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Director, producer screen Sept. 11 film

BY ZOE RIPPLE

Director Daniel Lindsay and Producer Cody Shearer drove cross-country from California to New York City and traveled to the Middle East in the wake of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, taping over 140 hours of interview footage.

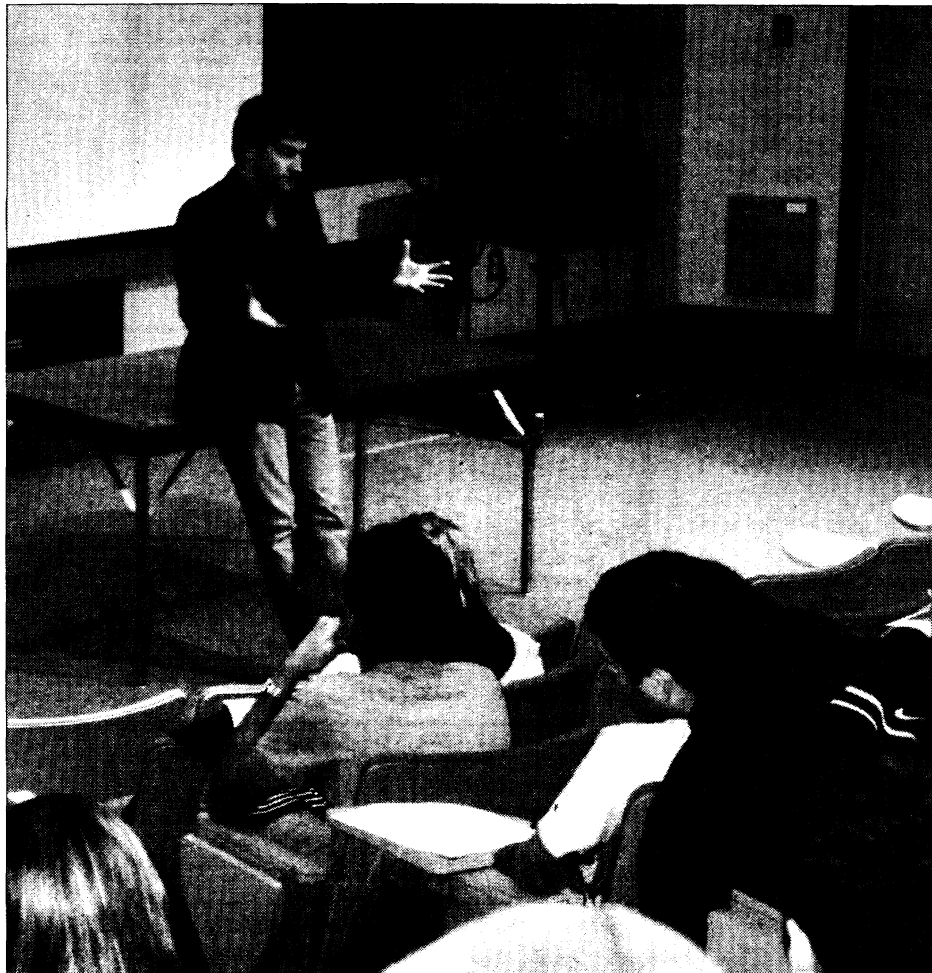
The end product: "Why U.S.?", a documentary about the causes of the Sept. 11 attacks. The two hosted a screening and discussion about the film on Wednesday night in Salomon 001.

To make the film, Lindsay and Shearer interviewed parents of Sept. 11 victims, politicians, professors and scholars from the United States and the Middle East, as well as Muslim radicals and scholars on Islamic law and policy.

Interviewees offered many explanations for why the attacks occurred. Some did not find such an attack surprising, given the United States' power and visibility in the world.

"Everyone is accountable," both the United States and the Muslim world, for what happened on Sept. 11, said Dr. Jane Holl Lute, vice president of the United Nations Foundation, in the film.

The United States' economic status and policy in the region, "McWorld culture," Middle Eastern media portrayal of America, U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East and support of Israel in the face of Israeli-Palestinian conflict were also



Kerry Miller / Herald

see WHY U.S.?, page 4 Director Daniel Lindsay discussed his film "Why Us?" at a screening in Salomon.

Robinson '91 to play crucial role in 2004 campaign

BY LOTEM ALMOG

When Ken Robinson '91 graduated from Brown, the political world was not immediately ready for him.

Eleven years later, he will play a crucial role in the 2004 presidential campaign of Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.).

Although Robinson said he always knew he wanted to work in politics, his first job after graduation was far from the world of primaries and press conferences.

"Technically, I worked in a liquor store in Martha's Vineyard," Robinson said. "At the time, George H.W. Bush was president so there were not many jobs in the Democratic Party."

Since then, Robinson has risen in the political ranks and was recently named director of Kerry's campaign in New Hampshire.

Now Kerry will face competition within his own party for the nomination. Five other Democrats have already announced their candidacies.

For Robinson, who is originally from Massachusetts, the opportunity to direct Kerry's New Hampshire operations is a far cry from where he started.

After studying history at Brown, and his brief tenure in Martha's Vineyard, Robinson took his first political job as a field staffer for the 1992 presidential campaign of Bob Kerrey, former Democratic senator from Nebraska.

He also worked on Jeanne Shaheen's 1996 gubernatorial campaign in New Hampshire before serving as the executive director of the Democratic Party in that state for four years. Robinson served in this capacity until two weeks ago when he assumed his current position with the Kerry campaign.

Of the thirteen presidential elections held since 1952, when New Hampshire began holding the first presidential primary each election year, the winning Democrat in New Hampshire has gone on to secure the party's nomination seven times. Republican candidates who have won the New Hampshire primary have claimed the nomination 10 times.

Robinson will be managing all the day-to-day affairs of the campaign, including hiring a staff and reaching out to activists in the state.

He said he feels Brown helped prepare him for his political work.

"In the environment at Brown, I had a great chance to interact with people very different from me from all different backgrounds — that is

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Friends remember student Mary Interlandi as a unique, spunky and passionate individual

BY DANA GOLDSTEIN

When Mary Interlandi traveled, she returned to Brown with armloads of quirky magazines and newspapers. Noah Fulmer '05, a housemate of Interlandi's, remembered how much the residents of Plantations House enjoyed the fruits of Interlandi's trips. "They were all creative, out-of-the-ordinary, spunky," he said.

But "creative," "out-of-the ordinary" and "spunky" might as well have been

used to characterize Interlandi herself. A rising sophomore who died Monday in her hometown of Nashville, Tenn., Interlandi, who was on leave from the University, was described by friends as a musically-inclined and passionate person with diverse intellectual interests.

Interlandi was committed to feminism, her friends said, and interested in Buddhism and martial arts. Last semester she started an informal meditation group in Plantations House, where she could often be heard singing while playing the piano or practicing her djembe, an African hand drum. She expressed herself verbally — through slam poetry — and sometimes physically, like when she roller-skated down Thayer Street in the winter dressed in her costume for SexPowerGod.

"She was both so strong and so kind," said Mikaela Holmes '05, another of Interlandi's housemates. "Pretty much every day Mary would say something nice to me when she came by my room. ... Who else does that?"

Interlandi's personality shone through even as she slept. Fulmer remembered how soundly Interlandi would sleep on the Plantations House couch, even as all sorts of havoc took place around her. "She had this energy, but at the same time, this peace," he reflected.

After taking a semester off last spring, Interlandi returned to Brown in the fall eager to pursue her interests.

"She was into feminism, but she was trying to do an independent concentra-

tion called Contemplative Studies," Holmes said. Even the name of Interlandi's prospective concentration "was perfect for her," Holmes added.

"(Interlandi's death) hit me very hard," said Director of the Sarah Doyle Women's Center Gail Cohee, who taught Interlandi in GN 10: "Introduction to Feminist Theory." "I really liked her and found her to be very thoughtful and interesting. I always appreciated how much she engaged with what we were doing in class."

"She seemed really interested in the broad range of equity issues and issues of class," Cohee said.

Last spring, Interlandi traveled from Nashville to visit with friends at Brown. "I remember sitting in this tree with her, in the middle of the night, talking," Holmes said. "We were having this wonderful, life-affirming conversation. ... She was just so full of life and so magical."

During her semester off last year, Interlandi reported to friends that her time at home was surprisingly fun and busy. This semester, Interlandi was planning on relaxing in Nashville and perhaps taking a light course load at Vanderbilt University, friends said.

