide tools to walk you through the process of building your online presence. Tufts also provides hosting, more on page 12.

Get more details, and claim your domain: nc.me

Continued with additional resources on page 12.

# **Tufts Biomedical Business Club**

Exploring the business side of science.

by Bina Julian PPET4, TBBC President

The biotech industry and academic landscapes are rapidly evolving. We want TBBC alumni to recognize and ride these waves of change to successful, impactful careers.

## What is TBBC?

We are an active, business-oriented organization run by Sackler graduate students. We want our members to expand their network, recognize their transferrable skills, and build a foundation in core business principles that will make them leaders in the biotech arena. Membership is open to all Tufts affiliates.

## How do you do this?

We primarily organize seminars and networking events where we bring in well-respected biotech leaders to provide advice, perspective and connections to the TBBC community. Most of our guests are PhDs or MDs who have successfully transitioned from the bench to careers in business. They discuss their career path, industry perspective, and challenges current students may face. Our executive team does a lot of work behind the scenes, reaching out to groups across Tufts' campuses and in the Boston area for professional opportunities for TBBC members.

## Why should we come to your seminars this year?

To learn and to network!!! We are literally bringing consultants, business development executives, entrepreneurs, patent lawyers and venture capitalists to *your doorstep*. This is the easiest way to broaden your perspective on what opportunities exist once you're ready to launch from Tufts. Every seminar is different and valuable. If we've done our job, you will leave with insight into a particular profession and a desire to analyze your own skills and interests to see if that path could be right for you.

#### Are there ways to get involved or learn more?

YES! Both at your own pace or with others. Our <u>Case Study Group</u> is where you can rigorously practice consulting case interviews, the process of developing a strategy to solve a business problem. Our <u>Business Journal Club</u> is a venue to discuss current events or business topics in the biotech industry. With the help of HHSL, we created the <u>Online Biomedical Business Resource Guide</u> with subscriptions to Wall Street Journal, Harvard Business Review and other resources. HHSL also has books on entrepreneurship, leadership, intellectual property, business and more at their fourth floor circulation desk.

# Resources

#### **Online Biomedical Business Resource Guide**

TBBC, with Hirsh Health Sciences Library: bit.ly/TBBCLibraryLinks

#### **Biotech Business Journal Club**

Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays, noon. Starting Oct 17. Coordinator: Mike Baldwin<sup>CMP4</sup>.

# **Case Study Group**

Tuesdays, 6pm. Coordinator: Vinay Ramabhadran Post-doc.



# 2013-2014 Seminar & Event Highlights

"Trade your books for battle scars: a career in venture capital and business development without an MBA"

- Senior Director of Business Development, T2 Biosystems

"Transitioning from the Bench to Business Development" - Director of Business Development, Foundation Medicine

"Making Biotechnology Work: Integrating Science and Industry" - Director, Center for Integration of Science and Industry, Bentley University

"Pharmaceutical Finance 101: Basic Principles and Applications to Strategy Consulting" – Principal, ClearView Healthcare Partners

**"Life as a Venture Capitalist"** - Partner, Thomas McNerney & Partners

"Drug discovery and development: It's not rocket science - it's harder" - Executive Vice President & Chief Medical Officer, Dyax Co.

"Tufts \$100K New Ventures & Ideas Competition" - Director, Entrepreneurial Leadership Studies Program, Tufts University

#### **Join TBBC**

About us: go.tufts.edu/tbbc

LinkedIn Group: bit.ly/TBBCLinkedIn

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Contact us: tuftsbiotech@gmail.com

# Special thanks to sponsors and volunteers of the 2014 Sackler Relays

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Still more photos online at tufts.box.com/2014-sackler-relay







# September/October2014 SACKLERINSIGHT

# Views of the 2014 Sackler Relays, continued

Running, tug of war, an obstacle course, dodgeball, and more















# Dan Jay Art: "Archemy" at Aidekman Hall

DMCB faculty melds art and science in experimental works

by Daniel Wong<sup>CMP4</sup>

an Jay, PhD, a faculty member in the Department of Developmental, Molecular, and Chemical Biology (DMCB), has been making art for as long as he has been working in science. His most recent works blend art and science together in an experimental drawing technique that he has developed over the past year. Tufts Now recently interviewed Dan for an article about this new approach (link at end). A selection of the pieces he has created in this style are currently on display as a show titled, "Archemy," in the Aidekman Arts Center at the Tufts Medford Campus.

