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Administrative reorganization in the works

BY PHILISSA CRAMER

A committee will examine the structure of Brown's administration in the first phase of a possible reorganization, said Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Elizabeth Huidekoper.

The University's goal is to rearrange its administration to best support Brown's academic mission and goals, she said.

Huidekoper said an eight-member advisory group will spend the winter and spring interviewing administrators to find out what they like about the existing organizational structure, as well as any challenges or problems they have experienced.

Vice President for Campus Life and Student Services Janina Montero said some administrators are anxious about the process but understand its necessity.

An undertaking like the administrative reorganization "doesn't come without some apprehension and change," she said.

Huidekoper said the group plans to make recommendations by the end of the semester.

But she said any changes that arise from the process will not happen until after the senior administration discusses them.

"I don't know if there will be significant changes, but clearly there are areas where people think we can be more efficient," Huidekoper said.

She said the committee's investigation will not target any specific areas of the University's administration.

"There is no grand design that anybody has in mind," she said.

Huidekoper said the timing of the administrative reorganization is not explicitly related to the budget crisis, but she said it does have a relationship to the hiring freeze for all non-academic personnel instituted on Dec. 23.

"We'll have more latitude to effect some change because of the hiring freeze," Huidekoper said.

Montero said the administrative reorganization process has a purpose similar to that of the hiring freeze.

The hiring freeze "argues for a very careful look at any new positions to make sure that anybody new ... (fills) a position consistent with the direction of the reorganization," she said.

Huidekoper said the administrative reorganization is also consistent with other ongoing processes at the University, including the recent restructuring of the Faculty Executive Committee, which concluded last semester with major organizational changes to the faculty governance structure.

"There are a lot of hardworking, dedicated, skilled people (at the University) who want to make sure their energy is used for important things," she said.

Huidekoper said any administrator can volunteer to be interviewed, in addition to certain vital administrators the committee already plans to contact. All University personnel received a memo asking for their input in the process, she said.

She said the names of the steering committee's members and the administrators they interview will remain confidential until after the committee has made recommendations to the senior administration to encourage openness about the University's possible shortcomings.

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The Public Art Committee of Brown helps bring work like Isamu Noguchi's "To Tallness" to campus.

ARTS & CULTURE

Famous sculptures grace campus thanks to art committee

BY STEFAN TALMAN

Far stranger than the recent appearance of a large stone obelisk on the Main Green was the silence that followed. No fanfare, no ribbon cutting, no balloons appeared to announce and explain the sculpture. It simply arrived one morning, sitting on a bed of rocks.

During the fall semester, two sculptures had already materialized, slightly more off the beaten path. One, a colorful ode to pop art, arrived in the lobby of List Art Center, eventually migrating to the lobby of the Watson Institute for International Studies. The other, a large, black, box-like cross, appeared on a bed of rocks outside List, this time eventually accompanied by similarly-sized wooden sculptures echoing a similar theme in the building's lobby.

Where are these works of art coming from? The Public Art Committee of Brown inaugurated its Sculpture on Campus Program last semester, working to facilitate the long-term loans of works by well-known artists. The committee is composed of President Ruth Simmons, Chancellor Emeritus and Committee Chairman Artemis Joukowsky '55, Chair of the Department of Visual Art Richard Fishman, Bell Gallery Curator Jo-Ann Conklin and University Curator Robert Emlen.

The most recent work brought to campus by the PAC, a large stone obelisk on the Main Green, is Isamu Noguchi's "To Tallness" (1981), lent to the University for the next three years by the Isamu Noguchi Foundation. Noguchi (1904-1988) was born in Los Angeles and spent most of his childhood in Japan. Though formally trained in New York, he was also greatly influenced by the work of Constantin Brancusi, a pioneer of abstraction, with whom he studied in Paris in the late 1920s.

Throughout the 1930s, Noguchi traveled extensively through China and Japan learning about calligraphy, garden and ceramic design. Combining this influence with the avant-garde styles of his training, Noguchi often crossed boundaries, mixing art and architecture, creating public spaces — like plazas and gardens — across the world. Noguchi also worked in stone and wood from his studio in Japan — the body of work from which "To Tallness" emerged.

Installed in front of List, British artist David Nash's "Box Cross" (2002), a charred oak sculpture, rests upon a bed of stones. Born in 1945 and currently working in North Wales, Nash uses trunks from fallen trees that he carves and chars

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No preventing Norwalk at Brown; virus proves inevitable part of communal living on campus

BY CARLA BLUMENKRANZ

Like dorm bathrooms and cramped quarters, susceptibility to the Norwalk virus plaguing campus this week is a nearly inevitable part of communal living, physicians say.

This winter, the Northeast has seen a surge in incidences of the virus, which causes 24 to 48 hours of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain, said Dr. Herbert Rakatansky, clinical professor of medicine.

The worst hit have been dense residential communities, such as nursing homes and universities, he said. A nursing home Rakatansky visited yesterday has posted signs warning visitors of an outbreak of the virus.

Once multiple incidents occur, there is little a community can do to prevent the virus from spreading, he said. Rather, because the virus is spread by small amounts of fecal matter, it is the responsibility of individuals to be vigilant about washing their hands, agreed Rakatansky and Dr. Edward Wheeler, director of Health Services.

Nevertheless, some Harvard University dining halls have taken precautions against the Norwalk virus, including changing utensils every half-hour to prevent contamination, the Harvard Crimson reported on Friday.

University Food Services representatives were unavailable for comment, but Rakatansky was unsure about the effectiveness of constantly replacing utensils. Most people are only contagious during the period that they are ill, he said, and the most effective means of prevention are good hygiene and common sense.

There is no treatment for the Norwalk virus, but both Wheeler and Rakatansky emphasized the importance of remaining hydrated.

And after 48 hours, "if you haven't gotten better, you should see someone to make sure that it isn't something else," Rakatansky said.

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CALENDAR

LECTURE—"The History, Politics, and Culture of Iraq and the Region," William Beeman, Brown Faculty, Alumni and Staff Against the War. Metcalf Auditorium, 190 Thayer Street, 7 p.m.

LECTURE—"The Protestant Zeno: Calvin and the Development of Melancthon's Anthropology," Barbara Pitkin, Stanford University, Department of Religious Studies. Room 064, Wilson Hall, Noon

COLLOQUIUM—"Immigration and the Transition to Adulthood in Sweden," Calvin Goldscheider, Brown, Department of Sociology. Zimmer Lounge, Maxcy Hall, Noon

THEATRE—"Shape-Shifters," by Laura Schellhardt, Creative Writing Program. McCormack Family Theater, 70 Brown Street, 8 p.m.

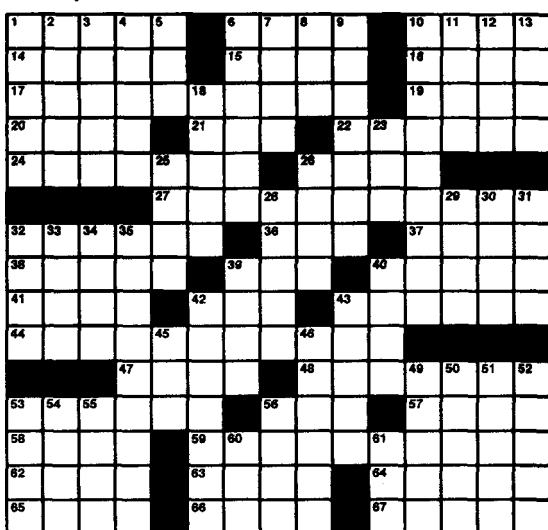
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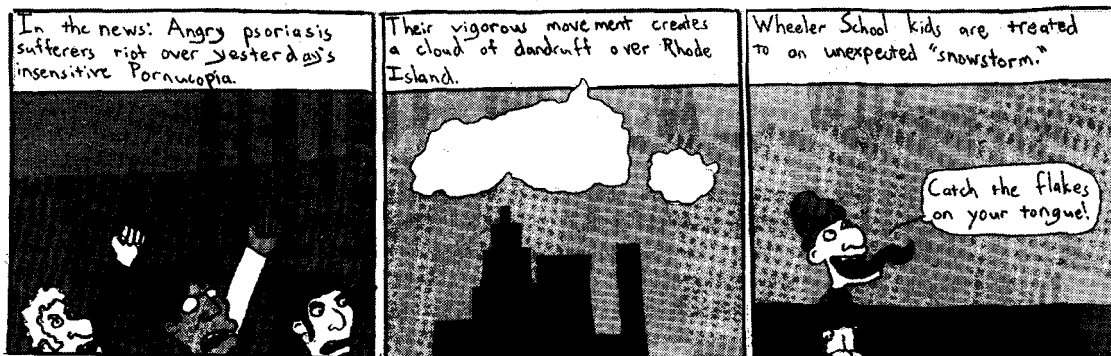
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IN BRIEF

Antiwar gathering draws crowd

More than 1,000 people gathered Sunday in a downtown Providence church to show opposition to war in Iraq.

