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Brown students returning from abroad find it hard to adjust

BY MONIQUE MENESES

For the 500 Brown students who study abroad every year, returning to campus is often more difficult than expected.

"I don't want to be in school anymore," said Veena Srinivasa '04, who returned from Prague recently. "There's a very intense competitiveness at Brown that I didn't get abroad."

Srinivasa cited housing, close friends studying abroad this semester and the coursework at Brown as difficulties she faced at the beginning of the semester — difficulties that only in the past few days have started settling down.

"I started questioning what we as students set as our priorities when I came back to Brown," said Emily Appel '04, who returned from a semester in South Africa.

Many students said the winter break between the holidays made it easier for them to adjust to coming back to the United States and prepared them for their return to Brown in January.

Jonathan Jay '04, who studied in Seville, Spain, last semester, said, "Readjustment depends on what your social group is like at Brown and where you are in terms of things changing a lot while you're gone."

The Office of International Programs coordinates several activities that take place during the semester allowing students to keep the experiences from their programs "alive" within the community and aid in their transition back to Brown, said Kirstin Moritz, director of International Programs.

"Not only does the OIP offer service opportunities for students who have returned from abroad, but we organize events for those students who feel down from returning from abroad and want to commiserate with each other," Moritz said.

Students coming from abroad can take advantage of various opportunities to continue their international experiences. OIP's peer mentoring program pairs students at Brown with exchange students currently studying at Brown. The role of the peer mentor can be that of a resource for the exchange student as well as that of an adviser on issues ranging from entertainment in the area to cultural issues. Moritz said only a small percentage of students volunteer to be peer mentors each semester.

"We'd love to have more peer counselors," she said.

The OIP also organizes a study abroad fair, a photography contest and a competition for two awards: the Service Award, which is presented to the student who has participated in a local service project while studying abroad, and the Scholars Award, which is given to the student who has integrated an overseas study experience into a senior thesis.

Students said although their experiences were unforgettable, they were ready to come home after the program.

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Ron Maxwell, director of the historical drama "Gods and Generals," hosted a preview screening and question-and-answer session in Salomon.

"Gods and Generals" director discusses historical filmmaking

BY DANA GOLDSTEIN

Writer and director Ron Maxwell and a panel of several colleagues examined the responsibilities of historical filmmaking Wednesday night at a discussion of Maxwell's new Civil War film, "Gods and Generals."

The preview screening and question-and-answer session was held just one day after Maxwell completed his film. Assistant producer Dennis Frye and actors Scott Cooper and Stephen Spacek, who both appear in the film, joined Maxwell on the panel.

A half-hour preview was shown of "Gods and Generals," the prequel to Maxwell's "Gettysburg," and the second installment of what the writer/director hopes will be a three-film epic.

"Gods and Generals," starring Robert Duvall (Robert E. Lee), Stephen Lang (Stonewall Jackson), Jeff Daniels (Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain) and Mira Sorvino (Fanny Chamberlain), traces the first two years of the Civil War, from Bull Run to the Battle of Fredericksburg.

The film was bankrolled by Ted Turner, who attended Brown from 1956 to 1959. Turner invested \$61 million in the production of "Gods and Generals," and will be contributing another \$30 million in promotion.

Evident in the preview was the sweeping nature of the film, full of detailed,

bloody battle scenes, but also strongly centered on what Maxwell said were the ethical and religious convictions of his two protagonists, Virginia's General Stonewall Jackson and Maine's General Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain.

Jackson and Chamberlain, both college professors, were "wonderful mirrors of one another," Maxwell said. "Both were willing to die for their country and both were willing to kill for their country. ... Both had hot sexual marriages, we know this from diaries and letters, and both were very pious men."

Separating his characters from their mythology was of primary concern, the director stressed, calling historical filmmaking "a kind of brain surgery on millions of people at a time."

"It's a kind of cultural lobotomy, and most people get their history from pop culture ... Lee was a man, Stonewall was a man ... The first thing we do is strip away the mythology."

The panel spoke extensively about the research inherent in creating a film so rooted in history and tragedy. "Part of the challenge is to capture the carnage, the sheer madness of it," Maxwell said. "But of course we can't be mad. We have to be very meticulous, very careful."

To that end, "Gods and Generals,"

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RISD cross-registration problematic for many

BY LOTEM ALMOG

Despite efforts to increase cooperation between Brown and the Rhode Island School of Design, some Brown students still find it hard to take advantage of existing educational opportunities at RISD because of space limitations and scheduling difficulties.

For many years, Brown and RISD have allowed students to cross-register for courses unavailable at their own universities. University Registrar Michael Pesta said about 240 Brown students take advantage of this opportunity each year. About 150 RISD students enroll in Brown classes.

RISD classes in furniture design, glass, metalworking, textile design and industrial design are only a few of the options available. Yet the instructor holds complete discretion when allowing a student access to the class.

"Brown students can register for RISD courses and RISD students can register for Brown courses, but getting into these courses is a possibility, not a guarantee," Pesta said. The only RISD course that explicitly leaves room for Brown students is Photography 1, Pesta said.

Because of the stringent space limitations in RISD studio courses, some Brown students find themselves turned away from RISD classes each semester.

History of art and architecture student Estelle Bossy '03, who has taken four classes at RISD, said the chances of a Brown student getting into a RISD class vary by department.

"A Brown student is not getting into industrial design, furniture design or apparel design, but it's much easier to get into painting, jewelry and other courses," she said.

Other scheduling challenges can make cross-registration difficult. RISD's spring registration period does not begin until Feb. 24, weeks after shopping period at Brown has ended, and the review period for RISD classes ends after Brown's commencement exercises. This makes it difficult for seniors to take a RISD class necessary for credit during their last semester.

Brown students must begin their spring term assuming they will not be admitted into a RISD class and make changes accordingly during RISD's registration session, Pesta said.

He said students relying on a RISD course for necessary credit may find themselves without permission to take the course after Brown registration has already closed.

While RISD students have priority in registering for RISD courses, professors said they appreciate the addition of Brown students to their classrooms. "The RISD faculty has expressed a real strong desire to have Brown students in classes whenever possible because they bring a new and welcomed perspective," said Richard

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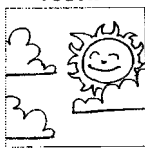


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CALENDAR

LECTURE—"The Social History of Babylonian Mathematics: An Oxymoron?" Eleanor Robson, Oxford University, Department of History of Mathematics. Annmary Brown Memorial, 4 p.m.

COLLOQUIUM—"Life in the Deep Biosphere," Steven D'Hondt, University of Rhode Island, Department of Geological Sciences. Room 115, MacMillan Hall, 4 p.m.

READING—Kevin Young will read from his poetry, Creative Writing Program. Vartan Gregorian Quadrangle, 8 p.m.

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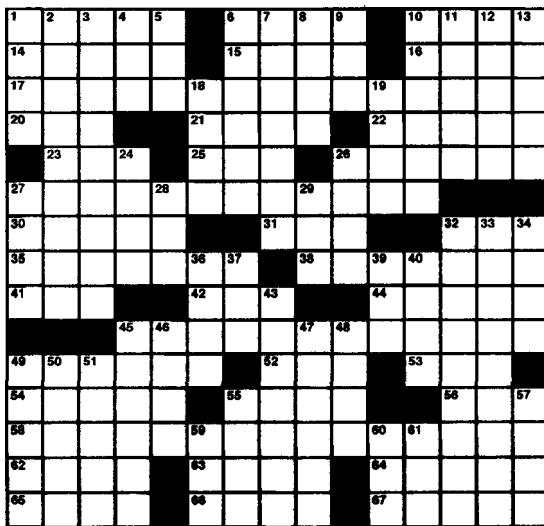
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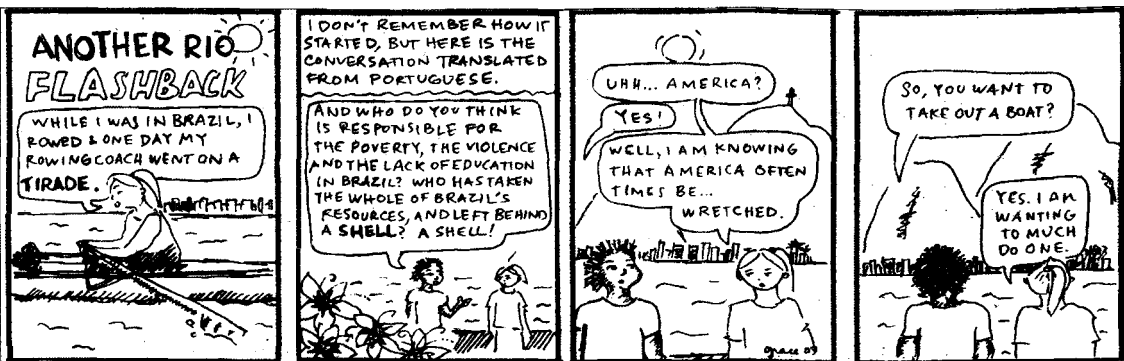
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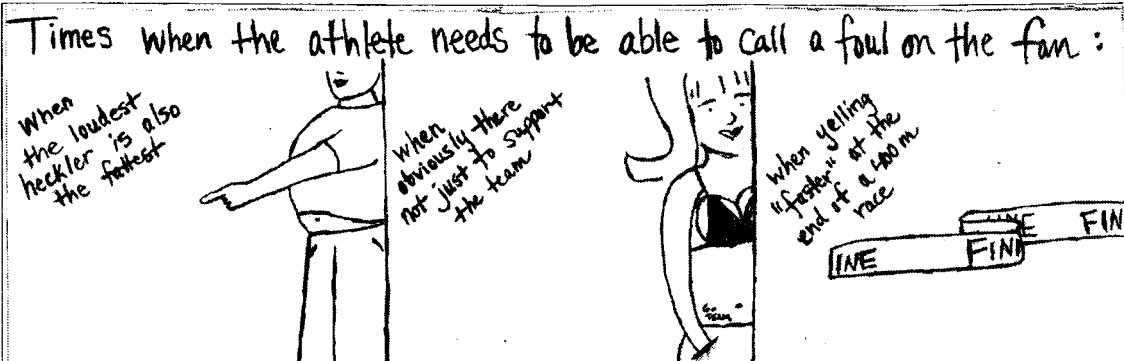
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CAMPUS WATCH

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Rumor that Olsen twins will attend Northwestern proves false, funny

Evanston, Ill. (U-WIRE) — In an episode some called frightening, others exciting and most just hysterical, false rumors shot around Northwestern University's campus Monday night that child superstars Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen would become Wildcats next fall.

"For a good five or 10 minutes, I believed," said Communication sophomore Matt Hall, who, like others across campus, received an e-mail linking to a spoofed CNN.com news story with the announcement.

Similar stories about the Olsen twins were sent around Miami University (Ohio) and Ohio University. The articles were created using The Fake CNN.com News Generator at 66.111.43.11/reports.

A little research revealed the twins aren't even of college age.

"None of it's true," said Michael Pagnotta, a public relations representative for Dualstar Entertainment Group, which manages the twins famous for their joint portrayal of the adorable Michelle Tanner in the sitcom "Full House."

The Olsens, 16, have starred in such direct-to-video releases as "You're Invited to Mary-Kate and Ashley's Birthday Party," "You're Invited to Mary-Kate and Ashley's Christmas Party" and "You're Invited to Mary-Kate and Ashley's Mall of America Party."

"They are looking at schools mostly on the East Coast," Pagnotta said of the high school juniors. "Right now they're prepping for the SATs."