A reception for Archemy was held on September 25, where Dan was present to talk about his work and discuss his technique and approach to art. Among the visitors that evening was Tufts University President Tony Monaco (at left in top left photo, below). Admission is free, and the gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11a-5p, and Thursday until 8p. The show runs until October 31.

Dan is also working on a mural that will be hung outdoors in Egleston Square in Jamaica Plain, near the Sam Adams Brewery. The mural depicts the history of the neighborhood, and will be unveiled on October 25 at the Egleston Square Fall Fiesta Block Party. Details about the event are listed under "Arts & Culture" on page 8.

#### **Tufts Now article about Dan:**

now.tufts.edu/articles/hidden-talents-periodic-table-art

#### More art by Dan Jay:

<u>danjayart.com</u>









# **Program Updates**

# Life updates, recent graduates, new faculty, and more!

compiled by Heidi Burke<sup>MM4</sup>, Christina Deliyiannis<sup>PPET3</sup>, Carrie Hui<sup>CMDB3</sup>, Michaela Tolman<sup>Neuro2</sup> and Daniel Wong<sup>CMP4</sup>

## **Biochemistry (Biochem)**

Congratulations to Sam Stampfer<sup>MSTP</sup> (July 2013) and Justin Huang<sup>Bio-chem</sup> (Sep 2013) on their successful thesis defenses, and additionally for Sam's return to TUSM to complete his MD.

## Cellular, Molecular, and Developmental Biology (CMDB)

Congratulations to Steve DelSignore<sup>CMDB</sup> (Jan 2014), Adam Skibins-ki<sup>CMDB</sup> (May 2014), Andrew Reeves<sup>CMDB</sup> (Sep 2014), and Anna Maione (Oct 2014)<sup>CMDB</sup> for successfully completing their thesis defenses.

John Castellot had his first grandchild, Piper Rose Castellot, on March 13 of this year.

Melissa Labonty<sup>CMDB3</sup> will be getting married to Alex Mann on October 25 of this year.

Carrie Hui<sup>CMDB3</sup> recently got engaged to Tyler Mingalone and will be having a wedding in October 2015.

# Cellular and Molecular Physiology (CMP)

Congratulations to Joe Capecci<sup>CMP</sup> (Dec 2013), Rachel Lieberman<sup>CMP</sup> (Jan 2014), Steve Garafalo<sup>CMP</sup> (May 2014), and Hiroko Nagase<sup>CMP</sup> (Sep 2014) for successfully completing and defending their dissertations. Joe is a Medical Writer at ETHOS Health Communications. Rachel is now a Postdoctoral Fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital. Steve is a manager in Medical Communications at Biogen Idec.

Steve Garafalo<sup>CMP</sup> and his wife Jelena celebrated the birth of their daughter, Magdalena, in April.

Kristina Cotter<sup>CMP4</sup> was recently engaged to Spencer Cross, and they will be having a wedding in August 2015.

Daniel Wong<sup>CMP4</sup> was recently engaged to Jacqueline Mills, and they had a civil ceremony in March. Formal ceremonies will follow in 2015.

## Genetics (Gen)

Congratulations to Melissa Donovan<sup>Gen</sup> (Dec 2013), Benjamin Harwood<sup>Gen</sup> (Mar 2014), Derrick Hoskinson<sup>Gen</sup> (Apr 2014), and Sarah Phillips<sup>Gen</sup> (Apr 2014) on their successful thesis defenses.