The gathering at Beneficent Congregational Church on Weybosset Street drew more than two dozen organizations, ranging from religious to labor groups.

David Segal, 1st Ward City Council representative, spoke at the afternoon gathering and is co-sponsoring an antiwar resolution that the Providence City Council will vote on during Thursday night's meeting.

There was a "large Brown population" in attendance at Sunday's gathering, as well as many minority groups, said Riana Wood '03, a Green Party member.

Wood said she was extremely pleased with the event, and she was particularly impressed with the "focus on action."

"Not only was there talk of ... the Rhode Island peace movement, there was also talk of the antiwar resolution" and other events, Wood said.

Organizers passed around blank postcards and encouraged those in attendance to use them to write to their congressmen and urge them to oppose war with Iraq. Many people chose to write to U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., who has voted in favor of military action several times, Wood said.

Petitions supporting the antiwar resolution were also passed around, and they will be presented at the City Council meeting on Thursday, Wood said.

The entire event took only an hour and a half, Wood said, but "they packed a lot in," including musical performances and speakers from religious, labor, student and civic groups.

Now, Segal and the Green Party are turning their attention to Thursday's effort, Wood said. Seven council members have voiced support for the antiwar resolution, and, to get it passed, the sponsors need just one more vote in favor, she said.

—Juliette Wallack



Courtesy of DBEC

The Mason Building at 169 Weybosset St. will house RISD's new Design and Business Entrepreneurship Center.

New RISD building will help design-based businesses

BY ADAM STELLA

Rusted blue scaffolding and orange plastic mesh surround the doorway to the Mason Building at 169 Weybosset St. The plywood-boarded windows beg for graffiti artists' decoration, and at first glance the building appears abandoned.

But in reality, its interior is brimming with creativity and business activity.

The RISD-owned building, one of the school's most recent acquisitions, houses the Center for Integrative Technologies and is the home of the new Design and Business Entrepreneurship Center, according to Matt Montgomery, a senior press officer at RISD.

The DBEC is a design-based business incubator run by RISD and Bryant College's Center for Design and Business. The incubator searches for client companies in need of

design and business advising and nurtures them into mature, viable organizations.

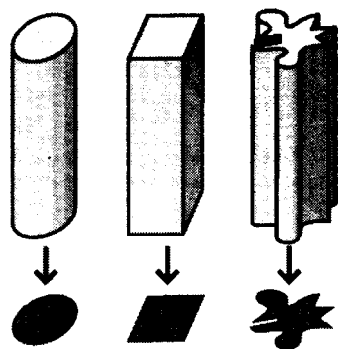
The DBEC "capitalizes on the fact that (Rhode Island is) a center for design," Montgomery said.

RISD's aesthetic influence extends throughout the Mason Building's interior. The Sol Koffler Gallery, the largest fine arts gallery downtown, is adjacent to the lobby. The walls are painted vibrant shades of green, and sunlight streams through giant windows onto recently refinished hardwood floors.

The Mason Building was constructed in the late 19th century and formerly housed a Ross-Simons department store. RISD acquired the building in September of last year

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and began renovations, including a facelift for the facade that should be completed this spring, Montgomery said. The neighboring Fletcher Building has been RISD-owned for four years.

Since 1997, the Center for Design and Business has run conferences and workshops that stress the synergy of design and business. The Mason Building proved an invaluable acquisition for RISD, which was eager to expand, and presented a perfect opportunity to launch the intensive business incubator downtown. RISD teamed with Bryant College in 1997 to form the DBEC, which opened to its first client last month.

The first company to move into the incubator was Design One Consortium, an interior architecture consulting firm formed in 2001 by RISD alumna Lynne Phipps. Phipps attended last year's annual Success by Design conference, which is run by the Center for Design and Business. When she heard about the DBEC, she decided the incubator could help her business grow, she said.

Phipps said she hopes the DBEC will bring her business more corporate clients.

"What (DBEC) offers that most attracted me to it was the opportunity to network in the design field and the business community of Providence," she said. "I see it as an investment in the company."

Working in a RISD building is a great advantage because it offers access to RISD graduate students and RISD workspace, Phipps said.

Two other client businesses are

moving into the DBEC offices this week. One is an Internet services company called Sprintout, which has been in business for 75 years and is currently transitioning from a printmaker to an Internet company, Montgomery said. The other company is a newspaper design and editorial consulting firm called Creative Circle Media Consulting. The firm does much of its business nationally and is trying to establish its presence in New England, Montgomery said.

The three companies were selected in part because their business size and goals were compatible with the services offered and also because of "philosophical reasons" and the desire to be part of a creative community, Montgomery said.

Clients face a rigorous application process that matches company needs with the goals and capabilities of the program, said Cheryl Faria, the director of the Center for Design and Business. Each company had to be a pre-existing business and submit a business plan to be considered.

Each business that takes part in the DBEC program is assigned a small mentoring team of about three people made up of RISD and Bryant faculty and experts in various business fields.

Faria and her associates select the mentoring group based on the client's needs, she said. The group meets formally with the client every two months and makes suggestions about business decisions, Faria said.

Each DBEC client pays a portion of the program fees for the incubator, which total \$1,900 to \$2,300 a month. The remainder of the cost is paid for by grants from RISD and

state training programs. Design One Consortium pays about \$725 per month, Phipps said.

RISD helps subsidize the program because RISD President Roger Mandle wanted "a way to contribute to the economic development of the city," Faria said.

The DBEC's clients sign a year-long contract for its services, but they are expected to move elsewhere after a year or two, Montgomery said. The constant flux caused by companies moving in and out of the DBEC's office space makes recruitment an important, ongoing initiative. The DBEC holds two information sessions a month for prospective clients, Faria said.

The DBEC differs from most

incubators in that it is administered by an academic institution and is not funded by state or local agencies, although Faria named the city's Economic Policy Council, Economic Development Corporation and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce as strong partners of the DBEC.

The DBEC briefed the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce on the DBEC's plans, and the Chamber is excited about the prospect of a business incubator downtown, said Janet Raymond, senior vice president for economic development at the Chamber.

"It certainly has tremendous economic spin off for Providence

and the state," Raymond said.

RISD is equally pleased with the progress it has made thus far on the DBEC, and hopes to spur further economic activity downtown.

"We just put three businesses in downtown Providence," Montgomery said. The DBEC has office space for nine small companies, and is currently researching candidates for the remaining six offices.

"If we can do what we've been doing for the last five years we can generate economic progress for the region," Montgomery said.