Still, the NU article at CNN.com/66.111.43.11/reports/2003/WORLD/0194/6358957.html has the NU campus talking.

Hall immediately posted a printed version on his dorm room door in Public Affairs Residential College, only to have it stolen.

"Somebody ripped it down and took it, the bastards," he said. "It was stolen and I want it back!"

A link also was sent over the Willard Residential College listserv, where Abigail Bains and Marisa Ketzler read it.

"We were like, 'Oh, dang it. That sucks,'" said Bains, a Medill sophomore.

Ketzler, a Weinberg sophomore, said she became angry when she discovered the site was merely a hoax.

"Not that I wanted them here," she said. "It would just be cool."

One place the rumor hadn't spread to was the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

"I haven't heard anybody giggling about it," said Rebecca Dixon, associate provost for university enrollment, who added that if a celebrity were applying, NU wouldn't announce it.

Would the Olsen twins even consider NU? Pagnotta didn't rule out the possibility.

"It's way too early to know what they'll do," he said. "But they are planning to go to college."

College professors across the nation join the latest internet phenomenon: weblogs

BY LINDA EVARTS

Blogs — the much-talked about Internet trend — can serve as invaluable tools for their inventors, said Brian Weatherston, a Brown professor of philosophy and creator of a philosophy blog.

Web logs — blogs for short — are the surprise wedding of the informational capacity of journalism and the speed of instant messaging. According to blogger.com, two new blogs are created every second, and more than a million have been made using the Web site's software.

Composed of short and frequently updated postings arranged in chronological order, blogs are Web sites similar to online journals, offering information on topics ranging from foreign policy to poetry.

Weatherston said blogs are a base for the free play of ideas where he is unhampered by the threat of failure.

"Even if I make some mistakes, the audience doesn't really care as long as I say something interesting the next day," he said.

And in the event that he strikes on something interesting, the results are impressive.

"I've already had one paper published that grew out of a blog entry, and I've got another one under submission, and two more half-way drafted," he said.

Heralded as the journalism of the masses, blogs are consistently scrutinized by their Internet visitors, ensuring that faulty information is identified and corrected.

Policy studies analyst at the University of California at Los Angeles and blogger Mark Kleiman said that blogs provide the most up-to-date information in the shortest time possible.

According to Kleiman, the result of blogs will be that inaccurate information "will have a shorter life expectancy in the world because it gets shot down faster."

Kleiman, noting the possibility that blogs might be a passing trend, forecasted that "twenty years from now (we) all will be getting most information from" blogs.

For the second consecutive year, grades in decline at Harvard

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Students eagerly logging on to check their fall semester grades may be disappointed if a historic downward trend in grade point averages revealed last week has continued into this academic year. According to data Dean of Undergraduate Education Benedict H. Gross '71 sent to the faculty last week, grades fell during the 2001-2002 academic year, the second year of decline after sixteen years of increases.

Gross reported that last year's mean grade was 12.58, down from 12.65 the year before. Both numbers correlate to just above a B-plus on Harvard's 15-point scale.

The decline followed a year of intense scrutiny of Harvard's grading trends in both the faculty and the national media.

Gross attributed the dip in overall average to a reduction in the number of A-range grades given.

Last year 46.4 percent of all grades given were As. This percentage peaked in the 2000-2001 academic year at 48.4 percent.

While the numbers have only declined a few decimal points, faculty members say the change is meaningful.

"In some ways it seems small, but since grades are compressed into such a small range, it may be significant," said Gurney Professor of English Literature James Engell.

Professors said they are not surprised by the decline given the intense discussion over grade inflation that dominated the faculty's agenda last year.

These debates culminated last spring with the decision to switch to a 4.0 scale and to cap the number of students who receive honors at 60 percent.

These changes have yet to be implemented — the new grade scale will be adopted next fall and the new honors policy will first apply to the Class of 2005.

But professors said last year's discussions have already led faculty members to tighten their grading practices.

"It is not legislation that moves the faculty ... it is the atmosphere raised by the issue," said Roderick L. MacFarquhar, chair of the government department.

Gross said he sent out the letter to continue conversations about grades begun under his predecessor Susan G.

Pedersen 1981 to 1982.

And for the first time this semester, the registrar asked professors to list the total number of each grade given in addition to submitting individual grades for their students.

Gross said he hopes taking this extra step will cause professors to become more aware of their grading habits. But some professors said they do not think this new requirement is necessary.

"I'm not sending it back. ... I won't be intimidated," said Bard Professor of History Mark A. Kishlansky.

Kishlansky said breaking down the grades for his classes would not change his grading practices.

He said, however, that the tally may be helpful to professors teaching very large classes where the distribution might not be readily apparent.

But Engell said that increased analysis of grading practices can only be beneficial.

"(Professors) are just looking at a list of letters and names on a large, single-spaced sheet of paper," he said. "Any information that the registrar can provide them is a good thing."

And Engell said he hopes Gross will continue to show professors how their grading practices compare by releasing abridged versions of department-by-department reports that were submitted during Pedersen's tenure.

As a member of the Education Policy Committee's subcommittee on grade inflation, Engell read the reports last spring and said he feels their information would benefit the entire faculty.

"Grading practices should have some consistency and uniformity across the college," he said.

Gross said his office is planning to distribute a booklet on good grading practices to the faculty in the spring.

While the decline in GPA may seem small, it has created a ripple among both teachers and students alike.

"The Teaching Fellows are on the front lines [and] they report in like mad," Kishlansky said.

As one of three professors teaching History 10a:

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Abroad

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"I think being gone for one semester abroad is enough for me," Jay said.

Friends can be the key to a smooth transition, Appel said.

"If you're friends with someone who studies abroad, ... show interest, invite them to coffee," Appel said. "You want to do this because it's hard for them to summarize their experience in two words."

Jay said keeping in touch with people at Brown while abroad will aid in reducing any surprise at changes that take place during a student's absence.

Moritz said she noticed a pattern among students who studied

abroad. Many of their experiences had implications for their futures, she said.

"I see a lot of students taking more coursework in the area that they were studying in, changing their concentration and thinking about their future careers in terms of a global issue they encountered while abroad," she said. "It becomes part of their lives' direction in some cases."

Often students return to where they studied abroad after graduation, Moritz said.

"I definitely want to go back to Prague, hopefully sooner rather than later," Srinivasa said.

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"Western Societies, Politics, and Cultures: From Antiquity to 1650" Kishlansky said that he and his fellow professors met with their TFs weekly to monitor grading through common readings of papers and exams.

"We worked hard to smooth the grades among the sections," he said. "We put a lot into the course and we wanted a lot back."

Kishlansky said he felt that the slightly lower mean grade this year, around a B-plus, was the result of this increased attention.

And students in 10a said they

felt the extra pressure.

"My TF told me that grading would be more difficult," said Damien T. Wint '05. "I got the sense that grading was a work in progress ... and that they weren't quite sure how to adjust the grades."

TFs in other courses said they were also aware of attempts to strictly monitor grading practices this fall.

David L. Kaminsky, a first year TF for Lit. and Arts B-51: "First Nights: Five Performance Premiers" said he felt strict pressure to keep the mean in his class at a B-plus.

"The professor told us they breathe down his neck if the average gets too high," he said.

But Shanthini Kasturi '04, a

student in "First Nights," said she did not feel grading practices were unfair — despite students' murmurs of grade deflation.

"I haven't heard any specific news, but there have definitely been rumors that TFs and professors are not as willing to give you higher grades," she said.

Kishlansky, too, said that he has detected the heightened student concern—and it does not surprise him.

"[Students] didn't get into Harvard by not caring about grades," he said, "The idea that [they] get into Harvard and not care about grades is to erase their memory banks."

And despite the recent decline in grades, Kishlansky said students have little to fear.

RISD

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Fishman, chair of the visual arts department at Brown.

Brown and RISD have recently begun initiatives to increase cooperation between the two schools. For example, Brown

Assistant Professor of Computer Science David Laidlaw and RISD Associate Professor of Illustration Fritz Drury collaborated on a course in interdisciplinary scientific visualization during the fall semester of 2002. The first co-taught course — in glass-working — was taught two years ago by Fishman and RISD professor

Bruce Chao, head of the glass department.

Faculty and administration from both schools are now in talks to establish more such courses in the foreseeable future, Fishman said.

The recently developed Brown University-Rhode Island School of Design Joint Faculty Committee, co-chaired by Robert Scholes, professor emeritus of modern culture and media at Brown, and Paul Sproll, RISD professor and head of the art education department, will explore opportunities for further collaboration between both universities.

"Further cooperation has been encouraged by provosts at both Brown and at RISD and by presidents at both schools," Fishman said.

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IN BRIEF

RI's first baby of 2003

Clemency Williams GS has a few new duties as community director for Metcalf Hall – like changing the diapers of the dorm's newest resident.

At 12:11 a.m. on Jan. 1, Williams, 25, and Yann Montelle GS, 38, became the parents of Pierre Montelle, the first baby born in Rhode Island in 2003.

"It's a good balance with the academics," Williams said of tending to freshmen and caring for Pierre.

Pierre was born nine days late at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence. He was 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Williams, from New Zealand, is a graduate student in the department of history of mathematics. Montelle is a graduate student studying theater and anthropology.

Because Montelle is originally from France, the couple plans to raise Pierre speaking both English and French.

"He is quite the international baby," Williams said.

Many students in Metcalf are pleased with Pierre's arrival.

"Pierre's great," said Nathaniel Smilowitz '05, who lives down the hall from the family.

Aaron Prosnitz '05 said Pierre's presence in the dorm "broadens ... the college environment. ... When we're here we don't interact with other age groups of society."

With Pierre around, there is interaction with another age group that does not normally take place on a college campus, he said.

Thus far, Pierre has an active life at Brown. The cold weather hasn't stopped him from becoming familiar with Brown's campus. He takes walks with his mother, tucked into her coat "with a place for his little nose so he can breathe," she said.

Williams said Pierre recently attended his first dinner party. He was so excited by the event he couldn't sleep until 4 a.m. "And maybe he won't sleep ever again," said Williams with a smile, as she took him for a stroll around Metcalf.

—Zoe Ripple



Photo courtesy of Clemency Williams

Pierre was the first baby born in Rhode Island in 2003.

Swearer projects show students reality of Providence homeless

BY HAYLEY TYLER

They were feared, ignored, maybe even hated. Some people may have clutched their bags more tightly as they passed them, or crossed the street to avoid them. But at rush hour in downtown Providence's financial district, most people simply averted their eyes from the group of Brown students.

The students, as part of the Swearer Center for Public Service Breaks Projects, were dressed as homeless people in order to gauge the reactions of passers-by and gain insight into social problems.

From Jan. 12 to Jan. 18, 22 Brown students participated in the projects, which focused on hunger, homelessness, housing and domestic violence. Each student worked closely with one of four groups, which included the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless, Rhode Island Food Bank, Traveler's Aid Society and the Women's Center of Rhode Island.

In the evenings, students from all four projects participated in community outreach, seeking out homeless people on the street and distributing warm clothing and lists of shelters.

The students slept in sleeping bags on the floor of

Beneficent Congregational Church in downtown Providence. When temperatures began plummeting, the church, along with many other local churches, was opened as an emergency shelter and housed dozens of homeless people.

"We didn't expect to be living with homeless people, but it was one of the best experiences," said Amy Wolfson '05, one of the leaders of the Women's Center project. Many of the students cooked for those staying at the church, and some stayed up with them for support during the night, Wolfson said.

Each day, the groups separated and visited different sites within Providence.

