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U. students, alums join antiwar protests

BY LISA MANDLE

Brown students and alumni joined thousands of other protestors in Washington, D.C., and other cities last weekend in what may have been the largest antiwar demonstrations since the Vietnam era. Protesters said they hoped to send a message to the president that the use of military force against Iraq is not unanimously supported by the American public.

While estimates of the number of protestors present at the Washington rally ranged from tens of thousands to 500,000, the rallies made clear that "people are not really behind the war, despite what (President George W.) Bush says," said Adam Vitarello '05, who attended the protest in Washington.

The protestors weren't just aging hippies and college students, he said. There was a "big smorgasbord of people" of all backgrounds.

Four hundred people from Providence and about 70 Brown students attended the rally in Washington, estimated Andrew Sawtelle '03, who rode a bus to the demonstration with the Act Now to Stop War and End Racism coalition from Providence.

Several Brown students attended the rallies as representatives of larger political organizations, including the College Democrats, Not Another Victim Anywhere, the International Socialist Organization and Brown University



Photo courtesy of Andrew Sawtelle

Brown students and alumni were among the thousands of protestors that convened Saturday on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Faculty, Alums and Staff Against the War. Other students went with friends and family members.

James Laurie '00.5 said the protest was in some ways like a reunion because he ran into many Brown alumni and current students. Laurie's "concern for civilian casualties and the economic cost of war" motivated him to attend.

Sawtelle said he attended the rally to

show the Bush administration that "they don't really have a mandate anymore from Sept. 11 and that the public is more savvy of the world."

The political views of the people at the march, though all opposed to war, were very broad, Sawtelle added. Some protestors were strongly anti-Bush, while others

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Director of ResLife resigns unexpectedly over break

BY SARA PERKINS

Director of Residential Life Donald Desrochers abruptly resigned from his position in early January. The Office of Campus Life appointed Katherine Tameo, then manager of finance and administration for the Office of Student Life, as acting director.

Desrochers' resignation was unexpected, said Dean for Campus Life Margaret Jablonski, who selected Tameo as a "short-term appointment." Meanwhile, Jablonski said the Office of Campus Life is looking into applying for an exception to the University's hiring freeze, which has blocked all new non-academic hires since late December.

Desrochers, who worked at the University for 25 years, left "for personal reasons, for family and health considerations," Jablonski said.

ResLife oversees student housing, including first-year assignments, the housing lottery and off-campus housing permission.

"We're sad to see (Desrochers) go," said Sanders Kleinfeld, chair of Residential Council and a Herald columnist. "He's been very supportive of ResCouncil. He takes student suggestions to heart."

Last semester, Desrochers and ResCouncil cooperated on shortening the

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President Simmons hits the road on Brown's behalf

Simmons criticizes Bush policy at MLK Jr. breakfast in Chicago

BY XIYUN YANG

CHICAGO — President Ruth Simmons openly criticized President George W. Bush's policies and lauded faith in social progress last Friday during an event at the Chicago Hilton and Towers Hotel honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

Simmons gave the keynote address at the 17th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Breakfast held by the city of Chicago. The event honored King's vision of unity by bringing together community, religious and political leaders for a morning of prayer and speeches.

Mayor of Chicago Richard M. Daley and many local spiritual leaders attended the event.

Daley introduced Simmons as a "scholar, academic leader and a shining example of the power of education to transform people." Various religious leaders speaking at the event celebrated the social progress made since King's time, while Simmons focused on what still needs to be improved.

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San Francisco high school students engaged by Ruth

BY CARLA BLUMENKRANZ

SAN FRANCISCO — It's a long way from University Hall to the crooked hills of San Francisco, but inside the library of the city's Burton High School, the students seemed just the same — eager to hear from President Ruth Simmons.

In truth, the 50 teenagers pulled out of class and into the library on Jan. 7 come from far different circumstances than most Brown students, but they share their academic drive.

Generally underprivileged and from the inner city, these high school students all participate in Young Scholars, a college preparatory program that has brought them scholar Cornel West as a guest speaker and taken them as far as an Ivy League tour last spring.

According to Simmons, these distances are precisely the ones worth traveling. Growing up in Houston, she and her siblings were "defined by five or six blocks and, when we walked to school, we were terrified," she said. "We were confined to our area. That was all we knew."

It was language study in high school and college that ultimately taught her the expanse of the world and her own abilities, Simmons told the students. "Once I understood I could go from zero to a complete understanding of a system of expression, no one could ever convince

me again that I was stupid," she said.

All 350 Young Scholars study languages at their high schools, which are spread across the San Francisco Bay Area. Under the eye of program director Jackie Rushing, they also map out four-year plans, participate in summer internships and maintain at least 3.0 grade point averages as they set their sights on competitive colleges across the country.

Students who fill out the program's brief application tend to be accepted, Burton junior Reggie Hayes said.

But Simmons had plenty of questions for the students.



Photo courtesy of Allison Lauterbach

President Ruth Simmons held San Francisco high school students at rapt attention during an informal talk over Brown's winter recess.

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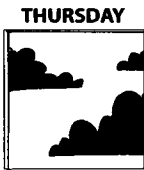
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FRIDAY
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Low 7
light snow



SATURDAY
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Low 9
partly cloudy

GRAPHICS BY TED WU

CALENDAR

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OPEN HOURS — to obtain information from the Department of Special Services. Third World Center, 11:30 a.m.

FLU SHOTS — will be given until 5:00 pm to anyone with a Brown ID. Hall of Fame Room, Olney Margolies Athletic Center, noon

LECTURE — "Long-Run Development and the Legacy of Colonialism in Spanish America," Jim Mahoney, Brown. Dining room 7 p.m., Ratty, noon

OPEN OFFICE HOURS — with President Ruth Simmons. Office of the President, 4 p.m.

RECITAL — featuring applied music voice students performing works by Donizetti, Schubert, Barber, Puccini, Mozart, and others. Grant Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

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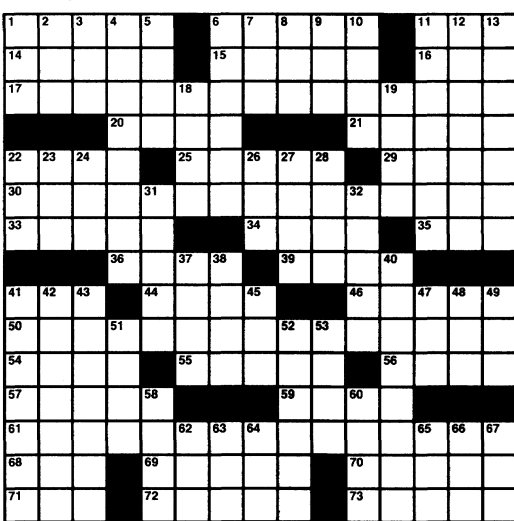
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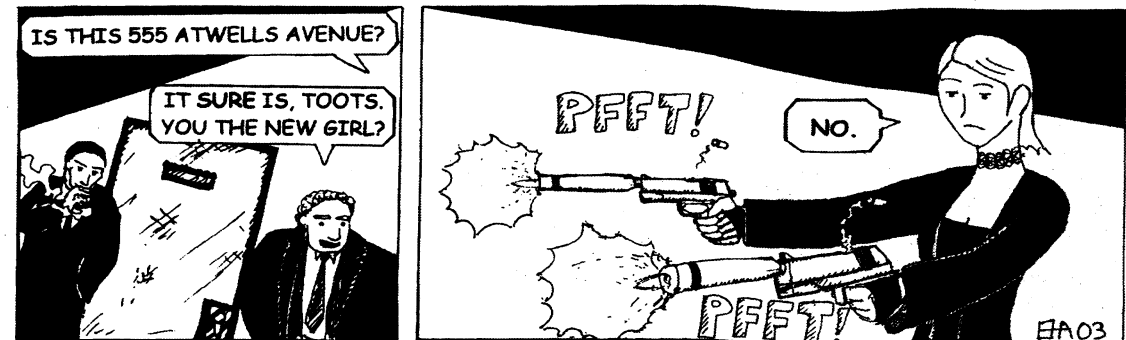
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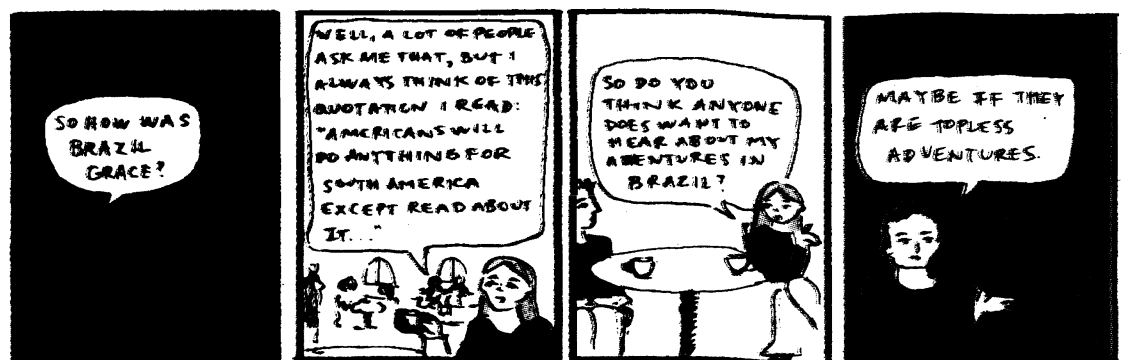
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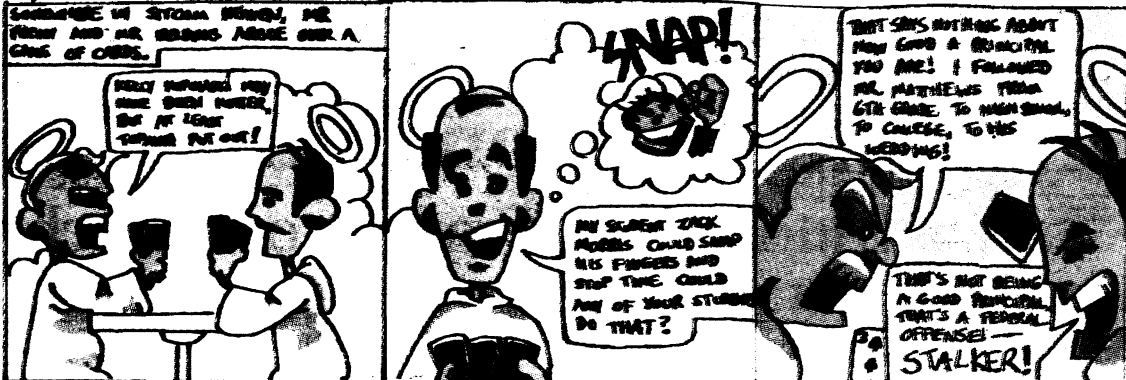
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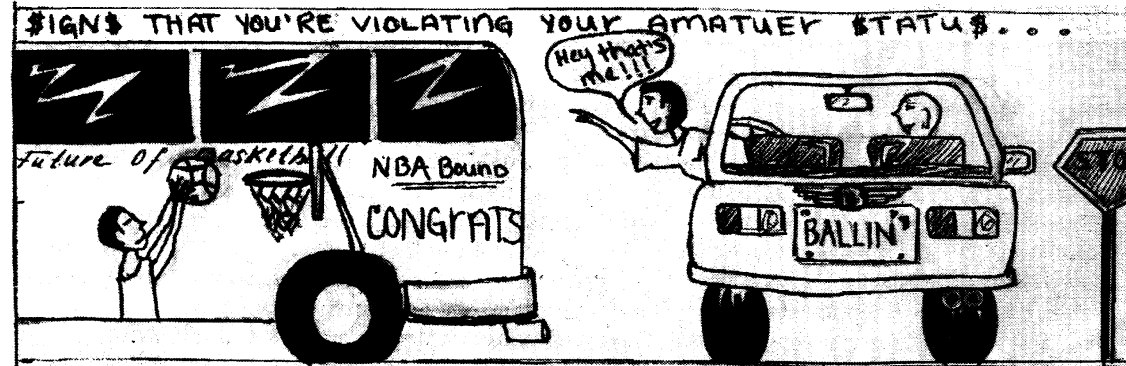
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DINNER — Vegetarian Squash Bisque, Turkey & Wild Rice Soup, Chili Con Carne, Lasagna with Sauce, Oven Browned Potatoes, Belgian Carrots, Sauteed Broccoli with Garlic, Herb & Cheese Bread, Chocolate Cherry Upside Down Cake

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ACADEMIC WATCH

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IN BRIEF

Rhode Island hospital to establish a cancer research program

Rhode Island Hospital recently received an \$8.2 million grant under the Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence Program to establish a cancer research program. The grant will fund a number of pilot and full research projects dealing with gastrointestinal and liver cancer as well as proteomics research and a tissue bank.

Douglas Hixson, a professor at the Brown Medical School, is the principal investigator. The grant will also benefit the faculty who work in the center.

The grant will "set up an incubator for young investigators that will provide them with the equipment, the infrastructure and the mentoring they need to get their own independently funded grants and move on in their research career," Hixson said.

There will be a number of pilot projects, at \$50,000 a year, and four full projects, which will receive double that sum. When researchers get their own funding, they will move out of the full project, allowing another researcher to replace them.

The grant also supports three teams, Hixson said. An administrative team will direct the activities of the center, including grant-writing workshops, symposiums, seminar series and a variety of other similar activities.

A proteomics corps will provide cutting edge equipment for analyzing how proteins change when a normal cell becomes a cancer cell. "With that technology, we hope to find new markers for diagnosis or for early detection and/or for treatment," Hixson said.

A molecular pathology corps will provide a tissue bank to store and catalog extremely valuable human and animal tissues, Hixson said. It will also provide state of the art services, like laser capture micro-dissection.

Rhode Island Hospital will also build a new clinical cancer center, Hixson said. "That, together with this center, should give us everything we need to apply for an NIH comprehensive cancer center grant," he said.

"We're very excited about the possibilities that this new center offers. It's a research arm to match the clinical arm," he said.

— Stephanie Harris

Alcohol and marijuana users at risk of injury

BY STEPHANIE HARRIS

People who drink alcohol and use marijuana are more likely to sustain injuries than users of either substance alone or non-users, according to a recent study led by Robert Woolard, an associate professor at the Brown Medical School.

The study, which was published in the January issue of Academic Emergency Medicine, showed that of 433 injured patients considered problem drinkers, those who smoke marijuana had more injuries and negative consequences than those who did not.