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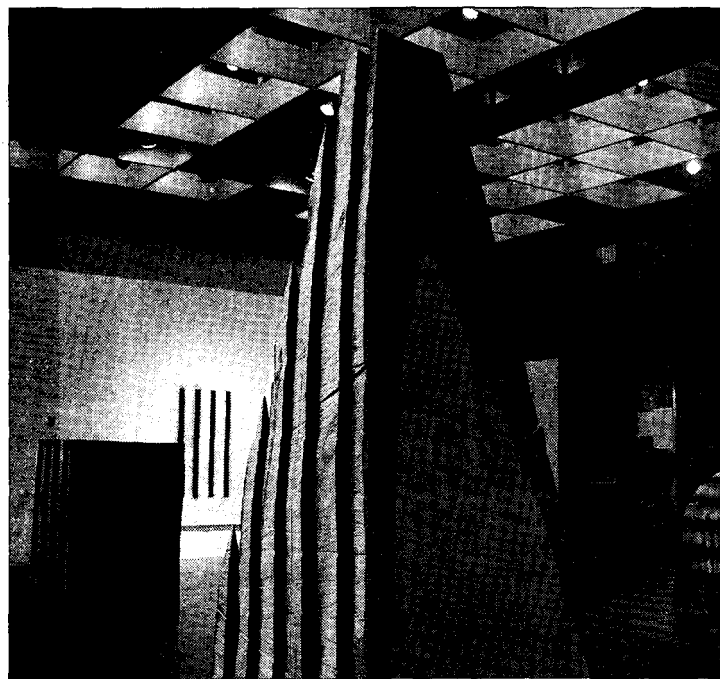
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into often-monolithic, organic or geometric forms. The process by which Nash works leaves each work with a rich texture, fluctuating between a natural and altered state of the material as can be seen in "Cube, Sphere, Pyramid" (2000) in the List lobby.

Within the Watson Institute, American pop artist Roy Lichtenstein's "Metallic Brushstroke Head" (1994) echoes in three tangible dimensions his theme of the "brushstroke," exploring the components and concepts of the painting.

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"Cube, Sphere, Pyramid" by David Nash stands in the List lobby.

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UCS outlines plans for several key initiatives for coming semester

BY JONATHAN ELLIS

The Undergraduate Council of Students set the stage for several key discussions and votes in the coming weeks at its Monday night meeting.

President Ruth Simmons will speak with the Council next week concerning the Office of Campus Life and Student Services, UCS President Allen Feliz '03 announced.

Vice President for Campus Life and Student Services Janina Montero will leave the University this summer to become vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of California at Los Angeles.

"With so many structural changes going on in the University, this gives us a new opportunity to look at this particular department and figure out ways to improve it, so (Simmons is) interested in hearing about what we think about campus life and student services," Feliz said.

Montero was present at the meeting but did not comment.

The UCS Executive Board will meet with the Undergraduate Finance Board and Dean for Campus Life Margaret Jablonski soon to discuss long-term funding for campus events, Feliz said.

Feliz said the Council will publicize elections slated for Feb. 17 to fill two vacancies on faculty advisory committees: the Residential Council and the Faculty Advisory Committee on Computing. UCS's own internal elections have also been postponed until Feb. 17.

The Academic and Administrative Affairs Committee will present a statement on the proposed addition of pluses and minuses to Brown's grading system next week, said Kevin Bennett '03, the committee chair.

Admission and Student Services Committee Chair Rahim Kurji '05 said the committee will suggest that UCS chip in an additional \$200 to help Health Services continue to offer students access to MyStudentBody.com, an alcohol awareness site.

Campus Life Committee Chair Justin Sanders '04 sought manpower to run this year's edition of the Helping Undergraduates Socialize program. HUGS is a computer matching service for Valentine's Day that offers questionnaire respondents a list of the 10 people on campus most compatible with them, he explained.

UCS will cosponsor a March 14 benefit concert for Safewalk in the Underground, Sanders added.

Development of an all-campus calendar by the

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All-Campus Community Fund helps student groups seeking cash

BY LISA MANDLE

Who said there's no such thing as a free lunch? For students and student groups looking to host a special event or attend a conference, the All-Campus Community Fund and the Leadership Development Fund can be valuable sources of support.

Vice President for Campus Life and Student Services Janina Montero created the funds last year with a grant from President Ruth Simmons.

This year Campus Life received \$18,000 for the All-Campus Community Fund and \$7,000 for the Leadership Development Fund, said Katherine Wolford RUE '06, project director for the Office of Campus Life and Student Services. The size of the funds is determined on an annual basis and may not be the same in the future, Wolford said.

The All-Campus Community Fund is intended to build community by supporting both academic and social all-campus events, Montero said. A portion of the money from last year's fund went toward Mental Health Awareness Day.

Grants from the Leadership Development Fund have been used for conferences, seminars and retreats, Wolford said.

Applications for awards are reviewed by two committees of students and administrators — one for each fund.

Last semester the All-Campus Community Fund review

committee received six or seven applications and approved several, said committee member Deepa Kumaraih '03.

The strict requirements of the All-Campus Community Fund — events must be valuable for the entire campus and have no other source of funding — limit the number of grants given, Kumaraih said. But "we'd love to get more applications," she said.

The Organization of Women Leaders received a grant from the Leadership Development Fund to use toward speakers and workshops at a conference the group is holding at Brown on Feb. 22.

"The opportunity to get funding from Brown is pretty limited, so the Leadership Development Fund is great to have," said Kim Boortz '05, co-president of OWL.

Rodrick Echols '03, a member of Brown Gospel Voices of Praise, used a grant from the Leadership Development Fund to travel to a gospel conference in Atlanta last December.

Echols said the availability of the funds is temporary and the Undergraduate Council of Students and the Undergraduate Financial Board need to find a way to provide a permanent mechanism to finance such opportunities.

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Summer studies program continues to grow; profits support academic enrichment plan

BY ZOE RIPPLE

A rapidly expanding Summer Studies program has become an important component of President Ruth Simmons' Plan for Academic Enrichment.

Three years ago the University made less than \$100,000 from the Office of Summer Studies after all operating expenses were paid, said Karen Sibley '81, associate dean for student outreach and summer studies. This summer the program is expected to earn \$500,000 in profits, Sibley said.

Though the program does provide the University with supplemental income, "the quality of the program comes first, then generating revenue," Sibley said.

Brown created the Summer Studies program because the University had not historically utilized the campus to its fullest extent during the summer, said Richard Gould, professor of anthropology and member of the committee that created the program.

The program now offers classes to pre-college, undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and abroad.

The program has not been running at its full capacity, but in years to come, the office plans to enroll more students and offer more courses, Sibley said. The program is especially in need of more courses in the sciences, she said.

"We have plenty of room to expand," she added.

Brown will offer two study-abroad programs for the first time this summer. One will be in taught in Rome at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies focusing on Old World art and architecture.

The other is a study on anthropology in Australia that will be taught primarily at the University of New South Wales in Sydney.

Summer Studies has also served as a laboratory where new classes are tested before being added to the Brown curriculum, said Catherine Dube, an assistant professor of community health who will teach a course for the program this summer.

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but despite pulling the goalie in the final seconds of the period, Bruno was unable to tie it up.

Both teams remained scoreless in the third, though the Bears again pulled their goalie in the final seconds of the period. The Bears dominated the Huskies in the third, outshooting them 13-2, and overall the Bears had 38 shots compared to the Huskies' 16. But the Bears took three penalties while the Huskies received none.

Brown has key games in the weeks ahead wherein the Bears will have to play their best hockey in order to be a contender in the ECAC.

They also have to juggle their lineup.

"We don't have Cassie Turner '03. She went to play with Team Canada over in China. So we're

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figuring out how to come up with a game plan to fill that hole and continue to just stick to the basics of hard work and focusing on consistency for three periods," Murphy said.

Brown faces conference rivals Vermont and Dartmouth this weekend. The team needs to win these games to receive a good seed in the ECAC playoffs.

Brown faces Vermont at home on Friday. In a November road game, the Bears beat the Catamounts 3-0. On Saturday at Meehan, Brown faces fellow Ivy Leaguer Dartmouth, who dished out a 3-1 loss to the Bears at their last meeting.

"I think the Harvard break

definitely hurts us because it is hard to maintain that true game pace," Murphy said. "Next year we're trying to schedule more 'real' games, if you will. We had the alumni game, but that is hard to get up for. I think the kids know that for the rest of the season they can still win the ECAC championship. All they have to do is basically focus on the ECAC championship, and that starts with the Dartmouth game and the UVM game this weekend."

Sports staff writer Kathy Babcock '05 covers women's ice hockey. She can be reached at kbabcock@browndailyherald.com.