#### Immunology (Imm)

Congratulations to Jun Qiu<sup>lmm</sup> (Feb 2014), Holly Ponichtera<sup>Imm</sup> (Apr 2014), Michael Ophir<sup>Imm</sup> (May 2014), Stephen Schworer<sup>Imm</sup> (Jul 2014), Benjamin Umiker<sup>Imm</sup> (Aug 2014), and Ryan Salvador<sup>Imm</sup> (Aug 2014) for successfully completing and defending their dissertations.

## **Integrated Studies Program (ISP)**

Welcome to the new ISP first year students: Abdo Abou-Slaybi<sup>ISP1</sup>, Bethany Delcuze<sup>ISP1</sup>, Vera Gaun<sup>ISP1</sup>, Surendra Sharma<sup>ISP1</sup>, Nicole Sjoblom<sup>ISP1</sup>, Tate Tabtieng<sup>ISP1</sup>, Vanessa Tanez<sup>ISP1</sup>, and Alan Yeo<sup>ISP1</sup>!

Did we miss any updates? E-mail the GSC rep for your program (page 2), or <a href="mailto:daniel\_s.wong@tufts.edu">daniel\_s.wong@tufts.edu</a>, with the subject, "InSight: Updates"



Additionally, congratulations to last year's ISP class for matching to thesis labs. You're almost done!

## Molecular Microbiology (MM)

Welcome to James Munro, our newest faculty member, who came to Tufts from Walter Mothes' lab at Yale, and started on Wednesday, October 1. James is a biophysicist who is working on, among other things, cell entry by HIV. His lab will be on Jaharis 4.

Congratulations to the graduates of the Molecular Microbiology Program who have defended so far in 2014! Arpana Snood<sup>MM</sup> is now a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Tokyo in Japan. Faith Wallace-Gadsden<sup>MM</sup> is now a Director at the Archimedes Project. Jared Pitts<sup>MM</sup> is now a Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard Medical School. Evan Bradley<sup>MM</sup> has compelted his MD/PhD, and is now an Emergency Medicine Resident at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Dennise de Jesus-Diaz<sup>MM</sup> is now a Postdoctoral Fellow at the NIH/NIAID. EmilyKate McDonough<sup>MM</sup> is now a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Tufts University Medical School.

## **Neuroscience (Neuro)**

Hodul<sup>Neuro1</sup>, and Anna Nathanson<sup>Neuro1</sup>!

Congratulations to Cinzia Metallo Neuro, now Founder and Managing Director at Biomille, and L Ian Schmitt Neuro, now a Postdoctoral Fellow at New York University, on graduating from the Neurosicence progam. Welcome to the new Neuroscience first year students: Camila Barrios Camacho Neurol, Christopher Bartolome Neurol, Patrick Davis Neurol, Molly

Congratulations to Laurel Drane Neuro on her recent marriage!

# Program in Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (PPET)

Congratulations to Katie Weng<sup>PPET</sup> (Dec 2012), Diane Peters Guerrero<sup>P-PET</sup> (Apr 2014), Magda Vasiadi<sup>PPET</sup> (Apr 2014), and Najila Fiaturi<sup>PPET</sup> (May 2014) for completing their thesis defenses.

PPET is happy to announce that we are welcoming 13 new student candidates to the MS degree Program in Drug Development which was started last year.

# On a budget, but not boring: Boston events

Stipend-friendly activities to enrich your grad school experience

by Christina Deliyiannis PPET3, Carrie Hui CMDB3, and Daniel Wong CMP4

# Arts & Culture

## Egleston Square Fall Fiesta<sup>DW</sup>

Sa, Oct 25, 12-4pm block party, 7-10pm dance

Egleston Community Orchard, 195 Boylston St, Jamaica Plain - **Free** 

jptransition.org/events/857/egleston-square-fall-fiesta/

An outdoor mural depicting the history of Egleston Square will be DMCB faculty member Dan Jay will be unveiled at this event.