"She really loved Brown and talked about coming back over the summer," said Stephen Backer '05.

Three friends who attended high school with Interlandi at the University School in Nashville are now at Brown. They often

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Phi Beta Kappa for class of 2004

Thirty-three juniors were recently elected into the Rhode Island Alpha of Phi Beta Kappa, a national honors society based on grades earned during the first five semesters at Brown.

Jordan Bleicher '04, Deirdre Bloome '04, Saswat Bohidar '04, Alexis Briley '04, Brookes Brown '04, Sayumi De Silva '04, Craig Desjardins '04, Lindsey Doermann '04, Jared Eddy '04, Angela Feraco '04, Adam Fouse '04, Jesse Goodman '04, Stephanie Harris '04, Ethan Horowitz '04, Andrew Jalil '04, Ari Johnson '04, Steven Kaell '04, Brian Lehpamer '04, Vanessa Lipschitz '04, Mallika

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WEATHER

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FRIDAY

High 21
Low 1
mostly sunny

SATURDAY

High 15
Low 10
partly cloudy

SUNDAY

High 28
Low 19
snow showers

GRAPHICS BY TED WU

CALENDAR

COLLOQUIUM — "Seismic Structure of the Earth's Core and Mantle," Lianxing Wen, State University of New York. Room 115, MacMillan Hall, 4 p.m.

SLIDE LECTURE — "When the Cobbling Began: Photography and Chinese Shoemakers in a Nineteenth-Century New England Factory Town," Anthony Lee, Mount Holyoke College. Room 110, List Art Center, 5:30 p.m.

LECTURE — "Civilization vs. Survival: Environmental Degradation and Our Common Destiny," Derrick Jensen, author. Room 106, Smith-Buonanno, 6:30 p.m.

READING — Okey Ndibe reads from his fiction. McCormack Family Theater, 8 p.m.

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16 Way to run

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19 Stir up

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24 Dope

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28 Skip a turn

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36 Make more watery

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49 Unreasonably

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59 Capitol cap

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64 Pressure source, perhaps

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66 "The Crucible" actress

2 Race starter?

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6 "As Time Goes By" requester

7 Affaire d'honneur

8 Like many an acronym

9 Half a "Star Wars" name

10 Fort defenses

11 Pianist Gilels

12 Some kind of a nut

13 Squeeze (out)

21 Brightest stars

22 Hold fast

25 Benefits

26 Pledge of fidelity

27 Missouri River metropolis

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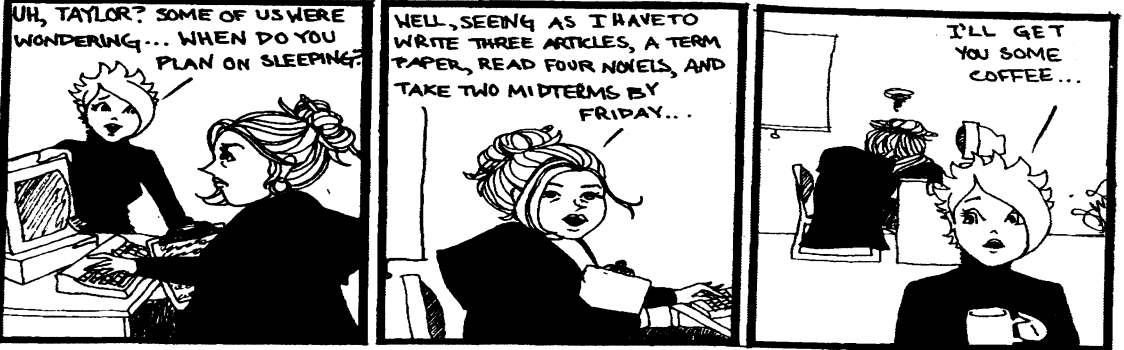
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CAMPUS WATCH

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College admission officers unsure of changes to SAT

BY ZOE RIPPLE

In 2005, college applicants will be required to take an updated version of the SAT, but college admission officers are unsure how this change will affect admissions.

In order to more precisely gauge students' writing abilities, the SAT verbal section has been revised and renamed the "critical reading section." Short reading passages have replaced the analogies, and the College Board has added a writing section, with multiple-choice grammar questions and a 25-minute written essay.

The University of Texas at Austin released a statement on Jan. 14, saying the university would require the new SAT or the ACT plus the ACT writing section for all applicants for the fall of 2006.

Writing ability "wasn't being properly tested before," Bruce Walker, director of admission at UT Austin, told The Herald. The new SAT "more rigorously tests writing skills."

"It is important that we let students know early about our writing expectations so they can prepare for this change," Walker wrote in the University statement. "I fully expect that other major universities in Texas and beyond also will adopt the writing test as a part of their admissions standards."

Walker told The Herald he "didn't know what effect, early on, the new requirements will have on admissions."

Michael Goldberger, director of admission at Brown, met Wednesday with the Campus Committee on Admission and Financial Aid to discuss the members' reactions to the changes.

He said by the summer of 2004, Brown admission publications will contain information about the changes.

The committee will also evaluate whether Brown will continue to require three SAT II tests, and whether the University will require students who take the ACT to take the writing section, which is optional.

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"Race-neutral" admission is no substitute for affirmative action, according to experts

BY JULIA ZUCKERMAN

"Race-neutral" admission policies at public universities in Texas, California and Florida are not an effective substitute for affirmative action, according to three recent studies by higher-education experts.

After abolishing affirmative action, all three states turned to policies that guarantee a place in the public university system to a top percentage of high school graduates.

In a new report, "Closing the Gap? Admissions and Enrollments at the Texas Public Flagships Before and After Affirmative Action," a team of sociologists analyzed the effects of Texas' policy at its two most selective public universities: the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University.

In Texas, the top 10 percent of each high school's graduating class is guaranteed admission to any public university in the state. Florida and California offer similar policies.

The Bush administration promoted the percentage policies as an alternative to affirmative action in its Supreme Court amicus brief opposing the University of Michigan's admission policy. Bush mentioned the policies in his public remarks on the case.

"These are race-neutral policies that have led to racially diverse student bodies," the brief read. "The Texas program has enhanced opportunity and promoted educational diversity by any measure."

But the report, which analyzed data on application, admission and enrollment before and after affirmative action was abolished in 1996, claims otherwise.

The report says at Texas A&M the percentage of African American enrollees fell from 3.7 to 2.4. The percentage of Hispanic enrollees fell from 12.6 to 9.2.

At the University of Texas, African American enrollment fell from 4 percent to 3.3 percent, and the percentage of Hispanic enrollees fell from 15.8 percent to 13.7 percent.

Harvard University's Civil Rights Project released two studies this week criticizing Texas' percentage policy as well as similar policies in California and Florida.

Marta Tienda, Princeton University professor of sociology and the lead author of the report, called the 10-percent policy "a minimalist approach to (diversity) that builds on segregation."

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Brown is one of six medical schools in the country to adopt new online curriculum

BY JAMAY LIU

First- and second-year medical students may soon be learning up to 70 percent of their curriculum online, said Stephen Smith, associate dean of the Brown Medical School.

The Medical School is one of six schools in the United States and 52 schools worldwide that is a partner institution of the International Virtual Medical School, a non-profit, collaborative project that began a little over two years ago in Scotland. IVIMEDS aims to redefine medical education by developing an innovative online curriculum.

Smith, who is on IVIMEDS' Executive Committee, said the organization's power will come from "reusable learning objects," online tools and resources that can be applied to several disciplines. These RLOs, along with IVIMEDS' collaborative approach, will allow the project to succeed where previous online teaching endeavors — such as Columbia University's for-profit online education

project, which shut down last month — have failed, Smith said.

Columbia tried to tackle too much on its own, investing millions of dollars to create all of the online content itself, only to face an unenthusiastic market and outdated content, Smith said.

"No single school has the financial or human resources to develop an entire curriculum," he said. "But a collaboration of schools does."

There are already large amounts of information available to practicing students and doctors online, and part of IVIMEDS' role will be to train students to access the information, along with providing the RLOs, Smith said.

Smith said he hopes schools from every country in the world will join IVIMEDS. Eventually, IVIMEDS will set up a foundation to provide the program to developing countries for free, he said.

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Although the SAT is "not a big part of the selection process," it is "a good tool," in the admission process, Goldberger said.

