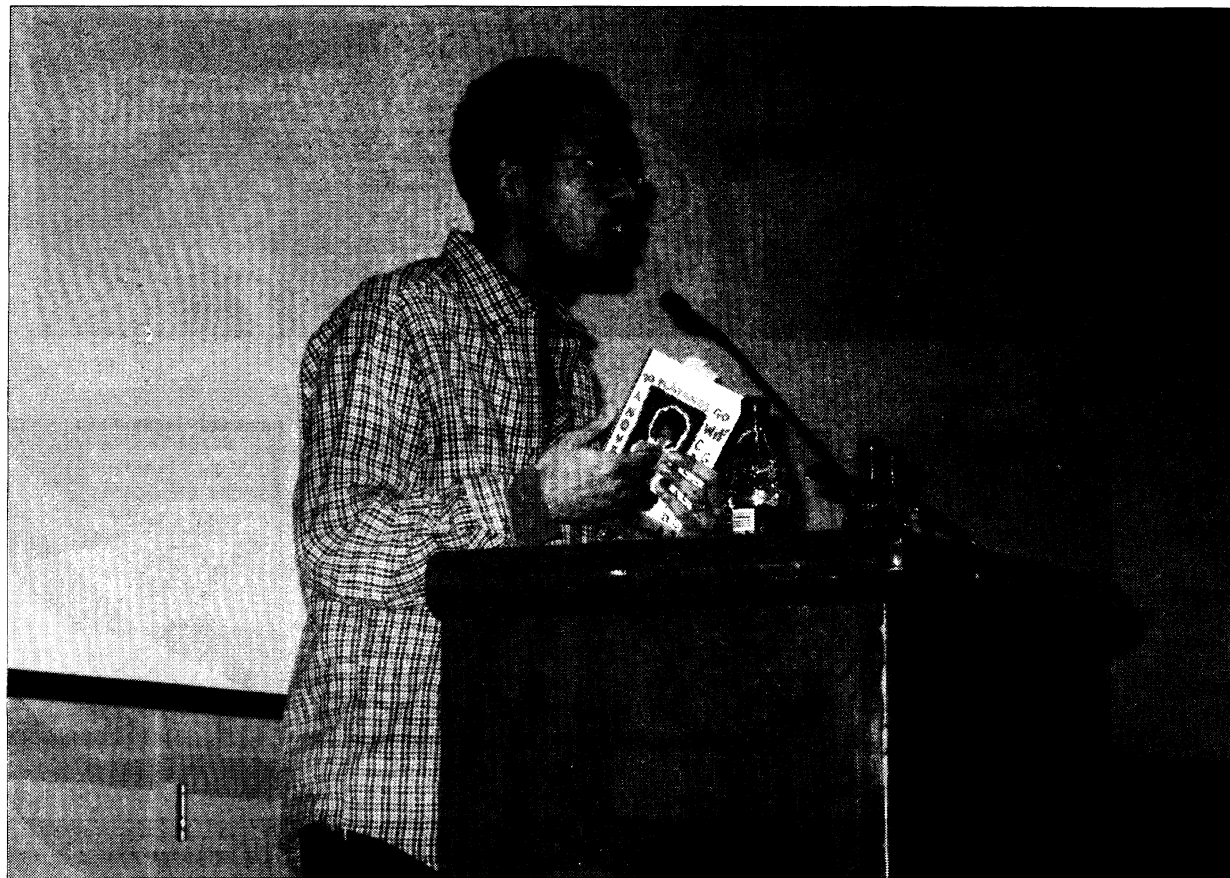


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David Lamb, a professor at John Jay College, showed his work-in-progress documentary in Salomon on Tuesday.

Lamb analyzes images of women of color in American entertainment

BY MOMOKO HIROSE

Understanding the current images of women of color in American entertainment requires knowing the past, Professor David Lamb told an audience in Salomon 101 Tuesday night.

Lamb, a professor at John Jay College, presented his work-in-progress documentary "The Miseducation of Lauryn's Girls," demonstrating to the audience the roots of stereotypes of women of color.

Images of black women exotified, scantily clad, dancing to a predominantly white audience in the Cotton Club are portrayed in the film as striking parallels to commercialized CD covers of such rap artists as Trina and Lil' Kim.

"We have to raise the question of who are the music videos really targeted to. Black men — or somebody else?" Lamb said after the film had ended. "Is society still haunted by the ghosts of slavery?"

The film displayed advertisements that depicted black female slaves as animals, Pam Grier always working undercover as a prostitute, Lisa Bonet as an exotic southern woman having a tryst with a rich white male — all showing, as Lamb said, "a resurrection of slave-based stereotypes."

"What gives me hope is that it's the same game again and again," Lamb said. "If we can figure it out, we can overturn it."

In the documentary, Lamb presented the equation of "Jezebel + Tragic Mulatto = Rap Star." Emphasizing this image of the "tragic mulatto jezebel," the documentary depicted stars like Foxy Brown simply reflecting stereotypes of the past rather than forging their own image.

"I think the first step is to recognize it. I think people need to see the history," Lamb said. "We have to look to the past to understand the present and anticipate the future."

Lamb said monetary success and social consciousness do not always coincide.

"The way we make money is by selling our culture, by selling it to white people," Lamb said. "But people try to make money so fast, they don't consider the images they create."

Stephanie Evans, assistant director at the Center for Public Service, said that she enjoyed the lecture.

"The cultural critique of negative stereotypes needs to happen," Evans said. "Professor Lamb does exceptional

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Mary Interlandi dies while on leave from sophomore year

Mary Interlandi, on leave from her sophomore year, died Monday in her hometown of Nashville, Tenn. The cause of death is not yet known, said Janina Montero, vice president for Campus Life and Student Services.



Mary Interlandi

Interlandi died less than a week after the loss of Sarah Lamendola '04. "It just feels like there's been so much sadness," University Chaplain Janet Cooper Nelson said. "I found myself wanting to go out on the Main Green and just wrap my arms around the University."

"There's just a profound sense of loss, and such young life to be lost, that I think we need to be particularly gentle to one another," Cooper Nelson said. "For anyone who's been touched by grief in life, this sadness might open up some old ones."

Last night in Faunce House, Interlandi's housemates, friends and classmates met for a discussion. Cooper Nelson said the goal was "to reach those folks who are most affected. I sometimes think that Brown students really ask a great deal of themselves ... but it's time to ask for what you need and not be surprised if you're not feeling too well."

Montero said plans for a memorial service at Brown would proceed according to "what family and friends want to do." Any memorial organized by the University will take place after this Saturday's family service in Nashville.

Interlandi was a resident of Plantations House last semester.

—Dana Goldstein

Friday assault at Max's

A Brown student was assaulted as he was leaving Max's Upstairs at approximately 2:10 a.m. Saturday morning, according to a Providence Police Department report.

The student told PPD he was at the bar with four of his friends and a female companion when one of three men standing next to their table started flicking his cigarette ashes into the woman's drink, according to the report.

When the student asked the man to stop, the other two men started arguing with the student, PPD reported.

The same three men, who were highly intoxicated according to the report, assaulted the student on Thayer Street as he was leaving Max's.