## Museum of Fine Art<sup>DW</sup>

W,Th,F 10am-9:45pm; M,Tu,Sa,Su 10am-4:45pm

Avenue of the Arts, 465 Huntington Ave, Boston - **Free with Tufts ID** 

# mfa.org/membership/universities

Admission to the MFA is <u>free</u> for Tufts students with your student ID. Be sure to bring your ID with you, because the ticketing agent needs to see the physical card. Student admission is \$23 otherwise. Additionally, you can receive 10% off in the Museum Bookstore & Shops.

# Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Third Thursdays<sup>DW</sup>

Third Thursday of each month, 5:30pm (Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18)

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, Boston - **\$5 with student ID** / **\$15 adults, cash wine bar** 

gardnermuseum.org/calendar/event\_series/third thursdays

Enjoy wine and a night at the museum! The Third Thursday series at the Gardner Museum feature short talks about art and the museum, live music, and other activities throughout each evening.

## ICA Free Thursday Nights<sup>DW</sup>

Every Thursday night, 5-9pm Institute of Contemporary Art, 100 Northern Ave, Boston - **Free** 

icaboston.org/visit/

Admission to the ICA is free to everyone on Thursday nights from 5 PM until the museum closes at 9 PM.

# **Fitness**

# City Sports Run Club

Every Tuesday at 6pm (Back Bay, 480 Boylston St, Boston, MA),

Thursday at 6pm (*Post Office Square/Financial District, 225 Franklin St, Boston, MA*), Saturday at 10am (*Porter Square, 1815 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA*)

citysportsblog.com/run-club/

Free membership, just sign a waiver. Meet at City Sports to test gear or win some in a raffle provided by sponsors. Additionally, earn \$1 in City Sports Insider Rewards for each mile you run. Choose between 3- and 5-mile routes. Several Sackler students and postdocs attend the Tuesday and Thursday meets.

# Food & Drink

# **SOWA Open Market**<sup>CD</sup>

Sundays, 10am-4pm, May through October 460 Harrison Ave, Boston MA- Free

newenglandopenmarkets.com/sowa/

Wanna get your food trucking, farmer, art, and vintage marketing on all at the same time? Check out the SOWA open market, spread out over a three block area along Harrison Avenue in the South End. Meet the folks behind the work, chat with a farmer, munch on a gourmet sandwich, and dare I say, shop.

## **Brix Wine Shop: Complimentary Wine Tastings** DW

Every Thursday and Friday, 5-7pm @ *Brix Financial District*, 105 Broad St, Boston, MA - Free brixwineshop.com/tastings/financial-district/

Every Friday, 6-8p and Saturday, 3-5pm @ *Brix South End*, 1284 Washington St, Boston - Free <a href="mailto:brixwineshop.com/tastings/southend/">brixwineshop.com/tastings/southend/</a>

# Sam Adams Brewery Tour

Tours run daily, starting regularly from 10am-3pm, until 5:30pm on Fridays 30 Germania St, Boston, MA - **\$2 suggested donation, benefits local charities** samueladams.com/brewery-and-craft/our-brewery

This is definitely more tourist-y, but there's no shame in touring one of the most popular beer brands in the United States, founded and headquartered in Boston, MA. AND you get beer!

#### Get your wine tasting on at Central Bottle CD

196 Massachusetts Avenue. Cambridge, MA 02139 - Free

centralbottle.com/wine/thursday-wine-bar/

Every Thursday evening from 5 to 9pm, Central Bottle hosts free wine tastings tastes. Doesn't get much simpler than that. Check it out! They also sell wine (and cheese).