The students involved with the Coalition for the Homeless conducted a series of interviews with homeless people as part of an oral history project.

"One of my most memorable experiences (during the project) was having a conversation with (a homeless man) about religion and spirituality. He dropped out of M.I.T. at age 19 and had this profound philosophical knowledge," said Matt Hamilton '05, leader of

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Ted Turner will step down from AOL Time Warner

Ted Turner, who attended Brown from 1956 to 1959, announced Wednesday he would step down as vice chairman of AOL Time Warner Inc. even as the company announced record losses.

Long reported to be unhappy with his diminished role since the Time Warner-AOL merger, Turner exited on the same day the world's largest media company reported a staggering fourth-quarter loss of \$44.9 billion. The company's \$100 billion loss for all of 2002 was the largest annual loss in U.S. history.

Turner sold his cable networks, which included CNN, TBS, TNT, the Cartoon Network and Turner Classic Movies, to Time Warner in 1996. He stayed on as a vice president and adviser, but expressed displeasure with the arrangement when he signed a new contract in December 2001.

At the time he claimed chief executive Gerald Levin had effectively "fired" him by limiting his duties.

Turner avoided any mention of these tensions in a statement released Wednesday, instead expressing his desire to focus on his philanthropic activities.

"Over the last five years, it has become even clearer to me how much personal satisfaction I derive from these activities," he said. "Therefore, I would like to now devote even more time, effort and resources to them."

Turner gives about \$50 million each year to the Turner Foundation, which promotes conservation efforts including habitat protection and population control.

In 1997, he made a one-time gift of \$1 billion to the United Nations and devoted \$250 million over five years to reduce nuclear arsenals.

Turner's exit marks the conclusion of a career in media innovation that spans 40 years.

In 1963 he took over his family's billboard rental business and purchased Atlanta's local UHF station seven years later, which he renamed Turner Broadcasting System.

TBS morphed in 1976 into Turner's first "superstation," which was transmitted via satellite into homes across the country. Over the next two years he purchased the Atlanta Braves and Atlanta Hawks.

In 1980, Turner founded the Cable News Network, the first 24-hour all-news network.

His empire grew throughout the 1980s. Though he failed in his bid to take over CBS in 1985, he bought Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer, giving him the rights to the studio's entire film library and enabling him to start Turner Network Television and, in 1994, Turner Classic Movies.

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the Coalition for the Homeless project.

The students in the Community Food Bank project worked with various soup kitchens and food banks, but found that although their service behind the counter was welcome, it was at the table, among the people eating there, that they felt most needed.

"We were able to talk to low-income and homeless people as equals, and they really appreciated us being there, exchanging intimate conversation," said Quyen Truong '05, leader of the Community Food Bank project.

Other students volunteered at Traveler's Aid, an agency of last resort that provides food, health care and clothing for homeless people. "I spoke to one man who'd spent all his money on his daughter's health care, and when she died he had nothing left," said Ilana Sherer '03, leader of the

Traveler's Aid project. "It makes you realize that everyone's one step away from a catastrophe."

Students in the Women's Center project distributed posters and brochures that listed phone numbers for domestic violence counseling and services. They also spent time in the Women's Center child-care area, entertaining children whose mothers were attending support groups at the center, Wolfson said.

During the week, several speakers visited the students at the church, including Associate Chaplain Jennifer Rankin and minister Mary Beth Reynolds from the University Chaplain's Office.

"The Breaks Projects present a possibility for opening up students' eyes to social problems and issues in unexpected ways," said Alan Flam, senior fellow at the Swearer Center, who coordinates the Breaks Projects.

The Breaks Projects "are one of the hidden gems at Brown," said Hamilton, "one of the most rewarding and interesting experiences I've had here."

Although participants said the projects were a valuable experience, they noted the limitations of community service without political action.

"Service can only go so far," said Truong. "More middle-income housing is needed, and changes on a political level have to happen."

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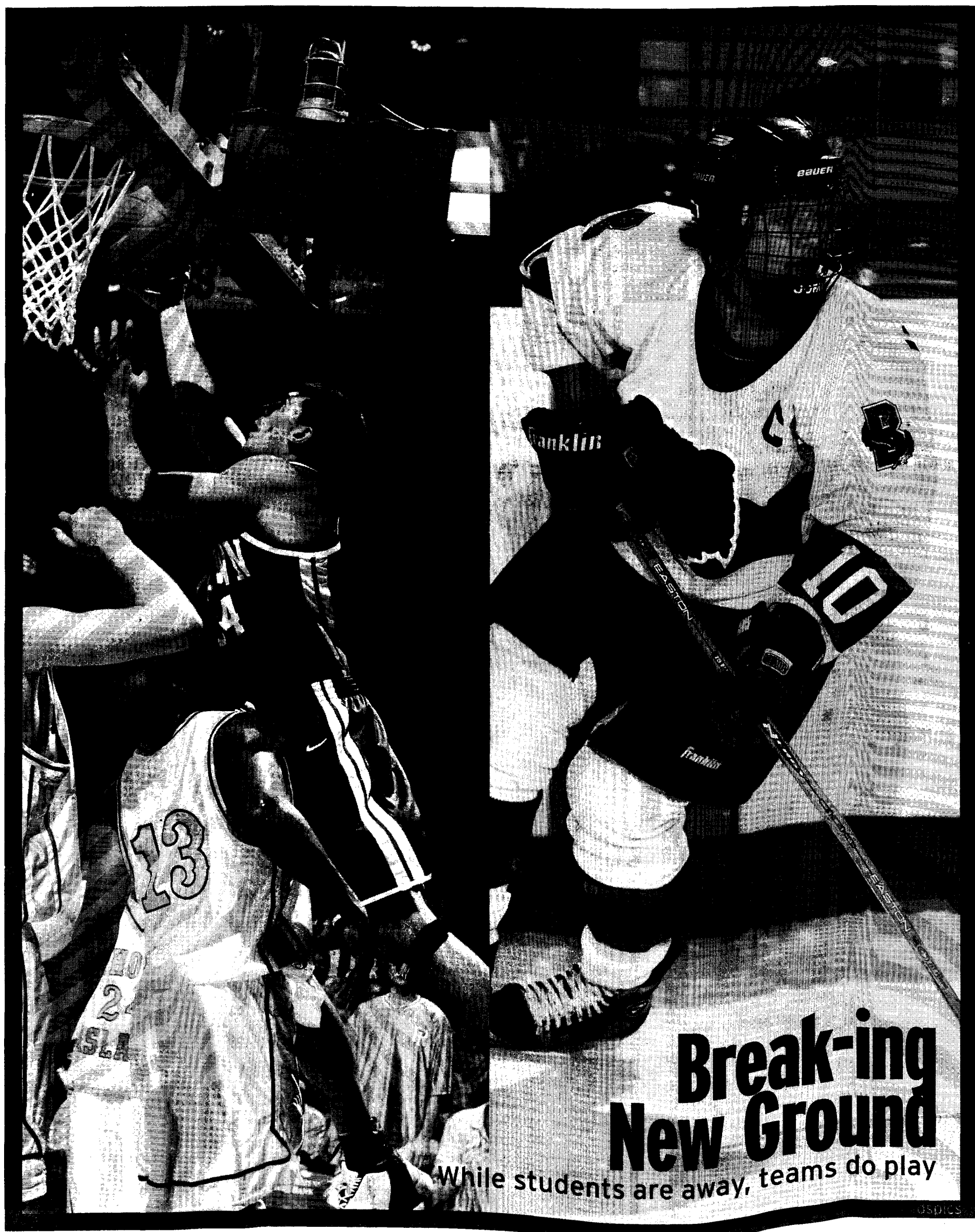
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Break-ing New Ground

While students are away, teams do play

OSPICS

Productive break propels men's icers near top of ECAC standings

BY IAN CROPP

Going 4-1-1 over winter break, the Brown men's hockey team climbed back into third place in the ECAC and pushed its overall record back over 500. The Bears rekindled their explosive offense, averaging over four goals a game, and the power play came back to life, accounting for close to a third of their goals.

After nearly three weeks without a game, the Bears headed out to the cold plains of Grand Forks, N.D., to face the number one team in the nation on its home surface at the Subway Holiday Classic.

North Dakota got off to an early start, as Brandon Bochenski netted his first of four goals at 3:58. After surrendering two more goals, Brown went into the locker room trailing 3-0. The Bears weren't about to roll

over, and came out flying in the second period, tallying two goals. Keith Kirley '03 found Paul Esdale '03, who netted Brown's first goal at 8:08. Then, with about five minutes left in the second, Scott Ford '04 added a power-play tally. Entering the third period down by one goal, the Bears still had a chance to upset the Fighting Sioux, but North Dakota proved to be too much in the end for the tired Bears, who managed one shot in the final frame. Bochenski's two goals sealed the 5-2 loss for Brown.

"It was a little disappointing going down 3-0, but we battled back and outplayed them in the second," said Head Coach Roger Grillo. "Obviously we didn't finish the game the way we would have liked, but it was a good experience playing in one of the best buildings in all sports."

"Playing the number one team in the nation in front of its 11,000 fans was a highlight for us," Esdale said. "We played well for most of the game, but their power play was strong and they are a very talented team."

After a good night's rest, the Bears faced off against the University of Manitoba Bison with goalie Scott Rowan '05 between the pipes. The Bears got off to a good start, as leading scorer Les Haggett '05 knocked home a power-play goal at 6:58. Brown found the net twice more, with Kirley scoring at 4:49 and Haggett adding another power-play strike at 16:42. Manitoba would tie the game with two power play goals, but the tie wouldn't last long, as Captain Tye Korb '03 scored what would be the game winner with just over two minutes remain-

ing. Goals by Kirley and Brent Robinson '04 sealed the 6-3 victory. Rowan had an impressive performance and finished with 23 saves.

Although a university team, Manitoba's roster contained many ex-professional players. "They were older and a little more controlled," said Robinson. "But we out-worked them and they weren't ready for it."

The Bears came back to Providence and faced off against the UMass-Lowell River Hawks on Friday. Goals by Korb and Robinson gave the Bears a 2-1 lead. Two Lowell goals would put the River Hawks in the lead, but another Brown power-play tally tied the game, as Ford blasted home a long one-timer. There would be no more

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Mixed results for team, while individual wrestlers find success

BY BRETT ZARDA

The winter break produced mixed results for the Brown wrestling team, which commenced its dual-meet portion of the season over the vacation.

In early December, the Bears placed 23rd out of 46 teams competing at the Las Vegas Invitational. The annual tournament offered the Bears a realistic assessment of their strengths and weaknesses entering the spring season.

"As a team we didn't do as well as we'd hoped, but it was a good indicator of where we were at that point of the season," said Co-Captain Clint Frease '03. "We got to see a lot of nationally ranked competitors and teams."

Frease seized the national spotlight placing second in his weight class. The finish was the Bears' highest individual placing at the competition.

Bruno returned early from the holiday break to compete in the Lone Star Duals in early January. The grapplers finished the meet 3-1 highlighted again by Frease's stellar undefeated performances. Following a defeat by Northern Iowa (7-28), Brown bounced back and earned close victories against Eastern Michigan (19-18) and Wyoming (19-18). In the fourth day of competition, the Bears dominated Cal State Fullerton (21-13).

The Virginia Duals followed and unleashed a rash of injuries that has continued to plague the Bears since. The team went 1-2 for the meet earning a victory against Virginia Tech before falling to the Nebraska and Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Michael Savino '05 had the best performance for the Bears finishing with an unblemished record through the competition.

