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CABLE CAR TREATS

Brown will present the sixth annual French Film Festival Feb. 20 through March 2 at the Cable Car Cinema. Eighteen French films will be screened during the 11-day festival, beginning with "Satin Rouge."

U. program seeks change in American education

BY JULIAN LEICHTY

Public schools don't work. So says Joe DiMartino, program director for Student Centered Learning at The Education Alliance, a Brown-affiliated program that's looking to change the way America educates its kids, school by school.

"Our feeling is that high schools generally don't meet the needs of anybody," DiMartino said. "Our high schools are failing kids." For the most part, he said, students that go to college are "ill-prepared," and others "are dropping out in droves."

The national high school completion rate is about 70 percent, DiMartino said. But that number only tells part of the story — completion rates are close to 100 percent in suburbs and only 50 percent in the inner cities, he said.

"The unspoken fact is that many schools and many school boards count on the fact that they're going to have a high dropout rate so they don't have to increase the number of schools or teachers," said Denise Wolk, who assists with the program at the alliance.

DiMartino coordinates the Student Centered Learning program, which sends design teams to interested high schools to explore ways they can improve. Student Centered Learning is currently working to help restructure 50 high schools, including Providence's Hope and Mount Pleasant high schools, DiMartino said.

"We help them develop their own plan," he said. The alliance provides them with expertise by sending a coach and a design team to work with the school. Teams consist of people who have worked in state departments of education and school districts, and people who have worked in high schools, like teachers, retired principals and guidance counselors.

Although the alliance brings its expertise to a school, "it is our understanding that

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Valentine's Day gift not to give: mononucleosis

BY LISA MANDLE

Still trying to come up with a last minute Valentine's Day gift for your special someone? Some words of advice: Don't make it mono.

Mono, or mononucleosis, may commonly be referred to as the kissing disease, but smooching is not the only way to spread it. Mono is transmitted through any contact with saliva, which includes sharing utensils and glasses, said Lynn Dupont, assistant director of Health Services.

Health Services sees students every semester with mono, Dupont said. One in 50 Brown students every year gets mono according to data from 1996, she said.

There has not been an increase in affected students this season, Dupont said.

Fatigue, a sore throat, headache and swollen glands are the most common symptoms, Dupont said. However, she said a blood test is the only way to know for sure whether a patient has the virus.

Because mono is viral, not bacterial, antibiotics should not be prescribed, Dupont said. Only the symptoms can be treated. Dupont advised rest and lots of fluids. Patients should also avoid strenuous activities, which could cause the spleen to enlarge, Dupont said. Brown's Health Education Web site also recom-

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Reaction to Columbia disaster mixed, letters editors say

BY ELLEN WERNECKE

In the wake of the Columbia space shuttle accident, students and professors at Brown grieved for the astronauts involved while expressing hope for the space program.

But letters to the nation's newspapers told a different story, according to Editorial Page Editor John Diaz of the San Francisco Chronicle. In an editor's note that appeared in the paper's Feb. 4 edition, Diaz wrote that he was surprised by the small volume and "cynical, even hateful" tone of many of those letters.

Dodie Hofstetter, Voice of the People editor at the Chicago Tribune, also found that the Columbia tragedy did not generate as much mail as originally expected.

"It was the first big nationwide event in my five years here where we didn't have enough letters" for an extra page in the Sunday edition, Hofstetter said.

"The letters were slow in coming," she said. "It could be because we're so engrossed in writing letters about going to war" that other issues were not as heavily addressed, she said.

As to their tone, Hofstetter said she "saw a lot of letters questioning whether or not the astronauts were heroes and many saying the space program must go on." But few of the letters she received discussed the possibility that the shuttle disaster was the result of sabotage or terrorism, she said.

"Those theories are out there," Hofstetter said, "but I was lucky enough not to have to deal with them."

Reactions at Brown were, on the whole, more sympathetic.

Professor of Political Science Darrell West described his reaction to the tragedy as one of "complete shock."

"We'd all gotten used to the space program being generally safe," West said. But the space shuttle is "a very sophisticated technology that sometimes fails," he said.