The change in the SAT helps evaluate students' writing skills, and therefore also "helps address the question of how much help people are getting in writing their college essays," he said.

Marlyn McGrath Lewis, director of undergraduate admission at Harvard University, said it is unclear how the new standards will affect admission.

"I don't expect we will use them any differently," she said of the new SAT scores.

Because of SAT inflation and restructuring, it is easier than it was six years ago to get a 1600, McGrath Lewis said. What was a 730 on the verbal section six years ago is now an 800. For these reasons, SAT scores "play a relatively minor role" in the decision-making process, she said.

The College Board has done "extraordinarily" extensive research on the SAT and how to best improve it to make it a better measure of students' ability and knowledge, McGrath Lewis said.

Richard C. Atkinson, president of the University of California, released a statement saying he was "delighted" by the changes in

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"I give enormous credit to the College Board and to its president, Gaston Caperton, for the vision they have demonstrated in bringing forward these changes and for their genuine commitment to improved educational attainment in our nation. They have laid the foundation for a new test that will better serve our students and schools," he said in his statement.

The College Board committee in charge of making the changes is composed of professional educators, university faculty, admission counselors and high school guidance counselors, Walker said. Any changes made to the SAT go through "stringent committee processes before any changes are made," he said.

The SAT math section has also been revised. The math section will be expanded to test three years of math instead of two.

Starting in 2005, the SAT will test geometry, algebra 1 and algebra 2.

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Mendu '04, Adam Reich '04, Olivia Rissland '04, Andrew Sakai '04, Haruyoshi Sakai '04, Joshua Schulman-Marcus '04, Joseph Shapiro '04, Kyle Shepard '04, Nicholas Shere '04, David Sobel '04, Sara Tedeschi '04, Geoffrey Tison '04, William Tucker '04, Gregory Wyckoff '04.

Last year 35 juniors were accepted to Phi Beta Kappa.

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not unlike working in politics," Robinson said.

He also credited his professors at Brown with challenging him academically. Although, he said, "I was probably not the most spectacular student they have ever seen."

Robinson said he loves the political life despite the long hours and professional demands. He encouraged Brown students interested in politics to talk to anybody they may know who already holds a political position.

"One of the things that I didn't learn until later is that people in politics love to help people who want to get involved in politics," Robinson said.

Between the Democratic contenders, incumbent President George W. Bush and challengers from other parties, there will be ample opportunity to get involved, Robinson said. "I encourage any Brown student interested in politics to take advantage of the coming election cycle," he said.

The other Democratic candidates who have officially entered the race are Gov. Howard Dean of

Vermont, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri, Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and Rev. Al Sharpton.

Robinson said Brown students have traditionally been very active on the campaigns in which he has been involved.

In addition to Robinson, Kerry's press secretary, David Wade '96, also graduated from Brown.

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named in the film as possible fuel for the attacks.

Students had mixed reactions to the movie.

"It was a good platform to bring all views together," Myriem Seabron '03 said. "But I didn't learn anything new."

One audience member asked why only white interviewees were represented in the movie. Lindsay said it was only a question of who he could talk to and whose responses were relevant and compelling.

Ziad Sergie '03 said the movie was "biased," "lacked subjectivity" and "lacked both depth and scope" in its treatment and depiction of the Muslim world.

"It didn't answer the question 'why?'" he said.

Sergie said he is planning an Arab film festival a month from now.

Lillian Zhao '03 helped bring the film to Brown after seeing it in New York City. She received funding from several different campus organizations.

Shearer and Lindsay are screening the movie at college campuses around the country, and hope to show it on national television to "create dialogue" about the attacks, Shearer said.

Shearer is a journalist who helped found the Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution. Lindsay recently graduated from the University of Missouri.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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U. reduces number of security officers and PPD on campus

BY AKSHAY KRISHNAN

The University reduced the number of Providence Police Department patrols and Sterling Security officers on campus by half last month.

Brown made the cuts with the eventual goal of eliminating external security forces on campus, said Michelle Nuey, assistant manager for the Department of Public Safety.

The University hired six Sterling Security officers and requested two PPD officers in the spring of 2002, after a spate of armed robberies the previous fall, Nuey said.

"The DPS lets the University know when we feel there is a need for extra security and we felt the need at that time," Nuey said.

Last fall the University hired two more PPD officers, making the total number of external security officers 10, Mark Nickel, director of the Brown news service, told The Herald.

There will now be three Sterling Security guards and two PPD officers on patrol, Nickel said.

The level of crime on the East Side dictates how many Sterling and PPD officers the University needs, Nuey said.

"Just as we felt in the spring of 2002 that an additional security presence was warranted, we now feel with the significant drop in crime over the last semester, we can eliminate some of these services," Nuey said.

Nuey told The Herald DPS plans to eventually phase out the services of PPD and Sterling completely, but there was no definite timeline in which this plan would be executed.

Nickel said he felt the increased presence of external security officers played a significant role in reducing the number of criminal incidents last fall.

"With this decline in crime, DPS felt the security situation was under control and recommended that the University reduce the number of external security staff employed," Nickel said.

Alan Nissim '06 said the cutback in security would not personally affect him.

"Although the Sterling guys are noticeable outside the libraries, I personally wonder as to what crime's going to happen outside the Rock.

"They are not around when I walk through the Main Green or somewhere else, so I don't think their presence made me feel more secure," Nissim said.

Melissa Jacoby '05.5 had a different view.

"Sterling guards in their yellow jackets are definitely noticeable. I think psychologically it made me feel better walking down Thayer late at night, knowing there was a guard outside the SciLi or New Dorm."

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College students don't sleep enough

BY LINDA EVARTS

Tired? You're not alone. According to a recent survey conducted at Seattle Pacific University, 58 percent of college students are not satisfied with the amount of sleep they get.

Cornell University Professor of Psychology Jim Maas, a sleep researcher, said college-aged people require 9.25 hours of sleep each night in order to be fully alert all day, yet his research found the average amount of sleep for people in this age group was only 6.1 hours.

Maas said chronic sleep deprivation is particularly dangerous in conjunction with the heavy drinking associated with the college lifestyle. Maas said alcohol tolerance varies widely according to sleep schedule — one drink consumed after six hours of sleep is equivalent to six consumed after eight hours.

"It's an accident waiting to happen," Maas said.

Maas said sleep deprivation also has repercussions for athletes in particular. Citing recent studies conducted at Harvard University, he said the seventh to eighth hour of consecutive sleep is crucial for coordination.

Maas conceded it is difficult for most college students to get the recommended 9.25 hours of sleep per night. He said students experience "delayed-sleep phase," a resetting of their internal clocks.

"They can sleep, but not until 2 a.m.," he said.

INSOMNIA: just the facts

According to Brown clinician and sleep researcher Dr. Donn Posner, there are a few red flags:

- More than thirty minutes pass before you fall asleep or you are awake intermittently for more than thirty minutes during the night.
- You sleep less than 6.5 hours per day.
- You feel groggy and are not alert throughout the day.

Dr. Todd Arnedt, also a Brown sleep clinician, spoke of the relative ease with which transient insomnia may be treated:

- Sleeping drugs taken for short time periods are non-addictive and have few side effects.
- Students should avoid exercise, sleep, and alcohol before bed, and a small snack can be helpful.
- The bed should be for sleeping only. If unable to fall asleep after fifteen minutes, get out of bed and do something quiet until sleepy.
- Naps will leave you refreshed, even in ten-minute increments. In order to be able to sleep at night, however, you shouldn't nap for more than 30, or at tops, 45 minutes.

Too early to compare Iraq and Vietnam wars

BY JOANNE PARK

Recent demonstrations protesting possible war with Iraq are, for some, a reminder of the antiwar fervor that swept across campuses during the Vietnam War.

Lecturer in American Civilization Paul Buhle, a member of Brown Faculty, Alums and Staff Against the War, said Brown's campus is much more politically active today than it ever was during the Vietnam era.

"Brown, in the mid-1960s, was very insular and a very conservative place, from the administration to the faculty to the students," he said, citing a student's honors thesis about campus activism at Brown.

"The student body of 2003 is more idealistic as a whole, more concerned and less self-interested with the global crisis," Buhle said.

He said students today are more eager to participate in a peace movement, and Brown students during the 1960s were much more apathetic than Brown students of today.

"The turnout to Howard Zinn's speech last semester surely exceeded that of any speech at Brown during the Vietnam War, which is quite amazing in a pre-war situation," he said.