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NBA

This is perhaps the hardest league in which to pick the best rivalry. There was the traditional Celtics vs. Lakers rivalry that was made into a fantastic video game for the good old Genesis. Since these teams aren't even in the same conference and only play a couple times a year, it's very difficult to put this as the best rivalry. The best rivalry of today's game is between Sacramento and Los Angeles. This one involves a large amount of trash talking on both sides and many great battles between the two teams.

The best rivalry of all time, however, is the Chicago Bulls vs. the New York Knicks. This has been the case for a while and was greatly intensified in the 1980s and 1990s when it was essentially Michael Jordan vs. Patrick Ewing. The rivalry has waned in recent years, as the Bulls have become

one of the worst teams in the league with the Knicks on the cusp of such a distinction. Still, a great rivalry remains, and it will continue to endure as the two teams begin to improve in the years to come.

MLB

It's obvious to anyone who follows the sport that these two historic franchises have been battling it out for many years. Of course, I'm talking about the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and the Florida Marlins — two teams with a combined payroll less than the cost of the pasta pot, which is a great value, let me tell you.

In actuality, the best rivalry in baseball and probably in all of sports is the Yankees and the Red Sox. Ever since 1918 when the Red Sox traded a man named Babe Ruth to the Yankees for what amounts to \$20 in necklaces, this rivalry has been a mainstay in all of sports. "Yankees Suck" chants abound at

Fenway in any given game.

The Yankees, who have definitely bested the Red Sox overall in this rivalry, are not quite as vitriolic, but still hold a great deal of animosity towards the team from Boston. This rivalry is the best because of its intensity and longevity.

The Yankees and Red Sox always seem to be battling it out for the American League pennant and both teams have remained remarkably good over the past 80 years, which only intensifies the rivalry.

The best traditional college basketball rivalry that will be on this week is UNC vs. Duke, which has become very one-sided in recent years. Still the passion remains in almost of these rivalries, so tune in and watch both fans and players go crazy and take notes for the Brown basketball games this weekend.

Jeff Saltman '03 hails from outside Washington, D.C. He is a history and economics concentrator.

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Student Activities Committee is continuing, said Sarah Buchwalter '05, the committee chair.

Based on recommendations from UCS representatives, Secretary Luke Meier '04 said he is considering asking the Ivy Council to craft a statement

regarding the affirmative action controversy surrounding the University of Michigan. The Ivy Council is comprised of student government representatives from each Ivy League school except Harvard.

Herald staff writer Jonathan Ellis '06 covers the Undergraduate Council of Students. He can be reached at jellis@browndailyherald.com.

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Without the two funds, "the events would not be happening," Montero said.

"The funds encourage student

organizations to work together and, as a result, we are building more community and sharing resources," Wolford said.

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not as easy to score at this level. Guys are stronger and there are a lot of good goalies out there. It comes down to executing, and we haven't finished on our chances. We need to."

This isn't the first offensive slump of the season, though, as Bruno scored two goals in four games earlier in the year.

"We can't let it frustrate us,"

Haggett said. "We need to create chances and make it happen. If we keep fighting through sticks and get that second effort, then it will happen."

Continuing ECAC play this upcoming weekend, the Bears hope to move up in the standings as they travel to upstate New York to play Union and Rensselaer.

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Hofstra's Chris Stretkovicz.

The Bears only other win came in the heavyweight division as Lee Beane '06 defeated Mike Lodato 7-0.

Later that same day, the wrestling squad tied the East Stroudsburg University Warriors 15-15, but lost the match due to near-fall criteria. This was the second match of the day for the Bears, who are now 6-7 overall.

Four Bears picked up their sec-

ond wins of the day: Magnani 6-2 at 125, Beane 3-1 at heavyweight, Ciarcia 3-1 at 184 and Frease 6-5 at 141.

Also recording a win for the Bears was Dan Appello '06, 5-4, at 133. Wrestling for Brown but coming away with losses were Shawn Cully '05 at 149, and Savino at 151, as well as Sean Jenkins '04 at 165 and Santee at 174.

Bruno will continue action this weekend as they open the Ivy League competition at Princeton on Saturday and at Pennsylvania on Sunday.

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IN BRIEF

Bombers may be sent to Pacific to send message to N. Korea

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — The Pentagon has alerted bomber crews that they could be sent to the Pacific as a message to North Korea that the United States remains prepared for military action in the region, even as it focuses on a possible war with Iraq.

Pentagon officials stressed that no decision on any deployment has been reached, but they noted that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was considering a range of options that would bolster the U.S. presence in the Pacific.

The aim, said one official, would be "to turn up the knob a touch on the burner, to make sure it's visible, but not aggressive or provocative."

The steps reflect rising tensions between the United States and North Korea over Pyongyang's apparent efforts to restart its nuclear weapons program.

U.S. satellite photos taken last week showed fresh activity around a key nuclear storage facility. U.S. intelligence officials said the photos showed trucks moving near the storage site, prompting fears that North Korea was moving spent fuel rods that could yield plutonium needed for bombs.

The United States already has 37,000 troops stationed in South Korea, and an array of additional sea and land forces throughout the Far East.

But the plans under consideration at the Pentagon would place additional B-1 and B-52 bombers on the island of Guam, nearly 2,000 miles southeast of North Korea.

The Pentagon said it had put some military personnel on notice that they could be deployed to the Pacific. One official called it a "pack-your-bags" warning.

Columbia faced similar problem after launch in first mission

(Washington Post) — Eighty seconds after Columbia blasted off Jan. 16, NASA engineers saw a puff on the underside of the left wing and immediately began investigating whether an errant piece of foam had seriously damaged the shuttle.

Over the next two weeks, engineers pored over film clips of the launch and used modeling techniques to guess at the extent and location of the damage, NASA officials said. One important factor stood out as they weighed whether the problem was serious.

It had happened before.

Columbia's first mission, in April 1981, had almost exactly the same problem. Shortly after launch, about 13 to 15 tiles were thought to be dislodged and engineers had to decide whether that would pose a risk to the spacecraft during the fiery re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.

In what was to be Columbia's last mission, engineers reached the same conclusion that they had during the first and others: Although there was a "potential for a large damage area to the tile," according to a NASA internal flight report released Monday, the spacecraft was not at serious risk.

As a result, ground controllers apparently did not consider the radical measures that might have saved the astronauts' lives — aborting the mission soon after liftoff or bringing the shuttle in at a re-entry angle that could have allowed the crew to parachute to safety.

After the shuttle disintegrated while returning to Earth on Saturday and the damaged tiles emerged as one of the prime candidates for the cause, NASA engineers began examining their calculations and wondering whether they had made a catastrophic mistake. Investigators have focused on the tiles but have not ruled out other possible causes of the disaster.

While it is easy to conclude the engineers were right about the first mission and wrong about the last, what happened this time may be more complicated: Both decisions involved judgment and chance, and those factors can produce unpredictable outcomes when a 178,000-pound spacecraft hurtles through the upper atmosphere at 12,500 miles per hour.

"This is not the first time that we have had debris generated from the external tank that has struck the underside of the wing," said Ron Dittmore, NASA's space shuttle program manager. The thinking was, "this has happened before, yes, it can impact the tile; yes, it could take some of the coating off; yes, it can even gouge out some of the tile. But it has never represented anything more than that."

Film clips taken during liftoff indicated a puff below the left wing — the result of what was probably a piece of insulation foam hitting it. Pictures taken during the blinding light of liftoff were imprecise in showing the damage, and engineers were left to guess at what had happened.

The astronauts could not see the damage because it was on the bottom of the shuttle. The crew did not have on-board cameras to survey the tiled bottom of the orbiter. NASA had spurned an independent advisory panel's recommendation in 1997 that it create such a camera for use with every flight.

A Jan. 17 review of the film taken at liftoff was followed by analyses and a meeting of engineers on Jan. 20, Dittmore said in a press briefing Monday. Teams of engineers discussed different aspects of risk — the teams varied in size from 30 to as few as one or two when the questions became highly specialized. The engineering analysis concluded as early as Jan. 22 that the risk was not serious, a decision confirmed by final reviews on Jan. 23 and 24.