"There's a calculated risk (in space

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Community gathering for consolation and hope begins today in Manning

Today marks the first of a series of reflectional meetings to help the Brown community cope with death at a personal level and on a larger scale, Associate Director of the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life Jennifer Rankin told The Herald.

On Fridays at 12:30 p.m., the Chaplains' Office will sponsor half-hour gatherings in Manning Chapel.

Rankin said the goal is "to create a space that is truly interfaith where people can stand together in silence."

Each session will begin with a reading by a faculty member or spiritual leader. Associate Professor of Sociology Ann Dill will be involved, as will leaders

from all religious denominations represented by the Chaplains' Office.

For the remaining minutes of the half-hour, participants will sit in silent reflection.

In this way they are "supported by people they know without having to speak," Rankin said.

This idea was born of a feeling at the Chaplains' Office that many members of the Brown community are having trouble coping with the recent deaths of Mary Interlandi and Sarah Lamendola '04, Rankin said.

Coupled with the possibility of a war

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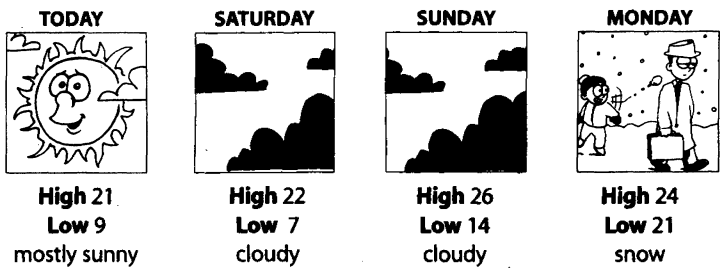


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WEATHER



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CALENDAR

LECTURE — "House Democratic Priorities," Gordon Fox, Rhode Island House Majority Leader, Taubman Center for Public Policy. Seminar room, Taubman Center, noon

READING — Laird Hunt will read from his fiction, Creative Writing Program. Barker Presentation Room, 70 Brown St., 4:30 p.m.

THEATER — "The Vagina Monologues," Rites and Reason Theater. Rites and Reason Theater, 7 p.m.