Bruno coped nicely with a continuing injury bug while hosting their first meet of the year. The Bears went 2-1 defeating Sacred Heart and Johnson and Wales. The only loss of the weekend came at the hands of Boston University.

The Bears faltered in their latest match against Lehigh (38-3). Whether injuries have effected the Bears' performance is up for debate but irrelevant as the postseason draws near.

"We've been having to juggle our lineup which has been a little tough," said Jason Mercado '03. "Guys that are backups or guys that have to move up (in weight class) are just gonna have to wrestle to the best of their ability."

Mercado, the team co-captain, underwent shoulder surgery and knee surgery earlier in the season. He has since been sidelined again after re-tearing the carti-

lage in his knee and tearing ligaments in his thumb.

Mercado hopes to return in time for the EIWA, which serves as the national qualifier for the competitors. Before competing at the EIWA's the Bears face a crucial stretch of matches against tough Ivy League competition.

"Every dual meet from here on out is really important because it has to do team-wise with Ivy League placement and individually with seeding for the Eastern Tournament," said Frease.

The Bears face Hofstra and East Stroudsburg University this weekend before entering the all-important Ivy stretch.

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Women's icers test strength against nation's best

BY KATHY BABCOCK

The women's ice hockey team faced some of the toughest teams in the country over break. The team remains above .500, but has dropped in the rankings. Brown is currently ranked fourth in the ECAC after Harvard, St. Lawrence and Dartmouth. The Bears' record is 5-3-1 in the ECAC and 8-7-4 overall.

"I don't necessarily see the rankings as something that is important to us right now," said Kim Insalaco '03. "It's more getting where the team needs to be on the ice and I think the St. Lawrence weekend when we pulled out a win and a tie was a big turnaround."

The Princeton game (was important) as well, even though the outcome wasn't as favorable. I think the (both games) definitely showed huge signs of improvement and that we're going to have a good run down the stretch."

Brown played an impromptu alumni game last Saturday because its traveling partner, Harvard, decided to take extra time off for exams. Returning to play in the game were Olympians Katie King '97 and Tara Mounsey '03, as well as graduates Kristy Zamora '02, Meredith Ostrander '02 and Emily Sigman '02. Players said the game, played as two 25-minute halves, was an important learning experience for the team.

"It was definitely better competition than, say, a Division III team that we would have had to play or a lower level Division I team," Insalaco said. "I think as a team we learned how to score late in the game. We learned how to score in overtime, and I think that is one more step we needed to take to be where we need to be in the end."

Some of Bruno's players received a chance to compete with an even higher level of competition when they went to the U.S. National team's training camp in Lake Placid, N.Y. Six Brown players were invited — the most from any school.



Winter break was special for several members of the women's ice hockey team who had the opportunity to train with the U.S. National team.

Insalaco, Courtney Johnson '03, Katie Guay '05, Amy McLaughlin '05, Jessica Link '05 and Karen Thatcher '06 represented the Bears.

While the rest of Brown was preparing for exams on Dec. 6, women's ice hockey faced Northeastern tying them 2-2. The next day the team took a tough loss to Mercyhurst 4-1.

The Bears came back on Jan. 3 to trounce Wayne State 5-1, but the next day fell to New Hampshire 3-1. On Jan. 7, they beat Boston College 6-2.

On the weekend of Jan. 10 Bruno faced two Ivy rivals, losing to Princeton 2-1 in a well fought game, then coming back the next day to annihilate Yale 7-2.

The Bears played against conference

rival St. Lawrence on Jan. 17 and 18. In the first game, Brown beat the Saints 4-3 due in part to the extraordinary efforts of McLaughlin, who had two goals and an assist. The Bears tenaciously hung onto their slender lead, beating a five on three power play in the last two minutes of the game. The next day the Bears fell behind 5-3 with only minutes to go in the third period. Then Thatcher scored assisted by Myria Heinhuis '06 and Guay. In the final three minutes, Link was able to send it down the ice to Keaton Zucker '06 who made the open shot to take the Bears into overtime. Neither team was able to score and the final was a 5-5 tie. Zucker had two goals and one assist in the game. Combined with her previous day's effort

of one goal and one assist, this performance helped her earn ECAC player of the week.

The Bears are facing the meat of their season now as they play key ECAC games that will determine seeds for the playoffs.

"I think that if we end up fourth or fifth in the ECAC we're going to have a more difficult time in that first round of the playoffs, so we're really shooting for third place in the ECAC and a good home ice advantage for the first round of the playoffs," Insalco said.

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Disappointing start gives way to strong comeback for m. hoops

BY ADAM STERN

Despite an unexpectedly sluggish start to the season, the men's basketball team played exceptionally well during the winter recess, eliciting hopes for an Ivy League crown. Having won its last four games, it appears Bruno has managed to turn its season around. After losing seven of its first eight games, Brown has been

able to hang on to respectability, now boasting a 2-0 Ivy League record (7-9 overall).

"Our road trip to San Francisco helped us build some team chemistry," said Luke Ruscoe '06. "I can't pick out any one individual performance. We've just been playing better as a team."

Brown began the winter recess with a

powerful performance against Central Connecticut State. Earl Hunt '03 tied his career high by contributing 39 points to help Brown defeat Central Connecticut by a score of 75-67. According to Head Coach Glen Miller, the victory was all about confidence.

"Earl had a pop in his step (against Central Connecticut) and it's the first time all season that he's been healthy," said Miller. "He hit a few shots early and really got his confidence back. We had some of the best practices we've had all season (before that game). It was a real confidence booster for our team going into our West Coast trip."

Hunt continued his stellar play in a victory over San Jose State, scoring 19 of his 31 points in the second half. Alai Nuualitia '03 and Jason Forte '05 also played outstanding offensive games, scoring 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Bruno then went on to play St. Mary's on Dec. 30. Though the team came up short, offensive gem Hunt became Brown's all-time leading scorer. He surpassed Arnie Berman '72 whose record was 1,668 points scored in a Bear's uniform. He was later named Ivy League Player of the Week.

Due to a thigh injury Hunt began the season slowly, usually scoring less than the 18.7 points per game he has averaged over his Brown career. Heating up over the winter break, Hunt established a new record for number of field goals made, surpassing Brian Saunders '77 mark of 549. With 14:22 remaining in the first half against St. Mary's, Hunt made Brown history again, sinking two free throws to break the all-time scoring record.

"Earl Hunt means a lot to this team," said Miller. "Earl was hurt through our first eight games of the season. We're

starting to play good basketball, and it's no coincidence that Earl is healthy."

A non-league loss to San Francisco ended Brown's 12 day trip to the West Coast. Despite 10 second-half points from Nuualitia and a lead deep into the first half, Brown was not able to come away with the victory, eventually falling 81-52.

After returning home, Bruno began its current winning streak by defeating Rider 65-53. Hunt led the team in scoring with 24 points. Taking advantage of 13 second-half fouls committed by Rider, Bruno was able to overcome an 11 point deficit.

Brown then defeated New Hampshire with some quality shooting by Hunt and Mike Martin '04.

Hunt had 26 points while Martin contributed a crucial 21. The Bears ended up winning 93-76.

On Jan. 18, the Bears commenced their Ivy League season, playing and defeating the Yale Bulldogs. The game was postponed from its original date as a result of a traffic incident that killed four Yale students. The collision occurred on Interstate 95 and involved students in Yale athletics.

Bruno defeated the Bulldogs again on Friday night by a score of 94-84. The victory maintained Brown's undefeated Ivy League status and gave a packed Pizzitola Sports Center of nearly 3,000 spectators a reason to cheer.

Bruno will play Cornell on Friday in Ithaca, N.Y. The team will then travel to New York City to play Columbia on Saturday.

Sports staff writer Adam Stern '06 covers men's basketball. He can be reached at astern@browndailyherald.com.



Harold Bailey '04 (above) scored 14 points off the bench to help the men's basketball team to a win over the Yale Bulldogs Friday night.

Boston meets help men's track assess strengths

BY JOANNA GROSSMAN

The men's indoor track and field team began its 2003 campaign with two meets following the New Year, in Cambridge, Mass., at a meet put on by the Greater Boston Track Club, and at the Terrier Classic in Boston. The team had some strong performances and is looking forward to continuing this trend for the rest of the year.

"We ran particularly well at the GBTC meet," said Head Coach Robert Johnson.

A good mix of upperclassmen and freshmen contributed to the team's effort. Two juniors came in strong in the short distances, and Daveed Diggs '05 managed to set a personal record in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.30.

"The meets overall were good for the men. People's performances are improving and we're in a much better place than we were this time last year," Diggs said.

Co-Captain David Owen '04 also turned in a strong performance in the 200 meter run — not his usual race — with a time of 22.55.

"(Owen) competed well," Johnson said. "We're working on speed for the first 200 meters of his 400, and it worked out well."

Co-Captain Chad Buechel '03 brought in a first-place finish in the 3,000 meter run with a time of 8:26.24.

"We had an intrasquad meet our first weekend back, which helped to blow the cobwebs off. Our first serious competition was on the 19th, and it really set the

stage for the Terrier Classic," Buechel said.

In the pole vault Mike Murray '06 had a big jump of 15 feet to vault into the first-place spot, beating the next closest competitor by nearly a foot and a half.

"Mike put together a good series of jumps," Johnson said. "He continues to work hard and improve each week."

The throwing team may be young, but they are already contributing well to the team effort. Jake Golenor '06 finished second overall and captured the top college spot with a throw of 50:4.75" in the shot put. Just behind him in fourth place was David Glazier '05 with a throw of 46:10.25"

"Jake is looking really good right now," Glazier said. "We've come a long way from last year and are right where we want to be right now."

Another newcomer, Kent Walls '06, also contributed with a fourth place finish in the weight throw, with a distance of 47:3."

The jumpers contributed two second-place finishes to the team total. In the triple jump Eric Schrock '03 posted a mark of 44:1.25" and in the high jump Ray Bobrownicki cleared 6'8."

The team continued to compete well at the Terrier Classic on the Jan. 25. There were good performances from many team members, however, the stand out performance came from Jeff Gaudette '05, who finished third in the 5,000 meter run with a time of 14:09.81. This perform-

ance was strong enough to break both the school record and qualify him provisionally for the NCAAs. Gaudette was pleased with his performance, and credits good training over break.

"I was able to get in some really good training, with a lot of high mileage, I knew going in to the race that I was in good shape," Gaudette said.

Gaudette also praised the cheering from his teammates.

"I had really great support from the guys, which made it easier at the end of the race when I wanted to slow down," Gaudette said. "I felt like I would be disappointing them more than myself."

Setting a personal record, Owen continued his speedy trend by taking second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 48.7.

"We've had some really good performances, and we need to continue progressing to maximize our chances at winning the Heps," said Owen of the two meets thus far.

The shot putters once again turned in some strong performances with Glazier taking first in the open shot put with a personal record of 49:2.25" and Golenor taking fourth in the invitational shot put with a throw of 50:0.5."

After taking a year off due to injury Brad Bowery '03 came back to the pole vault with a bang, winning the event with a vault of 15:9." Coming in right behind him was Aaron Salinger '04 with second place at 15:03."

"Brad had some really great attempts

at 16:2," and he put in a good series of jumps," Johnson said.

Buechel also had a good performance for the second week in a row with a fifth-place finish in the invitational mile with a time of 4:07.02.

"Chad turned in a very good performance again in the mile," Johnson said.

"It's been great getting back to training with the whole team. It's a lot easier to train when you're surrounded by people with the same goals as you. The support is great," Buechel said. "Based on the past two weeks, we are headed in a positive direction to challenge for one of the top spots in the league."