After the success of World War II, Americans were more willing to trust the government during Vietnam, Buhle said. "The war and the Watergate scandal

increased general skepticism toward the U.S. government," he said. "Until 1968, at least, popular opinion remained in favor of the war in Vietnam, so by that standard, the antiwar sentiment now is far greater."

Professor of History Charles Neu teaches a course at Brown on the Vietnam War, which annually attracts about 300 students. Neu said comparisons between student protests against the Vietnam War and a war with Iraq are premature. "We don't have a war yet. ... Bush has yet to make his case," Neu said.

Professor Emeritus of Music David Laurent, a World War II veteran who served in the infantry for five years, said the solution to a war on Iraq relies on international cooperation. But he said his personal experiences with war led him to support peace-centered solutions. Laurent also said it's too early to make comparisons between the current protests and those in the mid-twentieth century because there is currently no war with Iraq.

Though he is aware of the pros and cons of a war with Iraq, Laurent said he holds no particular opinion of the current student protests against war. "It doesn't matter whether it's World War II, Vietnam, Korea or the present situation — it's all bad."

Buhle said it was important to consider the

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Mary Interlandi expressed herself through slam poetry, friends said.

Interlandi

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visited Interlandi in the Plantations House living room, where the group was referred to as "the Nashville four."

Friends said Interlandi seemed to have a close relationship with her family, including her two older sisters.

"Her family seemed really

interesting, creative and intelligent," Holmes said. "She had a lot of good feelings for them."

Interlandi's mother is a teacher at the University School, where, Fulmer had heard, "Everyone growing up wanted to be adopted by the Interlandi family."

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Admissions

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Tienda said the top Texas universities have preserved diversity through active recruitment at economically disadvantaged schools. These efforts serve as a strategy to increase racial diversity because "minorities tend to be disproportionately concentrated at the poor schools," she said.

Focusing solely on class rank "doesn't approach the effectiveness of affirmative action," she said.

The presidents of both Texas universities served on the study's advisory committee and were receptive to its findings, Tienda said.

Tienda said she was not convinced of the necessity for affirmative action before conducting the study, but concluded that the only way to increase diversity at the Texas universities is to reinstate affirmative action. "There is

no good substitute for very carefully delivered affirmative action," with race as one of many factors, she said.

Director of College Admission Michael Goldberger said a race-neutral admission system is ineffective. "If you're going to educate people for the 21st century ... race has to be a factor," he said. "There's just so much to be learned from people and from all different types of people."

Goldberger said that the top 10 percent of students at low-performing schools might be ill-prepared to benefit from the top universities.

Tienda said other barriers often keep these students from attending. "Many of these low-performing schools with high minority concentration ... don't have a tradition of college-going," she said. She noted that admission percentages increased for students from a small number of "feeder schools" and for students in the second 10 percent of their class.

Last week, the student government at the University of Texas at Austin passed a resolution opposing the 10-percent rule, saying it has failed to promote racial diversity on campus.

Students said the university suffered from a lack of diversity. "It took me two years until I had another black person in my class," student Joseph Silas told The Daily Texan.

"People (of color) do not apply here because they do not want to come here. They do not feel welcome," said Mandy Price, who sponsored the resolution.

Students expressed support for the University of Michigan in its Supreme Court case, which will determine whether affirmative action can return as an option for Texas.

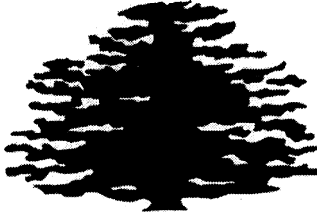
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Ronald Harden from the University of Dundee in Scotland approached Smith two years ago. Smith said he was skeptical at first and only agreed because of his respect for Harden. Even with the novel idea of RLOs, Smith said he didn't see "the glue" that would hold it all together — until he went on sabbatical last fall and came up with the idea of a "virtual practice."

With a virtual practice, a medical student would log on to his computer and see a list of simulated patients scheduled to see him that day — just as he would in a real practice, Smith said. Then the first patient would appear in a video image to describe his situation.

"George Farmer would talk about how he jabbed a nail in his leg that day, and an image of the

puncture wound on his leg would appear on the screen," Smith said. "Then the student would be asked his concerns, and thus begins the process of student learning."

Behind each of the 70 patients created for the first two years of medical school would be a set of learning objectives, Smith said. For instance, a patient addicted to heroin would ask the student what drug treatment program he should go to. It would then be the student's job to leave the virtual setting and enter the real community to research drug programs by visiting sites and interviewing directors.

"Hopefully, this will make the students excited and give them a sense of drama and human responsibility," Smith said.

Smith emphasized that "you cannot learn everything needed to become a doctor online," and any e-learning must be paired with face-to-face learning. For instance, physical exams and

medical interviews cannot be done on a computer, and distance learning students would still have to visit the campus to complete the full medical curriculum.

As for faculty, they will act more as coaches and tutors, "rather than the source of all education," Smith said. "This would transform teaching and learning in a very progressive way."

A six-month feasibility study of the IVIMEDS concept concluded last June with 108 representatives coming from 16 countries to meet at St. Andrews University in Scotland. Smith said the second stage of development began this month and will last a year, with objectives including the establishments of a clear, academic strategy, a reliable delivery system and a detailed business plan, according to a program press release.

Smith said he will present a proposal for a pilot program for distance-learning students to the cur-

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riculum committee this month.

Smith submitted his virtual practice idea as a possible project for students of the Educational Software Seminar class (CS92/ED89) this semester, with the hopes that they would help him develop it into a user-friendly interface.

Roger Blumberg, who teaches the course, said Smith's proposal was not one of the projects chosen by students to undertake. However, Blumberg said he hopes those in the computer science department with "the interest and expertise in educational computing" will find other ways

to be involved with developing IVIMEDS.

Blumberg praised the IVIMEDS concept for aiming to create an educational community among students all over the world who do not have the traditional sense of community provided by a campus setting. On campus, the social experiences gained from being in a classroom, dormitory or a cafeteria significantly enrich the value of one's education, he said.

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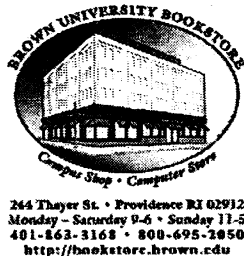
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NYC asks, where my dogs at?

TWO NIGHTS AGO, IN ONE OF THE MOST long-standing and highly touted competitions, a champion was crowned. The winner did not respond with extreme jubilation, nor even with a few tears of joy, but by sniffing another competitor's butt. Who would have the gall to act so inappropriately in public? Well, none other than Ch Torum's Scarf Michael, a six-year-old English-bred Kerry blue terrier, and the winner of the 127th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.



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This year's winner, favored by insiders to win the previous year but who lost in the final round, carried himself much better this time around. Frank Litsky of the New York Times described Mick (the dog's actual "dog" name) as haughty and almost a showoff, in contrast with last year's performance when he was feisty, excitable and almost out of control. The last time I checked, dogs are by nature feisty and excitable and will be that way unless given heavy amounts of Thorazine. I can't really see a dog doing a Muhammad Ali impression, but I'll take Frank Litsky's word for it.

Although it took judge Irene Bivin only 17 minutes to decide on the winner, she claimed she could not recall seeing as many good dogs in the final round. How it took her more than 17 seconds, I will never know, but I'm glad she made the obviously correct decision.

I'm sure not too many people watched this year's show, instead partaking of more enlightening activities, like watching "Joe Millionaire." Well, don't worry — you didn't miss out at all. The only entertaining thing about dog shows are the people who train and show their dogs. If you feel like you missed out, just take a walk in a park and you'll see the same thing.

As much as I did not like the show, I have to say that it reminds me a lot of a "show" humans often rave about. You may think there is no equivalent to the Westminster Dog Show — a show in which competitors are judged based on physical appearance and trained responses. Guess again. Here she comes, Miss America. Okay, so they aren't exactly the same. I mean, dog shows objectify dog's bodies, and then take the crown back when the dogs pose for pictures sans clothing, while the Miss America pageant does nothing of the sort.

Like most people, I know next to nothing about showing dogs, other than the fact that you shouldn't feed them foot-long hot dogs before driving them to a contest in a Sheepdog van. While I'm not a dog, I can say with a good amount of certainty that being a show dog is not too much fun.