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 - 10 Drive!
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 - 15 Diamond situation
 - 16 Italian resort
 - 17 35-Across deliveries
 - 20 Cobb and others
 - 21 Winter air
 - 22 Most respected, perhaps
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 - 28 More than just interested
 - 29 Little helper
 - 32 Battery terminal
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 - 40 Scale
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 - 42 Regarding
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 - 12 Puts in
 - 13 Hall of Fame pitcher Waite
 - 18 Dentist's concern
 - 19 Potter's material
 - 23 Gas, e.g.
 - 24 Truck wheel assembly
 - 25 Social class
 - 26 "___ inside"
 - 27 Stellar phenomena
 - 28 "___ worry"
 - 29 Paul's "The Hustler" role
 - 30 Rich soils
 - 31 Spacecraft's data-gathering maneuver
 - 33 Punkies
 - 34 Elba and Aruba
 - 36 Settle securely
 - 37 Unoriginal type
 - 42 Price part
 - 43 Library nook
 - 44 Kind of card or box
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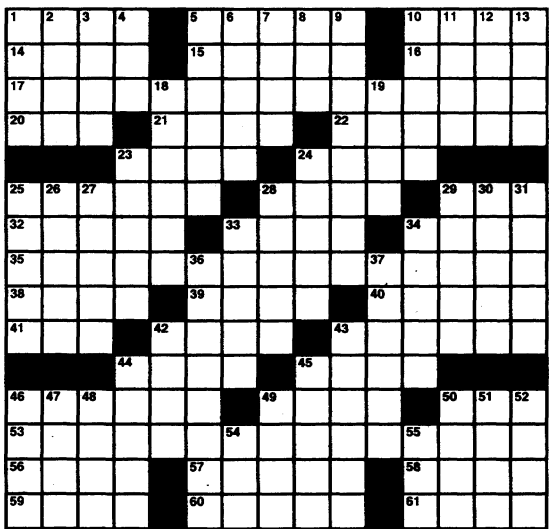
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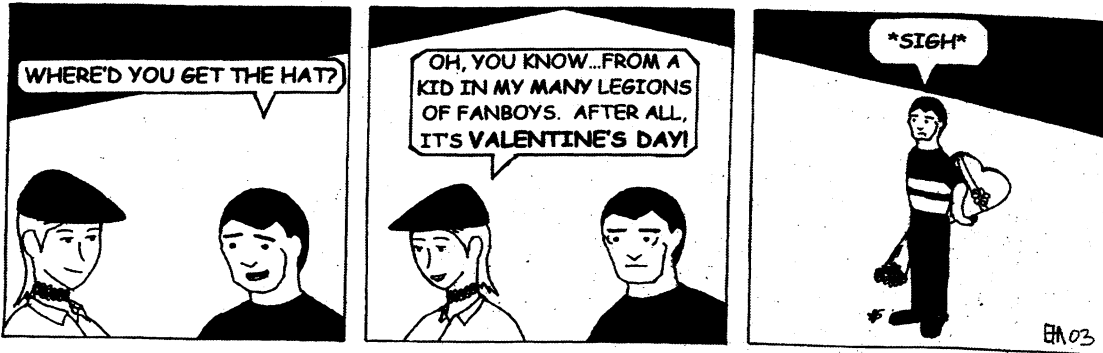
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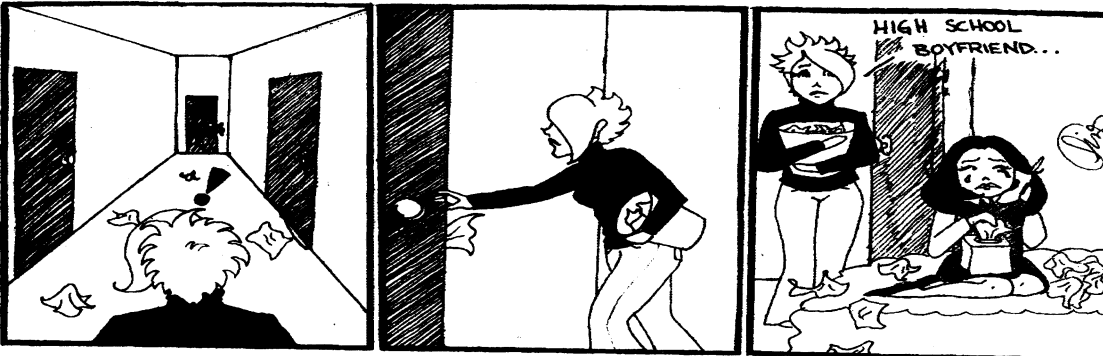
Coup de Grace Grace Farris



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ARTS & CULTURE

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Hay library opens collection of 18th, 19th century texts

BY JOANNE PARK

The John Hay Library has opened a 3,500-volume exhibit from the Collection of George Earl Church, consisting of his collected anthropological, historical and political texts of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Born in 1835, Church acquired experience as an infantry member, civil engineer, explorer and writer. His frequent travels to South America prompted a passion for collecting books, which constitute a major portion of the display.

Church traveled to Argentina and took part in the construction of the Argentine Great Northern Railway project. During his time there, he also explored the southwestern borders of the country, devising defense plans against warring native tribes. The Civil War brought Church to Providence, where he served in the seventh Rhode Island Infantry. After the war, he acted as a principal military adviser to President Benito Juarez of Mexico, when he took interest in France's presence in Mexico.

Church went on to explore Bolivia, Ecuador and Costa Rica, occasionally taking part in railway construction projects and local politics. He became fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and French, and was also familiar with the Amerindian languages of Central and South America. In the later years of his life, he moved to London, where he acted as the Vice President of the Royal Geographic Society until his death in 1910.

Among the monographs, maps and photographs he collected, the exhibit features anthropological studies of South America and the New England Indian Wars. Items from North America, Spain and Portugal are also prominent in the display. Church's

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"The Vagina Monologues" opens for Valentines at Rites and Reason

BY JESSICA WEISBERG

The arrival of Valentine's Day drives many women — single and involved — into deep introspection, questioning the status of their current relationships or pondering their expectations of a theoretical partner. Appropriately, Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues," a play that ultimately centers on female empowerment and sexuality, opens tonight at Rites and Reason Theatre.