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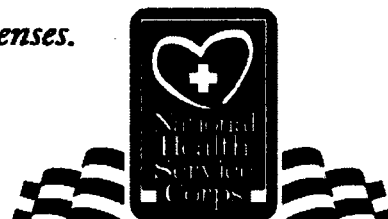
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Bush sends \$2.2-trillion budget plan to Congress

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — President Bush asked Americans on Monday to embrace a Ronald Reagan-style, \$2.2-trillion budget that sends the nation's finances deep into deficit by slashing taxes and boosting outlays for national security.

Bush's 2004 budget, filling 2,859 pages in five volumes, makes plain how rapidly the fiscal outlook has morphed from black to red: Two years ago, the White House said its policies would help produce a \$1.5-trillion surplus over the five years ending in 2008. It now expects a \$1.1-trillion shortfall over the same period, not counting the cost of possible war in Iraq.

Bush acknowledged his new budget would contribute to several years of deficits, but said the need to stimulate the economy, expand the war on terrorism and enhance homeland security has temporarily trumped the virtues of fiscal restraint.

"A recession and a war we did not choose have led to the return of deficits," Bush said in his budget message to Congress. "We will not always get to choose which battles we fight. It is, however, our duty to fight them."

Democrats were quick to attack the president's priorities. Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee, called it "the most fiscally damaging budget in U.S. history." Members of both parties predicted it would be revised substantially on its way through Congress.

If enacted, Bush's budget would allocate most of its new money to defense and homeland security. It would finance a few signature initiatives in other areas, including the first prescription drug benefit under Medicare and expanded campaigns to combat AIDS in America and Africa. But it would tighten the purse strings of most domestic programs, cutting some and holding others to increases below the rate of inflation.

It also would produce record deficits of \$304 billion this year and \$307 billion in 2004, and increase the national debt held by the public to \$5 trillion in 2008 from \$3.5 trillion today. Two years ago, the White House said it could pay down the debt to \$1.4 trillion by 2008.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration would receive \$469 million in new funds, a 3 percent increase. Its budget request was finalized before Saturday's Columbia accident; the White House said it could not predict how that would affect NASA funding.

White House budget director Mitch Daniels said balancing the budget is not beyond reach if objectives change. "We can do it. We're not that far away," he said. "But it's the president's job to balance priorities."

Even the latest cost estimates may be understated. Bush's budget makes no allowances for the expense of waging war in Iraq or the cost of rebuilding that country afterward. It also leaves out the cost of military operations in Afghanistan or future tax changes already endorsed by Bush and regarded as inevitable by many Republicans and Democrats.

The budget faces an uncertain

future on Capitol Hill, despite Republican control of both houses. Some of the president's proposals, such as making corporate dividends tax-free, have generated little enthusiasm even within GOP ranks.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okla., called Bush's budget "an excellent starting point," and expressed hope Congress would hold total discretionary spending increases to 4 percent as Bush is requesting. Other Republicans suggested that might not be politically doable.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said the budget "charts a straightforward course for peace and prosperity for America." But he has expressed reservations about Bush's Medicare proposal, and said his tax cuts could not pass the Senate in their current form.

Congressional Democrats assailed the president for running up the deficit to historic levels, with no concrete plan for bringing the government's books back into balance.

"In the face of the worst fiscal reversal in U.S. history and a declining economy, the administration's only response is to propose more of the same failed policies," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., ranking Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee.

At the same time, Democrats complained that Bush was proposing to shortchange important domestic programs.

"This budget is a ripoff for the rich that starves our schools, health care, and even homeland security," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Its centerpiece is a package of new tax cuts that the budget documents said would total \$1.3 trillion over 10 years. That includes more than \$600 billion by eliminating the double taxation of dividends and accelerating the effective date of previously approved tax cuts. Much of the rest would result from making permanent Bush's first big tax-cut initiative — a \$1.35-trillion package that Bush pushed through Congress in 2001 but which is scheduled to expire in 2010.

Other elements of the new package of cuts would expand the child-care credit, eliminate the "marriage penalty" that causes some two-earner households to pay higher taxes than single filers with the same income, let individuals place up to \$15,000 a year in new tax-sheltered accounts, and let small businesses take bigger deductions for new equipment.

The White House says 92 million taxpayers would receive cuts averaging \$1,083 this year if the package passes. Critics say the package is heavily skewed in favor of the wealthy.

According to one analysis, households in the middle fifth of the income spectrum would receive an average \$289 tax cut this year, while the top 1 percent would receive an average \$30,127 reduction.

Independent analysts say the cost of the new tax cuts to the treasury will be even higher than the administration forecast on Monday. The liberal Center for Budget and Policy Priorities puts the total at \$2.3 trillion.

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Plaintiffs' study reports gender pay gap at Wal-Mart

(L.A. Times) — Women working at Wal-Mart, the nation's largest private employer, earned from 4.5 percent to 5.6 percent less than men doing similar jobs and with similar experience levels between 1996 and 2001, according to a study conducted as part of a federal discrimination lawsuit.

The study, based on an analysis of Wal-Mart payroll data obtained under the litigation, found that among non-salaried workers, men earned an average of 37 cents an hour more for similar work.

The pay gap widens higher up the management ladder, the report said. It found that male management trainees make an average of \$23,175 a year, compared to \$22,371 for female trainees. At the senior vice president level, the average man makes \$419,435 a year, the report said, while the four women in the position earn an average of \$279,772.

Wal-Mart executives, reached late Monday, said they had not seen the study by Oakland, Calif.-based statistician Richard Drogin and could not immediately comment. But the company, which employs one million people, maintains it does not discriminate on the basis of gender.

Drogin's report did not compare Wal-Mart salaries with other retailers. His study, and an analysis of women in management at Wal-Mart and other retailers, were submitted to Wal-Mart lawyers Monday

by a coalition of six law firms that are pursuing the discrimination suit. The reports will be used to bolster an attempt to win class-action status for the case.

The proposed class — all women hired nationwide since 1999 — could include more than one million current and former employees, making it the largest single job discrimination case in U.S. history.

"Women start out being paid less, and the gap just widens," said Brad Seligman, executive director of the Impact Fund, an Oakland, Calif.-based nonprofit legal organization that is coordinating the prosecution of the suit by a coalition of six law firms across the United States.

"At every level, men get paid more than women, and it does not appear to be explained by anything objective like seniority or anything else that we can identify," Seligman said. "The only difference is gender."

While Wal-Mart has boosted the proportion of women in management, from 1.7 percent in 1975 to 34.5 percent in 1999, it still lags behind industry norms, according to the management analysis, which was based on reports the retailers made to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The analysis was conducted by Marc Bendick, a Washington economist and public policy consultant, for the plaintiffs.

Anxious Americans set to flee Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, Kuwait (Washington Post) — Two American schools catering to foreigners in Kuwait announced Monday that they were suspending operations for six weeks, and U.S. families have begun planning to leave the country as tensions rise in the buildup to a widely expected war against neighboring Iraq.

Reflecting the mood, the Kuwaiti government in recent days has sent several thousand extra security forces equipped with armored personnel carriers into the streets to increase safety precautions, executing a wartime plan that senior officials said eventually will include such emergency powers as indefinite detention and press censorship.

Kuwait, which would serve as a launching pad for any U.S. invasion of Iraq, has an estimated 8,000 U.S. citizens living here. The embassy, as well as the one in Saudi Arabia to the south, has authorized the voluntary departure of diplomatic dependents and strongly urged other Americans to consider leaving.

U.S. residents here and in Saudi Arabia said some diplomatic and expatriate families are getting ready to pack and leave. Employees of U.S. companies operating here, reflecting the official U.S. and Kuwaiti precautions, said they also are con-

sidering urging their foreign workers to take their families out of the country.