The squad has its next meet on Saturday in Cambridge and will be competing against Cornell and Harvard.

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scoring in regulation, and although they surrendered seven shots in overtime, the Bears would escape with a 3-3 tie. Danis' impressive 45-save performance earned him ECAC Goalie of the Week honors.

"We played okay, but the tie was a little disappointing being at home," Grillo said. "In a game like that Yann needs to keep us in there, and he definitely did."

Shifting back to ECAC play, the Bears next faced off against a struggling Princeton squad. Late in the first period Princeton took two penalties, giving the explosive Brown power play plenty of room to work its magic. Haggett broke open the scoring at 17:10, and it would be all Brown from that point on. The remainder of the game featured a little bit of magic, as Adam Saunders '04 scored three goals, registering his first career hat trick. Danis recorded his third shutout of the year, stopping all 21 shots that came his way.

The following night, the Bears took on second-place Yale, whom they trailed in the ECAC standings by one point. Overcoming a two-goal deficit in the first, the Bears fell behind by two again early in the second. The Bears weren't about to give up, though, and the red-hot offense ignited to produce four straight goals. Haggett and Robinson would both score two goals in the 6-4 victory. Robinson finished the game with four points, and his weekend total of six earned him ECAC player of the week honors.

A week later the Bears took on Holy Cross in a non-conference game. Holy Cross made the mistake of giving Brown an opportunity to work on the power play.

Four power-play goals in the first two periods were all the offense Brown needed, and it cruised to its third straight victory. Danis continued his great play, putting aside 31 Crusader shots.

Before winter break the Bears had been struggling with offensive production, but in the six games over break the Bears scored an average of over four goals. Although it had been struggling for a bit before break, the power play was outstanding over break, converting at over 42 percent.

Grillo shifted the lines to put starting power play forwards Kirley, Robinson and Haggett together. "We play together on the power play and we are comfortable together and can really sense each other out there," Haggett said.

"The three players compliment each other really well," Grillo added. "Chemistry, continuity and confidence have helped bring our team to where we are now. We are learning what it takes to pay well offensively and get to where we need to be."

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Young women's basketball team gains momentum over winter stretch

BY JESSICA COOPER

The Brown women's basketball team has surged past the .500 mark after winning five of its last six games, including a series sweep of Yale. Currently 2-0 in Ivy League play, Brown (8-7 overall) has turned the tide on many of its early critics with some stellar play.

Coming into the 2002-2003 season, the outlook was not optimistic for the Bears. Ranking dead last in the Ivy League preseason poll, it seemed the women were to be haunted by last year's disappointing performance (5-22 overall, 2-12 league).

From the onset of preseason play, the Bears have displayed a degree of spunk not seen on the hardwood for some years. Their early prowess was visible when they took second in the Brown Classic, losing only to the University of Vermont, and third in the Wildcat Christmas Classic after falling to host Villanova but defeating the University of New Hampshire in the consolation game. The Bears also came close to capturing Rhode Island's Governor's Cup with a win over Providence College, then losing a nail-biting overtime contest to the University of Rhode Island Rams.

Armed with the return of two of the most dominating forwards in the Ivy League, coupled with one of the Ivy League's top recruiting classes, head coach Jean Burr's women's basketball team is ready to return to the upper echelon of the Ivy League standings.

Defending champion Harvard is still the team to beat. Returning last season's Ivy League Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year, in addition to a transfer from Louisiana Tech, Harvard is the unanimous pick to be Ivy champions. As the league currently stands, only Brown, Columbia and Harvard are undefeated going into this weekend's play.

Bruno is off to a sizzling league start and it is clear the women are set to avenge last year's dismal performance.

The Bears current stats are impressive. They lead the Ivy League in field

goal percentage with .426 and in steals, with 9.87 per game. The Bears are also in the league's top three for scoring, blocked shots and defensive rebounds.

A big part of this season's success can be credited to positive team dynamics.

"This is a very unselfish team. They take on whatever roles are needed. They have really brought their talents to the floor," Burr said.

"We are all focused on the same thing — same goals, same work ethic — and it is starting to fall into place," said Nyema Mitchell '04.

"Instead of one person having to carry the team each game, everyone has picked up her individual play and is pitching in. It shows in our attitude and overall record," she said.

As with any successful team, there is always room for improvement, Burr said.

"We are still working on our assist-to-turnover ratio, as well as getting more creative with our rebounding," Burr said. "Overall we just need to keep our steady style, maintain our poise and keep making the aggressive defensive stops."

Shooting .533 for the season, Mitchell is leading the Bears in three categories, averaging 14.7 points, eight rebounds and 2.3 blocked shots per game. So far this season Mitchell ranks fifth in the League in scoring and fourth in rebounding. Just this week Mitchell was named Ivy League Player of the Week, after recording her third double-double of the season with 16 points and 13 rebounds.

In the front court, centers Miranda Craigwell '04 and Holly Robertson '05 add some much-needed height to the Bears' roster. Craigwell is currently leading the team in field goal percentage at .549, while Robertson is a solid performer averaging 6.5 points to her credit. Andrea Conrad '05, Sandra Idehen '05 and Christine Okike '05 also add depth and experience to the bench.

In the back court, guard Tanara

Golston '04 leads not only her team, but dominates the Ivy League in assists, with 77 this season. Golston also is in the league's top 10 in scoring with 12.2 points. Golston was named Ivy Player of the Week last week for her double-double in scoring and assists.

Freshman standout Sarah Hayes '06 earned her second nod for Ivy League Rookie of the Week, racking up double digit points in Bears wins over Iona and Yale two weeks ago. Hayes is also an Ivy League leader in steals with 2.33, second only to teammate Colleen Kelly '06 who averages 2.67.

Hayes is in good company with fellow freshman guards Kelly and Jackie Vocell '06. Vocell is also a Rookie of the Week alum.

The Bears are carrying a total of seven freshmen, including Julia Barton '06, Adriana Bates '06, Ashley Bernius '06 and Ashley Van Kurin '06, in addition to Hayes, Kelly and Vocell.

Burr said this is one of the most talented freshmen squads she has ever coached. "They are adjusting academically, and this confidence is really starting to show in their athletic performance," Burr said.

The women match up against Cornell (6-9 overall, 0-2 league) tomorrow and Columbia (9-6 overall, 2-0 league) on Saturday. If both Brown and Columbia notch victories on Friday night, their match-up Saturday will be one to watch as two of the league's three undefeated teams will battle it out.

"We are going to have some tough games this weekend. Cornell is always consistent with their shooting and Columbia is proving to be a fast strong team as the season rolls along," Mitchell remarked. "But we can beat them both."

Tip-off is at 7:00 p.m. both nights inside the Pizzitola Sports Center.

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IN BRIEF

New INS System Is Full of Glitches, Schools Say

LOS ANGELES (Washington Post) — Little inside the LASC English language school, nestled in a glass-and-metal high-rise in L.A.'s Koreatown, hints of a place of learning. It touts itself as "world famous," but there are no books or college brochures. On a recent weekday afternoon the school held just one student, though its owner says classes are taught three times a day, five days a week. There were no teachers in the school's five classrooms, only a woman who doubles as the receptionist and the school's assistant director.

Yet U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service records show that the federal government has approved nearly 300 student visas over the past five years for people who said they planned to attend the school. The approvals came with little or no INS follow-up to determine whether the students actually showed up for classes.

"They've never checked us out in 20 years," said Yong Kim, who owns LASC and another school, ESLA, in Rowland Heights, just east of Los Angeles.

The INS claims that that is about to end, with the introduction Thursday of a \$37 million computer-based tracking system—the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) — designed to keep up-to-date records on when foreign students arrive, what they study, where they live and when they leave.

For years, the INS has failed to track the nearly 1 million foreign students in the country — a Justice Department inspector general's report last year labeled the program "historically dysfunctional." But the shortcomings became more striking after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, when Congress suddenly saw foreign students as a potential national security risk. Three of the Sept. 11 hijackers were in the INS foreign student database.

But even before the INS flips the switch on its new system, critics are saying that it will not solve the most glaring loophole in the visa program: Once in this country, it is easy for student visa holders to disappear into American society, melding into a population that hides 7 million to 8 million undocumented immigrants.

School officials raise a more immediate concern: that the system was rushed into operation with virtually no testing and that their limited trial runs have been plagued with glitches. Some members of Congress also are skeptical.

U.S. Case for Iraq-al-Qaida Link Rests With Operative

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — The Bush administration's renewed assertions that there are links between Iraq and al-Qaida are largely based on the murky case of a one-legged al-Qaida operative who was treated in Baghdad after he was wounded in the war in Afghanistan.

Abu Musab al-Zarqawi is emerging as a possible linchpin in the White House's efforts to win support for confronting Iraq, a case Secretary of State Colin L. Powell is scheduled to press before the United Nations next week.

U.S. intelligence officials say Zarqawi, 36, is one of al-Qaida's top leaders in Europe and is allegedly Osama bin Laden's chief of chemical weapons.

His travels to Iraq and suspected ties to terrorist plots in England, France and Spain tantalize White House hawks eager to tie two of America's declared enemies to one another, and win support from skeptical Europeans for a possible invasion of Iraq.

But even as Powell promised Wednesday to lay out new information on Iraq-al-Qaida links, U.S. intelligence sources said the Zarqawi connection remains highly circumstantial. Indeed, several sources said there's no clear evidence that Zarqawi's ties to Baghdad are more than medical. He is said to have had a leg amputated in a Baghdad hospital.

"If you're going to try to convince me we should go to war with Saddam Hussein, you shouldn't rest too heavily on (the Zarqawi case)," said a congressional source familiar with the intelligence on Iraq and al-Qaida.

After pressing the case last year that it suspected Iraq-al-Qaida links, the administration had seemed to drop the matter in recent months.

But in a campaign to regain momentum in the diplomatic push for confronting Iraq, the White House has revived those claims of ties to al-Qaida this week.

President Bush said in his State of the Union address on Tuesday evening that "Saddam Hussein aids and protects terrorists, including members of al-Qaida."

He cited evidence from "intelligence sources, secret communications, and statements by people now in custody."

Powell said Wednesday that documenting the ties between Iraq and al-Qaida will be one of the elements of his upcoming appearance at the United Nations, touted by the White House as a presentation of the best evidence it has against Iraq that can be shared with the public.

"We believe, and I will talk to this next week, that there have been links between al-Qaida and Iraq," Powell said in a television interview Wednesday. "There have been contacts over the years and there may be al-Qaida presence in Iraq."

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld went farther Wednesday, saying evidence supporting the claims of such links "has grown."

Intelligence officials said they are puzzled by the administration's new push. "To my knowledge, there's nothing new," said a senior U.S. intelligence official, who asked not to be identified. The expectation within CIA regarding Powell's speech, the source said, "is that it's going to be more comprehensive than bombastic and new."

Other information thought to point to possible links between Iraq and al-Qaida has been discounted, if not dismissed, by intelligence officials.

The CIA said it can still find no evidence supporting post-Sept. 11 reports that Mohammed Atta, one of the hijackers, met with an Iraqi agent in Prague, Czech Republic, earlier that year.

Similarly, intelligence officials described reports that Saddam is funding a Qaida-connected extremist group in northern Iraq as "wildly overstated."

There is no evidence so far to confirm that Iraq is arming, financing or controlling the group, known as Ansar al Islam, one official said. "There isn't a factual basis for such assertions."

Kurdish officials have told Western intelligence that Ansar Al-Islam, a radical Taliban-style fiefdom, has given shelter to Zarqawi.