The play consists of different monologues inspired by real-life interviews with women of a wide range of ethnicities and ages. The narrator, Marleny Franco '03, briefly introduces each monologue. All of the actors remain on stage for the entirety of the performance, although they take turns dominating the stage.

The versatility of the production, embracing both comedic and tragic themes, is best reflected in the monologue entitled, "My Angry Vagina," performed by Ana Alecia Lyman '03, in which she comically complains about the "ugliness" of tampons and gynecological instruments, but also reflects a deep-rooted problem of cultural constructs leading to women's subordination. Similarly, in "The Flood," Mui Seah Lee GS, plays a 70-year-old woman, adorably humiliated by the interviewer's explicit questions, yet sadly disinterested in her own sexuality.

The inferior status of women, particularly in Middle Eastern and African societies, is directly addressed in "My Vagina was my Village," performed by Doreen Wang '05, and "Under the Burgua," edited by Sage Morgan-Hubbard '05 and performed by the entire cast. Also, in the play's very first monologue entitled "Hair," Makini Chisolm-Straker '05 reflects on her unfaithful husband who robbed her of sexual maturity by insisting she remove her pubic hair.

On the other end of the spectrum, Angelica Scherer '06 delivers a side-splittingly funny rendition of "The Woman who Liked to Make Vaginas Happy," in which she puts the restaurant scene in "When Harry Met Sally" to shame by imitating over seven different types of orgasms.

In "The Vagina Workshop," a character played by Thilakshani Dias '05 bashfully recalls a sexual workshop

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for women. In "I was 12" Michelle Batoon '03, Nicole Slowman '03.5, Basirat T. Ottun '05 and Amrita Mallik '03 reflect on common first experiences with menstruation, providing comic anecdotes teeming with discomfort.

The play deals with a variety of issues pertaining to women's sexuality, including double standards, domestic abuse, rape and child birth. LaToya Sutton '03, in addition to delivering an intense rendition of "My Short Skirt," which had audience members at the dress rehearsal cheering in agreement, provided "Vagina Facts" periodically throughout the play. Most of these facts related to sexual satisfaction, verifying that women have libidos equal in size to men.

In the "Coochie-Snorch," Chloe Dugger '06 recalls being raped at the age of 10 by her father's closest friend, an experience that robbed her of sexuality for much of her adolescence. In "I was in the Room," Iris Chung '05 discusses her amazement with the female body after watching her friend in labor.

The play was well-received by the audience. "I really loved it," said Sonia Gupta '06. "I thought everyone did a wonderful job."

"The Vagina Monologues" will run from Friday through Sunday. Tickets are \$5 at the post office and \$7 at the door.

The production is directed by Izetta Mobley '03 and co-sponsored by Rites and Reason Theatre and the Sarah Doyle Women's Center.

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Shuttle

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travel), and astronauts know that full well," said Professor of Geological Sciences James Head. Head, who has been involved with several space exploration missions including the Galileo unmanned spacecraft and the Mars Surveyor Mission, said the timing of the Columbia tragedy was tragic but not surprising.

"Just like airplanes, the most difficult times are takeoff and landing," he said, which induce the "maximum stresses" on the shuttle.

Jane Widness '06 expressed special regret for the Israeli astronaut, Ilan Ramon, who died in the accident.

"Israel had so much riding on this — during the week he was up, everything stopped there," said Widness, a NASA aficionado who is considering a concentration in astronomy. "It was a horrible blow to a country that doesn't need any more horrible blows." But, she said, NASA did all it could for the

Columbia.

"(The astronauts) knowingly took the risk to go into space," Widness said. "The only thing (NASA) could have done going up was to send another shuttle or a Russian spacecraft, which wouldn't have been practical."

As with any accident, Head said, NASA will fully investigate the Columbia tragedy and will evaluate the space program "depending on what they find out." He said he believes the Columbia tragedy poses "no immediate danger" to astronauts staying on the International Space Station.

"They're mourning onboard," Head said, "but they have the

resolve."

"In the short run," West said, "the fleet is grounded. NASA will not fly until they figure out what went wrong" with the Columbia, West said. In the meantime we need to "reassess the mission of the space agency and (the necessary) resources," he said.