As U.S. forces flow toward the Persian Gulf and the Bush administration warns that time is running out for President Saddam Hussein's government in Baghdad, many U.S. residents of Kuwait have expressed concern that they could be vulnerable, not only to retaliatory attacks from Iraq but also to homegrown terrorism by Islamic radicals sympathetic to Saddam or to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Those fears have grown since the shooting last month of two U.S. civilian contractors driving near the main U.S. military base in Kuwait. That shooting, which killed one man, followed two attacks here against uniformed military personnel last fall. And Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, warned last week that Iraq could strike back against Kuwait if it aids a U.S. invasion.

"If and when the war starts, whether we like it or not, we're going to be a theater of war, the state of Kuwait. Given that, we have to be ready, we have to be prepared," Interior Minister Mohammed Khalid Sabah said in an interview. "That is why, starting this week, the Kuwaiti people and foreigners will be seeing different measures."

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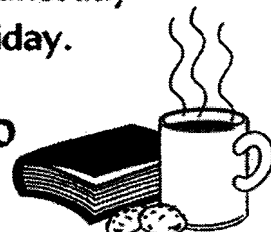
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Oblivious to art

The large stone obelisk that graces the Main Green may mean something to the members of the Public Art Committee who installed it, but it means little to the oblivious Brown students who walk around it (or, we've heard, directly into it) several times a day.

While we understand the value of starting the Sculpture on Campus Program — to beautify and bring awareness of the visual arts to campus — without proper publicizing of the works, they fall into the same category as other ignored sculptures around the University.

Bringing the work of high-profile artists to campus adds to Brown's liberal learning community, but this must be accompanied by information distributed to the Brown community — otherwise students, faculty and staff are uninvolved in the process.

The University should make more efforts to hold campus-wide events celebrating the sculptures' arrivals on campus and, if possible, introduce the artists to the community.

Elevating the profile of these installations is the only way to ensure that Brown students understand and appreciate a program that the University finances, and to which administrators like President Ruth Simmons and Chancellor Emeritus Artemis Joukowski '55 commit their time through service on the Public Art Committee.

While the University has no museum (outside the Bell Gallery, and other small-scale spaces) to display works that it has acquired, the Sculpture on Campus Program is a worthwhile effort to accomplish the same goal — but only if we are informed of its existence.

If the University's general population doesn't know about these sculptures, what is the purpose of bringing them to campus in the first place?

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ANDREW SHEETS

LETTERS

Students can take steps to slow spread of Norwalk virus

To the Editor:

Health Services confirmed presence of the Norwalk virus on campus in the middle of December during the last week of exams. We had several students with the symptoms, but at the time it did not appear to be a public health risk, as it was also the last few days of exams. In fact, many students had already left campus for the winter break. We have noticed an increase in students with symptoms over the last several days, especially over this past weekend. We were considering putting out a general notice if cases continued, so The Herald's article ("Norwalk virus hits campus," Feb. 3) is timely and appreciated.

The symptoms of Norwalk virus include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and some stomach cramping. Sometimes, people additionally have a low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches and a general sense of tiredness. The illness often begins suddenly, and the infected person may feel very sick. The illness is usually brief, with symptoms lasting only about one or two days. Severe illness or hospitalization is uncommon.

No specific treatment is available for the Norwalk virus. To prevent dehydration, drink small amounts of clear fluids (water, ginger ale, chicken broth) as tolerated. Persons who are severely dehydrated might need rehydration (IV) therapy. Infected persons usually recover in two to three days without serious or long-term health effects.

If you are unable to keep fluids down for longer than several hours or are concerned, please come to or call Health Services. Definitely come to Health Services if your symptoms last longer than three days or you have bloody diarrhea or a high fever. The nursing staff is available 24/7 for medical advice by calling 863-1330.

Students can reduce the risk of contracting the virus by frequently washing their hands, especially after toilet visits and before eating or preparing food. Carefully wash fruits and vegetables before eating. Thoroughly clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces immediately after an episode of illness by using a bleach-based household cleaner. Immediately remove and wash clothing or linens that may be contaminated with virus after an episode of illness (use hot water and soap).

Dr. Edward Wheeler
Director of Health Services
 Feb. 3

Ratty self-serve lines contribute to spread of Norwalk virus

To the Editor:

I would like to urge University Food Services to temporarily suspend self-service dining in all the eateries on campus. If they don't break the chain of infection for this virus, we are all at much higher risk of getting sick. It will mean longer lines, but I think it is worth it. Since it is spread primarily through fecal-oral transmission, all it takes is one sick person who didn't wash his hands well enough, who then serves himself at the Ratty. Then the utensil falls in the serving dish (which it always does). Now the virus is in the whole pan, and everyone who eats from it gets sick.

This is a big problem, since there are already tons of sick people on campus ("Norwalk virus hits campus," Feb. 3). UFS needs to do something to help stop this from spreading more than it already is.

Mark Scott '05
 Feb. 3

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Making the Grade

Intermediate grades should be adopted to address the gravest defects in an otherwise stellar system

WILL CHANGING OUR GRADING SYSTEM do more harm than good? I don't think so, and I'll tell you both why — and how — we can make it better.

The gravest defect in the current system is the lack of grading options for instructors, both professors and TAs. For those students who elect to take a class for a grade rather than S/NC, the graders have four options: A, B, C, or NC (No Credit). The C grades are rather infrequently assigned, and this under usage contributes to grade inflation. This is not surprising, because students can drop classes at any time without penalty on their external transcripts. This omits their lowest grades from public record. Furthermore, because the C is the lowest grade that shows up on a student's transcript, professors are reluctant to issue them — they are perceived by many here to be the kiss of death. "I got a C in my engineering class, but I wished I had failed it," a dejected junior moaned to me recently. In practice the Brown system more closely resembles an A/B/NC system than the A/B/C/NC system. This is one reason grade inflation has been rampant here in recent years.

The other reason grade inflation is so rampant is because graders have few options to evaluate a student's performance appropriately. Consider Adam: Adam performed fairly well in Professor X's History class. Going into the final, he

has an 86 in the class. After the final, in which the professor can clearly see Adam studied the material extensively, he feels Adam has arrived exactly on the borderline: Adam has clearly done better than many of his peers who did average work and did little studying, placing them into the low B range. On the other hand, Professor X does not think Adam has mastered the material sufficiently to warrant an 'A' by his standards. Under the current Brown system, Professor X has two options: he can give Adam the A against his better judgment, or he can lump him into the same category as his lower achieving peers with a terse 'B'. It is no wonder grades are being inflated,

because the graders have a dilemma: neither grade will accurately convey to prospective graduate schools, future employers or students like Adam how they actually performed.

Furthermore, the current grading system unconsciously discourages many students from performing as well as they can and being engaged by the material as much as they might otherwise. In our last example, Adam had a mid-range B and he understood that if he performed well enough, he could very plausibly pull off an A. This likely motivated him to study just a little bit harder than he might otherwise and (hopefully) master the subject more thoroughly. However, consider Adam's classmate Sally. Sally is in the mid-to-low B range, and mathematically knows she cannot get an A, but conversely realizes that she will not need to study much at all to

avoid a C and keep her B. Due to the lack of grade motivation, Sally decides to party the weekend before the exam and not worry about her performance too much. Without intermediate distinctions in this broad B range, Sally sees little point in doing extra work for no "reward."

"Wait a minute, sir," a critic implores. "While you eruditely point out the flaws of our system, you fail to account for its many merits. Students here are far less grade conscious here than at other institutions and the result is an increased aptitude for learning itself. Isn't that what an education is really about, anyway?" This is a difficult assessment for me to refute. But if you have been following me so far, you will have noticed that I have not proposed sweeping changes. In fact, I am not advocating adding Ds, making NCs appear on external transcripts, modifying S/NC, or requiring any classes. The S/NC option is a vital part of Brown's New Curriculum and I would not advocate changing it. If the College Curriculum Council wants to reflect accurately the various ways that individuals want to pursue their education in their own way (which I define to be the hallmark of the New Curriculum), they will vote to keep the S/NC option and introduce intermediate grades between the As and Bs and Bs and Cs. Most upper-class students will tell you that most graduate schools and employers look at your grades seriously, and it is only fair that when the outside world looks at your record, it should reflect your achievements as accurately as possible.