As the student was walking down Thayer Street, he

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Brown to be included in Harvard amicus brief supporting U. Mich

BY KIA HAYES

Brown will join Harvard University's amicus brief supporting the University of Michigan's affirmative action policy before the Supreme Court, President Ruth Simmons told The Herald. Brown's legal counsel prevents Simmons from discussing the content of the brief, and all of the names of the other institutions on the brief have not been released.

Harvard is planning to file the brief by Feb. 18 and Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman said on Jan. 19 that the university may join the Harvard petition if asked, the Daily Princetonian reported. The Herald reported on Jan. 23 that Dartmouth College is also considering filing a brief.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments on April 1 in two cases involving white students denied admission to

Michigan's law school and undergraduate program. The plaintiffs claim Michigan treated them unfairly because its affirmative action policy resulted in their rejections while black and Latino applicants with similar or weaker academic records were admitted.

Although amicus briefs have no legal power in court, they make a public statement of Brown's position on the case and on affirmative action, said Associate Professor of Public Policy Ross Cheit. President George W. Bush opposed the University of Michigan's policy in a brief filed on Jan. 16, according to the Princetonian.

Simmons cited the ambiguity of the president's message, saying that he opposes Michigan's process but "endorses the aims of affirmative action."

Affirmative action is an imperfect policy, Simmons said, but she said she feels that it is necessary to remedy

past wrongs. "If we had any ideas for a perfect public policy ... we would of course replace the current affirmative action policy with it," she said.

She said the United States must refine and perfect its current procedure "in a way that is tolerable for our communities," but that the solution is not to eliminate affirmative action altogether. Policymakers must determine when affirmative action has effectively eradicated the legacy of discrimination, and how to decide when the country has reached that point, Simmons said.

"Ideally, if we had a country that had been operating with the right principles all along, we wouldn't need affirmative action at all," Simmons added.

Simmons publicly criticized Bush's policy toward

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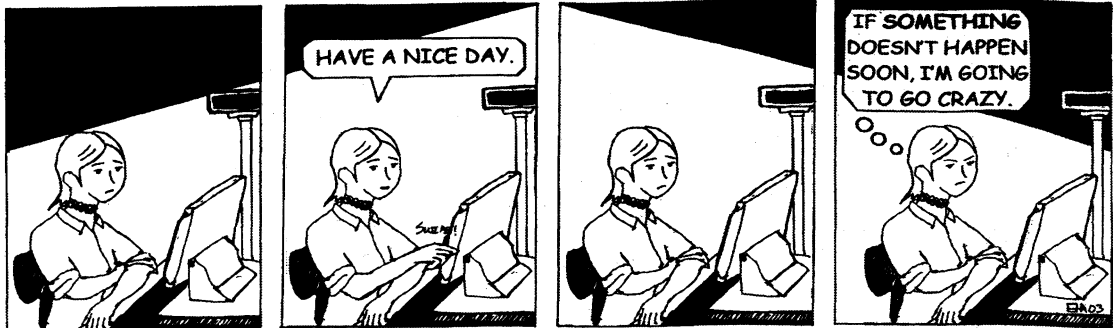
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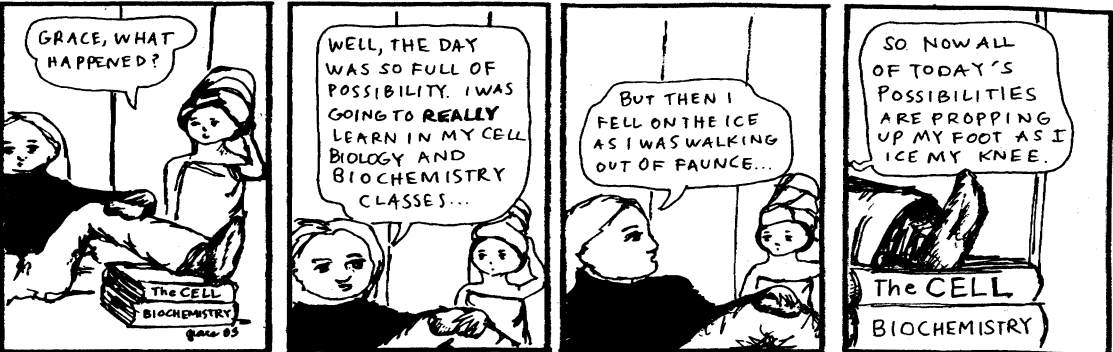
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ACADEMIC WATCH

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Aluminum bats no more dangerous than wooden ones

BY STEPHANIE HARRIS

Aluminum baseball bats may hit the ball faster and harder than wooden ones, but they are not more dangerous, according to new research by Associate Professor of Orthopaedics J.J. Crisco.

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association is considering banning the use of aluminum bats in high school play, but Crisco's research suggests such a step would be unnecessary.

"The data does not support an increased risk with aluminum baseball bats," he said.

The Massachusetts organization is using Crisco's research as evidence to support its claim that aluminum bats are more dangerous. It hopes to ban the use of aluminum bats in all high school games starting in the 2004 season. Yet Crisco cautioned against associating ball speed with injury rate.

"If you look at (the injury rate) scientifically, baseball remains one of the safest contact sports. ... To make a decision for aluminum based on data is not supported," he said.

Crisco, whose research focuses on injury prevention, was funded by the NCAA to do a study on the differences between the two types of bats. The study found that aluminum bats "hit the ball faster more often," Crisco said.

Two factors contribute to this increase in ball speed: the faster swing speeds that occur with alu-

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New theory argues genetics link evolutionary biology, economics

BY LEV NELSON

A new theory linking evolutionary biology and economics argues that the industrial revolution was in part triggered by our genes, according to a paper by Professor of Economics Oded Galor and Omer Moav, professor of economics at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The paper recently made the cover of the prestigious Quarterly Journal of Economics.

"This is the first evolutionary growth theory," said Galor in a lecture last Friday at Walter Hall. The theory crosses traditional academic lines, applying some of the methodology of Darwinian evolution to economics and vice versa.

Galor and Moav's goal was to better explain the beginning of the industrial revolution.

One common historical explanation for the industrial revolution is that it resulted from the interaction of technological advancements and social change, Galor said.

But history has seen many such "technological shocks," Galor said, citing the Greco-Roman period as an example. To understand what made the 18th century different, Galor and Moav postulated a genetic factor.

Prior to the industrial revolution, humanity lived on a subsistence level that fluctuated around a constant. Increases in per capita income led not to higher quality of life but to greater population, Galor said.

Advances in technology would temporarily increase income, but population growth would soon catch up and quality of life would fall again, he added.

This was true not only in Europe, the birthplace of industry, but also throughout the world. Economic historians have reported standards of living in China were actually lower in the 18th century than they had been around the year 0, Galor said.

The industrial revolution was caused when a single technological shock was able to spawn others rapidly, leading to a cascade effect of innovation that outstripped population growth, Galor said.

The factor enabling this takeoff, according to the theory, is a change in the genetic composition in the population from a majority of parents with a "quantity" gene — predisposing them to have more children — to more parents with a "quality" gene, which predisposes them to have fewer children and invest more resources in raising them.

"Quality" children, who would be capable of earning a better living, would pass on the gene to their children, more of whom would survive than comparable "quantity" children, Galor said.

"Quality" individuals would also be able to take more advantage of technological developments so that, when their population reached a threshold around the year 1750, enough innovators would have been present to make the industrial revolution take off, he said.