West said that the Columbia disaster, like the Challenger tragedy in 1986, will have "major consequences for the space program."

"People don't understand how much it took to get into space," Widness said. "Now that a shuttle goes up once every three to six months, (the media) doesn't even cover the launches." Still, she

acknowledged the need for a new evaluation of NASA.

"It would be worse to discontinue the program" in the wake of the tragedy, Widness said, "but also a disservice to continue the way it is now."

While the fleet is grounded, NASA will continue its research, David Shean '04 said. As part of the Reduced Gravity Research Program, Shean and his teammates, Katie Loranger '03, Sara Baird '05, Julie Komosinski '05 and Connie Lee '05, will be at the Johnson Space Center in Houston on March 26 to conduct experiments in projectile motion aboard the KC-135, known as the "Vomit Comet" for its ability to move

between weightlessness and two times the force of gravity.

"The Vomit Comet itself is on reserve every time there's a shuttle launch, just in case" an accident occurs, Shean said, "but all shuttle flights are grounded right now."

Whatever the cause of the tragedy, Head said, the space program will continue.

"We're a very young country with a very strong sense of exploration," Head said. "Nowhere in the history of our country have we ever turned back — have we ever shirked from exploring."

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Mono

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mends patients abstain from drinking alcohol for three months because mono can affect the liver.

Recovery from the virus can take up to a month, Dupont said.

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every school needs to figure it out for themselves," DiMartino said.

Instead, the teams help gather data and help schools think about how to set up advisory programs, create personal learning plans for every student, change class schedules and work to meet the needs of the diverse learning styles of students in classrooms, rather than just lecturing.

DiMartino said the results of the alliance's efforts are promising. He cited North Reading High School in Massachusetts that went from about 65 percent of students passing the exit exam to 100 percent of seniors passing.

Ann Papagiotas, principal of North Reading High School, said the Education Alliance provided resources to make changes possi-

ble. She said that the school restructured its curriculum, allowed teachers time to use different teaching methods and restructured its daily schedule so students would take eight classes but have four one day and another four the next.

"Brown was able to work with us to substantiate the necessity for the reform and the success of our reform," she said. Over 90 percent of North Reading High School students continue their education after high school.

John Smith MAT '67, principal of East Haven High School in Connecticut, is starting his second year working with the alliance. His school is working with Brown as a result of a recommendation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which accredits New England area high schools. "Their report had about 100 rec-

ommendations for improvement, which isn't uncommon," he said. The report recommended getting in touch with the alliance, Smith said.

He also said the alliance wouldn't take just any school. "We had to show them we were serious, and convince them that we really were ready to get going on this," he said. Over the course of the rest of his school's relationship with the alliance, Smith said he wants to align curriculum, instruction and assessment to state and national standards, and start interdisciplinary teaming for ninth grade students. Teaming is where a set number of students are grouped to a set number of teachers, and see the same teachers and classmates each day.

In terms of the alliance's overall efforts, DiMartino said "it's really early to tell." But he said there has

been a lot of positive feedback.

The movement to personalize high schools, he said, was started by TheodoreSizer, who was the founding director of Brown's Annenberg Institute for School Reform and who founded the Coalition of Essential Schools, a national network of schools that share common principles for school improvement.

"Brown has been a leader in the movement to try to personalize high schools," DiMartino said.

The personalizing movement has caught on in recent years, as education advocacy groups have jumped on board, including the National Association of Secondary School Principals, DiMartino said.

He said the alliance has a budget of around \$7.5 million dollars, and the contracts he works with are over \$1 million dollars.



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IN BRIEF

Tenet warns of new nuclear arms race

(Washington Post) — CIA Director George Tenet warned that the "desire for nuclear weapons is on the upsurge" among small countries, confronting the world with a new nuclear arms race that could dismantle more than three decades of nonproliferation efforts.

As if to underscore Tenet's point, the U.N. nuclear agency declared that North Korea may have secretly diverted nuclear material for weapons in violation of international treaties, sending the issue to the U.N. Security Council.