While researching this topic, I discovered a number of intriguing remedies to the grading system debacle. A senior administrator informed me last week that

the CCC is considering a proposal to add pluses and minuses to the internal transcript, but not the external transcript. This suggestion struck me as a mixed success. On the positive side, it would convey to students more accurately how they performed in any given class. However, I don't think it addresses the root problem of an inaccurate transcript being made available to employers and graduate schools. Nor does it motivate students to do better, because many will continue to abuse the system and put forth the minimum work required to slide into the next grade bracket. Another idea I suggested was the introduction of non-plus/minus intermediate grades. Perhaps adding an "A/B" or a "B/C" to the existing grade system would normalize grading for students like Adam. This would provide more options for graders and make their lives easier. The nebulous qualification of these intermediate grades might be difficult to quantify initially, but in the long run I think it would be a vast improvement. One senior administrator shrewdly observed with satisfaction, "Your intermediate grades do not correlate neatly to G.P.A." I also heard one student suggest marking on your transcript what the average grade given out in each class was, so that employers realize what the grades really represent.

Having examined the alternatives, I have concluded that every grading system has its flaws. However, a grade policy that has such broad ranges of achievement embedded within it grossly distorts a student's achievement. Ultimately, that is why I believe a grading system with intermediate grades — whether plus/minus or A/B and B/C — should be the system of choice here at Brown.



SCHUYLER VON OEYEN
ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

Schuyler Von Oeyen '05 is curious to know why we still call it "The New Curriculum" when it's been in place for over thirty years.

Time for a different America

American youth must come together to overcome the bigotry that threatens our nation

WE, THE YOUNG, ARE ACCUSED OF many things. We are lazy and we don't work. We watch television all day or spend countless hours Instant Messaging each other. We rebel against authority figures and lack proper respect. According to statistics, we are the least likely group to vote in elections. We are attacked as the "apathetic young," a generation that just doesn't care. I'm willing to accept all of these allegations as true (more or less), and even trace them to some of our own natural and human faults, but this description misses the full story.

As we step with uncertainty into this new century and new millennium, the adults of our country have committed a crime of an unimaginable magnitude. Yes, we youthful souls are lazy and uncaring, but in a post-Sept. 11, 2001, world, we should be looking to our parents or adult mentors for guidance. Too often these people we love and trust have already surrendered to the terrorists. We look to them for guidance, and instead they try to poison us with their hate.

The other day I was listening to the radio when the subject of terrorism secu-

rity measures came on. A woman called in who suggested that we imprison Arab Americans in internment camps. She questioned where their "loyalties lie." She was also quick to point out that internment camps could have humane conditions and not be akin to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Perhaps her obviously cursory education in American government left out some key points like the Constitution.

Or maybe her parents brought her up to believe that imprisoning people because of their race is morally acceptable. Her ideas, unfortunately, are not the views of a fringe bigot, but are becoming more and more mainstream. Racial profiling of Arab Americans and other racist measures (wide-scale deportation, for example) are being suggested every day by soccer moms, union-worker dads, and other "average people."

I refuse to call these bigots Americans. I am an American, and there are precious few of us left. My country, my home, is slowly being overwhelmed by these hateful racists. Maybe the "real Americans" take this country and all its gifts for granted. I don't. I wasn't born here. I was adopted by Americans shortly after I was born and I have never looked back. American citizenship is my greatest possession, beyond all of the material objects that I own. These paper patriots think that pasting a flag on

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their window, chanting in a football stadium or pledging allegiance makes them American. How dare they. By pretending to be Americans, they insult all true Americans, this country and the ideals upon which this country was founded.

No one would disagree that America is unique. It's not unique, though, because of its long-standing democratic tradition, peaceful transition of power, wealth of citizenry or racial and religious diversity. This country is unique, above all, because America, more than any other country, is based not on a leader or a flag, but upon one principle — freedom. The loyalty we have for America goes far past our state, our flag and our president. We are loyal Americans if and only if we are loyal to freedom. Each time we have betrayed freedom, we have paid a tremendous price. Let us not do it again.

The time has come to fight a glorious war. The war will be long and hard, and

I'll tell you truthfully that I don't know if it will ever end or if we have any chance of winning. It is our responsibility now to take back America, not by force but by the power that comes from innocence and from goodness. Stop thinking with your minds and instead reach out with your hearts. Cast aside any cynicism you may possess — it is baggage we cannot afford. Forget the bitterness and the resentment; we must start an insurrection of idealism. Traitors surround us — they are in every city, every town, every village of America. They hold some control over almost all of our country's political, economic and social institutions. If we fail, we will not die, but we will wish we had. If we fail, then we will become as hateful as the false Americans we are trying to defeat. If we fail, then we will hate, and our children will hate, and our grandchildren will hate as well. If we fail, America will die.

John Brougher '06 wants Herald readers to know that he is normal. Really. He doesn't write like this all the time.

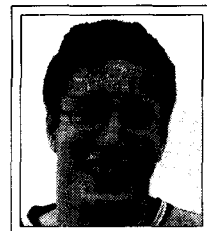
JOHN BROUGHER
GUEST COLUMNIST

SPORTS TUESDAY

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Sports' best rivals revealed

MONDAY BEGAN ESPN'S MUCH commercialized "Rivalry Week" in college basketball in which teams considered long time rivals compete. These games include Georgetown vs. Syracuse, Louisville vs. Cincinnati and, of course, Duke vs. UNC.



JEFF SALTMAN
THE SALT'S TAKE

The whole idea of a "rivalry week" got me thinking about the best traditional rivalries in each of the four major sports. Here is my list of the best rivalry in each of the major sports:

NHL

All right, let me set the scene. It was March of 2001 and I was in Montreal for spring break with a couple of friends. It was Saturday night of the Final Four and there were two games on, one of which I absolutely had to see. The only problem was that trying to find a TV that would show the Final Four was almost impossible. Finally, we found a sports bar that must have had 20 televisions and got them to turn one of them onto the game.

Before our request, the televisions were all showing the Montreal Canadiens face the Toronto Maple Leafs in Montreal, and it wasn't because Montreal doesn't get CBS. I've never seen fans that crazy over a mid-to-late season hockey game. It didn't matter that Montreal wasn't particularly good and Toronto was perhaps the third-best team in the conference. These fans were so enthused and said so many French swear words that I had trouble keeping track. This rivalry goes back ages, as both teams are among the original six in the NHL. You can say all you want about other rivalries in hockey, but until you experience this one first hand, you have no idea.

NFL

Unfortunately, this is where my bias is going to come in. One could make a case for many different rivalries such as the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears or the New York Jets and the New England Patriots, though I would not classify the latter as a "traditional rivalry." My vote, however, has to go to the Redskins and the Cowboys. This rivalry may not have the tradition of the Packers and the Bears, but there is so much resentment between these two teams that it is hard not to select them. When Steve Spurrier got the job in Washington, one of the first sentences out of his mouth in his genteel Southern drawl was, "I'm going to give the game ball to Mr. Snyder when we go and whoop those Cowboys."

The rivalry began back in the George Allen vs. Tom Landry days in the early 1970's and has continued to this day. At any Redskins game, you can hear the fans cheering "Dallas sucks" even if Dallas isn't on the schedule for another month. Despite the fact that both teams have been pretty horrible in recent years, the rivalry endures and the two games they play each year are still the most important and most anticipated by both teams — the sign of any good rivalry.

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SCHEDULE

Men's SQUASH vs. Trinity, 5 p.m.
Women's SQUASH vs. Trinity, 5 p.m.

Slumping men's icers lose third straight

BY IAN CROPP

In what seems to be a lingering case of déjà vu, the men's hockey team suffered its third straight 3-1 loss this Friday. The past three games have had nearly identical plots, although Harvard played the role of spoiler in the most recent contest.