The theory could also provide a new perspective on the Enlightenment. "We usually think that everybody just saw the light," Galor said, a phenomenon which could also be interpreted as the achievement of a critical mass of "quality" types who valued education.

The evolutionary shift has its roots in the development of the human brain, which endowed us with great capacities for learning, Galor said.

"You cannot send an alligator to Brown, but you can send a person," Galor told The Herald.

The ability for advanced learning, coupled with a change in climate roughly 10,000 years ago, made settle-

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affirmative action for the first time in Chicago at a breakfast held in memory of Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 20, The Herald reported. At the breakfast, Simmons said that Bush's actions are a hindrance to the momentum of social progress.

In a public statement on Jan. 15, Bush said, while he supports racial diversity in higher education, "the method of the University of Michigan to achieve this goal is fundamentally flawed."

He cited Michigan's 150 point-based admission process that gives African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans 20 points automatically for being underrepresented minorities. Applicants receive 12 points for a score above 1360 on the SATs, and children of alumni receive four points in comparison.

In his brief, Bush said he would argue that this policy is unconstitutional, saying, "as we work to address the wrong of racial prejudice, we must not use means that create another wrong, and thus perpetuate our divisions."

Bush did not come out against considerations of race in admission altogether, and said universities could pursue race-neutral alternatives to increase their

minority populations.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, in an appearance on CBS's "Face the Nation," said he supported the University of Michigan's policy.

Several large corporations have come out to support the University of Michigan as well. The New York Times reported that Microsoft, Bank One, Steelcase, PepsiCo, 3M, Exelon and others, totaling more than 30 altogether, plan to tell the Supreme Court universities should be allowed to consider race as a factor in admission, arguing their minority recruitment would suffer without diverse student bodies at colleges and universities.

Some executives privately said supporting the University of Michigan is an effort to improve their public image, the Times reported.

The effects of Michigan "losing" the case are dependent on why the Supreme Court rules against the school, Cheit said.

He said the court could agree with Bush that, while using race as a factor in admission is acceptable, Michigan's policy is flawed. But the Supreme Court might also decide that universities should not use race at all in their decisions, Cheit added.

"If this happens," Cheit said, "it could be disastrous for affirmative action all over the country, including Brown University."

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work, and this documentary needs to be seen by a wider audience, especially to be used as a crucial tool of discussion and debate."

José Lora '05 said he had mixed reactions, but agreed with most of what Lamb discussed.

"I think the presentation worked well and was effective in putting a message across," Lora said. "But on certain hip-hop artists he criticized, I have different views."

ent views."

Lamb emphasized that this documentary was part of a series, one part of the puzzle.

"It's not my job to reach all black people," Lamb said. "I have to be realistic in what I can do."

Lamb is the author of two books about race relations, including "Do Platanos Go Wit' Collard Greens?" His lecture was sponsored by the Organization of United African Peoples.

Herald staff writer Momoko Hirose '06 covers the Third World community. She can be reached at mhirose@browndailyherald.com.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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John K. McIntyre '39
dies at the age of 94

BY SCHUYLER VON OEYEN

John K. McIntyre '39, a former administrator who served the Brown community for 45 years, died last December in Rockford, Ill. He was 94.

McIntyre served as administrative assistant to the president from 1947 to 1992, working under six presidents, from Henry Wriston to Vartan Gregorian. During this time, McIntyre served as a liaison between the Office of the President and the Corporation and earned a reputation as one of the University's best historians.

McIntyre graduated from Brown as class valedictorian in 1939 and earned a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1942. Immediately after attaining his law degree, he enlisted overseas in the Army Air Corps during World War II, where he served until 1945. After practicing law for two years after the war, he returned to Brown in 1947 and worked in the administration for the next four and a half decades.

"John lived for the University," recalled Professor of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences Sheila Blumstein, who came to know him well after being appointed Dean of the College in 1987. "He was a professional in the best sense of the word and always was driven to serve the Brown community in the best way he could."

He "knew the history of the University backwards and forwards. His whole life was driven towards serving Brown, and he demonstrated good judgment," Blumstein said.

She added that McIntyre avoided gossip and never talked about anyone behind this person's back — a tribute to his good-natured personality — which earned him the respect of many faculty members, she said.

He was "old-fashioned, dignified and careful about his work. He contributed so much," said University Chaplain Janet Cooper Nelson.

"He was very elegant, quiet, composed and never upset. He was a gentleperson in the best sense of the word" and was "always leaning towards the future. One can almost imagine him seated in a leather chair with several shelves of books behind him in the background," she said.

McIntyre conducted a great deal of behind-the-scenes work for the several presidents under whom he served, which earned him the respect of the administration but little public acknowledgment, Cooper Nelson said.

Although his introverted and serious personality was

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CCC discusses pluses and minuses

BY CASSIE RAMIREZ

Pluses and minuses dominated discussion at last night's meeting of the College Curriculum Council. The meeting, second in a series of three, was also attended by faculty who participated in a survey by the office of Institutional Research last fall.

"Anyone who really thinks that grades represent something objective is fooling themselves. Grades in most cases interfere with learning," said Lecturer in Education Lawrence Wakeford, who has studied the effects of various grading systems.

"Tweaking or tinkering with the system won't be any better," he said. "It'll probably make it worse. Distinguishing between a B+ and a B will be even more difficult."

Lecturer in Education Luther Spoehr, who previously taught high school, said, "At the secondary level, (students) constantly receive positive feedback from their teachers and they come here thinking they're hot stuff."

But when students who were at the top of their class in high school arrive at Brown, they are often surprised by the level of competition, he said.

"This shock leaves us reluctant to have a refined grad-

ing system," which would only add to students' feelings that they are being ranked, Spoehr said.

"The education system (as a whole) has created grade-conscious students. It starts at kindergarten. They want it." They are fixated on it, Wakeford said.

Lynne deBenedette, a senior lecturer in the Department of Slavic Languages who has taught at schools with and without pluses and minuses, said the competition for better grades was equal at both kinds of colleges.

CCC member and Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Jonathan Waage said the CCC should recommend to the Executive Council that there be campus-wide discussions. "Not to change the grading system," he said, "but to sit and talk and figure out what the hell the whole process is about."

The CCC discussed two resolutions passed by the Graduate Student Council, which voted in favor of pluses and minuses, and one by the Undergraduate Council of Students, which passed a resolution against additional gradation.

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Clarke '97 wants to improve NE music scene

BY SWAN LEE

Daphne Clarke '97 wants to make New England's music scene as hot as New York's or Los Angeles'. And she wants to do it with the help of Brown students and a local hip-hop artist.

Clarke would not release the artist's name, but she said he has generated quite a buzz already and will launch the music scene in the area "as much as Nelly has launched the Midwest and Eminem has launched Detroit," she said.

Clarke said she is looking specifically for Brown undergraduates from all backgrounds to launch the rapper's career — and those of other New England artists — through a new music incubator she co-founded.

Clarke, an entertainment attorney, describes the incubator as a combination of physical space, business development assistance and legal and administrative support to startup music-related businesses. These services will be housed at a location in Rhode Island and serve all of New England.

Although this is a new enterprise, Clarke said she is eager to have the business run by students, preferably from Brown.

"In an ideal world, I'd have it all Brown students," Clarke said. Reflecting upon her experience as a music director for WBRU during her undergraduate years, Clarke said, "Brown students have amazing management and entrepreneurial skills."