## Check out Masa's "Brunch Fiesta"CD

Sat 10am-3pm (Fiesta Special available) / Sun 9am-3pm (Fiesta Special available until 11am) 439 Tremont St. Boston, MA

masarestaurant.com/menus/boston-brunch-menu/

It almost pains me to reveal this secret to the public, but Masa in the South End offers the best brunch special imaginable. Their "Brunch Fiesta" costs about \$10 (AFTER tip) for limitless coffee and two courses of delicious brunch with complimentary corn bread to boot. It's a feast fit for a king, but priced for a graduate student.

# **Boston events, continued**

# Food & Drink, continued

## Ball Square Fine Wines: Weekly Tastings<sup>CH</sup>

Fridays, 4:30-7:30pm

716 Broadway, Somerville, MA - Free

ballsquarefinewines.com

Our FREE Friday night wine & beer tastings have long been a Ball Square staple, and one that has only been enhanced by our store expansion and tasting bar! Join us at our Tasting Bar every Friday night as we sample wines from around the globe and specialty craft beers. Tastings are FREE and open to all 21+ years of age. (Description from website.)

## Ball Square Fine Wines: Annual Grand Tasting<sup>CH</sup>

Monday, October 20, 5-8pm

716 Broadway, Somerville, MA - Free

ballsquarefinewines.com

Don't miss out on Somerville's biggest wine event of the year! Featuring dozens of wines from all over the globe and tasting stations throughout the entire shop, welcome to a wine nerd's wonderland! (Tasting Day Discounts will apply) (Description from website.)

## **Choctoberfest at Taza Chocolate**DW

Every Saturday in October, 1-4pm

561 Windsor St, Somerville, MA - Free, RSVP link on website

tazachocolate.com/Social/Choctoberfest

Join us for Choctoberfest at the Taza Chocolate Factory Store! Stop by every Saturday in October from 1-4pm as we celebrate fall with the folks who make our favorite beer, hard cider, and cheese. Come on by and enjoy perfect fall pairings with our stone ground chocolate! (Description from website.)

## Oysters for \$1 at Les Zygomates<sup>DW</sup>

M-F 4-6pm

129 South St, Boston, MA - \$1 oysters

winebar129.com

This wine bar/restaurant is walking distance from campus in the Leather District. One half of the restaurant is currently being renovated, but the jazz bar side is still open.

# Nature & Science

# Boston University: Public Open House at the Observatory

Wednesdays, Fall & Winter: 7:30pm, Spring & Summer: 8:30pm Coit Observatory, BU, 725 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA - Free

bu.edu/astronomy/events/public-open-night-at-the-observatory/

The Public Open Night at the Observatory is a chance for people to come observe the night sky through telescopes and binoculars and see things they otherwise might not get to see, and learn some astronomy as well. The Open Nights are held most Wednesday evenings throughout the year, weather permitting. Call 617-353-2630 for more information. (Description from website.)

#### Minuteman Bike Trail<sup>CD</sup>

minutemanbikeway.org

How about a nice bike trip to get out of the City? Take your bike on the Red Line out to Alewife (except weekdays during rush hour: 7-10AM/4-7PM), and then pick up the Minuteman Bike Trail, which passes through the historic area where the American Revolution began in 1775. You'll go through Arlington, Lexington, Bedford, and then Concord. Particularly beautiful in the fall. All you bikers, walkers, skaters and runners: please keep in mind the paved trail is 10 miles one-way (and well worth it).

# Arts & Culture, cont.

# Museum Passes from the BPL<sup>CD</sup>

Boston Public Libraries - Free bpl.org/general/circulation/museum\_passes.php

Student ID doesn't get you in for free? Borrow a museum pass from the Boston Public Library for free. An online reservation system allows you to search for available passes at any BPL branch.

## The Mapparium CD

Tuesdays - Sundays 10am-4pm
The Mary Maker Eddy Library, 200 Massachusetts Ave, Boston, MA - **\$6** general admission, **\$4** student w/ ID

marybakereddylibrary.org/exhibits/map-parium

Visit the "middle of the world" inside a giant, stained glass globe. This world-famous, three-story, stained-glass globe is one of the key attractions at the Mary Baker Eddy Library. The Mapparium is available for view on a tour only. Tours of the Mapparium run every 20 minutes, lasting 15-20 minutes. The first tour of the day starts at 10:20 a.m., and the last tour starts at 4:00 p.m. (Description from website.)