I guess there are a few benefits, though — you won't become a casualty of Bob Barker's ruthless campaign against the reproductive organs of pets, and you won't be subjected to bland and low quality dog foods. But I don't think most of the dogs would be willing to accept all the responsibility that accompanies such a high-pressure life. Most humans are unable to properly walk around looking well-groomed and then sit still for a few minutes, so how can dogs have such high expectation levels? Where is PETA when you need them? I'm sure the dead piece of fur that Gisele

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All-around effort leads women's track to third-place finish in URI Invitational

BY KEELY THARP

On Feb. 8, the women's track and field team scored 162 points en route to its third place finish at the University of Rhode Island's seven-team invitational. The team was out in full force this weekend, capturing top spots in several events.

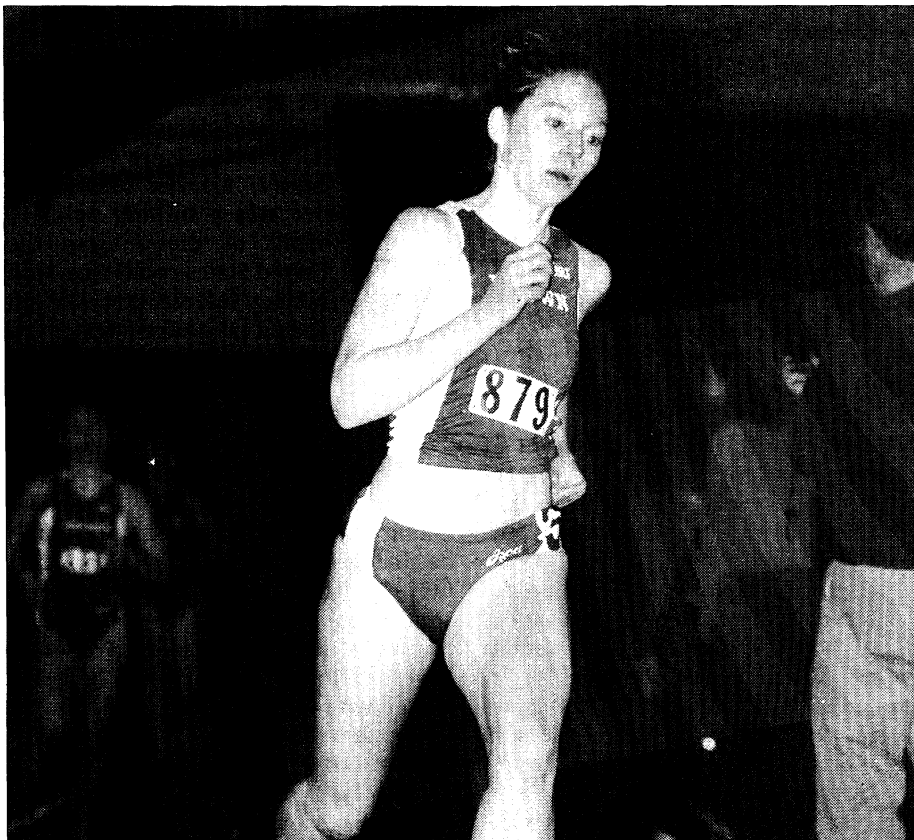
"In general, we were aiming to set a more competitive tone this weekend," said Captain Julia Devanthery '04.

Starting the track events was the race for the title of quickest woman. Jaylon White '05 finished fourth and Lauren Linder '04 finished seventh in the 55-meter dash. White also took sixth place in the 200-meter dash. Soon afterwards, Julia Stevenson '04, leading from start to finish, won the 400-meter dash. Kelly Powell '06 and Melissa Tremblay '04 also competed in the 400, placing fourth and seventh, respectively.

Continuing the impressive finishes were a sweeping of places one through four in the 800-meter dash. The accomplished women were Katherine Kosub '04 in first, Kate Cushing '04 in second, Caci Cambruzzi '04 in third and Annie Hatch '06 in fourth. Also scoring in the fourth place position was Julie Komosinski '05 in the 1000-meter run.

Nora Sullivan '06 finished second and Anna Willard '06 finished fifth in the one-mile run. Rachel Kitson '05 and Anya Davidson '06 completed their 3000-meter runs in fourth and fifth places. Heptathletes Katie Rowinski '04 and Kim Fogarty '03 placed second and sixth in the 55-meter hurdles, with Yleana Roman '06 completing the scoring in that event. Rowinski also high jumped 1.7 meters to qualify for the ECAC meet.

On the field, Ashley Wall '05 placed



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The women's indoor track team will split up this weekend, with some members competing at the Armory Collegiate Meet in N.Y. and others at the Fast Track Invitational in Boston.

fourth in the high jump. Lauren Contursi '03 finished in her usual position of number one in the pole vault. Emily Capehart '06 took third place in the long jump, and Brittany Grovey '06 took third place in the triple jump. Jill Lynch '05 finished in second in the shot put. Rachelle Seibolt '04

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Women's tennis blasts Syracuse 6-1 in opener

BY BRETT ZARDA

The women's tennis team started its spring season last weekend with a convincing 6-1 victory over Syracuse. Inclement weather forced the postponement of the second scheduled match of the weekend vs. Temple.

The Bears jumped out early against the Orangemen, earning the doubles point by taking two of the three matches. Kerry Meath '05 and Alex Arlak '05 won at number one doubles, while Kimberly Singer '06 teamed with Mariana Lee '06 to earn an easy victory at the number three position.

The Bears rode the momentum from the doubles point and coasted through the singles matches dropping only one match. Securing their first victory of the season in impressive fashion was an important early step for the Bears.

Gaining confidence early in the season will be paramount to Brown's overall success this spring. With Co-Captain Caroline Casey '03 as the only senior, these early matches provide invaluable experience before entering the difficult Ivy League stretch, Casey said.

"We have a lot of matches between now and the Ivy League season," Casey said. "We have a lot of freshmen in the lineup right now and hopefully they'll adjust pretty well."

Despite the influx of youth, the Bears are strong top to bottom and have yet to

settle on a permanent lineup.

"We have a really, really even team so our lineup is probably going to change around a lot during the course of the year," Meath said. "It's just because any one of us can beat the other one on any given day."

That parity will force all 11 women to be constantly match-ready, while promoting natural competition within the team, Casey said.

Effectively balancing that healthy competition with such a young squad further emphasizes the importance of establishing team unity. With several upperclassmen not returning to this year's squad, a period of adjustment is inevitable.

"It's definitely been a change and I think that in the fall season we struggled with it a little since we weren't playing many matches," Casey said. "But the more matches we play the closer the team seems to be getting. I think that since we've been back for spring the team dynamic has improved."

The Bears next face the University of Massachusetts on Feb. 22 followed by the make-up match against Temple on Feb. 23. Both matches will be played at the Pizzitola Sports Center.

Sports staff writer Brett Zarda GS covers the women's tennis team. He can be reached at bzarda@browndailyherald.com.

Track wins URI Invitational

BY JOANNA GROSSMAN

The men's indoor track and field team came away from last weekend's meet at the University of Rhode Island with a big win, beating a field of eight with a score of 158.5. The win was a big confidence booster with just two weeks to go until the Heptagonal Championships at Dartmouth.

"Overall this was a good meet," said Head Coach Robert Johnson. "We went in trying to win, and we accomplished that goal."

With the team focused on winning the meet, the times, distances and heights were not as important as the places and points that were scored.

"This was more about places, and we had a lot of top places, but also had some very good performances" Johnson said.

The distance squad had some good performances across the board. One standout performance was Jon Andruchow '04 in the 800-meter run. He finished second with a time of 1:54.90, a personal record for an indoor track.

"I haven't been racing well, but my training recently has been going well, and I've just been waiting for things to click and they finally did," Andruchow said.

"This was his best race since he's been at Brown," said men's Distance Coach John Gregorek. "He raced really aggressively, and had a really strong performance."

In the 1,000-meter run Brunonians came away with the second and third places. Tri-Captain Chad Buechel '03 finished second

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Providence community, when examining the campus activism at Brown during the 1960s and the present situation. "Community sentiment, around and encouraged by the November election results in Providence, have an enormous impact upon the campus-at-large peace movement," he said.

"Today's constituency ... is vastly more peace-oriented than that of Providence 30-some years ago." Buhle called Rhode Island a "laboratory" for people participating in political activities.