Clarke has been interviewing students for positions and has already accepted interns who will be in charge of launching the artist this May. Interns will undertake marketing and public relations tasks that include taking royalty statements and scheduling television and radio appearances.

Hosanna Marshall '03, a political science concentrator, will be one of the interns this semester organizing the artist's national tour and coordinating talent, such as back-up dancers, to perform with him.

Marshall met Clarke through the Career Networking Conference during Career Week. "She was one of the most stimulating panelists and provided us with the tangible way to get involved with the industry," she said.

Kenneth Lim '03, a business economics concentrator, also met Clarke at the Career Networking Conference

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ment and farming possible, which in turn generated trade. These innovations created a need for humans capable of handling the complexities of the new civilization, Galor said.

The greater success of individuals with more resources devoted to their upbringing translated to an evolutionary advantage and increased their percentage of the population, he added.

It is important to remember that the genetic factor is only a predisposition, not a direct control, Galor said.

According to economic models, parents in every generation allocate their resources — the origin of the term "economics" — and decide how many children they will have, he said.

But it gets a little more complicated, Galor said. If too many individuals start adopting the "quality" strategy, having only one child and sending her to college — as has been occurring, roughly, since the late 19th century — then the evolutionary advantage shifts to the "quantity" gene holders, who are having more children and contributing more to future generations.

Asked about the future implications based on the theory for the United States, Moav chuckled, "Nothing."

The human population will include more of the "quantity" type — as it did in our hunter-gatherer days — but, because modern society rewards an education so highly, nothing is likely to change, Galor said.

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In the developing world, Galor said, the transition might not be complete, so the "quality" type would still be favored.

He emphasized that, on both a global and an individual level, genes interact heavily with environmental factors, and individuals are not conscious of their genetic predispositions.

Though cautious, Jonathan Waage, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, commented favorably on the theory.

Telling an evolutionary biologist that human behavior is due to genetics "is like waving a red flag in front of a bull," Waage said. The specter of Social Darwinism, which was used to justify imperialism in the 19th century, is still fresh in their minds, he said.

Waage also noted one potential pitfall interdisciplinary endeavors often encounter — the same term can have different meanings in different fields.

Galor said the theory could be interpreted either in a social or a biological mode. He and Moav chose to emphasize the biological in order to study more deeply the intersection between these two central influences on humans — genes and environment.

Assault

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was assaulted again by the same three men at the intersection of Thayer Street and Angell Street. After the assault, the men fled the scene, according to the report.

At that time the student retreated to his dorm room where his friends called for rescue, and he was then transported to Miriam Hospital with facial injuries, according to the report.

The PPD report quotes the student as saying the woman with him most likely knew the three men involved in the assault.

According to the report, a witness that was on the scene left a written statement with the Department of Public Safety. DPS will not release any information about the incident until the investigation has concluded, said Michelle Nuey, assistant manager for DPS Special Services.

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Al-Qaida members in United States planning attacks

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — Hundreds of al-Qaida operatives are in hiding throughout the United States planning potentially catastrophic attacks, and the FBI does not know who or where many of them are, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III told lawmakers Tuesday.

Mueller's warning was the latest in a flurry of dire pronouncements from top counterterrorism officials, all but predicting attacks against Americans both overseas and on U.S. soil.

CIA Director George Tenet, appearing alongside Mueller on Capitol Hill, said the government's recent decision to alert the nation of a "high risk" of terrorist attacks was based on intelligence reports that are "the most specific we have seen," including indications that al-Qaida may be planning to use chemical, biological and radiological weapons.

"The information we have points to plots aimed at targets on two fronts — in the United States and on the Arabian Peninsula," Tenet told members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. "The intelligence is not idle chatter."

Mueller said his disclosures about terrorism activity in the United States — among his most extensive to date — were based, in part, on myriad investigations dating back to the first bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993.

His testimony, and a written statement, were rife with both warnings and claims of success in thwarting terrorist strikes. But Mueller stressed that while the FBI is doing all it can to protect Americans, it faces an impossible task that by its very nature cannot be successful all of the time.

"Despite the progress the United States has made in disrupting the al-Qaida network overseas and within our own country, the organization maintains the ability and the intent to inflict significant casualties in the United States with little warning," Mueller said. "Our greatest threat is from al-Qaida cells in the United States that we

have not yet been able to identify."

There have been significant gains in the war on terrorism, Mueller said, with hundreds of arrests, 197 "suspected terrorists" charged in the United States and 99 convictions.

"But make no mistake," Mueller said, "the enemies we face are resourceful, merciless, and fanatically committed to inflicting massive damage on our homeland, which they regard as the bastion of evil."

Some of these terrorists, he said, could have been lurking in the United States and planning major attacks for several years, just like the Sept. 11 hijackers and those that detonated truck bombs at two U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998, killing at least 224 people, according to Mueller and other federal law enforcement officials.

Mueller did not offer specifics about how authorities arrived at the estimated numbers of U.S.-based al-Qaida associates, and lawmakers did not press him on the figures. FBI officials said the bureau would not elaborate beyond Mueller's public remarks. He also briefed the senators in a classified, closed-door session.

In his public comments, Mueller disclosed that:

— FBI investigations have revealed "an extensive militant Islamic presence in the U.S., as well as a number of groups that are capable of launching terrorist attacks here."

— Although the al-Qaida network remains the most urgent threat with at least several hundred members hiding in the United States, there are other dangerous Islamic terrorist groups operating within the United States in tandem with al-Qaida or on their own.

— A so-called second front in the terror war is evolving, with an increasing number of individuals who could launch terrorist acts out of sympathy or indirect affiliation with al-Qaida cells. They would operate without the kind of external support or co-conspirators that could

draw the attention of the FBI.

— While some of the organized terrorists hiding in the United States are relative newcomers, others are believed to belong to far more established networks that significantly predate the Sept. 11 attacks. Those cells could have been planning large-scale attacks for years.

The testimony from Mueller, Tenet and other counterterrorism leaders came during an annual hearing designed to brief members of the intelligence community on the status of various foreign threats the United States faces. Lowell Jacoby, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency and Carl Ford, assistant secretary of state for intelligence research, also testified.

Mueller's remarks about the terrorists in the United States were all but ignored by senators intent on focusing the debate on the threat posed by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, and his alleged arsenal of weapons of mass destruction. Many senators grilled both Tenet and Mueller on the subject, as well as on Saddam's alleged ties to al-Qaida.

Some of the al-Qaida members hiding out in the United States have been successful in evading detection by operating under the radar, making them hard to trace, Mueller said. The FBI believes that they also have employed the same kind of operational strategies that worked so well for the Sept. 11 hijackers, including stringent efforts to minimize contact with known militant Islamic groups in the United States that might be under surveillance, he said.

In one major U.S. city alone, one U.S. counterterrorism official said, some 200 associates and sympathizers of al-Qaida have been identified and kept under watch by FBI and other intelligence agents. About 20 of those individuals have actually been to al-Qaida training camps, the official said, and as many as a half dozen have been connected to the latest terrorist warning.



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Spoehr said he disagreed with the wording of the UCS resolution, which said that pluses and minuses went against the "spirit of the New Curriculum."

Invoking the "spirit of the New Curriculum" was a means of stopping conversation, not promoting it, Spoehr said.