The group claims to have amassed stockpiles of ricin, cyanide and aflatoxin, and has vowed to use them against American troops if they invade Iraq.

U.S. officials say they cannot confirm that Zarqawi has links to Ansar Al-Islam. Nor can they confirm published reports that he carried a poisonous substance disguised as an ointment into Turkey.

Zarqawi, 36, remains the focus of an international manhunt.

He is suspected in a series of European plots, possibly including a recently foiled scheme to poison food at a British military base. The search for Zarqawi led police in Britain to the discovery of a small factory to produce ricin poison in a London apartment.

He also has been tied to recent arrests of suspected terrorist and confiscation of chemicals, equipment and protective gear in France and Spain. Jordanian authorities suspect he may be involved in the killing of a U.S. foreign aid worker there last year.

Powell's presentation next week is also expected to include imagery from satellites and other sources showing what the White House believes is evidence that Iraq is hiding materials from U.N. weapons inspectors.



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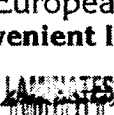
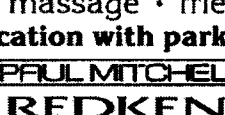
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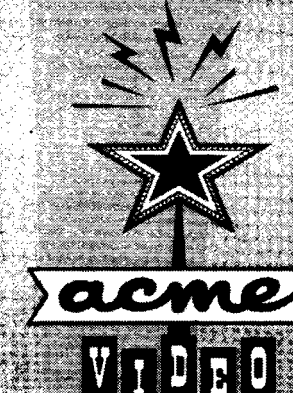
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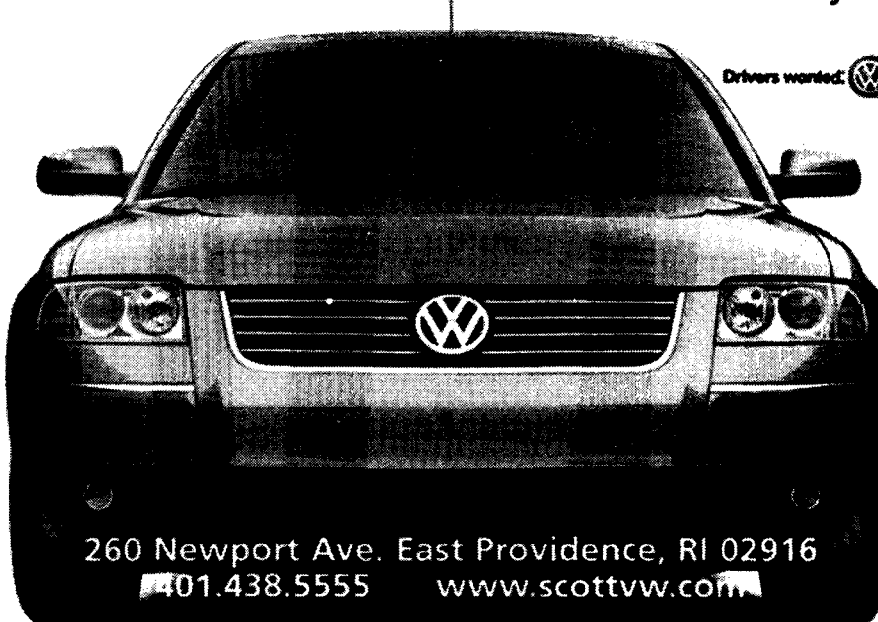
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corner of the net.

Right after the goal, Brown went back on the power play but was unable to convert, as Schaefer made several key saves. Later in the period Providence had its best scoring chances on the power play, but goaltender Yann Danis '04 saved a slew of shots, including two deflections.

With a little over two minutes to play and Brown on the power play, the referee called another penalty on the Friars. But as Danis made his way to the bench, he collided with a Providence forward.

A melee erupted after Ford skated over and subsequently unloaded on a Friar forward. All nine skaters on the ice were penalized for a total of 38 minutes, and what could have potentially been a two-man advantage for the Bears turned into a Providence power play. For

Providence, a bloody Michael Lucci left the game and would not return.

"It was unfortunate to lose Lucci, but I think (the rumble) was good for us," said Providence Head Coach Paul Pooley. "If we go two men down, that is the difference. It was the turning point of the game."

With 14 seconds left to play, Gerry Burke '05 was called for a hold, putting an uncomfortable seven skaters in the Brown penalty box, and leaving three Brown skaters on the ice.

Providence wasted no time getting on the board in the third period, scoring in 18 seconds. Just as the first penalty expired, Friar forward Devin Rask circled behind the net and found Jon DiSalvatore right outside the crease, who beat an out-of-position Danis.

Later in the period, Brown failed to retake the lead on a 5-3. With under five minutes to play, Providence went ahead 2-1. Fourth line forward Cody Loughlean crashed to the net and

redirected a perfect pass from Chris Chaput. An empty net goal by Doug Wright with 33 seconds to play secured the victory for the Friars.

Brown had many chances to score in the third, but Schaefer stood strong as he did all night, making 36 saves.

"It was a carbon copy of the game we played on Saturday," said Brown Head Coach Roger Grillo. "We played well, but one bad goal — that was the difference."

The Bears now enter the final stretch of their season, playing nine more ECAC games.

"We need a few wins to move us up in the standings," said Kirley. "It would be nice to get home ice advantage or a bye in the first round of the playoffs."

The Bears will travel to Cambridge Friday to face the first-place Crimson.

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Lillian Rosenthal '05 and number three Captain Allison Roche '03 came out with wins to start things off in both matches, but from there each match's path diverged.

Number four Tara Gibbons '04 seemed to be on the verge of coming back from being down two sets before having to retire with an injury. While the rest of the team who played after her came up with wins to seal the victory, each had to step up one slot against Smith to fill in. Step up they did, as they all coasted to three-set victories. Number two Kari Betts '06 rebounded well from a loss against Amherst,

while Alicia Ringel '04 came up with a big win in Gibbons' number four spot.

The whole team was back to take on Bowdoin on Saturday, posting a 7-2 victory. Rosenthal, Roche, Gibbons and number six Phoebe Anderson '05 all came up with wins in the early matches, while Betts and Ringel put up good fights in tough defeats. The team enjoyed similar success to the men against Tufts with a 9-0 victory in which no Brown player lost more than four games. Julie Flygare '05 and Alexandra Kourides '06 took convincing 9-0, 9-0, 9-0 wins at the five and 10 slots, respectively.

This weekend the teams play at Williams on Friday and Dartmouth on Sunday against

both the hosts and Colby. With Nationals coming up, LeGassick remains optimistic about the men's chances to enter the tournament in the top bracket.

"We are about where we thought we would be," he said. The women have reached fifth in the national rankings, even without Captain Avery Broadbent '04, who has been sidelined with an injury.

"The players are stepping up and filling the void well," LeGassick said. "They are fit and strong after the double sessions of training in early January."

Still, the upcoming games loom large in the scheme of things. "This weekend ... is a very important one for the team," LeGassick said.

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billed as "a true story of the Civil War," was filmed entirely on location in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland, although not at actual battle sites. Actors worked with a professional historical dialect coach, because, Maxwell noted, "in the 1860s very few people traveled more than 100 miles from their homes in their lives," which fostered a multitude of regional accents. In the scenes that took place off the battlefield, the characters' dialogue was often adapted directly from their own writings. And to broaden the types of characters included in his film, Maxwell said he "wrote an entirely new screenplay" using Jeff Shaara's book, "Gods and Generals," only as a jumping-off point.

Some of the historical figures Maxwell wrote into his script were the wives of Jackson and Chamberlain, Jim Lewis, a freed slave who worked as Jackson's personal valet and cook, and a little girl who Jackson befriended during the war.

Maxwell said he rues the type of historical filming that takes liberties with the horrors of war. Citing Mel Gibson's "The Patriot," Maxwell took issue with a scene in which the British army herds people into a barn and then sets the structure on fire.

"Excuse me, this is American history," Maxwell said, claiming that "The Patriot" had taken an atrocity committed by the Nazis and used it out of its historical context.

Amateur Civil War reenactors played the parts of thousands of battle extras in "Gods and Generals." When an audience member asked Maxwell how much liberty he gave the reenactors during the filming of battle scenes, the director made it clear that filmmaking on such a large scale required micro-management of every detail, right down to which soldiers died, in what way and where.

It's very important for a director to know the difference between a reenactor and an actor," Maxwell said. "They're two different species. The reenactors I've come to know are really very educated about the Civil War, but I'm not filming a reenactment, I'm filming a motion picture. ... It's very meticulously choreographed."

One advantage to using reenactors as extras, Maxwell said, was that because each group of reenactors is familiar with a specific regiment, they can be directed through the use of actual bugle calls and military orders.

"The reenactors operate, more or less, as armies," he said. "You can move them around the battlefield."

One audience member asked what "Gods and Generals" had to say about the current threat of war. Assistant producer Dennis Frye answered, "What I hope people take away from this film, especially considering that we may soon be engaged in war again, is that war is not a game, and real people die." Frye compared the tactics of the Civil War, in which enemy combatants came face-to-face, with the "laser precision bombing" that he thought would be the hall-

mark of upcoming military action.

Ultimately, Maxwell seemed most interested in conveying the sense of responsibility he felt towards the real people whose lives he portrayed in "Gods and Generals" and in "Gettysburg."

"In these films we don't find sadists, we don't find people who enjoy killing. All these people are highly ethical. It's not interesting to me why brutal people fight. Why do good people, why do ethical people, why do people all around us become warriors? At some point it just disintegrates into bloodlust. It's a male thing, and sadly, it's going on today all over the world."

The director said he hoped his questioning spirit would extend to audiences of "Gods and Generals."

"Film is a wonderful medium to pose questions," Maxwell said. "It is a terribly awkward medium to answer questions."

"Gods and Generals" will open Feb. 21. The event was sponsored by the Brown Film Society.

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and this pleases me.)

Though outstanding performance as an assistant coach has been able to win some black coaches top positions where they were able to succeed (Herman Edwards), the ranks remain slim. Far slimmer are the ranks of black college football coaches, where being a top assistant guarantees nothing. I'm not sure exactly what it takes to become head coach at the 117 Division 1-A football programs in the country as a black man, but it wouldn't take long to find out, as you could interview each one personally and only have to make four

phone calls.

The solution to this quandary would apparently be some sort of legislation that requires schools to interview minorities, but this has been done. Quite obviously, you can make athletic directors interview certain coaches but you can't make athletic directors hire them. Perhaps it is the case that race is noted in the failures of lousy coaches (Bobby Williams) and unnoticed with excellent ones (Tyrone Willingham). Whatever the issue, athletic directors are still in no hurry to hire minority coaches, leaving an embarrassing blind spot to remain in the college football landscape.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Finding RISD

Many of us as pre-frosh were tempted by Brown's glossy pamphlets and other forms of propaganda. Though some of the claims made in the publications we read and information sessions we attended proved true, one has fallen dramatically short of the hype — the University's alleged integration with the Rhode Island School of Design.

In promotional materials, Brown constantly plays up the opportunities available at RISD for Brown students. Yet, after arriving on campus, many are confronted with the nearly unworkable situation of registering for RISD classes and integrating them into a Brown schedule. Students with an artistic bent, convinced they could benefit from both an Ivy League and art school education, often have trouble registering for even one RISD class.

The formation of a joint faculty committee is a promising start toward addressing this problem, as is the creation of courses co-taught by Brown and RISD professors. And though the problems associated with cross-registration are to an extent unavoidable, the potential mutual benefits to be derived from more interaction between the two universities extends beyond the academic.

