
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Tenth Issue in the Books

Dear Reader,

The Spring 2011 issue represents the last publication of the 10th volume of *TuftsScope*. It comes less than a full month after our publication of our first winter issue, and is replete with both outstanding staff and original articles.

TuftsScope's managing editor David Gennert was privileged to interview Dr. Kevin Flaherty, the Director of Clinical Research Trials at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Dr. Flaherty has been a leader in developing the next generation of cancer treatment drugs, deemed targeted therapies, for the past decade. Dr. Flaherty was showcased in a six part series in *The New York Times* over the last year, yet was still able to find the time to give a very engaging interview to *TuftsScope*.

The Spring 2011 edition covers a wide variety of pertinent health topics. Sarah Gardner and Neha Wadekar examine the ethics behind genetically engineered babies and surrogacy, respectively. Laura Corlin and Emily Clark each look at different aspects of drug regulation: how FDA drug approval leads to increased prices and drug dumping. Elena Pellicer adds another chapter to *TuftsScope*'s continuing examination of soda taxes, writing on a form of a soda tax that will improve public health beyond just reducing soda consumption.

Finally, one editorial board member of *TuftsScope*, Emily Clark, will be joining us in graduating from Tufts this May. Emily is off to DC to work as a policy communications intern at The Global Health Council in DC. As for us, Lauren-Elizabeth will be continuing her studies at Tufts in pursuit of a MPH, while Max will be joining the Department of Computer Science at Brown University to pursue his Ph.D. It has been a pleasure to serve *TuftsScope* during our careers at Tufts, and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for *TuftsScope*. However, none of our achievements over the past years would have been possible without the help of many individuals at Tufts. We would especially like to thank Professor Harry Bernheim for his invaluable advice and support, the TCU Treasury office for their commitment to *TuftsScope*, the dedicated members of the *TuftsScope* staff and, of course, the Tufts community, whose support makes *TuftsScope* possible.

Sincerely,

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