The CCC will meet again in

two weeks to resume the current discussion of a refined grading system. Dean of the College Paul Armstrong said at the meeting that the CCC hopes to give the faculty — the ultimate voters on the issue — a chance to discuss the possibilities and to become more informed.

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Swimming

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team's strong performance by taking first in the 50 freestyle and third in the 200 butterfly event.

With just one meet left before the Eastern Championships, which features all the Ivy League schools in addition to strong teams such as Navy and Army, both Wang and Gyuris are confident in the team's much improved ability to swim and compete effectively as a team.

"We've learned how to race other teams no matter what the outcome is and to not back down," Wang said.

"The team has become closer

and has begun to operate as a cohesive unit," Gyuris said. "The spirit of competition has grown in this young team and people are starting to step up and realize their potential and place on the team."

The final meet of the regular season against Cornell this Saturday as well as the upcoming championships will reflect the work ethic and attitude developed during the season.

"Brown will be there to fight," Gyuris said. "The outcome doesn't concern me so much as the effort given by our side. If we can walk away from the meet knowing that we gave all that we had to give, I think that has immense value in itself."

Bats

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minum bats, and the trampoline effect. The trampoline effect is a term describing the elastic properties of the bat that allow the ball to come off faster.

"When the ball hits the bat," Crisco explained, "energy is lost as the ball deforms, and the more energy lost, the slower the hit. Aluminum bats are believed to collapse or bend when the ball hits, allowing the ball to deform less and therefore lose less energy," he said.

Major league baseball uses only wooden bats. The Brown baseball team uses aluminum bats during the season, although they practice with wooden bats.

Aluminum bats hit the ball farther than wood, members of the baseball team said, but it is more beneficial to practice with wood, as it is harder to hit the ball well.

"Our coach likes to use wood because wood really teaches you how to hit," said William Cebron '05, a member of the team. "If you get jammed or hit the ball on the end of the bat with wood, the bat's going to break. So you have to hit solid and get the

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head of the bat on the ball, whereas with aluminum you can get jammed or hit on the end and still get a hit," he explained.

Cebron said he hits the ball farther and harder with aluminum bats. "You can hit anywhere up and down on the aluminum bat and you can still hit it pretty hard," he said.

He said he thought that wooden bats would be safer because it is more difficult to hit the ball hard.

Christopher Contrino '05 agreed that the ball goes farther with aluminum. With wood, "you have to have a true swing on the ball, nice solid contact to get a base hit. The ball jumps off the bat much quicker" with aluminum, he said.

He was not convinced that the switch to wood bats would

be safer, however. "Accidents are kind of rare. They don't happen too often, but when they do, they are severe at times. Making the change over to wood could make things a lot easier, but you could still get injured," he said.

Although Crisco's research does not support a switch to wooden bats for safety reasons, Crisco said he is not against making such a change.

"If they prefer to use wood bats, they have the option of doing that. They have to say that they're making the decision based on their preferences" as opposed to scientific data, he said.

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McIntyre

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not shared by several of the presidents he served under, "John carried himself extremely well. No matter who it was, he established a good working relationship with everyone he worked with. He would leave old-fashioned handwritten notes for you. Even if what you had done was ordinary, John would make you feel as if it were extraordinary," Cooper Nelson said.

McIntyre's responsibilities increased considerably in the late 1960s and early 1970s, most notably through his relationship with the Brown Corporation and the Board of Trustees. He witnessed the transformation of University Hall from small offices with few staff members into the well-staffed and fully occupied presence it has today. The John K. McIntyre Scholarship fund was established in 1982 for future financial aid recipients in recognition of his service to the University.

His biggest honor was bestowed at the University Commencement exercises in

May 1989. Privately, the Corporation and Gregorian voted to establish an award recognizing McIntyre's achievements because they knew that he would be reluctant to take any credit in a public forum, Blumstein said.

At Commencement, Gregorian pretended that he had lost his papers and called John up to the stand to bring him a replacement speech, Cooper Nelson said. To McIntyre's surprise, Gregorian presented him with the John K. McIntyre award that the Corporation had recently created, she added.

The medal, given only occasionally, acknowledges extraordinary service to the University and "seeks out only those who are outstanding in their commitment and performance to Brown," the George Street Journal reported. McIntyre himself was its first recipient, and it has only been given out one time since.

Funeral services were never announced, Cooper Nelson is hopeful that an occasion to honor and remember McIntyre can be planned in the coming months and made available to the Brown Community.

Fencing

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As has been the case throughout the season, several of Brown's individual and weapons squads had outstanding performances.

All-American Paul Friedman '03 was undefeated on the day and compiled a 6-0 record in men's sabre competition. Dan Dorsky '05 and Jeremy Adler '06 joined Friedman in securing a solid 6-3 victory in men's saber against Yale and a close 4-5 loss to Columbia.

The women's epee squad had a strong meet, showing incredible depth despite the absence of tri-captain Sophie Klein '03, who is recovering from an ankle injury.

The women's epee squad had a strong meet, showing incredible depth despite the absence of tri-captain Sophie Klein '03, who is recovering from an ankle injury. Nationally-ranked Ruth Schneider '06, Alessandra Assante '04 and Lucy Walker '06 defeated Northwestern 6-3 but

lost close 6-3 matches to both Columbia and Yale. Schneider ended the day with an 8-1 individual record. Assante posted a 4-5 record at the meet.

Other highlights of the day included Claire Coiro's '06 5-3 victory over her more experienced Yale opponent and Matt Ivester '03 shaking off a loss and coming back to win his last two bouts against Yale.

Last weekend's competition concluded the regular season for Brown, and the team now looks forward to the New England Championships on Feb. 22 at the University of New Hampshire. Later Brown competes in the ECAC/IFA Championships on March 1 at Boston College, the NCAA Regionals March 8-9 at NYU, and the NCAA Nationals March 20-24 at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

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Clarke

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and decided to join her team as a way to get exposure to the entertainment industry.

The conception of the music incubator stemmed from the New England Music Industry Summit that Clarke executive produces. The summit hosts a variety of events and panels focused on helping emerging artists succeed in the music

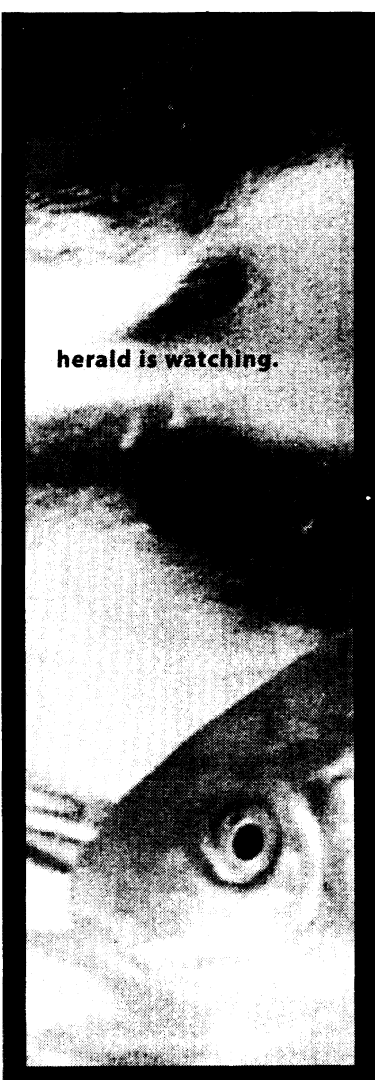
industry. Featured topics include how to secure a major label contract, produce a demo, and start a record label.