Brown students at public forums often tout their desire to get involved with the greater Providence community of which RISD is a vibrant part.

In addition, both campuses could offer a variety of resources to students from each institution. Greater cross-campus publicity of film festivals, lectures and performances, perhaps through a joint calendar, would benefit both communities. The Undergraduate Council of Students could even sponsor Brown-RISD social events. And best of all, many of these efforts would come at minimal cost.

A feasible method for cross-registration may be some years in the future, but we can take small steps now toward increasing our communication with RISD. We at The Herald hope to do our part to bring the two campuses closer together by expanding our coverage to more RISD events, and we hope other organizations on both campuses will follow suit.

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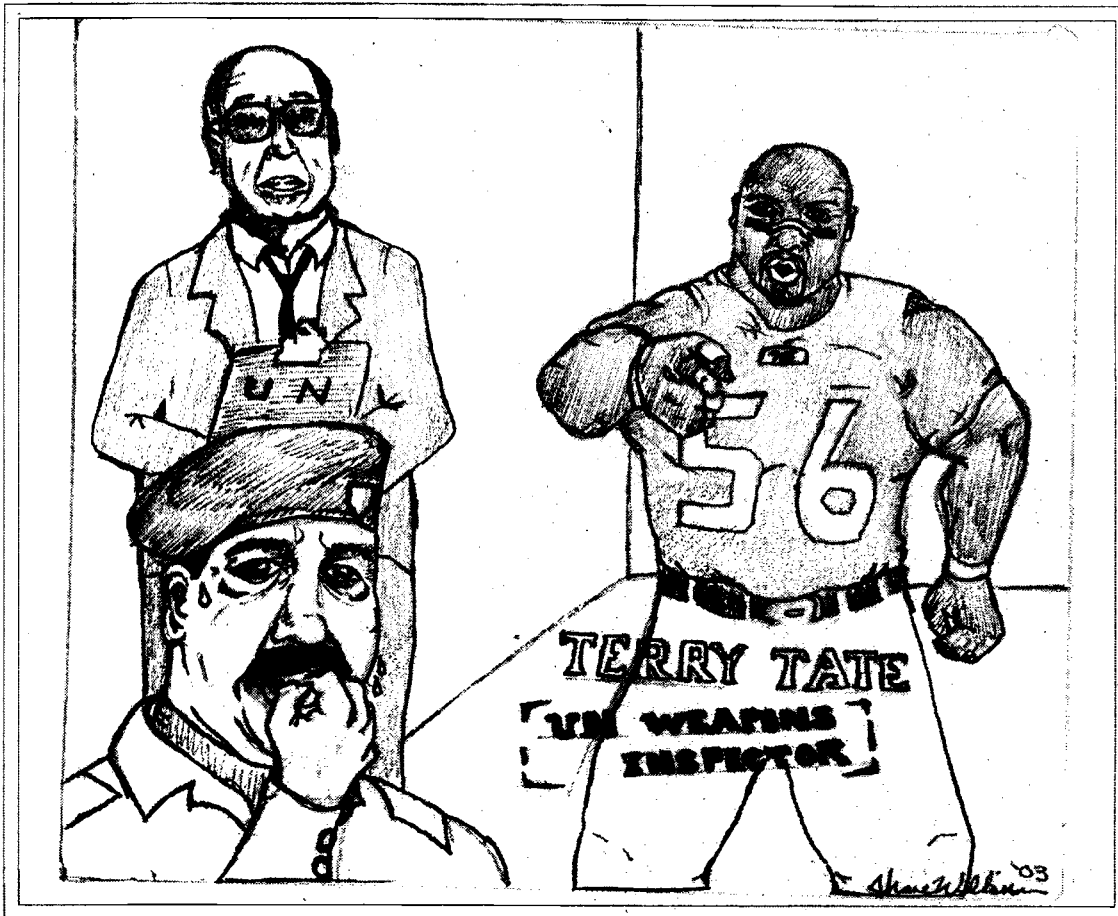
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Herald snubs
Republicans in State of
the Union coverage

To the Editor:

We were very disappointed by the irresponsible reporting displayed in yesterday's coverage of the State of the Union address ("State of the Union draws varied reactions from student and faculty members," Jan. 28).

The "varied reactions" did not include many more conservative views on campus. Because last night's speech was given by a Republican president, one would think that the Brown College Republicans would be the first group on campus to be contacted; instead it was the last. The Herald staff did not attempt to contact any member of the group until after 1 a.m.

Even after certain members hauled themselves out of bed, comments praising Bush's commitment to social security reform and tort reform did not appear in the article. This is evidence of the Herald's one-sided reporting at its worst. Apparently, student opinion is not worth quoting if it is not consistent with that of the report staff. We know the Herald can and should do better.

The Brown College Republicans
 Jan. 29

Noon misses the full
picture of race debate
in America

To the Editor:

Nick Noon's point that reverse racism is much less of a problem than ordinary racism is well taken ("Whites cannot relate to minority experiences," 1/28).

However, he dismisses the validity of other people's experiences — reverse racism does exist and it has victims, though they may be much less injured than victims of American institutional racism.

Furthermore, he asserts that American culture is white culture. American "culture" is mostly synthetic and profit-driven, constructed by elite white CEOs. However, though it is constructed by whites, it speaks to very few people (even if they are white) on a personal level. So when white people seek a sense of belonging, it is in response to a real vacuum. It is unwise to deny other people the reality of their need for belonging.

Josh Lackner '03
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One-sided discussion solves nothing

Disregarding feelings of any race precludes true progress

RACISM IS ONE OF THE MOST INTENSE, frustrating and awkward issues facing America, and it involves so many personal emotions that it sometimes seems an impossible topic to discuss publicly. All opinions on this subject are valid in that they stem from personal experiences and observations, but it was disconcerting to read Wednesday's column by Nicholas Noon '05 ("Whites cannot relate to minority experiences" 1/29/03). The writer started out with an important topic and huge potential for the campus to hear his voice, but along the way he fell into distressing assumptions and conclusions that contradict the goals of generations of race relations.

Noon begins his column by declaring, without any explanation or further comment, that "racism by definition cannot be experienced by whites." The common meaning of racism is the belief that one race is intrinsically different from another, combined with discrimination based on that ignorance. Beyond the fact that his definition is faulty, it is explicitly and historically untrue. Even a basic view of history shows the discrimination that the Irish experienced upon reaching our country, or the persecution the Jewish people have endured for centuries. Though Noon is technically wrong, the worrying aspect of

his statement is the principle that underlies it. The idea that racism is specific to a given group sets back entire movements by agreeing with the idea that one race is different from another, solidifying boundaries that equality organizations have been trying to erode for decades.

Perhaps sensing reaction to this declaration, the author goes on to assert that even if discrimination against caucasians exists, it is incidental compared with discrimination against other races, making it different from racism and even acceptable. Though it is undeniable that prejudice against whites is both less prevalent and far-reaching than prejudice against other

racism, this does not change the fact that no form of prejudice is acceptable. Though circumstance certainly makes it understandable, there is no defense against its inappropriateness. When Noon justifies any type of racial discrimination, he stands against true fairness in society.

In terms of our own campus, it is true that racism exists and that some students fail to understand the motivation behind minority student groups. However, unlike Noon, I do not believe that anyone is truly serious about creating some sort of "White Student Alliance," and the reason why is simple: There is no "Black Group" or "Asian Club." Ethnically focused student groups stress the appreciation and spread of distinct cultures and are perfectly aware of the difference between, for instance, students of Caribbean ancestry

and students interested in historical and cultural awareness of Cape Verde. These groups are daily trying to educate others about the richness of their heritage and culture, and pigeonholing them as "black clubs" debases their hard work and individual pride. Equally, all of these student groups understand the importance of inclusion of all members of the Brown community, no matter their ethnicity. Any student interested in learning more about South Asian culture and issues is welcome at an SASA meeting, regardless of race, sex or background. Even TWTP, which is a hotly debated institution on campus, is not exclusionary — all incoming students may attend. Though only minority students are explicitly invited, the program was designed to appreciate diversity of all types and expand the discussion of race beyond bitterness and rhetoric.

In light of this definition of ethnic and cultural student groups, there are many so-called "Caucasian Clubs." From the Celtic Cultural Association to the Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation to the French Club, Brown students — white or otherwise — are working to teach others about their ethnicity and ancestry. Most importantly, none of these groups have any racial restrictions on membership or participation. This is especially relevant when considering Noon's point that "most clubs and fraternities ... are dominated by whites, meaning white clubs do pretty much already exist." This "domination" is not intentional or purposeful by

any group on campus, whether fraternal or not. No university-approved fraternal organization has any discriminatory policies in terms of race. That both Caucasian- and minority-themed student groups are eager for any interested student to participate, learn and appreciate makes this a stronger, more educated and healthier school.

Probably the most disturbing part of Wednesday's column was Noon's statement that he has "not been present for a discussion on racism at which a white student did not attempt to join in by volunteering his or her experiences." This short sentence implicitly said more about the author's personal beliefs than much of the rest of the article said directly. The idea that white students have no relevant opinions about race relations undermines the entire process of discussion and change that is the future of race equality. This writer believes it is laughable to argue that racism does not pervade our society and our own community. Despite this, the idea that white Brown students cannot understand racism, and, by implication, should not try to, is a slap in the face to the countless people of all ethnicities who work for a more equal and accepting society.

Though it is true that whites can never truly understand the experiences of minorities, I would urge Mr. Noon to think more carefully about what his own words say to the Brown community: If we start by seeing each other as irrevocably different from one another, then the

XANDER BOUTELLE
GUEST COLUMN

Xander Boutelle '04 is the tallest T.A. in the computer science department.

Late night makes for a great night

Why Conan O'Brien is more than just a tall, goofy redhead

I ADMIT IT — DURING MY HIGH SCHOOL years, I consistently went to sleep by 11 p.m. If I do not get nine hours of good sleep, I cannot seem to function the next day. So to my dismay, I was never able to watch late night television, except during vacations. But let's face it — college hours are exactly the same as the hours I used to keep during high school vacations. Either through extreme lethargy or a hardcore regimen of napping during the day, I always make sure to stay up until the wee hours of the morning. Sure, my roommate goes to sleep, but I have my buddies Jon, Jay, Conan and Carson to keep me company. As my good deed for today, I would like to provide the Brown community with an in-depth analysis of all of my favorite late night talk show hosts:



ADAM STERN
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Carson Daly is featured in NBC's 1:35 a.m. slot in what tries to be a hip, teeny-bopper show aimed at insomniacs like myself. Daly, who originally made it big hosting MTV's "TRL," seems to enamor his viewers with his laid back, cool-as-a-hippie act. Personally, I do not really have the same attraction that most pop-loving teens do, but I also have no complaints about his abilities. He always manages to provide a decent interview with a current teen star and is always very keen on pop culture. This last attribute gives Carson an edge that some of the other late night hosts lack.

Adam Stern '06 is also more than just a tall, goofy redhead.

Craig Kilborn is adequate for CBS's "Late Late Show," but not spectacular. While this former ESPN anchorman usually does not use the same slapstick style that many of his peers feature, he still always manages to put a half-hearted grin on my face.

Though his interviews sometimes look awkward, some gimmicks, such as his "The Five Questions" bit, provide nice interplay. At the very least, his show takes up good down time while I am waiting for Conan O'Brien to come back from a commercial break.