"Many people believe that marijuana is safe, and they're right in that it doesn't lead to injuries, but when you use alcohol and marijuana, it's additive. In fact, there are higher injury rates and problems that people need to be aware of," Woolard said.

Woolard has been involved in research that provides counseling to people who come into the emergency room with alcohol-related injuries. He found that 47 percent of those patients used marijuana, which led him to study the relationship between alcohol and marijuana use and injuries more deeply, he said.

Experts in the field do not know why such a large percentage of patients use marijuana as well, Woolard said. He said he hopes to look into this question in future research. But he does have a theory he developed partially from his knowledge of the habits of adolescents, which he learned from his own children, he said.

"One theory we had is that these are party people," Woolard said. "Alcohol and marijuana are available at

every party they go to. It seemed like a common activity for young people." The availability of alcohol and marijuana in the same environments may lead a person to use both, which then can lead to an increased likelihood for injury, he said. Many of the patients were young, including a large number of college students, the report said.

Woolard said the research took into account other factors that could increase the risk of injury. The researchers looked at a scale of risky behaviors and impulsiveness to get a sense of whether the patients often took risks such as skydiving, Woolard said. Even when they controlled for age, sex and other factors, marijuana use still proved to be significant.

The study was conducted at Rhode Island Hospital. Injured patients who were intoxicated, were carrying alcohol on them or scored highly on a standard screen for hazardous drinking were asked a series of questions about their lifestyle, including whether they used marijuana. The researchers targeted the night and weekend shifts, when most of the intoxicated injured patients come in.

Woolard said this latest research will help him tailor his counseling to more accurately target patients' issues. "Our counseling, which focused on alcohol, was missing a big factor," he said. Woolard plans to try a new intervention for alcohol and marijuana, he said. "We're hoping that intervention will reduce injuries."

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Brown profs. urge later school starts

BY AYANA MORALES

High school students across the country may have a Brown professor to thank for later school start times.

Mary Carskadon, professor of psychiatry and human behavior at Brown and director of sleep and chronobiology at Bradley Hospital in East Providence, is a sleep specialist conducting a series of studies on the effects of sleeping patterns on the body during puberty.

"Many young people are carrying a sleep deficit in their brain and then have trouble in school with their grades and trouble with their moods," Carskadon said.

Teenagers in high school are going through major changes in their life that affect their sleeping patterns, she said. As the pressure to achieve academically and socially increases, high school students often push back the time they go to sleep. Teachers are then plagued the next day with sleep deprived students struggling to keep their eyes open.

"New analysis shows that the 'sleep system' inside the brain is changing during puberty, and hence makes it eas-

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Simmons' own talk lasted for about half an hour, and was packed with academic advice. Work hard in high school, avoid gut courses in college and attend the most rigorous university you can, she told the Young Scholars. "Even if it's in Antarctica, go," she said.

In rapt attention at the back of the library, the students in Suzette Ross's French class were not in the Young Scholars program, nor were they invited to the assembly.

But Ross brought them anyway.

"You want inspiration?" Ross asked, turning to her students. "Here it is."

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Photo courtesy of Allison Lauterbach

President Simmons encouraged students to attend college with high academic standards no matter how far from home.

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ier to stay up," Carskadon said. Teenagers need at least eight to nine hours of sleep a night, but aren't getting it, she said.

Schools in certain states have tried to solve this problem by pushing back the start time of classes. Maureen Zolubos, chairwoman of the School Starting Time Committee in Needham County, Mass., told The Boston Globe she is concerned that stu-

dents need more sleep during puberty. Her committee will bring recommendations for later start times for middle and high school before the superintendent.

Carskadon and her associates surveyed the sleeping patterns of 3,000 Rhode Island high school students. They determined students are getting much less sleep than they need and that sleep deprived students are more likely to get low grades in school. They also found a strong association between depression and lack of sleep, Carskadon said.

As a result of their sleeping patterns, many teenagers have in extreme cases developed Delayed Sleep Phase Syndrome, where individuals take much longer than average to fall asleep.

To confirm the accuracy of the surveys, Carskadon measured the amount of sleep some students received with wrist activity monitors that recorded when a person was asleep or awake. The data obtained confirmed the surveyed reports.

Carskadon next plans to study the sleeping habits of college students.

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fervent tone of social and political criticism surged through Simmons' speech. Simmons condemned social disinterest and the disappearance of selflessness and referred to King as "our prophet" who martyred himself for the freedom of others.

She described our current society as one submerged in its prized "modern me-isms." Individualism has been distorted into a starkly unitary interest in oneself, Simmons said. Parents who refuse to shoulder the responsibilities of parenting and individuals vainly engrossed "in the pursuit of social status" bring about the erosion of community, she said.

Simmons said that King had an "ardent and unfailing faith" in the potential for social change and justice, a faith that we have lost as a society. Without faith, the capacity for social progress diminishes. Simmons encouraged open debate as a catalyst for social awareness, an awareness that battles against stagnation.

The audience received her views with frequent and enthusiastic murmuring and applause, which increased in volume as Simmons unapologetically criticized the current presidential administration.

"Why does our government feel the need to make rich people even richer?" Simmons asked in a pointed attack on President Bush's recently unveiled economic policies.

"We are only as worthy as our actions toward the poor," she said. Simmons spoke of being hound-

ed by the press seeking a reaction to President Bush's recent assault on affirmative action.

She raised her voice and threw up her hands to another sea of applause saying, "What do you think my response is?" Simmons referred to the president's actions as a hindrance to the momentum of social progress.

Simmons questioned our success as a nation and offered to define success beyond the excessive bulk of our SUV's and military arsenal.

A successful government must be one that seeks to "improve the lives of many rather than the few," Simmons said.

The prevalence of racial profiling in our social system proves that King's vision has still yet to be realized, she said. Simmons also compared the American early education and health care programs to their much more effective European counterparts, concluding that as a nation we are not realizing our full potential.

Simmons completed her speech with a quote by King asking society to instill faith in "reconciliation, redemption and the spirit of the community."

After the event, Cardinal Francis George told The Herald that he admired Simmons for her emphasis on "the ability to sacrifice in a time of social disinterest."

Daley said Simmons was an "extraordinary individual whose passion on the subjects of which she speaks was matched only by the powerful response from the audience."

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CAMPUS NEWS

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Zach Frechette / Herald

Transfer and visiting students brave cold weather to pass through the Vanwinkle gates during the mid-year version of the annual fall tradition.

U. welcomes transfers, visiting students

BY JAMAY LIU

Transfer and visiting students made their move to Brown official Tuesday with a march through the Van Wickle Gates and a welcome address by Dean of the College Paul Armstrong.

Forty-three transfers, seven visiting students and one deferred freshman entered Brown this semester, said Associate Dean of the College Margaret Klawunn, who organized the orientation program for mid-year arrivals with Associate Dean of the College Carol Cohen.

The orientation program, which began Sunday, included advising meetings, workshops and tours. Convocation yesterday included the march through

the gates accompanied by the Brown Band, followed by a luncheon in Leung Gallery, with welcoming remarks by Armstrong.

Although there was some talk last year of eliminating the mid-year program, Klawunn said, in the end they decided to continue it.

"The mid-year crowd always bonds very strongly," Cohen said.

Jeff Carleton '03, one of twelve transfer counselors, said that transferring second semester is harder because "social activities are already in full swing."

Transfer counselors — a total of 12 this year — try to

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Four Yale students die in car crash

BY JULIETTE WALLACK

The Friday car crash that took the lives of four Yale University undergraduates happened more than 100 miles from Providence, but, despite the distance, the Brown community shared in Yale's grief.

Of the five surviving students, three have been released from the hospital. There were no other fatalities in the accident that involved four vehicles in total after the driver of a tractor-trailer rig lost control on the icy road and crossed into the southbound lane of Interstate 95, according to the Yale Daily News.

"I know I speak for all of us when I express my profound grief and sadness at these tragic events and pray for the injured to make a full and speedy recovery," wrote Linda Koch Lorimer, secretary of Yale, in an e-mail sent to the entire Yale community last Saturday. On Friday, 400 people attended a gathering in Yale's gymnasium.

Yale College Dean Richard Brodhead called the day "as black a day as I have ever experienced" during his time at Yale, the Daily News reported. "This kind of day gave you an education we never intended to give you," Brodhead said.

Members of the Yale community spent the days after the accident attending memorial services for junior Sean Fenton and sophomores Kyle Burnat, Andrew Dwyer and Nicholas Grass. The university provided transportation to Dwyer's memorial in New York and Grass' funeral mass and wake in Massachusetts. Yale has also provided numerous support systems including counseling and residential college gatherings for grieving students.

The accident shook the Yale student body, which returned for the beginning of the spring semester last week. And even as Brown students prepared to migrate back to Providence — some along the same stretch of I-95 on which the accident occurred — the incident hit home for many when the Yale athletic department postponed the men's basketball game versus Brown. The game was scheduled to take place in New Haven on Friday evening.

According to Brown men's basketball coach Glen Miller, "Anytime you have a tragedy like that, you have to postpone at least one day until you get everything under control."

No members of the Yale basketball team were involved in the crash, and the game was postponed for only one day. Miller, whose team went on to win 78-66 over Yale, said

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New Career Services director plans creative changes

BY JULIA ZUCKERMAN

Kimberly DelGizzo, currently an associate director of Career Services at Harvard University, will become Brown's new director of Career Services in early March.

DelGizzo plans to spend her first weeks or months on the job "getting a feel for what's happening now" and developing a "vision to move forward."

But she has some plans in mind already, including an effort to find "creative ways to integrate (Career Services) with the academic environment," she said. She said while some people don't see career planning as an integral part of college students' experiences, it can be made part of Brown's liberal arts education.

As part of this initiative, Career Services may work with academic departments to develop specific programs for concentrators and graduate students, she said.

With 16 years of experience overseeing career counseling for college students, DelGizzo said she is looking forward to working with the Career Services staff as well as faculty and administrators to help Career Services grow and improve its programs.

The search for a new Career Services director began last August. DelGizzo said she "wasn't actively looking for a position," but was approached by Harvard's director of Career Services after he heard of the opening.

"The more conversations I had with more people, the more interested I became," she said.

A search committee chaired by Associate Dean for Summer Studies Karen Sibley '81 that included students, faculty and administrators, reviewed the candidates and recommended three finalists. Dean of the College Paul Armstrong made the final decision to select DelGizzo.

Armstrong called DelGizzo "exactly the person we need."

"She has a real vision for how the kind of liberal arts education that we offer at Brown helps get students ready for a variety of careers," he said.

At Harvard, DelGizzo focuses on placement for graduate students and for undergraduate students pursuing graduate degrees. Her experience with graduate student placement was another reason she was selected, Armstrong said, adding that he and Dean of the Graduate School Karen Newman believe the University needs to do more to support graduate students.

DelGizzo emphasized the importance of a "reactive and proactive" approach to career development in a tough job

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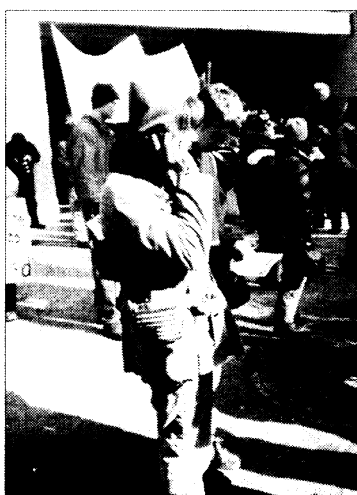
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Police maintained a heavy presence at the "very peaceful" protests, making few arrests (left). Saturday's demonstration attracted a "smorgasbord of people" (right).



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Protests

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wanted Bush to just "cool it," he said. Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rep. John Coyers Jr., D-Mich., and other

prominent public figures spoke to the crowd before the march left the National Mall for the Washington Navy Yard, Vitarello said. The march also passed through some of Washington's lower income areas, supposedly a first for a rally that started in the Mall, Vitarello said.

Actor Martin Sheen of "The West Wing" and singer Joan Baez made appearances at the rally in San Francisco that several Brown students attended.

Despite the large number of people and their many different views, the protest in Washington was "very peaceful," Sawtelle said. The police present at the rally made few arrests and respected the public's right to demonstrate, Vitarello said.

The activist group Brown University Faculty, Alums and Staff Against the War will host a series of on-campus forums in the coming months to educate the community about the war and encourage debate, said Dean DeHart, a member of the group's steering committee and husband of Evelyn Hu-DeHart, director of the Center for Race and Ethnicity in America at Brown.

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the atmosphere during the game was not at all different from a Brown-Yale match-up during normal circumstances. The only difference, he said, was a pre-game ceremony that recognized the students killed.

"Aside from that two-minute period then, I didn't notice anything different," he said.

"The intensity (from) the crowd and Yale, I thought, was no different than it normally was," Miller said. "That's what sporting events are good for," he added. "You can get into the game emotionally, as a player and as a fan. After the game was over, I'm sure their minds, or many of them, were right back to the tragedy."

Miller said this week's home game against Yale will be played as scheduled, but had the Yale administration asked to postpone last Friday's game for a longer period of time, "we wouldn't have been opposed to whatever they suggested."

The Yale team did not lose any members, but Miller said he thought Yale's request to postpone the game was an effort to simply get extra time to deal with the tragedy.

It was 5 a.m. last Friday when an SUV driven by Fenton crashed into a jackknifed truck. Fenton was driving eight other Yale students back to New Haven from a Delta Kappa Epsilon event in New York City. All nine men were either members or pledges of the fraternity, according to the Daily News.

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Glen Miller

Brown men's basketball coach

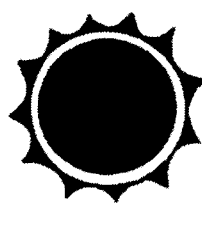
About 500 people attended the memorial service for Fenton held on Yale's campus, including senior Meg Reuland. Reuland told The Herald that Fenton was simply "friends with everybody."

"What came out at his memorial was how generous he was," Reuland said.

Reuland met Fenton through his characteristic generosity when he volunteered to help her set up her off-campus computer access. Fenton, a California native and a former football player who quit the team to focus on computers, worked for Yale as a computer assistant. Though Fenton was not required to help Reuland set up her computer system and was not paid for his time, he did so and came to know Reuland and her housemates as a result, she said.

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IN BRIEF

Abortion providers fewest in 30 years

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — The number of U.S. abortion providers has fallen to its lowest level in three decades, a trend many physicians ascribe to a hostile political environment, hospital mergers and a lack of enthusiasm for teaching the procedure at most medical schools.