# Entertainment

# The Comedy Studio<sup>CD</sup>

Tuesdays -Sundays, doors open at 7:30pm, show at 8pm

1238 Massachusetts Ave, Cambdrige, MA - \$10 W/Th/Su, \$12 Tu/F/Sa

<u>bu.edu/astronomy/events/pub-</u> lic-open-night-at-the-observatory/

Four blocks for the Harvard T station on the redline, the comedy studio is located at 1238 Massachusetts Avenue, on the third floor of the Hong Kong restaurant. All shows start at 8pm, doors open at 7:30pm. Tuesday nights is the comedy magic show and better shows tend to fall on the weekend. \$10 on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.\$12 on Tuesdays, Fridays.

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# **Tufts Century Ride**

Provost Harris aims to start a new annual tradition at Tufts.

by Alex Jones Neuro 3

The 3rd Annual Tufts Century Ride took ▲ place Sunday, September 21st. Gray skies and slick roads didn't dampen the cyclists mood, as a group of students, faculty and staff from all over Tufts University met at the starting line on the Medford campus. Sackler students, Alexander Jones Neuro and Jaclyn Dunphy Neuro3, both from the department of Neuroscience, were among them. The Century, a 100-mile ride, is a major milestone for any cyclist and for some of the cyclists that morning the Tufts Century Ride was their first. There was a festive atmosphere as the cyclists started towards Grafton, along the first hilly leg of the route. As they pedaled, one rider belted out his best approximation of Styx's 1977 hit, "Come Sail Away".

The ride, a 106-mile trip with stops in Medford, Grafton and Boston, is the brain-child of Provost David Harris. An avid cyclist himself, the Provost originally conceived of the idea as a way to get to know faculty members and visit each of the three main Tufts University campuses. The first ride had only a handful of participants—all faculty, but since then, the scope has expanded exponentially. Now the ride is open to everyone and the last two Century Rides have been large enough to necessitate the help of the Tufts Cycling Team, a small handful of administrative staff and volunteers and even a support vehicle operated by local bicycle shop Quad Cycles.

After a brief stop at the beautiful Grafton

campus to eat and stretch their legs, the riders hopped back onto their saddles and made their way back to Medford. By the fifty-mile mark the mood slipped from cheerful to determined, with a distinct lack of singing. For some of the riders, every subsequent mile pushed their personal records. By the last stretch, most of them were (with the notable exception of the Tufts Cycling Team and the Provost himself) worn out and saddle-sore. But at more than 80 miles into the ride, the toughest miles were behind them.

The past two Tufts Century rides have included shorter distances as well – the ride to Grafton to Medford, which makes up the bulk of the route, and a twenty-mile circuit into Boston and back. As those who rode the

full century prepared to leave for the last leg into Boston, they were joined by a host of fresh faces - including Sackler student Sejuti Sengupta<sup>CMP5</sup>. For these riders, the Tufts Century is the perfect opportunity to get comfortable cycling in Boston. After a short stop at the Boston Hatch Shell (the closest the route gets to Sackler's own

Boston Campus) the cyclists headed back out to Medford. At the finish line at Ballou Hall, a carbohydrate-heavy buffet and open bar awaited the cyclists. The Tufts Century Ride, which began that morning at seven was finally over at five that afternoon.

More information on the Century Ride:
Offive of the Provost: provost.tufts.
edu/tufts-century-ride/
Tufts Daily: tuftsdaily.com/
news/2014/09/22/century-ride-brings-together-tufts-bikers/

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# Sackler student publications

# Publications by Sackler students since April 2014

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To download the Tufts logo and more information on how to use it on your poster:

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