Jay Leno is one of the two most famous late night show hosts. Taking over for Johnny Carson, Leno had some big shoes to fill. Coming from a career in stand-up comedy, much of Jay's show revolves around shallow yet mildly entertaining humor. As the show has matured, however, it has become increasingly obvious that Jay's target audience is not really college students. His style seems more suitable for men in their late thirties and early forties.

There are two aspects of Leno's show which I especially admire, however. First, he is not afraid of talking about his own life, his marriage or his hobbies. Most other hosts shy away from mentioning their personal lives. The other aspect of Jay's show that distinguishes it from the rest is his dynamic give-and-take relationship with the bandleader, Kevin Eubanks, whose constant microphoned laughter forces a smile on my face every time. When you

David Letterman, if you ask me, never should have given up his career as a weatherman. He is not as funny as Leno, but he certainly tries to be.

add up all of Leno's positive attributes (especially his agreeably enormous chin), you come up with a pretty decent show.

David Letterman, if you ask me, never should have given up his career as a weatherman. He is not as funny as Leno, but he certainly tries to be. He usually just comes off as being obnoxious. And his Top Ten lists? I know they are usually a fan favorite, but I think they are always fairly lame and unimaginative. I know Letterman saw a rise in popularity after his quintuple bypass surgery and Sept. 11, 2001, but I am ready to go back to the time when I just thought his show was mediocre.

Conan O'Brien is by far my favorite late night talk show host. Coming on after Leno, Conan provides a college audience with a delightful blend of comedy, celebrity interaction and music. His comedy is comprised of a topical stand-up entry, self-deprecation at every opportunity, slapstick skits and spontaneous responsiveness to his guests and audience.

Conan's humor works on several levels. As a former writer for both "Saturday Night Live" and "The Simpsons," which both feature college-level humor, O'Brien knows how to entertain. His comedy is witty, clever and charming. He's funnier than Leno, Letterman and Kilborn — and is also far more modest (at least on the

show).

Physically, Conan is not an impressive man. He is abnormally tall. He has an insane tidal wave of red hair and freckles that make him look like a gigantic five-year-old. So when he makes fun of himself, his audience laughs because the underdog is always likable. When he pokes fun at other celebrities, the audience appreciates the irony of a nerd exerting influence over the rich and famous. We relate because, after all, deep down, we are all nerds.

While his skits sometimes border on immaturity, a good time is always had. All in all, watching his show before I go to sleep is often one of the best parts of my day.

Jon Stewart is different from the rest in one way because his "Daily Show" is on Comedy Central. Being on cable allows Jon to be a little more risqué. He makes the most of this opportunity without being classless. Jon takes timely political issues and reports them in unison with comedic commentary. The show is sort of a slightly dumbed down but hysterical "Politically Incorrect." Jon's timing is on par with the best, and he makes the most of using facial expressions to elicit laughter, which I have always thought is a lost art. He provides an excellent segue between primetime television (a topic for another day) and the golden hours that are late night.

SPORTS THURSDAY

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Friends, fun
and car fumes

LAST SATURDAY NIGHT, THREE FRIENDS and I went on an unprecedented caper into downtown Providence. We had seen Waterfire before, but that was nothing special. We had seen Rahzel break it down at Lupo's — that, too, was child's play. No

such shenanigans were had last weekend. This time, there was demolition. There was adrenaline. There was drama. Welcome to the wonderful world of the U.S. Hot Rod Monster Jam.

The TV commercial made the monster

truck rally seem like the best thing since the XFL. My friends and I hardly knew what to expect. Would we see the legendary Grave Digger? (We didn't.) Could Bulldozer pull the hat trick and win all three races of the weekend? (He did.) Whatever happened, we agreed, would be worth the price of admission.

And was it ever. Before we even made it to our seats, I sensed the atmosphere of hot truck exhaust. It was strangely pleasant to inhale. Vanilla ice cream never tasted so good. Even better was the ruckus caused by the trucks blasting their engines. Who needs eardrums? The monster truckers pollute the air and waste fuel all in the name of entertainment. This event was for the fans. Not since I was a fetus in my mother's womb had I felt so accommodated.

As for the actual competition, that too was a thrill. First were the races, for which Bulldozer was the favorite. Two of us were rooting for Bulldozer, the other two for the infamous Inferno. As you can imagine, we started getting really into it — the whole arena was! For those of you uninformed, four real automobiles are laid down side by side to create an obstacle for the trucks — a quad jump — but the cars are anything but an impediment to the races. They are just more destruction! Anyway, Bulldozer did some wicked jumps and maintained his speed on every heat, taking the cake.

But the best part of the event, unquestionably, was the freestyle. The trucks have a certain amount of time to pull nasty stunts, cause destruction and wreak havoc. Amidst our shouting and emotionally charged insults to one another (like I said, we were into it), we witnessed a piece of monster truck history. After seeing several acts that were nothing phenomenal, the Sobe truck came out with a bang and captured my admiration. It hit a quad jump at a risky angle, tumbled onto two side wheels and, by some divine act of the heavens, was able to right itself and return all four wheels to the ground. Perfect.

All in all, we got much more than we bargained for. You name it, we saw it. We even spotted a few hot chicks. One of my buddies said that it had easily been the best night of his life. He was exaggerating a little bit, but was he really that far from the truth? We witnessed wasteful damage, hilarious chicanery and some hard-nosed competition. What more could one ask for from a sporting event? Right?

Eric Perlmutter '06 purchased "Sounds of Monster Trucks" to listen to as he sleeps.



ERIC PERLMUTTER
PERL MUTTERS



dspics

M.ice hockey will head to Boston on Friday, trying to sweep the season series with Harvard.

PC edges men's icers 3-1
to retain Mayor's Cup

BY IAN CROPP

There's nothing the casual hockey fan loves more than a good, penalty-drawing fight. On Tuesday night, they got one, when the men's hockey team hosted the Providence College Friars in the 17th annual Mayor's Cup. The cross-town rivals treated a crowd of 2,215 to an exciting and physical game, not to mention the entertaining spectacle of seven Brown skaters squeezed into one clown car of a penalty box.

Brown carried a one-goal lead into the third period, but Providence scored a goal early in the third to tie it, then added one with less than five minutes to play. An empty-net goal sealed the 3-1 win for the Friars, who won the Cup for the second year in a row.

Providence came out flying in the first period, but the Brown defense kept the Providence forwards on the perimeter and

didn't allow many second opportunities. The Bears had trouble moving the puck through the neutral zone, as the Friars' forwards clogged up the passing lanes.

"We needed to adjust to their speed," said Keith Kirley '03. "By the second period we had more pep and we were able to open it up more."

Brown's offense picked up in the second, and a hard forecheck led to a Providence holding penalty at 9:27. Less than a minute into the power play, the Bears scored the first goal of the game. After collecting the puck along the side, Les Haggett '05 dropped the puck back to Paul Esdale '03, who quickly slid it across the point to Scott Ford '04. Before Providence goalie Nolan Schaefer was able to move across the crease, Ford rifled a low shot into the left

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Like butter, male, female
squash teams on a roll

BY CHRIS HATFIELD

The Brown squash teams are both hitting their strides as the season heats up. After rough starts on the part of both the men's and women's teams, each squad has gotten hot a month before the end-of-season tournaments.

The ninth-ranked men's team (3-4 overall) came back from winter break ready to turn things around after some tough losses to conference opponents Harvard, Princeton and U. Penn.

After losing to Cornell 0-9 on Jan. 19, the Bears won two days later at Amherst 7-2, with convincing wins from Captain Ben Oliner '03.5 and Breck Bailey '06 at the one and two spots. The rest of the squad had more trouble, with number four Sean O'Boyle '05, number seven Justin Wong '05 and number eight Jay Beidler '05 eking out five-set marathon victories.

This win gave the Bears some momentum heading into their weekend matchups against Bowdoin and Tufts at home. Bowdoin didn't give the team nearly as much difficulty, as most of the Bears won their matches in three or four sets for an 8-1 Brown victory. Brad Corona '04 bounced back from a defeat against Amherst, win-

ning his number three pairing 9-4, 9-1, 9-7. Brian Rifkin '06 closed out the victory by taking a five-set thriller at the ten spot.

The following day, the squad turned in the definition of a full team effort by blanking Tufts 9-0. Not one player even dropped a set to the Jumbos on a day highlighted by 25th-ranked Oliner shutting out Tufts' best player 9-0, 9-0, 9-0. Bailey, Corona and Captain Robert Park '03 all won games in which their final two sets were perfect, while David Krupnick '06 won his number five match 9-1, 9-1, 9-0. Gavin Watson '05 also won his second match of the weekend at the number nine slot.

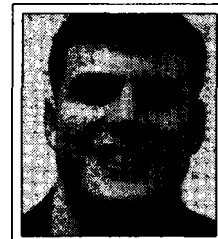
The women's team (5-3) is on a similar roll. The ladies have not lost since coming back from double sessions, beginning with a pair of 9-0 wins over Bates and Wellesley at the Williams Invitational on Jan. 11. These wins helped the seventh-ranked Bears put early losses to Harvard, Princeton and the U. Penn behind them, and the wins have started to pile up. After thrashing Cornell 9-0, the team went into Amherst and came out with wins over both the home team and Smith. Number one

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State of the
sports' union

IT SEEMS AN APPROPRIATE TIME OF year to offer a "State of the Sports' Union" address. Our country, though faced with many challenges and concerns, is on the whole quite strong — at least so far as sports are concerned. We

are enjoying a level of parity in athletic competition unlike any in recent history, it seems. The NFL playoff race was the most crowded and wild yet, and Dick Vitale has acknowledged that this NCAA basketball season



LUKE MEIER
NUTS AND BOLTS

has 20 legitimate title contenders. Things are pretty swell for the American sports fan. In the spirit of negativity that permeates Brown's reaction to the "State of the Union," however, I will choose to focus on what I perceive as the two glaring weaknesses currently in the sporting world.

The first is the continued proliferation of free agency. Athletes like Reggie Miller and Emmitt Smith, ending successful and lengthy careers spent exclusively with the Indiana Pacers and Dallas Cowboys, respectively, are a dying breed. The turnover rate for players is such that a longtime fan may discover the only thing he's consistently cheered over the span of a decade is a certain uniform.

In baseball the incremental exodus of players to more competitive teams resembles a food chain. The perennially disappointing Chicago Cubs have what is regarded as the finest farm system in baseball, and historically lose their best talent to better teams immediately after (Greg Maddux) or before (Rafael Palmeiro) the players become stars. Teams residing in the middle class neighborhood of the baseball world find it financially difficult to retain more than one superstar player and usually have to sell their excess of talent to the Yankees at some point down the line. It sort of reminds you of that picture where the really little fish is about to get eaten by the bigger fish, who's about to get eaten by the bigger fish.

The economic parity of football is a great improvement over baseball in this regard, but fails to keep players from moving around quite a bit within the league, as bench players want to become starters, starters want to become pro-bowlers and pro-bowlers want to get a Super Bowl ring. I'm not sure what the solution to this dilemma would be, and that's why I'm glad I'm not actually the president of what I'm reporting on.

The second great weakness in sports right now is in the hiring of minority coaches, specifically the almost complete lack of them in football. The two dominant hiring trends in the NFL right now seem to be to old head coaches with success in ages past (Dick Vermeil, Marty Schottenheimer, Bill Parcells) or emerging college coaches (Jimmy Johnson, Butch Davis, Steve Mariucci). Unfortunately both groups are almost exclusively white, as a casual glance at any facebook of NCAA coaches or great NFL coaches of the 1980s will tell you. (Yes, I realize there are no such books,

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