In 2000, nearly 30 years after the Supreme Court legalized abortion, researchers at the Alan Guttmacher Institute say, there were just 1,819 physicians performing abortions, down from 2,000 four years earlier. The new survey, released on the eve of Wednesday's 30th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision, also found that 87 percent of the counties in the United States do not have a single abortion provider.

Over the same four-year period, the number of abortions dipped slightly, from 1.36 million to 1.31 million in 2000, the most recent statistics available. Ninety percent of the abortions in the United States were done in the first trimester.

Guttmacher researcher Lawrence Finer said the results reflect a mixed picture. "The availability of new contraceptive methods is helping avoid unintended pregnancies," he said.

"In other instances, though," Finer said, anti-abortion activists have thwarted efforts to "establish basic abortion services" in some communities. "That has had a direct impact."

About 6 percent of the Guttmacher Institute's budget comes from Planned Parenthood, which supports abortion rights, and 20 percent comes from the federal government.

Abortion rights opponents said they do not dispute the statistics in the survey. They said the statistics are positive indicators that women and physicians are turning away from a procedure they find morally reprehensible.

Abortion rights advocates, however, said that in a nation in which 44 percent of women will have at least one abortion, the dwindling number of trained providers is tantamount to a denial of basic health services.

"Even though the goal is to make abortion less necessary, reproductive health care is totally incomplete without the component of pregnancy termination and abortion," said Kate Michelman, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America.

Leaders of the anti-abortion Christian Medical Association disputed the need for abortion training. Kathi Aultman, a Florida doctor who performed abortions until the birth of her child, said it is a mistake to suggest that a drop in abortion training jeopardizes women's health.

"I don't think women are at risk just because doctors are not getting abortion training," she said. Residents can learn the basic abortion procedure while treating miscarriages, she said, rather than "learning on a live fetus."

In the two decades immediately after the landmark Roe decision, the number of doctors doing abortions climbed from 2,005, in 1974, to a high of 2,908, in 1982, according to the nonpartisan institute, which conducts extensive surveys on reproductive health. But in the past 10 years, the number has steadily declined as older doctors retired and fewer incoming physicians filled the ranks.

Bush stance on Iraq puts U.S. at odds with overseas allies

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — The endgame has begun — not only with Iraq, but also with America's friends.

By escalating his threats against Baghdad, and insisting he's unwilling to participate in "the rerun of a bad movie," President Bush is serving notice on Iraqi President Saddam Hussein that the time for prevarication is over. More immediately, he's also signaling U.S. allies that he's prepared to go to war with Iraq without their approval.

The increasingly bellicose White House rhetoric puts the Bush administration sharply at odds with many of its European allies, particularly France, which has threatened to veto a second United Nations Security Council resolution authorizing a war with Iraq over its weapons of mass destruction. Even British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Bush's most loyal supporter, has called for U.N. weapons inspectors to be given the "time and space" to complete their work.

There remains a possibility that a "smoking gun" will emerge that will persuade the French and other allies of the case for early military action. For now, however, the United States faces the prospect of fighting a major war with little international support. Less than three months after winning a unanimous Security Council vote that gave Saddam one "last chance" to surrender his nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons, the United States and Britain find themselves diplomatically isolated.

The White House hope is that a spirited show of U.S.

determination will persuade reluctant allies to fall into line, rather than miss a chance to shape the future of the Middle East. In his remarks Tuesday, Bush recalled predictions by "many of the punditry" prior to the Nov. 8 Security Council vote that "no one is going to follow the United States of America." In the end, he noted, the Security Council followed the American lead.

There is, however, a difference between the last time around and this time around, according to foreign policy analyst Ivo Daalder of the Brookings Institution. Although the Nov. 8 vote demanding that Iraq cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors was unanimous, it masked deep divisions among Security Council members over the threshold for military action against Iraq and the length of time inspections should be allowed to continue before declaring Baghdad to be in "material breach" of its obligations. As war gets closer, these divisions have burst into the open.

Bush and his advisers are determined to avoid a repeat of the cat-and-mouse game that Iraq played with U.N. inspectors during the 1990s, when it dribbled out information about its weapons programs only under extreme duress. "Surely our friends have learned lessons from the past," Bush said, referring to French claims that Iraq is cooperating with the inspectors. "It appears to be a rerun of a bad movie. He is delaying. He is deceiving. He is asking for time. He is playing hide-and-seek with the inspectors."

One American dies in ambush at U.S. military base in Kuwait

DOHA, Qatar (L.A. Times) — Two Americans were ambushed Tuesday as they drove to work at a U.S. military base in Kuwait, in an attack that has shaken residents of this conservative oil-rich sheikdom and sent shivers through a region bracing for war.

Michael Rene Pouliot, 46, a software executive for Tapestry Solutions of San Diego, was killed instantly, and David Caraway, a software engineer at the same company, suffered multiple gunshot wounds. Investigators said their four-wheel drive vehicle had two dozen bullet holes.

The attack was apparently launched from behind a row of greenery adjacent to the roadway as the victims' vehicle was stopped for a traffic light on the outskirts of Kuwait City, en route to Camp Doha, where they were military contractors. The assailant is believed to have fled by car. No group immediately claimed responsibility.

The shooting is the latest in a series of attacks against American citizens in the region. It comes as thousands of U.S. troops are massing in the country and elsewhere in the Persian Gulf area for a possible invasion of Iraq.

The attack under scores a strong, and growing, anti-American sentiment in the Arab world, one that has focused on so-called "soft targets," unarmed, unprotected, unsuspecting civilians. In recent weeks, a nursing aide was shot in the head in a clinic in Lebanon; a diplomat was murdered as he stepped from his home in Amman, Jordan; and three Baptist missionaries were gunned down inside a hospital they ran in Yemen. All were Americans.

"We will work closely with Kuwaiti authorities to determine who is behind it," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said about Tuesday's attack. "It's a reminder of the danger and the risk that our service men and women face every day in service to our country."

Perhaps more troublesome for U.S. policymakers is that the attacks — and provocations against Americans — are occurring with increasing frequency in countries that are considered close American allies. Kuwait owes its independence in large measure to American military might. In Egypt, which receives nearly \$2 billion annually in American aid, a weekly newspaper recently ran a story claiming the United States planned to bomb Islam's holiest site — the Ka'ba in Mecca, Saudi Arabia — in the event of an attack on Iraq.

"It is completely irrelevant the attack was carried out by Islamists," said Mohammed al Musfir, a political analyst at Qatar University. "The point is it was carried out by Kuwaitis in Kuwait."

In a written statement issued by the U.S. embassy in Kuwait after the attack, Ambassador Richard Jones condemned the shooting as "a terrorist incident which has tragically cost the life of an innocent American citizen."

Two young Kuwaiti men were killed last October after they shot dead one U.S. Marine and wounded a second in an attack on the offshore Kuwaiti island of Failaka. In the investigation that followed, five others were arrested and accused of being members of a terrorist cell.



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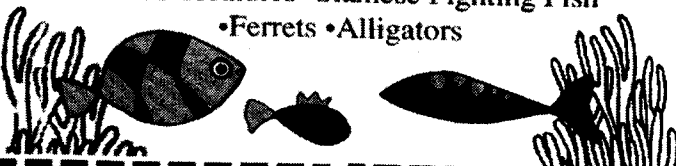
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Bush calls allies' stance on Iraq a 'rerun of a bad movie'

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — Increasingly impatient with resistance from key allies, President Bush Tuesday called their challenges to U.S. policy on Iraq a "rerun of a bad movie" and pledged to take on Saddam Hussein militarily if he does not fully disarm.

"This business about time, how much time do we need to see clearly that he's not disarming?" Bush said, bristling with irritation.

"He is delaying. He is deceiving. He is asking for time. He's playing hide and seek with inspectors. One thing for sure is, he's not disarming," Bush told reporters after talks with economists on his tax-cutting package. "Surely our friends have learned lessons from the past. ... This looks like a rerun of a bad movie and I'm not interested in watching it."

Bush's remarks were part of the administration's offensive, launched Tuesday, to convince public opinion both at home and abroad that Iraq should be disarmed quickly. It also included a blistering counter-attack against critics of military intervention in Iraq and the issuance of a 33-page document detailing Iraq's alleged history of deceit and deception in dealing with the United Nations.

As Bush talked tough, the Pentagon ordered the deployment of two more Navy aircraft carrier battle groups, whose arrival in the Persian Gulf region will double the size of carriers deployed to within striking distance of Iraq.

Defense officials said the administration is considering dispatching two others carriers, critical for naval air power

independent of land bases, for a total of six carriers and their support ships. Each carrier supports 70 to 80 warplanes.

The carrier deployment came on the heels of a new Pentagon deployment of another 37,000 troops, including elements of the Texas-based 4th Infantry Division. It is the Army's most modernized infantry division, equipped with the military's most sophisticated command and control and communications systems.

The new deployment brings the total number of troops dispatched to the Persian Gulf and Mediterranean since late December to 125,000.

Bush vowed, "in the name of peace," that the United States will keep diplomatic and military pressure on Iraq until Saddam surrenders all his nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and ballistic missiles. Iraq denies that it still has any weapons of mass destruction.

But noting that "time is running out," Bush said that the United States will lead a so-called coalition of the willing to disarm Iraq if it continues to "play hide and seek."

"Make no mistake about that, he will be disarmed," Bush added.

Bush also predicted that the United States will eventually garner wider support, despite growing antiwar protests and public opinion polls at home and overseas showing minority support for military action without U.N. backing.

"It is very much like what happened prior to our getting a resolution out of the United Nations. Many of the punditry were quick to say, 'No one is going to follow the United

States.' And we got a unanimous resolution out of the United Nations," he said.

The administration launched its public relations offensive in the nervous run-up to two major events next week that could be decisive junctures in the showdown with Iraq. On Monday, chief weapons inspector Hans Blix will deliver his widely anticipated report on Iraqi cooperation to the U.N. Security Council. Bush will give his annual State of the Union speech on Tuesday.

Returning to New York Tuesday after weekend meetings with top Iraqi military officials in Baghdad, Blix said Iraq has imposed heavy conditions on the use of U-2 spy planes to assist the inspections and has still not answered basic questions about gaps in its 12,000-page declaration that was supposed to give a final accounting of its deadliest arms.

Iraq wants to dispatch its own aircraft to accompany the U-2 aircraft. It also wants a halt to flights by U.S. and British planes to guarantee protection for northern and southern Iraq, a provision in place since 1991 to prevent the regime's repression of Kurds in the north and Shiites in the south.

"In some respects there is not cooperation," Blix told reporters at Kennedy Airport. "And in other matters, there is a fair amount of assistance."

The Swedish diplomat indicated his report would provide a mixed evaluation. "It will be a description of what we are achieving and the problems we are facing. All the latest things will be in there," he said.

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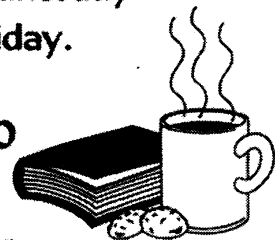
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Northeast in deep freeze

(L.A. Times) — Bitter Arctic cold magnified by stiff winds numbed the Northeast on Tuesday, with weather so foul that even meteorologists in a mountaintop observatory in New Hampshire were temporarily stranded.

Millions bundled up, homeless shelters were crowded and phone lines for reporting insufficient heat in buildings were jammed. Cars wouldn't start, and stores reported brisk sales of ice-melting chemicals, portable heaters, propane torches and long underwear.

The frigid weather, which has lasted eight days, has caused heating oil prices to rise, and forecasters promise no relief for the freeze until at least the weekend.

"If you walk outside in your sneakers when it hits 40 below, the soles will get stiff and break right in half," said Andrea Grant, a meteorologist at the private, non-profit Mount Washington Observatory, which sits atop the tallest peak in the Northeast, at 6,288 feet.

"We've had the jet stream move south. We're getting a ton of air from the North Pole, and it's just sitting here," Grant said. As she spoke, instruments measured a wind gust of 103 mph. The wind-chill temperature, which represents the combined effects of wind and cold on living things, was 70 below zero.

Adding to the misery were ice and a dense fog that has lasted for six days.

Grant said a neighbor in Berlin, N.H., phoned to say the pipes were freezing in some homes.

Close to the Canadian border, in Caribou, Maine, National Weather Service meteorologist Vic Nouhan said the agency's climate experts had predicted above-normal temperatures for January.

"I would say that one is going down in flames," he added.

In New York City, 8,212 single adults crowded into shelters Monday night — the most since the winter of 1991. As the cold

continued, advocates for the homeless criticized the city and warned that the numbers could rise.

"We have had monitors out every night," said Patrick Markee, senior policy analyst at the Coalition for the Homeless. "We see homeless men with mental illness waiting for 12 hours to get a shelter bed. They are forced frequently to sleep on a bare mattress. They are not given a locker, a towel so they can bathe."

"There is a need for significant improvements at the front door of the shelter system."

Eliza Greenberg, head of Boston's Emergency Shelters Commission, said the city was on high alert because of the Arctic cold front. Several homeless shelters in the Boston area temporarily changed their policy, allowing clients to remain indoors because of the cold.

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino assigned extra housing inspectors to investigate no-heat calls.

How cold was it?

Thermometers recorded a temperature of minus 26 before dawn in Watertown, N.Y. At a ski area in Jay, Vt., the afternoon temperature was 14 below zero. The last time the mercury climbed above freezing in New York City was Jan. 13, and a wind-chill of minus 10 was expected in some suburbs.

"These days, some of the newer cars have the outside temperature on the dashboard," said Robert Diamond, a corporate senior advisor who lives in Scarsdale, N.Y., a short commute from Manhattan. "It becomes a fascination as you are watching the numbers go down."

"The difference between this year and many other years isn't the snow. It is the penetrating cold."

To protect against the cold, Stan Tice, a Manhattan private detective, wore a hat, turtleneck sweater, vest, scarf, warm pants and heavy shoes on Tuesday.

"When you do a stakeout in this kind of weather, you have to keep your feet moving," he said. "Tap dancing is a survival trait."

The frigid weather has helped drive up the price of heating oil for future delivery, said Jeff Mower, editor in chief of Platts Oilgram Price Report.

He said that on Jan. 8, contracts on the New York Mercantile Exchange for a gallon of heating oil were 83.21 cents. On Tuesday, the figure was 89.47 cents.

However, he said increased demand did not signal a shortage of the fuel, which is used to heat many homes in the region.

"Right now in the Northeast, there are about 52 million or 53 million barrels, according to the Department of Energy, which isn't low," Mower reported. "Nothing dangerous."