"In short, the peace movement has a wonderful opportunity here to convince ordinary Rhode Islanders that the war is, from any point of view, a dreadful error," he said.

"My cousin went to Vietnam, as did many of my friends; all of them felt betrayed, not by peace demonstrators, but by the administration and Congress. We have no reason to change our minds," he said.

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"In short, the peace movement has a wonderful opportunity here."

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wore on the runway appreciated the support, and the potential suicide goats of Palestine are eternally grateful, but why not save a happy breed of animals from the monotony of walking around in circles? Maybe they would still do that, but they should at least give the dogs a pass to Supercuts so they don't look like Don King.

So now that the show is finally over, I guess I'll have to contain my excitement until next year when I hope to show my giant schnauzer.

Ian Cropp '05 hails from Buffalo, N.Y. and believes "Best in Show" was robbed of an Oscar.

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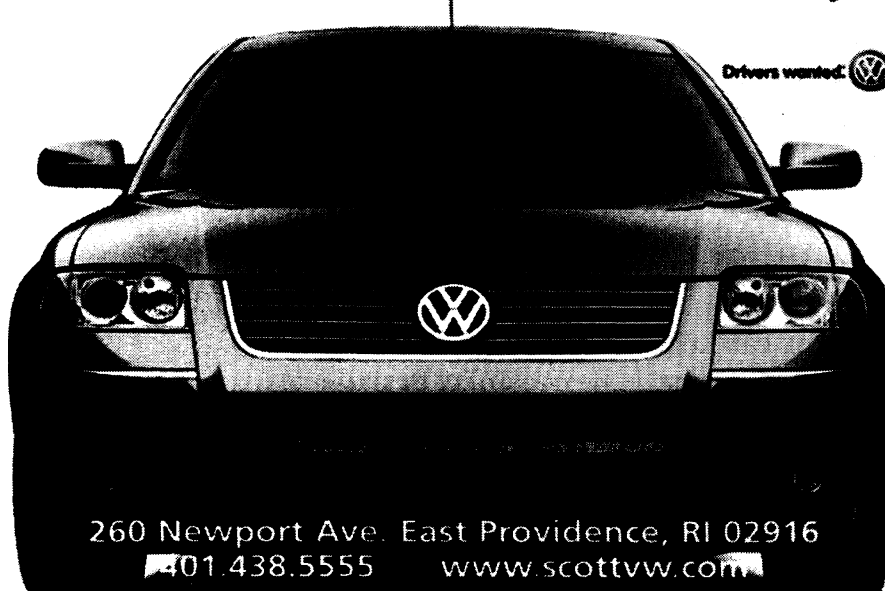
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and Jennifer Donahue '05 finished fourth and eighth, respectively, in the 20-pound weight throw.

Rounding out the meet were the relay races. In a controversial decision by the meet officials regarding official uniforms, the 4 x 400-meter relay was disqualified after fighting to a photo finish of either first or second place. The "B" Distance Medley Relay finished in third place and the "A" DMR team finished in fourth place.

"In many ways it seems to me that we have moved forward

since the last couple of meets and are collecting the momentum we need to be a championship team," Devanthery said. "The team as a whole was more present and focused than it has been all year. A lot of people emerged with great performances and competitive fire."

The women are now beginning their peak training phase in preparation for the Ivy League Championships that will take place the first weekend in March. The level of speed continues to increase, with the team splitting up and traveling over Valentine's Day weekend to compete in either the Armory Collegiate Meet in New York or the Fast Track Invitational in Boston.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Ahead of the curve

The Medical School's recent involvement in the virtual teaching organization — IVIMED — is a bold step toward using technology to the benefit of med students.

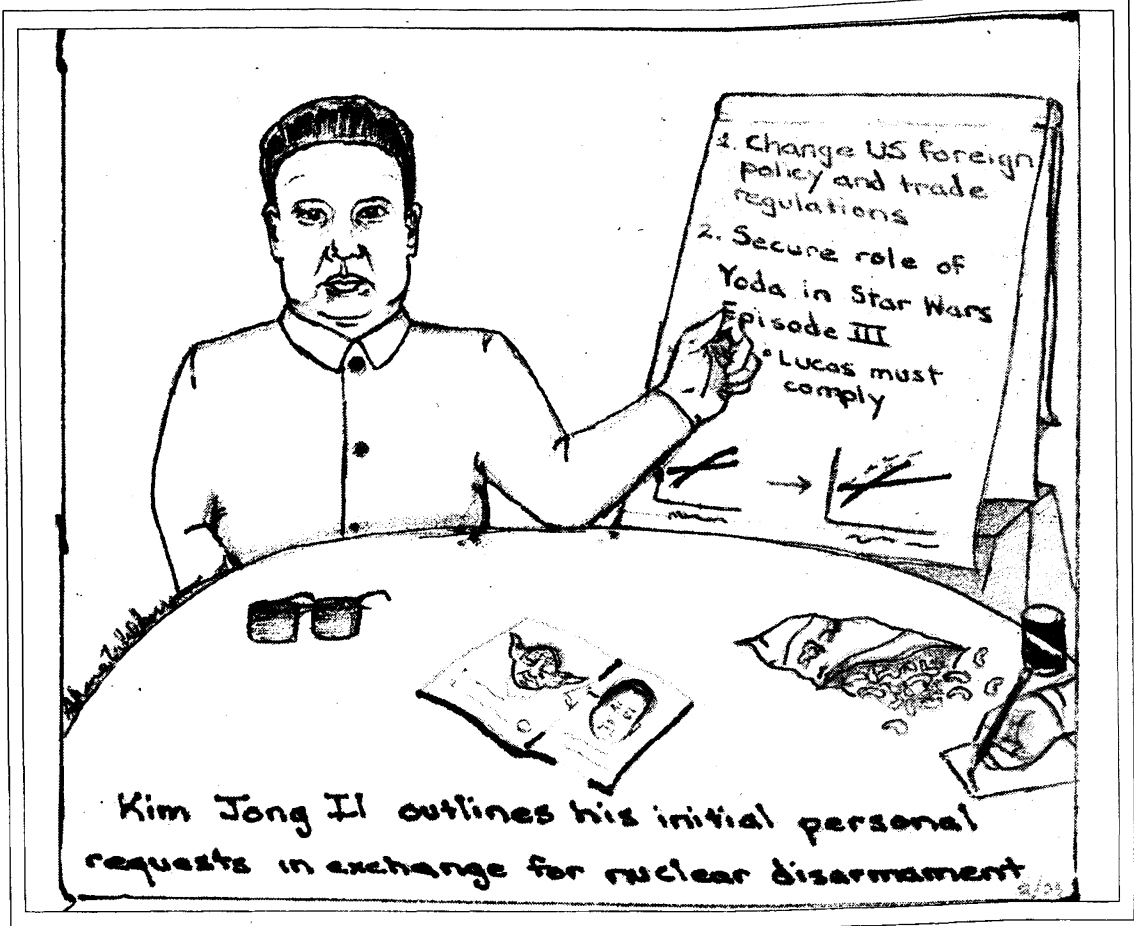
Associate Dean of the Medical School Stephen Smith's proposal to practice diagnoses of patients online can serve as a stepping stone for first- and second- year med students between heavy studying and hospital training.

And even once med students begin their in-hospital training, they are often limited in experience by who walks through the hospital doors. Students may not encounter many rare diseases or unusual scenarios during the few years of their education, only to be confronted with them when they're the ones making the calls. Online work can help remedy this problem, because virtual patients have the capability to simulate a variety of conditions.

But, as Smith cautioned, not everything can be learned online. Virtual training will never replace the spontaneity or pressure of a real-world clinical environment.

Even more importantly, technological advancements should never cause med students to underestimate the importance of human contact in medicine. Doctors treat a person, not just a disease, we are always told, and professors should be careful that students don't neglect this important interaction.

Ultimately, a balance of innovative technology and face-to-face contact — as Smith is proposing — will benefit the numerous aspiring doctors at Brown. And, more importantly, the patients they will someday treat.



SHANE WILKERSON

LETTERS

Herald misquotes Hanney in banner theft story

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. Kabala's letter ("Blood drive organizer unfairly criticizes other schools," Feb. 7), I wish to clarify a statement that was taken out of context. I apologize if anyone was offended by the statement that was printed concerning the theft of the blood center's banner. However, I want you to know that what was stated in the article was not exactly said by me.