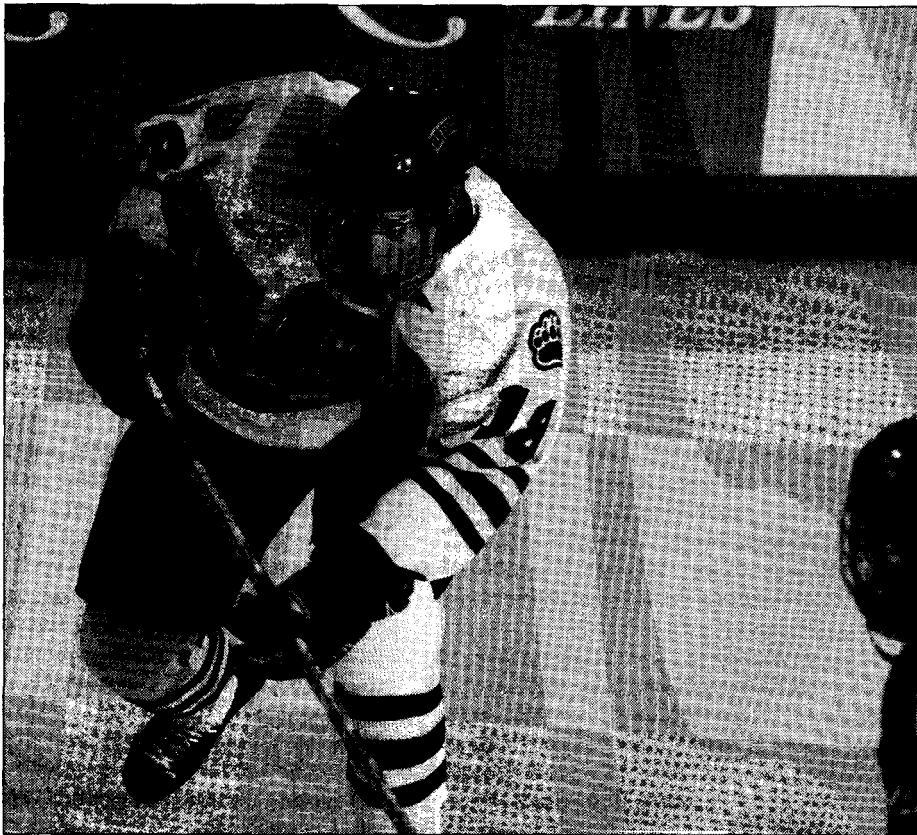
After spotting the Crimson a goal in the first period, the Bears tied the game at 1:12 into the second with a goal by Brent Robinson '04. Only 42 seconds later, the Bears gave up what would be the game-winning goal. Harvard would add an empty net goal with 37 seconds left to gain the split in the season series.

"They could have been beaten," said Les Haggett '05. "We didn't capitalize and, as in the last three games, you're not going to win scoring one goal."

Harvard showed a little rust in the first period, coming off a 19-day exam break, but the Crimson were able to gain their footing quickly. The Bears were unable to score on two power-play chances early in the first, despite several opportunities, and with less than five minutes left in the first period, Harvard broke open the scoring on a Noah Welch power-play goal.

The second period was a shooting gallery, as the two teams combined for 35 shots and many scoring opportunities. Brown came out flying early and tied the game on a rebound goal. On a great individual effort, Paul Esdale '03 rushed the puck end-to-end and fired a shot on net. Brent Robinson '04, who happened to be positioned in front of the net, was able to collect the loose puck and fire it by Harvard goalie Dov Grumet-Morris. The next shift the Bears came out just as hard, working the puck low in the Harvard end. Near the end of the shift, Harvard forward Brendan Bernakevitch gained control and set teammate Tim Pettit up for a two-on-one. Pettit streaked down the wing and rifled a slap shot from the top of the circle that beat goalkeeper Yann Danis '04.

Brown had several great chances to score a few minutes later when two Harvard defensemen took penalties to



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The men's hockey team remains on the road for two critical ECAC games vs. Union and RPI.

give Brown a 5-3 advantage. The power-play unit showered Grumet-Morris with nine shots but was unable to capitalize. Most of the shots were taken from the point with little traffic in front, and Brown was unable to get many second chances.

Taking a lead into the third period, Harvard showed no signs of falling into a defensive shell.

"They kept coming at us," said Gerry Burke '05. "They weren't playing the trap of backing off — they never do."

Battling back from deficits is nothing new for the Bears, although Harvard is one of the stingiest teams in college hockey once they get the lead. The Crimson are 11-0 when scoring first and 12-0 when leading after two periods. Brown played

hard but was unable to get the puck rolling its way and couldn't slip one by Grumet-Morris. Rhode Island native Tom Cavanaugh scored an empty-netter in the last minute to put Harvard ahead 3-1.

In yet another outstanding performance against Harvard, Danis turned aside a season high 49 shots. Harvard's Grumet-Morris finished with 32 saves.

The previously potent Brown offense has only produced three goals in the last three games. The power play has also cooled off, converting on only one of the past seventeen chances.

"Scoring is one thing that can be cyclical," said Head Coach Roger Grillo. "It's

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Women's hockey falls short of dramatic comeback vs. UConn

BY KATHY BABCOCK

Women's ice hockey (8-8-4) lost to the University of Connecticut Friday, 3-2. The Huskies controlled for the first period and half, leading the Bears 3-0 midway through the second. Bruno rallied to score two goals in latter stages of the second half, but the team was unable to post the tying goal and is now winless in its last two games.

The game was not a conference match-up because UConn is in the Hockey East Conference instead of the ECAC. With the win, the Huskies improved to 9-14-4.

"It was one of those games. The other team packs it in, and the puck is bouncing all around the crease and just doesn't want to fall for you. Their goalie played a great game," said Head Coach Digit Murphy.

UConn started its offense early with an unassisted goal from Sara Mahoney at 1:54 in the first period. The Bears attacked the Huskies' goal fervently, with ten shots in the first period compared to the Huskies' six attempts against Brown goalie Katie Germain '05, but they left the ice trailing UConn 1-0.

"Basically we dominated the game," Murphy said. "They scored on a couple of power play opportunities. We didn't play

particularly well on the kill, and it burnt us. And then we couldn't come back. We were down three to nothing at one point, and I thought it was good that the kids came back. But unfortunately when you dig yourselves a hole like that you go to the well and sometimes you come up dry."

In the second period, the Huskies again took the initiative with a goal from Kim Berry at 6:09 assisted by Megan McLeod and Mahoney. Less than three minutes later the Huskies capitalized on a power play. Jill Vandam scored UConn's third goal of the day. Mahoney and Angie Wallace picked up assists on the play. Brown was trailing the Huskies 3-0.

At this point, Brown switched goalies with Pam Dreyer '03 coming in for Germain.

The Bears picked up momentum, scoring two goals in the remainder of the period. Jessica Link '05 scored the first at 12:02, earning her eleventh goal of the season with Amy McLaughlin '05 assisting. The Bears brought the score to 3-2 three minutes later when Keaton Zucker '06 scored her seventh goal of the season. Link and Courtney Johnston '03 assisted. Brown outshot UConn 17-8 in the period,

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Near-fall turns tie into loss for wrestling

The Brown wrestling team lost both its matches this weekend — one a 26-16 defeat at the hands of Hofstra and the other a tight match lost on a technicality to East Stroudsburg.

The Bears got off to a good start in their first match on Saturday as Lucas Magnani '06 recorded a fall at the 2:18 mark in the first period over Hofstra's Travis Sickel at 125. The Pride then turned around and returned a fall at 133 in their own favor as Greg Pace '06 fell to Richard LaForce at the 1:40 mark in the first period.

Clint Frease '03 then went on to defeat Louis Vechin 12-2 in the 141 division, putting the Bears up 10-6. Hofstra then accumulated its second fall of the day as Jon Masa recorded a fall at 2:41 in the first over David Saadeh '06 at 149.

The Bears then lost three straight as Michael Savino '05, who wrestled at 157, was defeated 11-2, Chris Ayers '03 lost 3-1 at the 165 weight class and Adam Santee '04 was defeated 6-2 at 174.

Nick Ciarcia '04 recorded the Bears' second win of the day as he defeated Jason Stretkiewicz 5-1 at 184. Peter Gladish '06 was defeated in the 197 division 9-1 by

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