Throughout the Northeast, the weather service warned that frostbite was a real possibility — for people as well as pets.

"This is not a night to let your pets outside, regardless of how mischievous they can be," said Jason Allard, acting New Hampshire state climatologist.

At Le Chien Pet Salon in Manhattan, store manager Edward Alava said cold-weather clothing such as scarves, cashmere sweaters, boots and mink coats for dogs (at \$595, depending on the size) were selling briskly. Back atop Mount Washington, the shift normally changes every Wednesday, when a 12-passenger snow tractor makes it up the slope.

The trip, scheduled for Wednesday, was being postponed, said Scott Henley, the weather station's marketing manager.

Grant said even after staff members had turned on an extra furnace, the temperature inside was 59 degrees, and she was wearing three or four layers of clothing.

But Grant said she had seen worse. "I spent a year down in Antarctica," she said.

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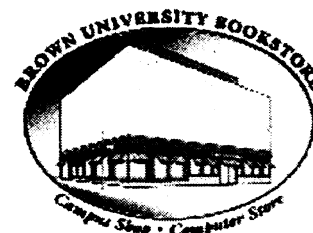
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Enrollment is limited to 60 students. There will be one lecture (Tuesdays) and one discussion session (Thursdays) each week. The course is limited to first- and second-year students.

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Mid-year

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ease the transition process by organizing social events, serving as advisors and just being "familiar faces," said Lanie Wurzel '03, co-chair of the transfer orientation program with Michael Just '03.

Sarah Kroesser, a transfer stu-

dent from New York University, said she has wanted to go to Brown since middle school.

"I'm really excited about the way the courses are laid out here, and how you can pick the courses you want to take," she said. "That's definitely not how it was like at NYU."

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market. She said Career Services should help students start working early on career development, cultivating skills "that will assist them throughout their lifetime" and working to identify potential employers in addition to participating in recruiting.

"It is a tighter market," she said, "but there are opportunities out there."

Former director of Career Services Sheila Curran told The Herald last year that Career Services was left out of the planning process for the University's

initiatives, leaving her to wonder if the University would find room in its budget or schedule for improvements in Career Services.

But DelGizzo said administrators "have been very clear in support of our efforts" and her plans to implement new programs and increase Career Services' role on campus.

Armstrong said a budget increase is "entirely possible" and said the administration will probably increase funds for graduate student support, and possibly for undergraduates as well.

Herald staff writer Julia Zuckerman '05 can be reached at jzuckerman@browndailyherald.com.



Photo courtesy of ResLife

Katherine Tameo has replaced Donald Desrochers at ResLife

Desrochers

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housing lottery and creating more co-ed suites in on-campus housing, Kleinfeld and Jablonski both said.

Tameo, who started in her new position on Jan. 20, said she sees opportunities to review and reorganize ResLife's finances and organizational structure, and ultimately hopes to reduce the work involved in assigning housing by computerizing some of the more tedious aspects of the lottery and of first-year housing assignments.

"Staff have to manually average the lottery numbers" of students who enter the lottery as a group, she said. After this year's lottery, Tameo said she

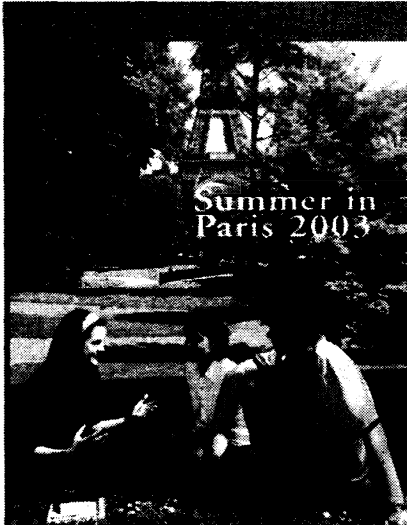
plans to research the systems used at other universities.

Associate Dean of Residential Life Thomas Forsberg said Desrochers "resigned for his own reasons, and I'm sorry to see him go. I wish him all the best." Jablonski said she regretted Desrochers' departure but had faith in Tameo.

"We're grateful for Don's service to the University and confident in Kathy's leadership during this time of transition," Jablonski said.

Before being hired by the University in March 2002, Tameo was the treasurer and tax collector for the town of Seekonk, Mass., where she lives.

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Pilot arrested at airport on gun charge

(Newsday) — A Northwest Airlines pilot preparing to fly to Detroit was arrested at New York's LaGuardia Airport early Tuesday when security screeners found a loaded semiautomatic handgun in his carry-on bag.

Port Authority police arrested Robert B. Donaldson, 43, a pilot based in the Detroit area, after the gun was found as he tried to pass through security. He was headed to the gate to be the first officer on Flight 1911, scheduled to leave at 6 a.m.

"We are working with federal and local authorities," said Northwest spokesman Mary Beth Schubert, who declined to comment further.

The gun, a Taurus 9-mm semiautomatic, was fully loaded, according to the Queens district attorney's office.

Donaldson faces three counts of criminal possession of a weapon, including one felony count that could carry a sentence of up to 15 years, the DA's office said. He was being held awaiting arraignment Tuesday night.

Donaldson has a license to carry the handgun in Michigan, but not in New York, prosecutors said. Transportation Security Administration officials said they were waiting for more informa-

tion from investigators to see if the gun was transported to New York on a previous flight. "We'll take appropriate actions if warranted," a TSA spokesman said. Airline pilots seldom check bags, so it's unlikely that the handgun was carried to New York in checked baggage.

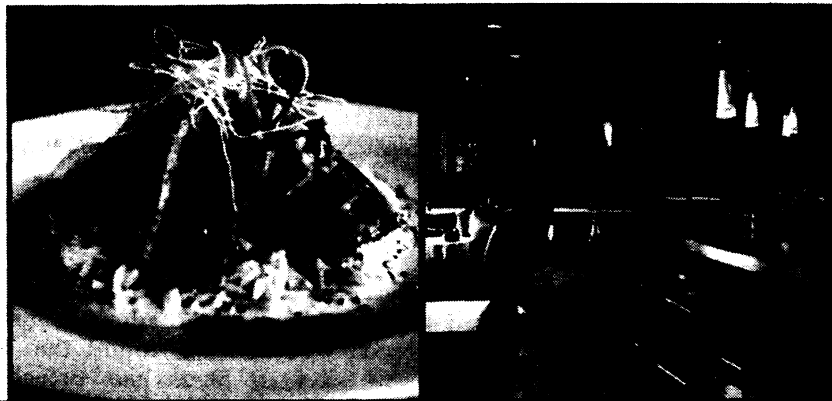
Donaldson's lawyer, Frederick P. Hafetz of Manhattan, declined to discuss the circumstances but said that when the facts are "fully known" Donaldson would be exonerated. "He is a long-term pilot for the airline, with a long record of military service," Hafetz said.

Last fall, Congress overwhelmingly passed a measure requiring the federal government to set up a voluntary program to train pilots to carry guns to protect the cockpit. But the training has not yet begun. Once it does, thousands of pilots are expected to sign up and become deputized as federal flight deck officers.

Northwest's Web site Tuesday said Flight 1911 was "canceled due to no flight crew available."

"It's certainly an aberration and an isolated incident," said John Mazor, a spokesman for the Air Line Pilots Association, the union that represents Northwest pilots.

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U.S. is ready to ship smallpox vaccines to 4 states

(Newsday) — Federal health officials will begin shipments Wednesday of smallpox vaccine doses to four states, identified Tuesday only as those ready to start inoculations.

Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said last week that 11 states would be receiving shipments this week. However, federal health officials clarified the matter Tuesday, saying 11 states have ordered shipments but only four are getting shipments this week. The four states will be identified Wednesday, and in coming weeks, states are to be identified by federal health officials as their shipments are sent.

All told, the administration hopes 500,000 health care workers will volunteer for vaccinations.

The program expands in the summer to a second phase, in which 10 million volunteers from the ranks of firefighters, police officers and emergency workers will be immunized.

Inoculations can begin as early as Friday, the day the federal Homeland Security Act goes into effect.

A provision in the measure protects from liability all involved vaccine manufacturers, the federal government and those who administer the vaccinations.

Negligence, however, is not covered.

President Bush last month asked that health care workers volunteer to be vaccinated against smallpox to provide a large group of protected clinicians and first-responders in the event of a bioterror attack. A similar vaccination program has already begun with inoculations of members of armed forces.

The last case of smallpox in the United States occurred in 1949; the disease was declared eradicated globally in 1980.

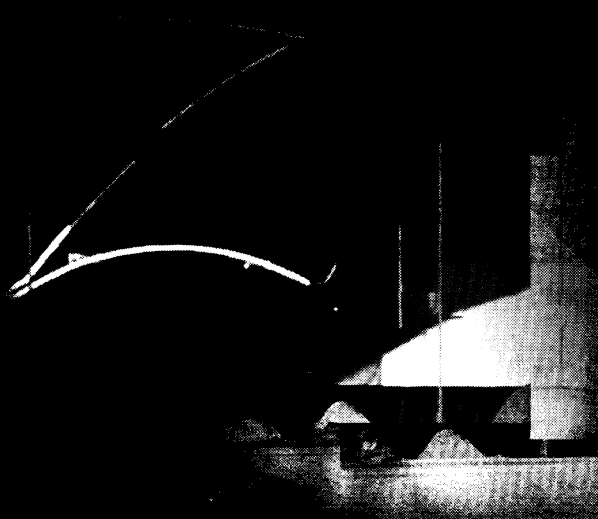
Federal health officials expect the vaccination program to run smoothly but they do not expect it to be problem-free.

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Mexico fights U.S. capital punishment in U.N. Court

MEXICO CITY (L.A. Times) — Simmering tensions between Mexico and the United States over capital punishment may heat up a few more degrees this week as the International Court of Justice considers a Mexican request for stays of execution for 51 of its citizens on U.S. death row.

The hearings, which began Tuesday in The Hague, could affect the fate of Mexican citizens in 10 U.S. states, including 28 in California and 16 in Texas.

Lawyers representing the Mexican government are arguing that the United States has repeatedly violated the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, which allows people accused of committing crimes in a foreign country to seek help from their consulates and obtain competent legal counsel in their own language.

Until the court rules on the merits of that complaint, Mexico is asking that the United States refrain from exe-

cuting any Mexicans on death row. The International Court, a branch of the United Nations, has no actual power to enforce its rulings.

In court Tuesday, William Taft, legal adviser to the State Department, argued that Mexico's request "fails to demonstrate that it is needed, either for the preservation of rights under the Vienna Convention or 'because of the urgency of events.'"

According to a court transcript, Taft also said that the Mexican request, if upheld, would require the court "to intrude deeply into the entire criminal justice system of the United States."

Sandra Babcock, a Minneapolis-based lawyer representing Mexico, disagreed.

"It doesn't harm the United States simply to forbear from injecting lethal substances into people or flipping switches while waiting for a year or so for the courts to decide," she said in a phone interview. While the court could issue a

decision on an injunction this week, the case in its entirety could take months or even years. Mexico wants all 51 convictions reviewed, raising the possibility of new trials or dismissals.

The court previously has found fault with the way the United States treats foreigners accused of crimes, most notably in a 1984 case involving two German brothers, Karl and Walter LaGrand, who were convicted in the murder of a bank teller. Both were executed in 1999 in Arizona.

Two years later, the International Court, in a 14-1 vote, found that the United States had "breached its obligations to Germany and to the LaGrand brothers under the Vienna Convention" by failing to inform the brothers of their right to talk with a German consulate.

In Mexico, the issue has become politically delicate, due to perceptions here that Mexicans tried for murder north of the border are dispro-

portionately likely to face the death penalty. In a recent interview, the president of Mexico's lower house of Congress, Eric Eber Villanueva Mukul, said that imposing the death penalty on Mexicans in the United States is "an act of discrimination against our countrymen."

Last summer, President Vicente Fox backed out of a meeting with President Bush at his Texas ranch after Bush refused to commute the death sentence of Javier Suarez Medina, 33, who was on death row for murdering a U.S. drug enforcement agent.

He was put to death in a state prison north of Houston after the Supreme Court denied an 11th-hour appeal from Mexico and Texas Gov. Rick Perry declined Fox's request to grant a reprieve.

No Mexican court has applied the death penalty since the 1950s, and although permitted under the constitution, capital punishment is not included in the penal code of many Mexican states.

Supreme Court backs government's conspiracy theory

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld the government's broad power to imprison those who join a conspiracy to sell drugs or commit terrorism, even when these purported conspirators do not carry out the crime or when the plot has been foiled before they join it.

By law, a conspiracy is a type of guilt by association. It allows the government to prosecute all those who are involved in a drug gang or terrorist activity and to charge the minor players with a major crime.

Because of the "vital importance" of conspiracy law in prosecuting terrorists and drug dealers, U.S. Solicitor Gen. Theodore B. Olson urged the Supreme Court to affirm the broad reach of conspiracy and to overturn the narrower rule adopted by the 9th U.S. Circuit of Appeals for the Western states.

Since 1997, the appeals court has thrown out conspiracy charges against drug sellers who were picked up after agents had foiled a drug-selling plot.

In the latest reversal of the 9th Circuit, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously Tuesday that unwitting, would-be conspirators can be sent to jail for joining a plot that has already been broken up.

"The essence of a conspiracy is an agreement to commit an unlawful act," said Justice Stephen G. Breyer. "That agreement is a distinct evil, which may exist and be punished whether or not the substantive crime ensues."

Breyer said the law of conspiracy has been well-established for a long time. "The view we endorse today is the view of almost all courts and commentators, but for the 9th Circuit," he said.

Conspiracy charges also have figured prominently in the war on terrorism.

Thanks to the conspiracy law, federal prosecutors were able to bring terrorism charges and seek the death penalty against Zacarias Moussaoui, even though he was in jail in Minnesota when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center.

Tuesday's Supreme Court decision revives the drug conspiracy convictions of two men who picked up a truck that had been left in the parking lot of shopping mall near Boise, Idaho.

The day before, on Nov. 18, 1997, Nevada state police had stopped the truck near Las Vegas and found inside 369 pounds of marijuana and 15 pounds of cocaine.

Together, these drugs were said to be worth more than \$10 million.

The two drivers claimed to be ignorant of what was in the truck, but one of them helped police set up a sting.

To keep on schedule, agents used a C-130 cargo plane to fly the drug-laden truck to the Idaho shopping mall. The cooperating driver called a pager number, and the person who returned the message promised to "call a muchacho to come and get the truck," according to court records.