Clarke, who has informed certain professors and the Entrepreneurship Program about the incubator, plans to continue to frequent Brown and speak at more career forums to increase student awareness about the project.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Definite minus

The New Curriculum, along with the type of independent-thinking student it attracts, remains Brown's signature. For Brown students, college is no mere pit stop on the way to a career. It's about the learning, not the grades, we're constantly reminded.

Yet for months the community has participated in the seemingly never-ending discussion about pluses and minuses, to no avail. Little additional information has surfaced since the initial debate — the campus has been talking in rhetorical circles.

When asking the crucial question, "What impact will pluses and minuses have?" the answers that emerge are a whole lot of "maybes," and amount to a whole lot of nothing.

"Grades are sending messages," Dean of the College Paul Armstrong has said. Yet what message they are sending remains unclear — and pluses and minuses won't change that.

Grades are a notoriously unreliable assessor of learning. If a student is so uninformed about his performance in a class that he has to look to a plus or minus to figure out what he's learned, that student probably shouldn't be at Brown in the first place.

Simply adding pluses and minuses to Brown's grading system will not solve grade inflation and will not suddenly make Brown students more attractive to employers or graduate schools. And if the University were to take the next step — calculating GPAs and class rank, for example — the learning atmosphere at Brown would be adversely affected.

So really, why bother?

A campus mourns together

For the second time in less than a week, the Brown community has suffered a tragic loss. The death of Mary Interlandi, coming only days after the unexpected passing of Sarah Lamendola '04, is an unprecedented event that has left many in the Brown community shaken.

Both those who knew Interlandi and those who didn't will be affected by her death, and as we urged in last Thursday's editorial ("A Shared Loss," Feb. 6), should remember that resources on campus such as the University Chaplain's Office and Psychological Services are available for support.

The unexpected deaths of two members of the Brown community in such a short time is incomprehensible, and we encourage students to help each other in overcoming these losses.

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LETTERS

Debate needed on the pros and cons of a potential Iraq war

To the Editor:

I applaud The Herald's editors for their advocacy of debate and dialogue on campus ("Balancing Act," Feb. 11). Although I find myself increasingly adamant in standing against a war that I believe to be ill-conceived and just plain wrong, I would be much less secure and justified in my position were I to avoid reading and engaging in pro-war arguments, and we must certainly avoid becoming caught in a bubble atop College Hill as this dire situation progresses.

In that spirit, I would like to challenge the Brown Debating Union and conservative student groups to quickly revive plans for a public student debate on the subject that I have heard mentioned intermittently, but which have never actually come to fruition.

As a member of the Students Against War in Iraq coalition and publicity chair for one of its member groups, the College Democrats, I can attest to a genuine desire within both organizations to engage in debate. And as a student who simply talks about world issues with his peers and has some shred of common sense, it would seem that there are more than enough students here who are in favor of invading Iraq in order to hold a structured debate.

Think about it: three antiwar students and three pro-war students, respectfully going at it, no-holds-barred, fostering a sharp, strong and ultimately intellectually-stimulating dialogue that benefits the student community. With war likely to begin within the next month or so, we need to start planning for such a debate as soon as possible.

Sean Siperstein '05
Feb. 12

Herald finally acknowledges liberal bias in news coverage

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the board of the Brown Daily Herald for realizing their news coverage might be biased ("Balancing Act," Feb. 11).

Indeed, political debate at Brown consists of a 360-degree assault on straw-man conservative arguments with nobody behind them. Brown should be embarrassed to brew this tempest in a teapot, completely isolated from the intelligent debate that goes on at the national level. Conservative viewpoints are not hard to find — just look at the opinion pages of The Wall Street Journal or Washington Times.

Why don't conservatives at Brown speak up? That I am aware of, the last time a strongly conservative opinion was voiced in this paper, it was a paid ad by David Horowitz. The reaction of the Brown community? They stole and destroyed the entire run of that day's paper. I guess that's our version of free and open debate.

Daniel Bookstaber '06
2/11



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Bush has learned the politics of Warcraft

Strategies for winning the computer game work well for Bush and Co.

WARCRAFT IS CERTAINLY ENTHRALLING. Though it may lead to a gradual breakdown of all non-battle related reality after a couple of days, occasionally confusing yourself with an orc-ish brigade commander is a small price to pay for the thrill of online virtual-slaughter. For those readers sufficiently removed from nerddom as to be caught unawares, Warcraft is a computer game currently in its third edition. Its essential premise is that the player controls units, military and otherwise, and must use them to gather resources, build a camp, raise an army and decimate their opponents. Configured for online play amongst 2, 4 or 6 players, Warcraft pits various armies, each with particular units and advantages, against one another in a battle which necessarily ends in the total defeat and annihilation of opposing forces. (Keep going, o reader — there is a point to be made here.)

It takes one only a few games of being clobbered by ghouls and crypt fiends to realize that the idea of Warcraft is to dominate — strategy revolves around the fastest, most effective means of gathering and using resources in order to crush your opponent. In four-player mode, teams of two win or lose together. Victory is total, and though this greatly simplifies the game itself, it complicates any attempt to extract a successful life strategy from the game. To live life as if it were a game of Warcraft would be (thankfully this is spec-

ulation) to live a rigid, short-sighted, selfish and destructive existence. Yes, reader, it does sound like the Bush administration.

I hesitated to add “short” to the qualities of a Warcraft-driven life because in fact a Warcraft-based worldview does not guarantee for an early demise, provided the game is played correctly. We in and around the liberal Democratic establishment are often baffled by the success of our Orc-ish Executive. This must be, I have realized after so many late nights battling over the LAN as death-

mage3000, because we have a fundamentally different notion of success from the administration. Democrats look at the blatant pandering to big business and the Christian Right, and are amazed at what they perceive as an affront to popular democracy. We see the administration's naked economic motivation for a foreign policy founded in a simplistic view of the world as constructed of either allies or enemies, and conclude that, in enough time, the Bush machine's essentially flawed policy will lead to its own downfall.

This conclusion makes no sense. I suspect it is rooted in idealistic notions about the goals of the political process. I have always believed that the idea of politics is the formulation and execution of good public policy. It seems most Democrats agree, which explains their confusion and consternation with the administration and Republican lawmakers. Make no mistake, the Republicans have been consolidating power. The election of Senator Bill Frist, a fierce Bush/Rove loyalist, was icing on the cake for the administration and the

Republican establishment, two entities that have slowly but surely merged since the 2000 election. This fusion has expanded conservative power in Washington, in marked contrast to prominent Democrats, who are engaged in a vacillating tiff with DNC Chairman Terry MacAuliffe. The administration, with all its vassals, is playing to win, and the scarier question is — win what?

Warcraft, in other words, is working perfectly well for Karl Rove and his acolytes; Rove has crafted a policy apparatus (for lack of a better term) which ensures a steady stream of political and financial resources, and which uses them effectively. To what end? The idea behind political Warcraft is just like that of Warcraft III: Reign of Chaos — eliminate your opponents and reign uncontested. (Yes, it's cooler with ogre minions instead of mid-level bureaucrats.) Recognizing this Rovian super-strategy is immensely helpful to an understanding of its policy and political objectives.