On Thursday, after reading the article (and the misquote), I decided to just "let it go" and not write back. However, after reading Mr. Kabala's letter, I decided I should write to clarify what was really said.

When questioned by the reporter, I was asked if a theft of a banner had ever happened before. I said, "yes, last year at PC, and in broad daylight." I then

stated that "I did not expect this to happen at Brown." Whereas I was surprised of the theft at Brown, in no way did I mean, nor say, that I expected it to happen at PC.

The blood drives at PC are very successful, as are the Brown University drives. We value both, and all, colleges and universities. As a non-profit organization with the goal of saving lives, we do not look "down our noses" at any blood drive site. Whereas Brown's blood drives are very successful, we have the need to collect blood on a daily basis, not just 5 times per year. Therefore, we cannot and will not judge any sponsor to be inadequate.

The statements about the ROTC have absolutely nothing to do with the Blood Center, myself, or the theft. Honestly, I do not understand why it was even mentioned.

Regardless of the theft, I want to thank all donors for helping us collect 244 pints of blood last week. You are very kind.

Peter Hanney
RI Blood Center
 Feb. 7

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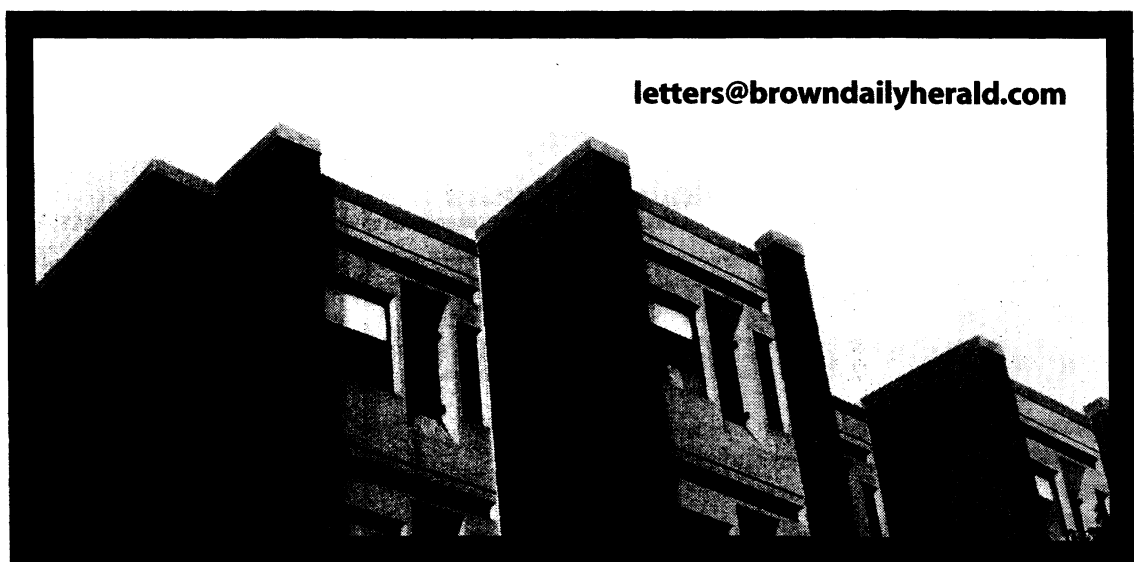
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Left is rapidly losing relevance in the war against Bush

Campus liberals should take the lead in laying the groundwork for needed postwar changes

COLIN POWELL, GEORGE BUSH AND Tony Blair are holding a sign that says "We will invade Iraq" and with the recent slate of Osama tapes, there seems little doubt they'll get their smoking gun. The United Nations can't delay for much longer — the purpose of the inspections was to kill time even as we knew Iraq was hiding something and wouldn't comply. Soon the hawks will win out. The coming war will be brutish and short.

ALEX CARNEVALE

GUEST
COLUMNIST

By going the U.N. route, Bush has been tactful and persistent in pursuing the case of war against Iraq. Even those who oppose war believe that Saddam is developing nuclear weapons, they just disagree about a date.

To prevent a diplomatic failure on the level of North Korea, where in the event of military action the number of casualties involved would be astronomical, disarmament of Iraq makes sense. Troops are massing and soon the brutal Hussein regime will have no allies except the terrorist groups they aided.

At that time the left will have to make a choice it has not made since the Marshall Plan revitalized Europe after World War II. The left can continue its present course, and continue thinking like isolationists, believing the ancient cry that America the superpower is

inherently destructive.

Or they can police the reformation and reconstruction of the Islamic world by advocating economic aid and influencing the United Nations. For those whom the New York Times' Bill Keller calls liberal hawks, Kosovo was a turning point in terms of the success the United States could have with military intervention. The left should take advantage of this opportunity to create a global framework led by the United States in word and deed.

Doing so would include encouraging the development of democratic government in Iraq after a transitional rule by a military dictatorship. It would inevitably be financed better than the reconstruction of Afghanistan for one simple reason: There are no Afghan oil fields. Naturally, the responsibilities we would have in rebuilding Iraq would be better shared with the entire world, but for now it appears France and Germany care more about their oil contracts than global security.

On this campus the left has maintained a lazy dominance that will die or explode come the spring. I encourage you all not to get caught up in the slander being thrown at George Bush. Just like Clinton was hated, Bush is hated. The one small difference is that neo-conservatives bashed Clinton for being too smart for his own good. They never underestimated his political skill, the way liberals underestimate Bush.

They can also stop calling Secretary Powell "a token soldier" or any of the

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other disgusting epithets in the media recently. He's the Secretary of State, and his record on Iraq is one of peace and caution. Without his influence we would already be at war. The left would do well to ask itself what exactly it detests so much about Colin Powell — is it that he has shown on the issues of Iraq and affirmative action that the Bush administration isn't as homogenous as liberals think? Or is it simply that he's black?

Liberals who argue that the conflict will exacerbate the Israeli-Palestinian conflict ignore that peace talks began in earnest shortly after the Gulf War. Following regime change, the international community from the left could increase the possibility of Palestinian reform and pressure Sharon to make concessions. The success of the Quartet will depend on whether liberals can encourage Bush to abandon his blind support of Sharon's hard line policies. Instead of idle complaints, the Left can prepare to make diplomacy a more useful tool in this region after the conflict with Iraq is over.

Furthermore, they can take Bush up on his promise to fight the deadly spread of AIDS in Africa. It pains me to watch devoted activists march in support of one

of the most corrupt dictators the world has ever seen while our government refuses to address the biggest human health crisis since the Black Plague.

Now that the U.N. path has been exhausted, we must examine our options. The Euro-doves, Chirac and Schröder, advocate postponement, thinking exile or a return to a containment policy will be an acceptable substitute for war. Listening to the rhetoric of the Bush administration, it is difficult to think this is a possibility.

But the reasons to support the war are just too many. In North Korea a parallel situation in which the development of nuclear weapons and the understood threat of a semi-mutually assured destruction has sentenced the North Korean people to life under a corrupt, sadistic dictatorship. Iraq must not become another North Korea simply because France and Germany are following their own increasingly irrelevant interests. But their stance is moot, and it is not they who need convincing. The true test will be if we can convince the Arab Street that we are willing to fund and implement costly reform as easily as we call for war.

Alex Carnevale '05 is to Post- what Saddam Hussein is to Iraq — an angry, cigar-smoking dictator with lots of lackeys.

Linking al-Qaida to Iraq is duplicitous

Bush administration struggles to justify attack while Osama runs free

IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE EVIDENCE you need, take it wherever you can find it. The Bush administration, opportunistic and eager to make the case for invading Iraq, seems to have embraced this tenet with gusto. Let there be no mistake: The United States will attack Iraq, regardless of a U.N. resolution, NATO support, or public opinion. Some will claim the war is for weapons of mass destruction (WMD); others will claim it is for human rights; still others will claim it is for oil. But to justify war with a supposed link to al-Qaida and Osama bin Laden is baseless, misleading and dangerous.

Since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida have been rightfully decried as genuine enemies of the United States. But somewhere along the way — perhaps in the vicinity of Bush's 2002 "axis of evil" State of the Union address — the focus of U.S. anger and resolve shifted. The shift was away from a demonstrated threat to the United States (bin Laden and al-Qaida) and toward a target unquestionably "evil" but less clearly a threat (Saddam Hussein and Iraq). This new threat possessed and sought WMD, and that was bad. This new threat oppressed its citizens, and that was bad. Oh, and by the way, this new threat was

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GUEST COLUMNIST

behind the Sept. 11 attacks.