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Sharpton to seek Democratic presidential nomination

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — The Rev. Al Sharpton, a black political activist from New York City, jumped into the 2004 Democratic presidential contest Tuesday, hoping to appeal to large numbers of minority voters and gain national influence within the party.

Sharpton, seeking to claim a mantle of black leadership last worn by the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson during his two presidential runs in the 1980s, is likely to be taken seriously by his Democratic rivals, even if his chances of winning the nomination are remote.

In a telephone interview, Sharpton predicted he will energize voters dispirited by Democratic losses in the 2000 presidential and 2002 midterm elections. His unabashed aim is to yank the party sharply to the left as it prepares to challenge President Bush.

"I am the only clear antiwar, anti-death penalty, anti-tax cut

candidate who is in the race," Sharpton said after filing papers to establish an exploratory committee for a presidential run.

He noted that he was the lone potential candidate to speak in Washington Saturday at a major rally against a possible war in Iraq.

Sharpton, 48, joins a field of presidential hopefuls that includes three Democratic senators — John F. Kerry of Massachusetts, Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut and John Edwards of North Carolina — as well as former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and Rep. Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri, the former House minority leader.

In that group, only Dean has spoken against the resolution Congress approved last fall to authorize Bush to use military force against Iraq; the others all voted for it.

Of his rivals for the nomina-

tion, Sharpton said: "Many of them are to the right of Republicans and they've been part of this move to the right. That has ruined the party. We have a bunch of elephants running around that are in donkey clothes."

Others weighing runs for the Democratic nomination include Sen. Bob Graham of Florida, retired Gen. Wesley Clark of Arkansas, former Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado and former Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois, who was the first black woman to serve in the Senate.

A fixture in New York politics for two decades, Sharpton has been an unsuccessful candidate twice for U.S. senator, in 1992 and 1994, and once for New York City mayor, in 1997. But he has been extremely successful in getting his views heard — often on matters of importance to racial and ethnic minority communities.

Gary Hart considers another run at presidency

NEW YORK (Washington Post) — Gary Hart, a once and possible future Democratic candidate for president, surveys our post-terror attack nation and sees undressed menace.

American ports unload 20,000 uninspected cargo containers every day. Power lines are unguarded. Local public health systems are an underfunded disaster. Overseas, 14 of the 18 top al-Qaida leaders still are at large. And President Bush talks war while Congress pares billions of dollars from domestic defense.

"If I were in Bush's shoes, I'd be scared to death," he said. "When the next attack occurs, he will be judged very, very harshly."

The former Colorado senator, who chairs the Council on Foreign Relations' task force on national security, views another attack as a certainty. He plans to make that stern message the centerpiece of another possible run for the presidency.

Hart gave the first of four speeches Tuesday night — this one on national security — that

are intended to take the temperature of the 2004 presidential waters. His upcoming speeches will touch on the economy and foreign policy and civic engagement, but national security is the thread that binds the rest. After a fall campaign in which Bush lashed the Democrats as weak on defense, Hart believes he brings a formidable and missing expertise to the Democratic field.

Hart's commission — which included former Republican Secretary of State George Schultz and FBI director William Webster — released a report that predicted the likelihood of catastrophic terrorism nine months before the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. They released another report last fall, warning that America "remains dangerously unprepared" and that the next attack will "result in even greater casualties and widespread disruption to American lives."

The commission pointedly declined to use the conditional tense in talking about the "next" attack.

Rumsfeld Apologizes for Remarks on Draftees

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, responding to growing criticism for recent remarks about draftees adding "no value" to the U.S. military, offered a "full apology" Tuesday to veterans groups and their supporters on Capitol Hill.

"Hundreds of thousands of military draftees served over the years with great distinction and valor — many being wounded and still others killed," Rumsfeld said in a letter sent Tuesday night to the American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America and other veterans organizations. "The last thing I would want to do would be to disparage the service of those draftees."

Rumsfeld's letter came in response to demands from those groups and lawmakers from both parties angered by the defense secretary's comment two weeks ago in response to a question about legislation calling for reinstituting the draft. In his remarks, Rumsfeld said he opposed the proposal, adding that draftees added "no value, no advantage really, to the United States Armed Services over any sustained period of time."

Three leading Democrats who served in Vietnam, Sens. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and John Kerry, D-Mass., and Rep. Lane Evans, D-Ill., said in a letter to Rumsfeld Tuesday that "we are shocked, frankly, that you were apparently willing to dismiss the value of the service of millions of Americans." The letter asked that he apologize to them and their families.

The Vietnam Veterans of America, the principal organization representing veterans from the war, also demanded an apology for what it called Rumsfeld's "insulting" remarks. It distributed audio responses from veterans and the mother of one serviceman killed in action to several hundred radio stations across the United States.

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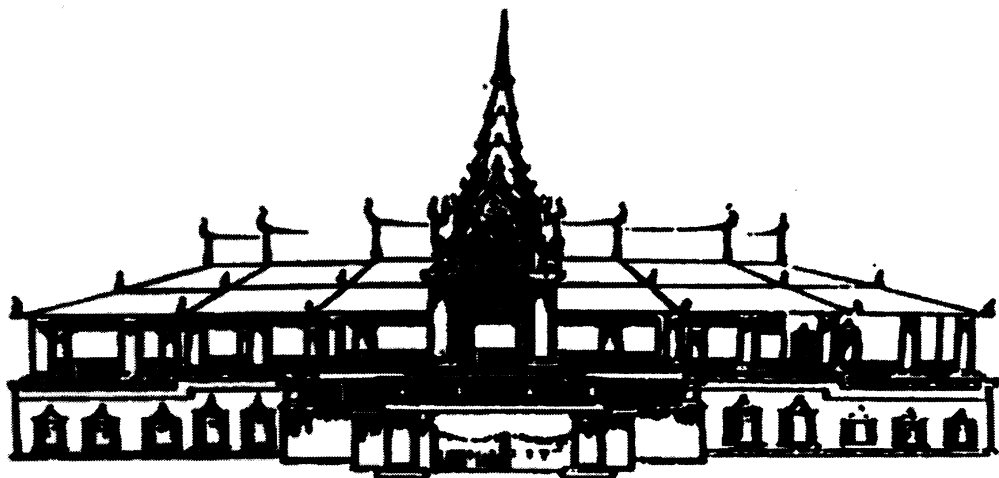
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Bush seeks money to prevent chronic disease in America

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — The Bush administration will seek \$100 million to expand a fledgling grants program to curb diabetes, obesity and asthma — a strategy to cope with soaring health costs by preventing major chronic diseases that account for most of the nation's medical expenditures.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said Tuesday that the initiative, part of the budget President Bush is to propose to Congress in two weeks, would funnel money to perhaps a dozen U.S. cities that want to design campaigns to encourage their residents to improve nutrition, exercise more and smoke less — changes proven to reduce chronic ailments.

The budget being finalized by the White House will have little room to ease the strain of rising health costs on states, insurers and employers. Instead, the prevention initiative seeks to lower costs by attacking the root cause: unhealthy habits that contribute to the need for medical care.

"We're not very healthy in America," Thompson said, noting that more than two out of five Americans have a chronic disease and that those ailments are responsible for three-quarters of the country's health care spending. "This is where the big dollars are."

In a meeting with reporters,

the health secretary also said he is working with administration budget officials and a few senators to provide a compensation plan for medical personnel and emergency responders who suffer complications from the smallpox vaccine. Unions, local officials and many public health experts have pressured the administration to create a separate fund to cover health costs and lost work time attributed to the vaccine, which is known for its serious side effects.

"There's some anxiety out there, and I want this to be successful," Thompson said, referring to the vaccination campaign set to begin Friday. Bush has called for inoculating up to 10.5 million volunteers who could respond to initial cases in an outbreak, and for vaccinating the rest of the population if a biological attack occurred.

Bush first proposed \$25 million for the prevention grants last year. According to HHS, the House has approved that amount; the Senate has agreed to a smaller sum. Under the expanded version, cities would propose public education campaigns and other ways to encourage healthy habits — particularly in minority communities — and to track whether they work. HHS will hold conferences and conduct experiments with insurance companies to foster better coverage of preventive care and monitoring of diseases.

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Bush seeks to enlist economists' support

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — President Bush sought to enlist prominent economists Tuesday in his push to enact a \$674 billion economic growth plan, as Democrats sharpened their attacks on a plan they decry as ineffective, expensive and unfair.

Bush huddled with 15 supportive economists from Wall Street and academia in the first of several events planned by the administration this week to promote a plan to accelerate income tax cuts and sharply cut taxes on investment dividends.

Several economists in the group—including the dean of the assembly, Harvard University economist Martin Feldstein—underscored one of the criticisms leveled against the plan when they suggested beefing up its first-year numbers to provide more of a stimulative kick to the economy. But Bush said he had no intention of compromising on a plan that has gathered considerable opposition from Democrats and a few Republicans.

"It's a plan that's good for all Americans," the president said after the meeting. "It is a plan that addresses our needs, and it's a plan that Congress needs to pass."

A senior official said Bush acknowledged to the economists that the possibility of war with Iraq creates an uncertain business climate. But he said the cost of allowing Iraqi President

Saddam Hussein to remain armed would be higher. "The risk premium of Saddam Hussein launching an attack on America doesn't compare to the risk premium of removing him," Bush said, according to the official.

The official quoted Bush as saying he wants to get any military action over "as quickly as possible" for security reasons. Bush added that this could have a beneficial byproduct for the economy, the official said.

In general, the economists provided the intellectual heft the White House was seeking, especially for the plan's centerpiece—a 10-year, \$364 billion provision to end the taxation of dividends. "I think it's terrific," said Allan Meltzer, a Carnegie Mellon University economist. "It's a shame to see it getting lost in the political muck."

Democrats sharpened their criticism of the plan at a Senate Democratic Policy Committee forum on Capitol Hill and in a speech by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., the top Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee, told the forum that Bush's plan would keep the federal budget in deficit for the rest of the decade and provide Americans who earn more than \$1 million a year \$88,000 in tax relief. Those in the middle income bracket—earning about \$27,000 to \$44,000—would get \$265.

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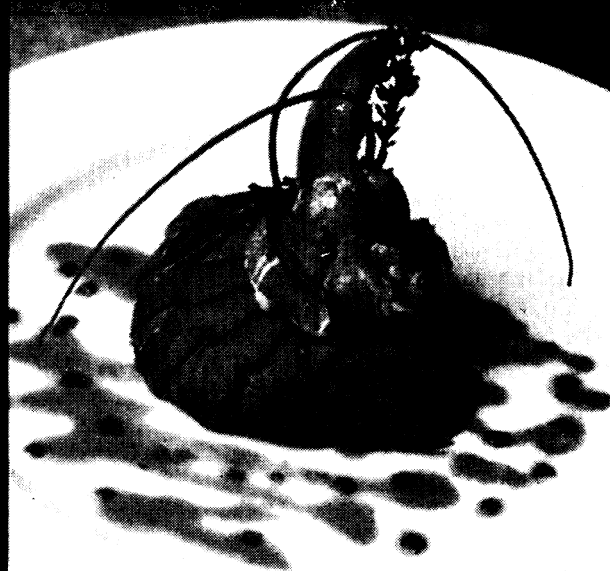
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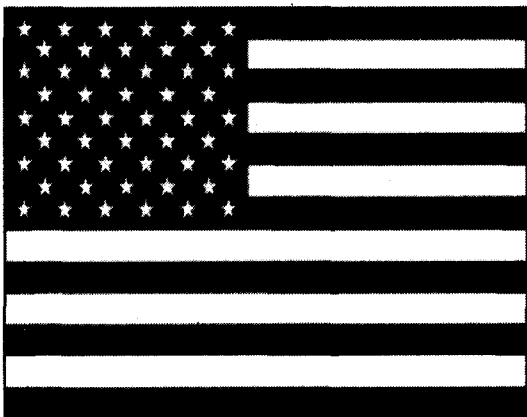
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Al-Qaida recruit's saga included meetings, bomb plots

SINGAPORE (L.A. Times) — The young Canadian immigrant from Kuwait seemed an outstanding prospect for membership in the al-Qaida terror network.

Not yet 20, Mohammed Mansour Jabarah spoke excellent English, held a Canadian passport that would allow him to travel with a minimum of suspicion, and had received top marks at four al-Qaida-run training camps in Afghanistan.

In July 2001, he met with Osama bin Laden, who accepted the eager novice and asked him to swear an oath of loyalty to al-Qaida. Bin Laden told him he "must be ready to fight the enemies of Allah wherever they are, and specifically mentioned the United States and Jews," Jabarah said later.

Enlistment in al-Qaida was the beginning of a saga of bomb plots, secret meetings and cash deliveries that took Jabarah from Afghanistan to Singapore and the Philippines and ended with his arrest in Oman last March. Taken to Canada and then the United States for interrogation, Jabarah admitted his role in a December 2001 plot to attack Western targets in Singapore with as many as seven suicide truck bombs, according to a confidential intelligence document summarizing his confessions. A copy of the document was reviewed by the Los Angeles Times.

The story of Jabarah's eight months as an al-Qaida operative provides a rare insight into the day-to-day running of a terror campaign. It shows the high level of attention that senior al-Qaida leaders who are still at large pay to operational details, and their willingness to give important responsibility to an untested recruit.

Jabarah's account to authorities also provides solid evidence of the close working relationship between al-Qaida and Jemaah Islamiyah, a group believed responsible for dozens of bombings across Southeast Asia, including the Oct. 12 Bali blasts that killed nearly 200 people.

Jabarah's job was to serve as the intermediary between al-Qaida and Jemaah Islamiyah, which also contributed men, money and explosives to the Singapore conspiracy.

The plot was foiled by authorities in Singapore who learned of the existence of Jemaah Islamiyah a few months before the strikes were to be carried out. Police arrested more than a dozen of the plotters and issued a worldwide alert that led to Jabarah's arrest.

Jabarah is the product of a childhood split between two worlds — the devout life of Islamic Kuwait and the middle-class life of a small city in Ontario, Canada. Born in Kuwait in 1982, he moved to St. Catharines with his family when he was 12. He lived on a quiet

street in the city of 130,000 people, which is close to Niagara Falls and the U.S. border.

He prayed regularly at the local mosque with his father, a leader of the Islamic Society of St. Catharines.

According to his account, Jabarah was attracted to radical Islam as a teen-ager, especially when he returned to Kuwait during summer holidays.