While it's easy to understand why the administration would want to favor the nation's wealthiest citizens, some are baffled by an economic plan which favors them at the expense of the government itself. While the nation's wealthiest save \$90,000 in taxes (you'd better believe that goes into the “average savings per person,” no doubt the work of some orc-ish statistician), the Federal government gets shackled by deficits. Why? Because Bush has political opponents — Democrats, the poor — on the ropes, and must work now to eliminate them. Remember, Warcraft is almost by definition short-sighted.

We can look at Bush's domestic policy, rife with the kind of blatant pseudo-religious moralism that would give Jefferson's

descendants (all of them) heart attacks, on similar terms. The goal is victory over the enemy, or the enemy of a bible-toting friend. So what if schools slide into segregation and decay? So what if Americans slowly become uninsured? In political Warcraft, everything has political value. Unfortunately, nothing is normative in Warcraft except winning. So wave goodbye to the old notions of good social policy (if you haven't already).

What better exemplifies the presidential cadre's strict adherence to the rules of the Craft than the Bush foreign policy? Bush's preoccupation with Iraq, even in the face of al-Qaida, North Korea and of course, world poverty and strife, makes sense as Warcraft-influenced doctrine. Bush knows Saddam is the enemy — he's an easy target, Bush the First fought him and the Orc-in-chief can pronounce his name. And, what must we do to enemies? Vanquish them. War in Iraq, all things being equal, is a no-brainer for Bush and Co.

Finally, what cheeses liberals the most is the administration's consistent lying and distortion for political gain. For those of us who believe in the sanctity of the Republic, Bush has blasphemed by selling us the “Healthy Forests Act,” and an education policy which promises to “Leave No Child Behind.” Karl Rove, having inculcated the basic strategy as a hardcore computer gamer, is now playing the political process as if he were fighting against undead legions, rather than crippling social problems. Do these guys have any scruples? The answer is that they don't, but they would if scruples had political value. This is the politics of Warcraft, and the bottom line is victory.

Ari Savitzky '06 submitted this after the columnist application deadline. But in the spirit of reality shows, he wants the readers to decide — is this column hot?

ARI SAVITZKY
GUEST
COLUMNIST

Please don't let me see that thong

A call to action against immodest West coasters

WELCOME TO LOS ANGELES, CITY OF of palm trees, pollution and butt floss. All over the city, girls stalk the streets in tank tops so low and pants so tight they are almost equivalent to postage stamps and body paint. The aesthetic atmosphere in Los Angeles is so different from that of Providence that as I stepped off the plane home in December, immersed in so many sweaters and jackets that I felt like the Michelin tire woman, I could not help but slip into a state of shock.

Growing up in Los Angeles, I was very familiar with other female bellybuttons, the ever-popular Wonderbra, and various patterns on different brands of male boxer shorts. I was aware of all these undergarmentary details not because I attended peep shows on the Sunset Strip, but because students put on shows daily at my own school. Girls with their body parts on display buffet-style sashayed through the halls on pencil-thin heels that would make any normal person sink into a carpet like the Titanic into the North Atlantic, while males slouched about in pants so large that a family of five could probably fit into each leg. It was ironic that as fashion covered females less and less, it covered males more and more. It was almost as if the

cloth that should have been allotted to girls' clothing was cut away and sewn instead to male articles, leaving the female midriff hanging out to dry and the male one in doubtful existence.

The epic movie “Clueless” aptly chronicles these antics. But about two years after Clueless, naked fashion reached a new low: thongs.

These tiny garments were traditionally worn under clothing, not on top. However, when

I entered high school, thongs in Los Angeles reached what seemed to me to be an unprecedented level of importance. In English class, it became a competition as girls pulled their pants down and their butt floss up, and then leaned forward in their seats as far as they could without tipping over to put themselves on display for anyone who cared to look. Sadly, everyone was so desensitized by many repeat performances that few did.

Of course, East coasters wear butt floss too. The difference is that West coasters are more public about it. While East coasters wear thongs under their pants, West coasters will often make the thongs much more of a fashion statement than the rest of their outfit, or lack thereof.

Back in my salad days, my friends considered me somewhat of a conservative dresser. I wore tank tops but did not show my midriff, I wore skirts that were short but not too short, and the tops of my mammary glands were always covered. When I

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arrived at Brown in late August, I was shocked to see no one running amok in a tank top. I felt far too exposed in my own tank top and jeans, and I immediately rushed out with my grandmother to purchase a bevy of long sleeved shirts. Perhaps I was even then unconsciously crossing the line between youth and adulthood.

By the time I arrived home in December, I had forgotten how girls dressed in my native land; indeed, how I myself used to dress. My sister (who is also thought of as a rather conservative dresser) jolted me back to reality in the bathroom one morning. As I was applying moisturizer (you need it in the California climate) she came in wearing, to my eye, practically nothing. Her midriff was exposed, and her pants, well, it was amazing that she could still move. I said in a shocked voice, “You aren't going OUT in that, are you?” She looked at me strangely, and said, “Of course I am.” “But,” I said, “you're practically naked!” She looked at me pointedly, (my outfit at this

point was much the same, but remember, I was still getting ready), and said, “Well, then so are you!” I told her in a dignified tone that I was of course planning to throw something else on. She then told me something shocking: I myself used to wear the exact same clothes as she.

It cannot be, that despite the ever prevailing presence of Gold's Gym, West coasters have better bodies than East coasters. Perhaps it is about confidence. Maybe the maturity level on the east coast is higher, or there are more prostitutes on the west coast. But the fact that as soon as it falls below 70 degrees in Los Angeles the girls break out with down coats and scarves leads me to believe the fashionable difference between the coasts is the result of one thing: the weather. This climatic explanation doesn't seem consistent with wearing less underwear, though. Thus, my message remains the same: floss belongs in the mouth, not south.

Brand-new columnist Alexandra Tumanoff '06 does Hanes her way.

ALEXANDRA TOUMANOFF
COLUMNIST

SPORTS WEDNESDAY

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Reasons for four on four

IN THE SCATTERED PROPOSALS TO improve the game of basketball, one has stood out among the least plausible: making the game four on four. Advocates say this would bring back the fast break, make defense more difficult, increase scoring and

showcase more athleticism. However appealing the idea, the thought of actually making such a change seems ludicrous. Nevertheless, this is exactly what happened in an NCAA basketball game Monday night, albeit unplanned.

I'll explain in a second. We need to

consider hockey first.

Basketball, as any casual observer knows, differs from hockey in many ways, some of the more obvious being footwear and friction on the playing surface. Yet it's the penalty box that gives hockey the distinctive and intriguing element unique from other sports: situations where teams are competing with a different number of players. Who doesn't get excited to watch a power play? Similar situations arise after red cards in soccer. But never in basketball, right? Well, that all changed Monday night in Richmond, Kentucky, when Eastern Kentucky took on Tennessee State.

With 8:13 to play and Eastern Kentucky leading 72-58, Eastern's Shawn Fields was fouled hard by Tennessee State's Cedric Bryson. Of what transpired next, Eastern coach Travis Ford said, "Nobody really one knows what happened." We do, however, know some things. We know that nine players came off the two benches to join the brawl that ensued on the court, and all nine were ejected — along with the 10 on the court when it started.