Rational observers paused. What of bin Laden and al-Qaida, Mohammad Atta and the 18 other hijackers, they asked. Well, as it turned out, Atta had met with an Iraqi intelligence agent in April 2001 in Prague.

Thus, naturally, Iraq was behind Sept. 11, and certain columnists delighted in reminding us of this "fact." This delight quickly subsided, however, by October 2002 when a Czech intelligence official stated, "quite simply, we think the source for this story may have invented the meeting [between Atta and the Iraqi intelligence agent]." In other words, oops.

In recent months, the Bush administration has emphasized the presence of Ansar al-Islam — a militant Islamist group with possible ties to al-Qaida — in Iraq. Clear evidence proves that Ansar al-Islam does indeed have a camp within Iraqi borders. The problem is that the camp is in Kurdish-controlled territory in northern Iraq, protected by U.S. aircraft patrolling overhead. While a serious thorn in the side of the de facto Kurdish authority in the region, Ansar al-Islam does not owe its protection to the Iraqi government. Saddam could neither support nor expel Ansar al-Islam, even if he wanted to.

On Feb. 11, al Jazeera broadcast the latest audio tape attributed to bin Laden, an attribution early analysis appeared to confirm. Bin Laden extols Muslims to "fight (the) despots" who are about to "launch

war on the former capital of Muslims (i.e. Baghdad) and to install a puppet government." He offers practical suggestions to his "mujahideen brothers in Iraq" on how to defend against U.S. invasion: "dig many trenches ... (lure) enemy forces into a protracted, close and exhausting fight." He further warns, "All those who cooperate with the Americans against Iraq are hostile to Islam." How convenient. The vital link between Sept. 11 and Iraq is finally made, proving, in the words of a Bush administration official, a "burgeoning alliance of terror."

This would be of some comfort, perhaps, if it were true. In fact, all that has been amply demonstrated by this statement is bin Laden's wiliness. The notion of an "alliance" between bin Laden and Hussein is an unlikely one. Bin Laden's ideology is founded upon radical Islam; Hussein's is founded upon himself. Unable to completely ignore this, bin Laden lumps Saddam's secular government with other distasteful regimes in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan and labels them as "socialist." But one must remember bin Laden's original grievance against such governments. Generally, bin Laden derides such governments' lack of appropriate religiosity, and specifically, he decries the presence of U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia. And what would a U.S. war in Iraq entail? Massive numbers of U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia and other Muslim states would be only the beginning. The inevitable television images of Muslim

refugees and civilian casualties, courtesy of the U.S. military, will follow. Ultimately, a U.S. general will be in charge of a country of 24 million Muslims. Bin Laden himself could not devise a more effective recruitment strategy to fill al-Qaida's ranks, and to distract the U.S. military. And now, when he notices the Bush administration struggle to make its case to invade Iraq, he is so good as to provide a helpful nudge in the form of this audio tape. The Bush administration happily obliges.

Saddam Hussein is a cruel, dangerous, and egomaniacal dictator. He probably has chemical and biological weapons and would surely jump at the chance to acquire nuclear weapons. I have little doubt that he is withholding information and concealing evidence from U.N. weapons inspectors. The Iraqis who live under him are impoverished, oppressed and bitter, a condition only made worse by Saddam's selfish manipulation of years of U.N. sanctions, economic and otherwise. But to claim that Saddam is in league with bin Laden is founded upon circumstantial evidence, argued by those whose minds have already been set, and corroborated by a man who is a genuine menace to the United States, and indeed, to liberal society worldwide. On the day U.S. troops march triumphantly into the Iraqi capital, the loudest cheers will not come from the streets of Baghdad. They will come from an anonymous cave somewhere in northwestern Pakistan.

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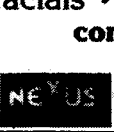
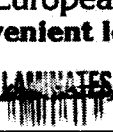
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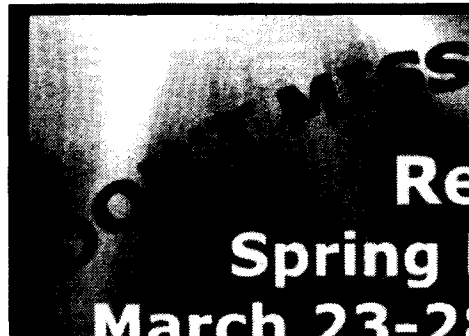
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with a time of 2:29.71, and right behind him was Matt Emond '04 with a time of 2:32.50.

"The attitude of the team on Saturday reflected the attitude that it's going to take to score high at Heps as a team," Buechel said.

In the one-mile run there were three people to score for Brown: Chris Relf '03 with a time of 4:23.05, Imran Ahmad '04 with a time of 4:23.32 and Tushar Gurjal '06 with a time of 4:27.94.

The jumpers also contributed some big points to the final tally. Ray Bobrownicki '06 finished second in the high jump at 6'5". The pole-vaulters took four of the top five places. Brad Bowery '03 took first with a jump of 16'10", Aaron Salinger '04 was second with 15'3", tying for third place was Mike Murray '06 at a height of 14'3.25" and taking fifth place was Tony Hatala '05 also with a vault of 14'3.25".

"This meet was concentrating on team score, and I'm proud of the vaulters for getting it done and contributing 27.5 points to the team's score," Bowery said.

The performances of the throwers weren't quite where they were last week, but they still managed to capture some good places to add to the score. In the shot put, Jake Golenor '06 came in third place with a throw of 47'7", and close behind him in fifth place was David Galzier '05 with a throw of 46'9.5". In the weight throw, Kent Walls '06 took fourth place with a throw of 49'10.5", a personal record for him.

"(Walls) just keeps coming along each week. He had another good performance in the weight," Johnson said.

In the speed events there were a number of strong performances. Brandon Buchanan '03 came in fourth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.58. Phil Sardis '04 had a big race, capturing first

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place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.44.

"The sprinters really came together this meet, and that's the first time this year I've seen that happen," Sardis said.

Also scoring in the 200 was Steve Marino '03 with a fifth-place finish and a time of 22.74. Another first-place finish came from tri-captain David Owen '04, who won the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.14.

"This win was very important for the team — it provided a morale boost that should give us confidence through the next couple weeks," Owen said.

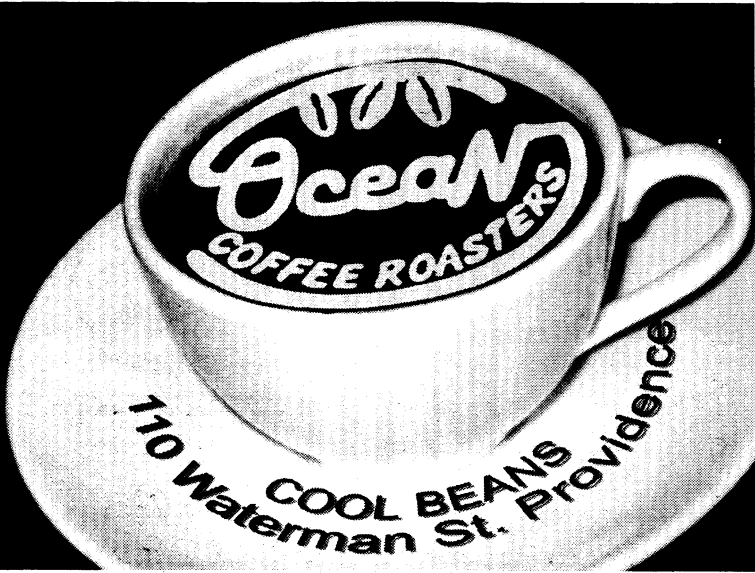
In an exciting finale, with the outcome of the meet depending on it, both the 4 x 800-meter relay and 4 x 400-meter relay teams pulled out first place finishes.

"At the end everyone ran with a lot of heart and desire. We knew that we needed both relays to win the meet," Buechel said. The 4 x 800-meter team had a time of 7:58.88 and the 4 x 400-meter team had a time of 3:22.21.

"At this point in the season we need to start to look at performances. The coaches are going to start to give them a bit of a break, pulling off the work load. In the next couple of weeks we can expect to see big performances from the majority of the team," Johnson said.

The team will be splitting up this coming weekend, with some going to New York to compete in the Armory Collegiate Invitational and some traveling to Boston for the Fast Track Invitational.

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