After high school he traveled to Pakistan, and from there was recruited to attend al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan, where his courses included weapons handling, urban guerrilla warfare, mountain warfare and sniper training.

Between sessions, he received religious training in Kabul and went to Mecca on the hajj pilgrimage.

Meal sizes have increased dramatically, study finds

(L.A. Times) — Confirming a gastronomic trend that nutritionists have long suspected, a new study demonstrates that food portion sizes have grown dramatically—a finding that may help to explain the growing obesity levels in the United States.

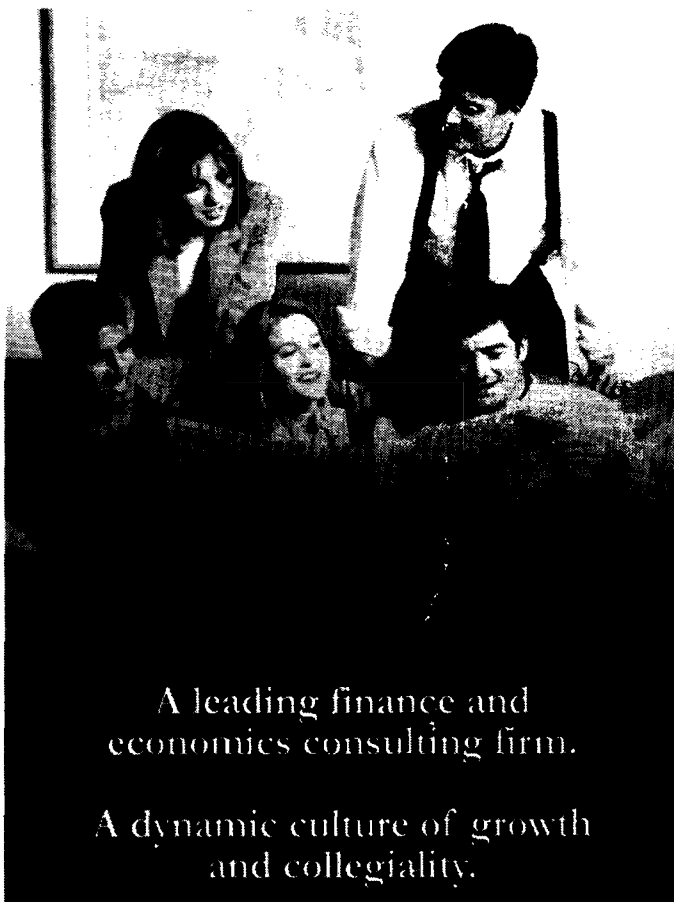
The study, covering the years 1977 to 1996, found that the average hamburger was 23 percent larger, an order of fries was 16 percent bigger and the size of a soft drink had jumped 50 percent.

And that was true whether you ate in a fast-food joint, in a classy restaurant or in your own kitchen, according to researchers from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Although the researchers

could not establish a direct link between increased portion sizes and weight gain, experts say the results provide powerful insight into why the incidence of obesity has more than doubled since 1971, climbing from 14.5 percent of the population to 30.9 percent.

"Many people have thought that portion sizes might be on the rise, but until now, there have been no empirical data to document actual increases," said Barry Popkin, a professor of nutrition and co-author of the study with graduate student Samara Joy Nielsen. "We think this is important information not only because it documents this trend, but also because obesity presents a growing health threat both in the United States and abroad."



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captivate us, there are many athletes whose attempts at acting leave us feeling the exact opposite. Shaquille O'Neal may be an all-star basketball player, but his acting ability is equal to that of Dustin Diamond in "Saved by the Bell: The College Years." Rick Fox's movie was so bad I can't even remember the name of it. But I would be myopic to not mention the stellar performances of O.J. Simpson in the "Naked Gun" series and Cam Neely's role in "Dumb and Dumber."

So the next time you go rent a video, or just download one, make it a sports movie. And pray that no sport should be subjected to the evils of reality TV, for we all know too well that if you build it, it will come.

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Senate OKs amber alert extension

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — The Senate on Tuesday overwhelmingly approved legislation to extend nationwide the Amber alert system, which enlists the public's help in searching for abducted children.

The system, already in use in more than two-thirds of the states, has gained national attention for helping authorities rescue abducted children, including two California teenagers kidnapped last August.

But especially in the critical early hours after an abduction, gaps can hamper efforts to track down children abducted in or taken to states that do not have a system for issuing alerts on radio, television and highway message signs.

"We have no greater resource than our children, and we need to see to it that we do all we can to protect them from predators," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, citing the kidnapping last June of 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart from her Salt Lake City home as illustrative of the "terrifying wave of recent child abductions that has swept our nation."

Different versions of the bill were approved by the House and the Senate last year, but the legislation died when Congress adjourned before negotiators could reconcile their differences.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., one of the bill's chief

sponsors, said that she hopes the "tidal wave of Senate support will carry over to the House and we soon will have a national Amber alert law." The measure was approved, 92-0.

A spokesman for Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., R-Wis., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said his boss was pushing a "comprehensive approach that not only gets the word out when a child abduction occurs, but takes meaningful steps to prevent a child abduction in the first place"—including a mandatory minimum 20-year prison sentence.

President Bush has taken steps to expand the alert system nationwide, including directing the Justice Department to set standards that would help states determine when an alert should be issued.

Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Tuesday that he would seek \$2.5 million from Congress in the 2004 fiscal year for training law-enforcement and broadcast personnel and providing radio stations with the software needed to upgrade emergency alert systems.

The Senate legislation would authorize \$25 million in grants for development of Amber alert systems.

"This bill helps fill the gaps that exist in the current patchwork of Amber systems," said

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, another sponsor of the bill.

The system is named for Amber Hagerman, a 9-year-old who was kidnapped while riding her bicycle in Arlington, Texas, in 1996. Her body was found four days later in a drainage ditch four miles away.

Today, the system, in use in 34 states and a number of communities and regions, has aided in the rescue of 43 children, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, a nonprofit advocacy group based in Alexandria, Va.

In 75 percent of child abduction homicides, the child is dead within the first three hours, according to the center's Joann Donnellan. "We need to jump into action quickly, get this information out to the public," she said. The alerts are generally used in the most serious child abduction cases, when a child's life is believed to be in danger.

Since California first adopted Amber alerts last year, the state has issued 16 alerts and rescued 20 children.

The system gained national attention last August when the message "Child Abducted" was displayed on 500 freeway message signs across California, helping to rescue two Antelope Valley teenagers from their suspected kidnapper, who was shot dead by police.

7.8 magnitude earthquake kills 19 in western Mexico

MEXICO CITY (L.A. Times) — A powerful earthquake of 7.8 magnitude ripped across Mexico on Tuesday night, killing at least 19 people, shaking buildings and rattling nerves across several western states and sending terrified residents into the streets of the nation's capital.

The heaviest damage was believed to have occurred in the states of Colima, Puebla, Tlaxcala and Jalisco, but specific reports were hindered because phone lines were overloaded with calls.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the 45-second quake was centered 30 miles south-southeast of the seaside resort city of Manzanillo in the state of Colima, 310 miles west of Mexico City. It was followed by an aftershock of between 3 and 4 magnitude.

Nine people were killed in the state capital, Colima, and the other 10 elsewhere in the same state, Gov. Fernando Moreno Pena said. Radio reports said most of the victims died when buildings collapsed.

Manzanillo was struck by a 7.9-magnitude temblor on Oct. 9, 1995, that triggered mudslides, toppled power lines and killed dozens of people. The fault system involved in that quake also was responsible for the 8.2-magnitude temblor that killed 10,000 people in Mexico City on Sept. 19, 1985.

"This quake is large enough to be capable of substantial dam-

ages and casualties," said Don Blakeman, a geophysicist with the Geological Survey.

Mexico's State Department reported that some government buildings in the worst-hit areas had suffered considerable damage. Pedro Macias, a civil protection official in the Jalisco state capital of Guadalajara, said some buildings in the metropolitan area had sustained considerable cracking.

In Mexico City, the quake swayed office buildings and froze traffic, as workers and residents poured into the streets clutching pets, blankets and each other.

Tuesday's temblor unleashed instant memories of the devastating 1985 quake, and although no injuries were reported in the capital, there were numerous psychological casualties.

"It was horrible, frightening," said Carla Medina, who works on the 13th floor of a mid-rise office tower in the city's historic center. "The building started to shake back and forth. Then the alarm sounded and the electricity went off. The shaking was tremendous."

In neighborhoods throughout the capital, anxious residents milled about on sidewalks, some smoking, others laughing nervously, still others staring up the taller buildings for signs of damage.

Police cars equipped with loudspeakers roamed the streets, asking if people were OK.



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Reid tried to light shoe bomb 6 times, prosecutors say

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — Hoping to ensure that the "shoe bomber" ends his days in prison, federal prosecutors released new details Tuesday that show Richard C. Reid tried six times to light a bomb in his sneakers aboard a trans-Atlantic flight a year ago, and was so determined that he melted the end of the bomb fuse.

Prosecutors also provided fresh evidence that Reid initially scouted airports and security measures for a planned bombing of an El Al airlines flight because he was embittered with the nation of Israel. But, prosecutors said, he changed his plans and targeted American Airlines Flight 63 from Paris to the United States because he became "very angry" with the U.S. military bombing in Afghanistan.

The court documents outline Reid's alleged embrace of the al-Qaida network and the terrorism fomented against Israel and the United States by its leader, Osama bin Laden. Prosecutors noted that at the Oct. 4 plea hearing, for instance, that "Reid admitted that he was a member of al-Qaida, was pledged to bin Laden, was an enemy of this country, and had used the explosive device in his shoe as an act of war."

However, government officials have never characterized Reid as a top soldier in the terrorist organization, but rather as a follower of the network who was so fervent that he wanted to make his own strike against the United States.

Prosecutors on Tuesday also released the contents of three e-mails that Reid allegedly left behind before boarding the flight on Dec. 22, 2001, including a will and separate messages to his mother and a man identified only as a "brother."

In the message to the "brother," Reid described an eerie dream he had in which he was waiting for a ride in a pickup but when the truck came by, it was already full. Reid said he was angry and had to go later in a smaller car.

According to prosecutors, Reid told the "brother" that the pickup was a symbol that he was not with the airplane hijackers who struck the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"I now believe that the pickup that came first was 911 as its true that I was upset at not being sent," Reid wrote.

Reid abruptly pleaded guilty last October because he said he did not recognize the U.S. court system. He is to be sentenced on Jan. 30 in Boston, where the case is being handled in federal court.

His federal public defenders could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

However, his defense attorneys did say after his decision to plead guilty that the 29-year-old British citizen "has no disagreement with the facts asserted in the charges."

The government's sentencing memorandum, filed in Boston Friday and released publicly Tuesday, urges that Reid be sentenced to life in prison, and given no chance at parole.

In the court papers, prosecutors added that "Reid intended and attempted to kill nearly 200 innocent persons, coming within moments of inflicting on some or all of them one of the most cruel and terrifying deaths imaginable."

They also said that "al-Qaida would have been free to repeatedly use the same devices to destroy more commercial aircraft."

Prosecutors said Reid came up with the idea for a bomb while scouting El Al security at various airports, noting that "security personnel did not check the insides of his shoes." He also considered a train bomb in Tel Aviv, Israel.

But Reid, who was born a Christian but later converted to Islam, chose the United States as his intended target, telling U.S. authorities after his arrest in Boston that he was incensed over the bombing in Afghanistan.

"America is the problem; without America there would be no Israel," he allegedly told investigators. "... America must remove its troops from our soil and keep its nose out of our business."

Once aboard Flight 63, Reid took a window seat. Then, 2 1/2 to three hours into the flight, when the plane was over the North Atlantic and out of radio range, he removed his ankle-high shoes.

Avalanche survivors are evacuated from remote ski lodge

(L.A. Times) — Ten survivors were evacuated by air Tuesday from a remote lodge in the Canadian Rockies, where they took refuge after an avalanche that killed seven backcountry skiers, including a champion snowboarder and three other Americans.

One of the survivors, John Siebert, said the skiers had been climbing a 30-degree slope Monday afternoon when he suddenly "felt the snow settle and heard a loud crack." Seconds later, Siebert told CNN, he was buried up to his neck in snow as hard as concrete.

Siebert and 13 others were dug out and escaped serious injury, said Royal Canadian Mounted Police, but seven skiers, buried in up to 15 feet of snow, apparently suffocated.

Police identified the dead as Craig Kelly, 36, a four-time champion snowboarder from the United States who had been living in British Columbia; Dennis Yates, 50, a ski instructor from Los Angeles; Kathy Kessler, 39, an outdoorswoman and environmental activist from Truckee, Calif.; Ralph Lunsford, 49, of Littleton, Col.; Dave Finnelly, 30, of New Westminster, British Columbia; Naomi Heffler, 25, of Calgary, Alberta, and a 50-year-old man from Canmore, Alberta, whose identity was being withheld pending notification of relatives.

Most of those who lived through the massive snowslide were forced to spend the night on the 7,000-foot mountain when thick fog grounded RCMP helicopters. Ten were flown out when the weather improved late Tuesday, but three elected to remain at the lodge, police said.

Avalanche experts were flown to the steep slope in the Selkirk Range, where conditions had been rated hazardous on Monday. Kenny Kramer, an avalanche specialist at the Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center in Seattle, said Monday's slide probably was caused when a weak layer of snow beneath the surface suddenly gave way.