It's not easy to stop 19 tall athletes from fighting. It's downright confusing to figure out what to do after ejecting 19 players from a basketball game. The referees had the good fortune of eight remaining players, evenly divided by team, and chose to let them finish the game four on four.

Eastern Kentucky's Ford said, "I didn't think that was legal."

Perhaps even more dubious than the four-on-four game was what took place when Tennessee State's Jeremy Jackson fouled out. The 1,800 fans in attendance witnessed something the rest of us will most assuredly never see — a four-on-three game. Because the game was not televised, I cannot describe exactly what the four-on-three game looked like, but it certainly proved beneficial for Eastern Kentucky forward Jon Bentley. He finished the game with a career-high 32 points on 14-16 shooting (after averaging 11 points on the year and 6.8 over the team's last 10 games).

Perhaps Bentley could become pitchman for the proposed four-on-four format, now that he is walking proof that it does indeed boost scoring. This is especially the case if you can get the other team down to three.

Luke Meier '04 hails from Champaign, Ill., and is a philosophy and religious studies concentrator.

SCHEDULE

Women's Ice Hockey
BROWN vs. Providence, 7 p.m., Meehan Auditorium

Men's Squash
BROWN vs. MIT, 6 p.m., Pizzitola Squash Courts

Women's swimming victorious, while men fall in tune-ups for championships

BY JINHEE CHUNG

Last weekend was full of action-packed competition for the men's and women's swimming teams as both squads hosted meets. The women defeated Yale on Saturday morning with a score of 172-122. Later that afternoon, the men swam against Yale and Columbia, but fell to both teams.

The women's team dominated their meet, earning nine first-place finishes out of fourteen events. They started the day with a win in the 200 medley relay and both first and second place wins in the 1,000 freestyle, with Jean Lee '04 taking first and Bridgette Cahill '06 taking second. Lee followed up her strong performance with another first-place finish in the 500 freestyle.

The Bears continued to reap the fruits of their hard work in the 100 backstroke and 100 freestyle events. Cheered on by her teammates, Jessica Brown '05 led the 1-2-3 sweep in the backstroke, followed only split seconds later by Lindsay Hoban '04 and Mariana Chuck '05. Liz Daniels '04 grabbed first in the freestyle, followed by Michelle Oeser '06 in second, Ali Will '06 in third and Emily McCoy '04 in fourth.

With only the Ivy League Championships left on Feb. 27, the women's swimming team is at its peak.

"I think this will be the best meet in Brown history because this is the strongest the team has ever been physically and mentally," Lee said. "The other schools in the league will definitely be in for a surprise."

"Everyone has the same goal in mind, and that is to win the Ivy Championships this year," Lee said.

Lee added that, unlike other teams, the Bears have waited to shave and taper for the championships, which will contribute to significant drops in times and increased strength in performance.



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The men's swimming and diving teams hosts Cornell Saturday at the Smith Swim Center.

The men's team did not fare as well in their tri-meet, falling to both Yale, 146-93, and Columbia, 148-93. Despite strong individual performances, Yale and Columbia's numerical advantage proved to be too difficult to overcome.

"It's been a difficult year because there are only 13 swimmers and three divers," said Tim Wang '05. "The majority of Ivy League teams, like Harvard and Yale, have around 30. We actually have strong swimmers in each event; the problem is we'll get a first or a second in an event, but other teams will get third, fourth, fifth, and we get beat by numbers."

In spite of Brown's mathematical disadvantage, the men performed admirably, pulling in many top finishes. The Bears started off the meet well with a first-place finish in the 200 medley relay and third in

the 800 freestyle relay. Wang followed up with second place in the 100 freestyle and third in the 200 freestyle. Newcomer Eric Brumberg '06 grabbed first in the 200 individual medley and third in the 200 backstroke. Aron Gyuris '04 continued the

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Gymnastics

The women's gymnastics team took third place in a tri-meet with Yale and University of Rhode Island on Saturday afternoon, scoring a school record of 192.00, shattering the previous school record of 190.600 set last season.

The meet was extremely close, as Yale took first with a 193.075, followed by URI with a 192.875.

Jayne Finst '04 led the way for the Bears as she won the individual all-around with a school record of 39.175, breaking her own record in the event of 38.675, which she accomplished last season. She also won the vault, scoring a 9.625.

On the bars, Finst and Sarah Cavett '06 tied for third place, each scoring a 9.825.

Finst also led the way on the beam, taking second place with a 9.85, while tying her personal best on the floor with a 9.875. Melissa Forziat '05 also tied a personal best on the floor with a 9.8, while Gina Verge '04 surpassed her career high on the floor with a 9.75.

Amber Smith '06 took fourth in the all-around with a career-high 38.550.

Brown continues action on Wednesday, Feb. 19, when the Bears face Rhode Island in Kingston, RI.

Fencing

The Brown fencing team was unable to overcome fierce competition in three matches at the Columbia Invitational in New York City on Saturday. Both the men's and women's teams fell to ninth-ranked Yale 20-7 and to Columbia 22-7. The women also fell to Northwestern 17-10.

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Women's skiing places first in Boston Carnival

BY DANIEL MURRAY

After solid results in the first three races, the ski team carved its way to its best finish of the season last weekend at Ascutney Mountain in Vermont. Racing at Boston College's home carnival, the Bears dominated both the slalom and giant slalom events.

During Saturday's slalom event, the men secured a fifth place finish — the team's best in years. The effort was led by Jake Colognesi '06.5, who finished eighth. Charles Cummings '06 followed Colognesi, placing in the 20th spot.

"It was a tremendous team effort and well earned," said Coach Karen Finocchio. James Maher '03, Greg Hanyen '05, Alex Petalas '04 and Jon Hastings '05 finished 39th, 47th, 57th and 54th, respectively. "(They) deserve many high-fives for their strong individual performances," Finocchio said.

Christopher Palmisano '04 and Doug Grutzmacher '04 placed 49th and 62th, respectively.

The women's team also skied extremely well on Saturday as Doria DiBona '03 finished third while Adrienne Jones '03 followed in fifth.

Molly Sheinberg '04, Hilary Swaffield '06 and Kiki Stanton '06 also helped the women's squad secure their second place

spot in the slalom, finishing 12th, 15th and 21st. Stephanie Breakstone '06 and Casey Schwarz finished the day in 25th and 46th.

"Nothing could stop the Bears' momentum going into Sunday's giant slalom," Finocchio said.

Colognesi triumphed once again, finding his way back on to the winner's podium. He bested the field by nearly 0.5 seconds.

"Despite rugged conditions on the Screaming Eagle's top section, Petalas, Grutzmacher and Alex Bernstein '05 gave strong performances, moving up in the field significantly from their start positions," Finocchio said.

The men finished in sixth place on Sunday while, once again, the women's team proved to be the dominant force in the Maconnell League standings, ruining the competition in the giant slalom.

DiBona led the way for her younger teammates, finishing third. Stanton, Swaffield and Breakstone — who started 50th, 30th and 40th, respectively — secured 8th, 9th and 14th at the end of the day.

The women placed first overall in a carnival for the first time this season.

The Bears get ready this week for the last carnival of the season at Mt. Sunapee and Pat's Peak Friday and Saturday.