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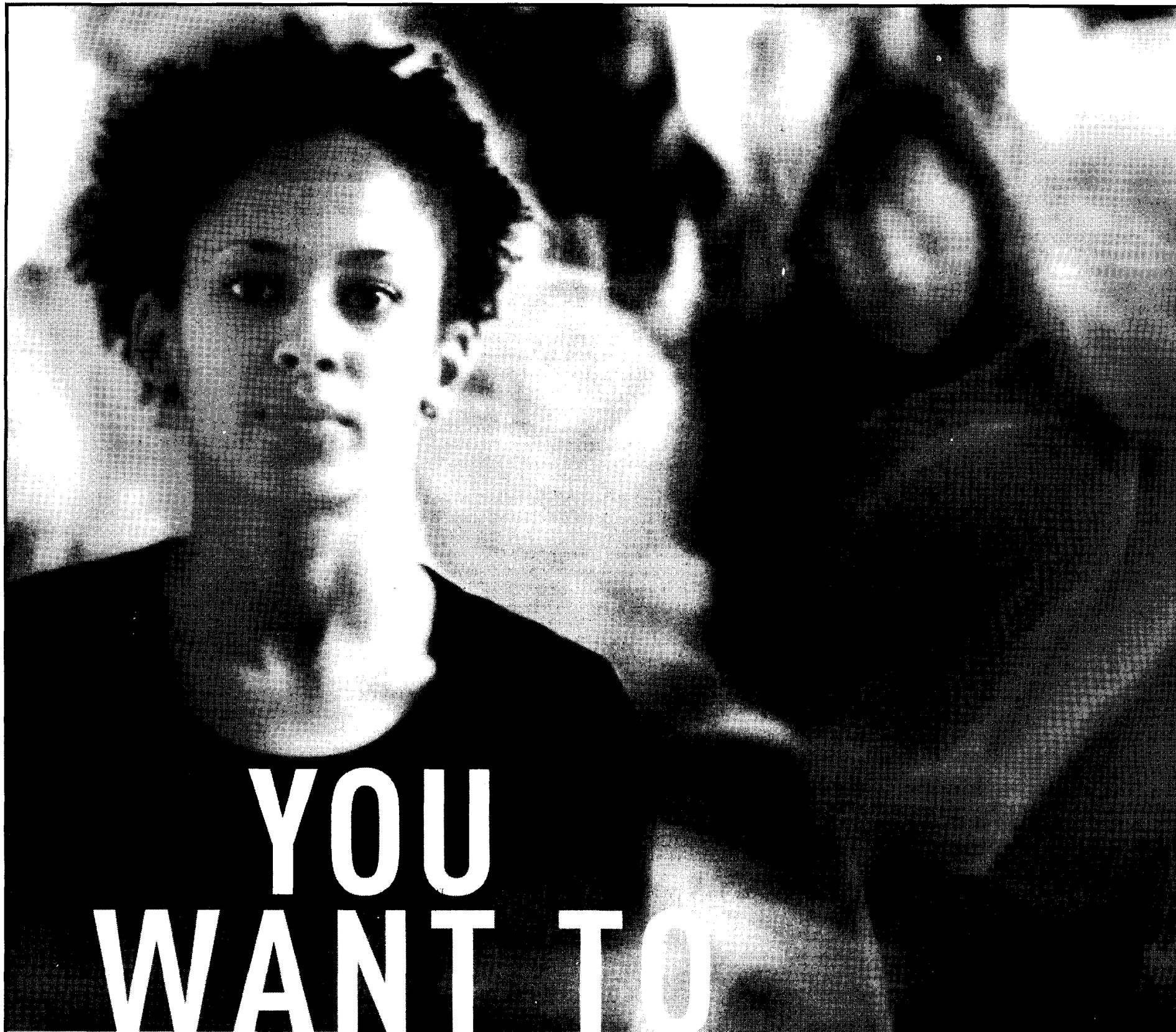


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Is a "plus" and "minus" grading system beneficial?

More specificity in grading protocol comes at the expense of undesirable arbitrariness

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN an A-minus and a B-plus?

For nearly two semesters now, Brown students have been deluged with rumors and rumblings that "pluses" and "minuses" may possibly become viable appendages to our transcript grades at some indeterminate point in the near or distant future. There's buzz over whether pluses and minus will help to curb grade inflation (which would be a good thing) and whether it may spur cut-throat competition for top grades (which would be a bad thing). But due consideration needs to be paid to what intrinsic purposes, if any, can be achieved through the addition of pluses and minuses to our grading system. I get the feeling that it is quaintly irrelevant to take a structuralist point of view on the matter, but it would be nice to hear argued what subtle differences in objective achievement can reasonably be signified by grades bearing these new modifiers.

Perhaps such a behest is too much to ask from a University where the Registrar's Web site's "Grade Explanation" rubric recursively defines a grade of A as "A," of B as "B" and of C as "C." The Registrar's Office must believe the whole system is rather self-explanatory. Letter grades are first and foremost tokens of a standard academic evaluation.

Sanders Kleinfeld '03 takes many courses S/NC because he is insecure and lazy. This is his seventh semester as a Herald columnist.

ation system that is implemented nationwide, and ubiquity and familiarity can serve as a substitute for denotations that are far less self-evident than one is indoctrinated to believe.

Currently, when enrolling in courses, students can select one of two grading protocols: one that evaluates academic performance on a four-point scale (A, B, C, NC) or one that evaluates it on a two-point scale (S, NC). Should a student elect to take a course for a grade, the ABC/NC option permits a professor to slot the quality of acceptable work into one of three roughly defined categories: high level of achievement, medium level of achievement or just-passing level of achievement. Such a system is clearly far from perfect; a student who works hard

to obtain an average score of 88 percent on three exams will likely get the same grade as a student whose more mediocre achievement earned him an average of 81 percent.

But this four-point scale is not without its benefits. It nicely bridges the divide between courses in the sciences and the humanities. It is a much simpler endeavor to assess a student's grasp and application of concepts quantitatively in physics than in comparative literature. When a student earns an 86 on his physics exam, it's a reflection of answering a specific number of questions correctly. For a professor to attach a specific numerical value to an English paper has always struck me as absurd. Can the professor clearly articulate to his class the exact disparities in quality

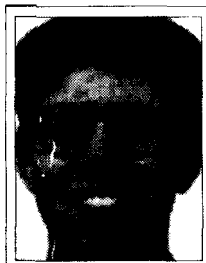
that rendered one paper worthy of a 93 and the other a 92? If not, the application of numerical percentages is arbitrary and pretentious. No matter what protocol professors use to measure the quality of student work, the Registrar's current system forces them to cast their final evaluative ballot into one of four boxes: excellent, good, fair, insufficient to pass. This reductive approach guarantees a level of parity among teaching styles, course goals and disciplines. Courses in which it is not possible to pinpoint student accomplishment with a high level of precision are not held to the standard of courses that can. It is a "lowest common denominator" mentality that ensures that grades maintain their overarching significance.

Tripling the number of different grade types available implicitly presupposes that it is generally possible in all classes for professors to meaningfully classify their students on a 10-point scale, as opposed to a four-point scale. It implies that professors can look at a series of papers, exams or projects and make a determination in good conscience and with confidence that the work merits an A-minus and not a B-plus, or a B-plus and not a B. It suggests that the line that separates "slightly better than good" from "slightly worse than excellent" is just as well defined as the line that currently divides "good" and "excellent." Now, this may well be the case in a great many courses, most of which probably rely firmly on exams that can be mathematically scored. But is it appropriate to generalize from these instances that the inclusion of pluses and minuses would be across-the-board useful? It undermines the entire evaluation process to have a grading system

that pressures faculty to make distinctions they cannot themselves perceive, and then encourages them to toss out pluses and minuses willy-nilly.

I suspect the underlying desire to introduce pluses and minuses has little to do with whether they represent legitimate gradations for student assessment, and everything to do with Brown's academic reputation. There is a widespread perception that pluses and minuses lend an air of legitimacy to the imperfect science of gauging student aptitude and achievement. Pluses and minuses also have a significant impact on the calculation of a grade point average (another standard quantitative measure of academic success). Although Brown does not formally calculate GPA, it's an unavoidable mainstay of the job application and resume. New Curriculum or not, Brown is an Ivy League school that purports to furnish its matriculants with a top-notch education and all the associated perks. For the past few years, Brown's reputation has been spiraling downward: our ranking in U.S. News and World Report's infallible annual college guide keeps dropping, we're the only Ivy whose acceptance rate rose last year and early admit rate rose this year and a Life Sciences building that promises to bring in streams of revenue in the form of research grants and endowments still is not underway.

The shadow of mediocrity looms prominently over the Brown campus, and everyone feels its presence. The push for pluses and minuses is, on some subconscious level, a push to reconfigure Brown's image as a place that is academically challenging and fosters competition — and not the place for tree-humping slackers.



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Pre-emptive strike

Activism at Brown has come a long way since the Vietnam War era. Where the campus was once alive with protests, teach-ins and walkouts throughout the buildup and hostilities, many of us today have adopted a grim sense of inevitability about Iraq. "What can I do," we ask, "against a president and country seemingly determined to go to war?"

A sound philosophy, perhaps, if only that assessment were true. A Washington Post-ABC News poll released today finds that only half of Americans approve of President George W. Bush's handling of the Iraq situation, down from 58 percent a month ago. The closer we come to war, the closer opposition ideas come to the mainstream, and the harder it is to pretend everything's all right.

We applaud members of the Brown community, both students and members of Brown Faculty, Alums and Staff Against the War, who participated in Saturday's antiwar demonstrations. They're ahead of the crowd.

Without a draft, it's easier for college students to remain content to watch events unfold on CNN, with little sense of urgency connected with the threat of impending war. Signing a petition, making a banner or marching in a rally seems as futile an effort as yelling at the TV.

Though the war itself may not be a certainty, once it begins, the true inevitabilities will quickly become clear. Senseless loss of life on all sides, threats to our civil liberties, a damaged economy and a dangerous precedent in U.S. foreign policy for first strike attacks will give us something to protest about if we don't speak out soon.

Now — before the bloodshed begins — is the time to make our voices heard. To let those in power know that war is not the answer to dealing with our international problems, nor is it the path to re-election. To shed our label as the apathetic, self-centered generation. And to assert ourselves on the national stage for the first time.

So don't be apathetic. Go to the faculty and guest lectures and educate yourself. Form an opinion and then make your opinion known. Someday soon the coming war won't be so easy to ignore.



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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Newspapers are flawed, sensationalized, often inherently biased, yet absolutely necessary in a free society. Good journalism can bring previously ignored issues to the surface and mobilize the masses. At the Herald, we hope to play our small — but valuable — part in fostering meaningful debate.

A student-run organization is always plagued by the limitations of time, experience and money. Nonetheless, The Herald's 113th editorial board will strive to bring clear, accurate and balanced news to our readers and be honest about our mistakes. As Brown's newspaper of record, we're dedicated to getting the facts straight. Through our expanded beat system, we hope to make our coverage more accurate and more complete.

We strive for professionalism because we know that media can shape public opinion and that decision makers often look to The Herald to gauge sentiments on campus. As a result, we feel a strong

responsibility to continue the Herald's legacy as a vehicle for campus debate, through its opinions columns, letters to the editor and online forums.

We are proud of our financial, and thus, editorial, independence from the University, but we also embrace our mission to serve the Brown community. Brown is a diverse institution and we hope to reflect that diversity in our pages. But this cannot be accomplished without outside cooperation and input. Write us letters. Submit columns. Call us to express your concerns. We will gladly consider your suggestions and always remain open to criticism.

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Race under fire: affirmative action at U. Michigan

Constitutionality of racial preference programs still in question, but Bush alternative is no better

RACE MATTERS. OR DOES IT? THERE IS no more controversial issue in our society today than affirmative action. It is at least as controversial as abortion and the death penalty, if not more so. In fact, probably the most confusing part about affirmative action is defining what we are all arguing about. Is it black versus white? Poor versus rich? Historically oppressed versus historically oppressive?

To me, it is not directly about any of those things. It is about individual equality before the law versus a legitimate public interest in diversity only the government can regulate. This March, the Supreme Court will determine whether the government indeed has such an interest in promoting diversity. If it decides government does have that interest, the outstanding litigation charges against the University of Michigan will be proven false. Unless, of course, it can be proven on different grounds that the Michigan system is indeed a quota system, as President Bush has suggested, and does not comply with the Bakke v. University of California Regents case that struck down racial quotas in state admissions policies a quarter century ago. Let us, therefore, examine the University of Michigan case.

The University of Michigan undergraduate admissions system is based on a 150-point scale, 110 of which relate to an applicant's high school academic record. While a mere 12 points are additionally awarded for a perfect SAT score, a fat 20-point bonus is given to students of "underrepresented minorities," which include African-Americans and Hispanics, for example, but

exclude Asian Americans. Defenders of the Michigan system point out that race is but one factor in the admissions process, and that bonus points are also awarded for state residency and to sons and daughters of alumni. President Bush has argued this is not compliant with the Bakke case. In my opinion, because it does not specifically reserve seats for students of color but merely considers it as a factor, this is not a quota system and cannot be struck down on those terms. Therefore, any legal objections to the University of Michigan system should be directed to the issue of racial preference, not quotas. Using an anti-quota smoke screen to object to an issue clearly about race further complicates the dilemma in the

public eye.

While the University of Michigan undergraduate case clearly seems to be about the racial diversity versus individual equality argument, the Michigan Law School case directly relates to the Bakke case. The law school case, which sets aside a "critical mass" of minority applicants in each first year class, does implicitly what the Bakke case did explicitly: reserve a certain percentage of the class for minority students. The implications of the reversal of this case are staggering: University of Michigan Law School admissions reports that some 900 white and Asian applicants fall into their top bracket of highest undergraduate GPAs and law board scores, while only 35 "underrepresented minority" applicants do. Furthermore, using the current system, a consistent 12 to 14 percent of the minority students fill the first year class every year despite the heavily unbalanced applicant numbers. This has prompted liberal critics to point out that the elimination of the racial preference admissions program for the law school

would bring the percentage of enrolled first year African American students to below three percent. Thus, the consequences of this forthcoming Supreme Court case in January are real.

While Bush has condemned the Michigan system as "impossible to square with the constitution," he nonetheless claims, "I support diversity of all kinds, including racial diversity in higher education." His alternative approach, which he implemented as governor of Texas, is the so-called "affirmative access" program. This program does not rely on racial preference policies per se but allows all Texas high school students that graduate in the top 10 percent of their class to enroll in the University of Texas state schools.

Bush's approach, however, has its own problems. Since its implementation, critics have explained that the quality of applicants has dropped dramatically because it considers the high school rank factor alone, ignoring extracurricular activities, standardized test scores, grade point averages or teacher recommendations. The number of minority students at the University of Texas at Austin, the flagship school in the University of Texas system, has also dropped significantly. Former University of Michigan President Lee Bollinger (now president of Columbia University) has pointed out that "the percentage solutions have a lot of characteristics as a quota." In fact, many pseudo-Bush plans may also be vulnerable to the same constitutional attacks as the Michigan plans. Therefore, I have concluded that as a public policy measure, the Bush alternative is no better.

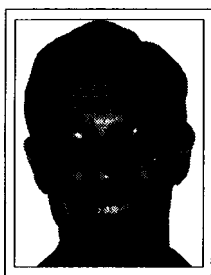
This leads us to the critical junction I mentioned at the beginning of this article: Does race still matter? Conservatives point out that if we continue to promote racial preference policies, we are inherently implying on some deep philosophical level that race does matter and as long as we contend that, they argue, we will never

escape into an egalitarian society that evaluates people solely on non-racial factors. That a certain underrepresented racial group has "special value" seems odd for an egalitarian system, they contend. I understand these valuable objections to the admissions process, because they seem to violate some of the liberal principles that our Constitution is based on.

Contrary to other liberals, I find the use of affirmative action as a means of alleviating racism to be somewhat misguided because I do not think this program directly addresses it. Racism is real and wrong, but affirmative action does not address it. Furthermore, the use of affirmative action as a kind of slavery reparation or payment of past wrongdoings is a dubious distinction that does not translate to today's society. However, the use of affirmative action to achieve a stronger marketplace of diverse ideas that is of mutual benefit to all students may be worth considering.

Diversity is a legitimate goal for our society because diversity of opinions is the best way to inform the general populace of what other people think. Regardless of one's own opinions, alternate points of view allow students to examine their own views in a new light. The racial component of diversity is one factor among many, and while it may seem an arbitrary one that at times can divide us, it is possibly the single best way to preserve a diverse student body that is of benefit to an entire collegiate community.

The Supreme Court will have to decide if the state has a legitimate interest in ensuring diversity through affirmative action programs at the expense of equality. The use of race as a formal admissions criterion seems a dubious, murky distinction for me to consider philosophically. But from a public policy standpoint, my heart tells me that something intrinsically very valuable will be lost if the use of race as an admissions criterion in state-funded higher education is eliminated by a court order.

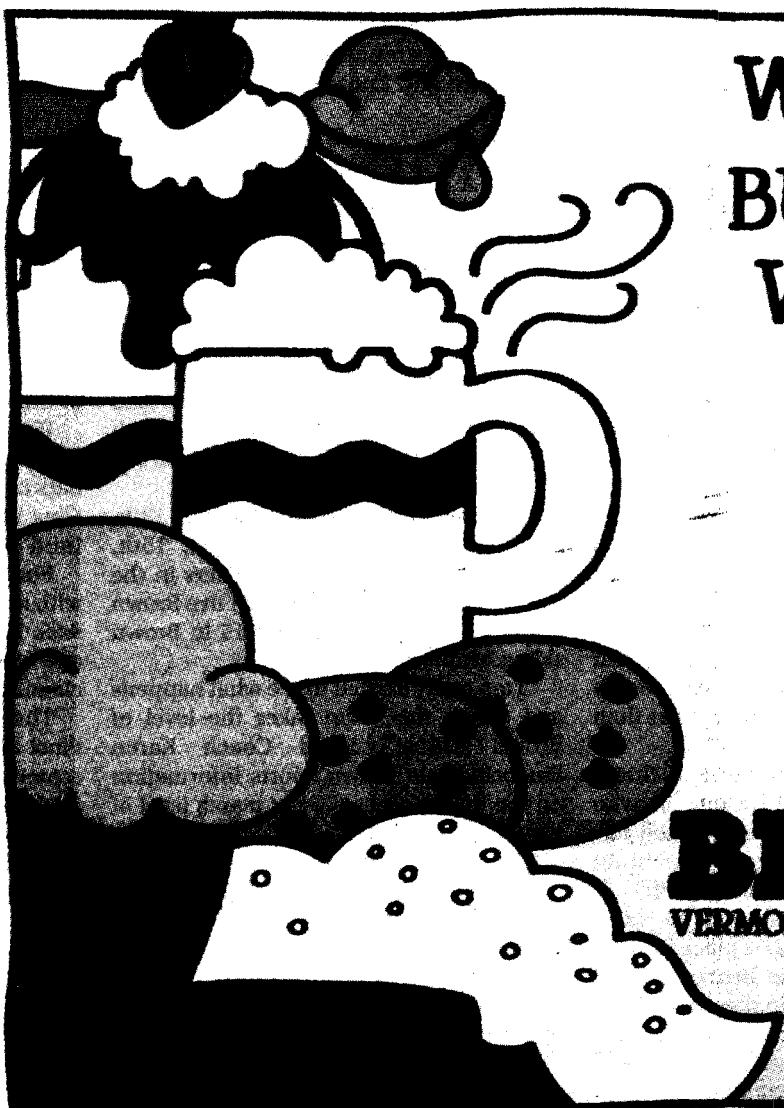


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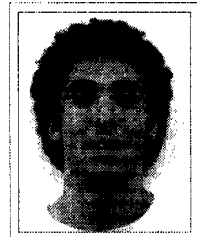
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Two thumbs up
for sports flicks

BY IAN CROPP

Think back to the last time you saw a good movie. Chances are it wasn't a movie with Shaquille O'Neal, although I could be wrong. Movies and sports have been forms of entertainment for a long time, and often the silver screen converges with the fields to form a rather quality mix.



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Some of the best movies have been about sports, and for good reason. Sports are a large part of our culture, and, accordingly, sports movies also play a role in cinema. They inspire. They entertain. They teach. The list of great sports movies is endless

and diverse. From "Hoosiers" to "Any Given Sunday," we will never tire of watching high school kids or pros play to win, or just play to play.

Who hasn't wanted to try out for the football team after watching "Rudy"? I mean, when Rudy is carried out on the shoulders of the Irish, no matter how hard I try, I can't stop the tears from rolling down my cheeks. Watching a dramatic sports movie is what pumps blood through your veins. It's the all mighty feeling that one gets when reaching the epiphany of a Bon Jovi power ballad.

Though not quite as graphic or as sad as "American History X," "Remember the Titans" did a good job of portraying racism while providing a true story. Brendan Fraser and the rest of the cast of "School Ties" also provided a moving performance. Tom Hanks may not have been the hero, but he definitely mixed well with Geena Davis, Rosie O'Donnell and Madonna in "A League of Their Own."

While I have no actual numbers to back me up, I'm willing to bet that more people have seen "Happy Gilmore" than "Citizen Kane." Don't get me wrong, I think Orson Welles is great, but I will never grow tired of watching Adam Sandler beat up Bob Barker or Ben Stiller being troubled for a warm glass of "shut the hell up."

OK, for every good sports movie, there may in fact be one "Dude, Where's My Car" or "Freddy Got Fingered." Kevin Bacon has been in some great movies, but it's safe to say that "The Air Up There" was made solely for the purpose of adding another million people to his six degrees of separation. Any Jon Voigt movie is completely awful. There, I said it. I could chastise Disney for making some movies that are cheesier than the state of Wisconsin, but "The Mighty Ducks" exonerates Disney from all its faults — all except for one of the greatest cinematic travesties of all time: casting Shaq in the movie "Kazaam."

As much as sports movies inspire and

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THE HUNT IS ON

1,780

With 32 points against Yale on Saturday, Earl Hunt '03 moved into eighth place on the Ivy League's all-time points scored list with 1,780 points. Hunt needs 17 points take over seventh place from Don Fleming of Harvard.

While teams rack up wins, athletes
bring in league, conference honors

BY JOSHUA TROY

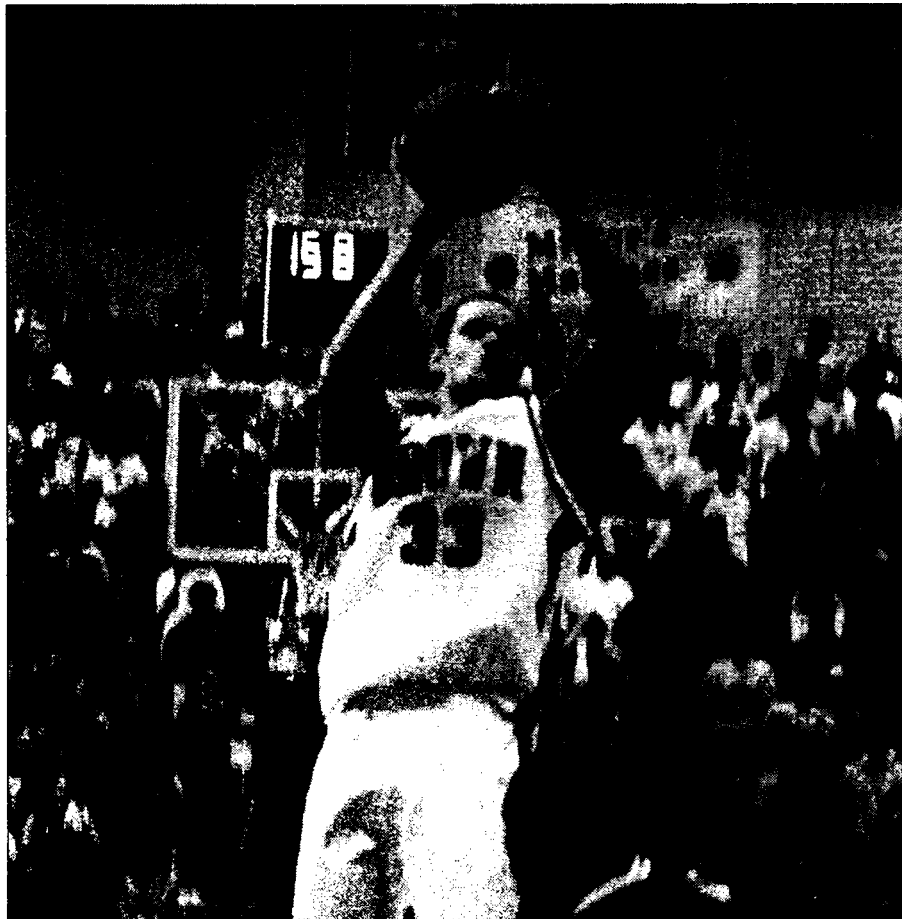
While the majority of the University enjoyed a four-week vacation and the opportunity to spend time with friends, family and the rigors of daytime television, Brown athletes were hard at work practicing and competing. Instead of a month-long break, these athletes spent time training for the chance to win individual, league and conference championships. As a result of their efforts, several athletes garnered individual accolades last week, with Earl Hunt '03 and Tanara Golston '04 earning Ivy League Player of the Week and Sarah Hayes '06 and Keaton Zucker '06 winning Rookie of the Week in their respective sports.

Hunt received recognition as the league's player of the week for leading the men's basketball team (6-9, 1-0) to victories over New Hampshire, 93-76, and Yale, 78-66. He was the top scorer in both games and totaled 58 points between the two, 32 of which helped lead the Bears to a win over the Bulldogs in their league opener. The scoring effort also moved him into eighth place on the league's career scoring list with 1,780 total points.

This was the second time in three weeks that Hunt earned the honor and, since the start of break, he has averaged 26.3 points per game. Currently leading the league in scoring average, he hopes to echo his past play and lead the Bears to victory when they play host to Yale on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Pizzitola Center.

Golston and Hayes received honors for their parts in helping the women's basketball team (7-7, 1-0) to wins over Iona, 66-41, and Yale, 84-77. Against Yale, Golston notched her first double-double of the season with 18 points and 10 assists. This came after a 20-point, eight-assist performance against Iona. For the season, she is ninth in the league in points per game and leads the league in assists per game.

Hayes pulled down Ivy League Rookie of the Week honors for the second time this season in recognition of her double-double against the Bulldogs, 15 points



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Earl Hunt '03 (above) was one of four Brown athletes to be recognized by the Ivy League and ECAC for their outstanding athletic achievements in the past week.

and 10 rebounds, and her 12 points and four steals against Iona. As a freshman, she is currently tied for first on the team in steals, second on the team in rebounds and second on the team in assists. Hayes and Golston will return to action, along with the rest of the team, in a rematch against Yale on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Pizzitola Center.

Zucker, a member of the women's hockey team, was named ECAC Rookie of the Week following a five-point performance in a two-game homestand against St. Lawrence. Heading into the game, St. Lawrence was ranked sixth in the nation and Zucker's three-goal, two-

assist effort helped Bruno pull out a win and a tie last Friday and Saturday. She tallied the game-winning goal in Friday's 4-3 win and scored the game-tying goal on Saturday with under three minutes to play in the game.

As a result of her recent hot-streak, she sits fourth on the team in goals scored. She will not have a chance to add to her total until Feb. 1 when the Bears are next in action on the road against the University of Connecticut.

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Gymnastics, skiing end winter break
with wins in seperate competitions

BY NICK GOUREVITCH

Both the women's skiing team and the gymnastics squad were in action over the weekend. It was the ski team's first competition of the season, while gymnastics hosted its first meet of the year.

Women's Skiing

The women's skiing team traveled to Berkshire East in Greenfield, Mass., for its season-opening carnival, hosted by University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Smith College. The Bears came in fifth place in the slalom with the third, fourth and fifth places being decided by less than a second and a half.

Brown was led by Captain and three-time All-American Doria DiBona '03 who recorded an eighth place finish closely followed by Molly Sheinberg '04 in ninth place. Adrienne Jones '03 placed 17th.

The freshman class showed its skills grabbing 16th, 18th and 21st place finishes in the slalom. Stephanie Breakstone '06 led the rookie class coming in 16th as Hilary Swaffield '06 grabbed 18th and Caitlin Stanton '06 finished 21st.

The Bears then went on to compete in

the giant slalom where they place second behind UMass. Brown was once again led by DiBona who came in third place and Sheinberg who raced her way to a ninth place finish. Jones grabbed her second top 20 finish of the day, coming in 19th.

The freshman trio of Stanton, 13th, Swaffield, 14th, and Breakstone, 15th, helped the Bears record five skiers in the top 15. This is the first time that five Brown skiers have come in the top 15 in Brown skiing history.

"I am really excited to see what happens and where this team takes the level of Brown skiing," Head Coach Karen Finocchio told Brown Sports Information on the improvement of her team's level of play.

The Bears will continue action this weekend at the Plymouth State Carnival in Waterville Valley, N.H.

Gymnastics

The gymnastics team improved its record to 2-4 on the season with a 183.875-175.8 victory over Springfield, falling to Yale in the same meet by a score of 186.8-183.875.

Jayne Finst '04 led the way, tying for first in the individual all-around with a member of the Yale squad.

Finst took third on the vault with a 9.5, behind two Bulldogs, while winning the bars competition with a 9.625. In addition, Gina Verge '04 placed on the bars, taking third place with a 9.55.

Finst also won the beam competition with a 9.625, while Verge took fourth with a 9.55. Finst took second on the floor exercise with a 9.625, while Melissa Forziat '05 claimed fourth with a 9.55.

The all-around competition went to Finst and Kathryn Fong of Yale, who each scored a 38.425. Verge took third in the all-around with a 37.25.

The Bears continue action on Sunday, Jan. 26, hosting Alaska and Southern Connecticut at 12 p.m. in the Pizzitola Center.

— With reports from Brown Sports Information

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