Last October North Korea admitted that it had a secret program to enrich uranium for possible use in weapons, kicked out international weapons inspectors and demanded direct talks with the United States. The Bush administration has refused to negotiate unless the government in Pyongyang first takes steps to dismantle its nuclear weapons programs. Sending the issue to the Security Council is a victory for the administration.

Over the past 12 months, Tenet said, Iraq, Iran and Libya, as well as North Korea, have moved to obtain equipment to produce weapons-grade nuclear materials and the ability to deliver them as nuclear bombs. There is growing alarm that nuclear materials could fall — or have already spread — into the hands of terrorist groups such as al-Qaida for production of radioactive "dirty" bombs.

Tenet's remarks before the Senate Intelligence Committee signaled that the Bush administration has concluded that the era in which countries were encouraged by treaties and self-regulation to avoid developing nuclear weapons may be coming to an end. Tenet's testimony called into question the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty in which the United States, the Soviet Union and dozens of other countries pledged to stem the spread of nuclear weapons.

D.C. area schools boost preparations for attack

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — School administrators in the Washington area Thursday stepped up preparations for possible terrorism, and most school districts told parents that they would be prevented, or strongly discouraged, from picking up their children in the event of a biological or chemical attack.

In Fairfax County, Va., Superintendent of Schools Daniel Domenech went before the School Board Thursday night and said he would deploy more security forces around schools, limit parking near buildings and cancel outdoor activities and field trips if the nation's terrorist alert were raised to its highest level, Code Red. He said he also would consider closing schools.

Loudoun County, Va., school officials Thursday added a "shelter-in-place" plan against chemical attacks to their usual emergency procedures. Schools would be locked down and signs posted on the doors in Spanish and English saying that nobody would be allowed to enter or exit.

Some schools stockpiled PowerBars and bottled water and handed out duct tape to teachers in case they need to seal windows. Several districts canceled field trips, including one at an Anne Arundel, Md., high school that was to put nine students on a flight to London Thursday.

The preparations came amid intensified but still vague warnings of terrorist attacks in the United States. The sense of heightened alert was most visible in grocery stores, where canned goods and water spent little time on the shelves.

The Beltsville, Md., Costco sold as much water in one day as it usually sells in six — three tractor-trailer loads — and lines at the cash registers were more than a half-hour long at midday.

Employers and government agencies continued to tighten security and make contingency plans.

Washington D.C. police officers pulled over suspi-

cious trucks entering the city, for example, and increased surveillance of government buildings and the homes of top officials.

On Friday, the Maryland Department of the Environment directed nuclear power plants, major water systems and chemical-storage facilities to review their security measures.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management said the federal government would be open as usual Friday. On Capitol Hill, members of Congress were told to keep a low profile — by varying their routines and removing vanity license plates — and to prepare a "go bag" of supplies and sensitive documents. Staff members were told how to use hoods to protect against biological or chemical agents.

In Montgomery County, Md., police officers have been issued hazmat gear, including gas masks, and two "Bio-Packs" that contain antibiotics for use in a chemical or biological attack. The Bio-Packs — one of which is to remain at home, one on duty — contain doses of doxycycline that are to be taken only at the direction of the county's public health officer, said Officer Derek Baliles, a department spokesman.

But much of the concern focused on children. All week, school administrators have met with public safety and public health officials and sent memos and e-mail to parents urging calm and explaining emergency plans. Most of the communications said children would be kept inside in the event of a chemical or biological threat, but the letters varied in the strength of their warning that parents should not try to pick up their children during a lockdown.

Some districts said regular lockdown drills are planned to prepare for possible chemical attacks—reminiscent of the "duck-and-cover" Cold War exercises of the 1950s and '60s.

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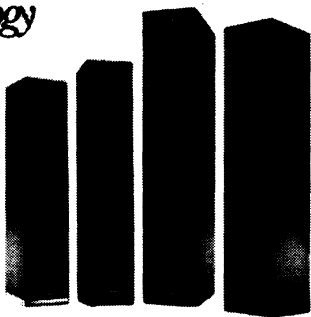
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U.S. plane with 4 Americans, Colombian officer crashes

BOGOTA, Colombia (L.A. Times) — A U.S. government plane carrying four Americans and a Colombian army officer crash-landed in southern Colombia while on an intelligence-gathering mission, Colombian and U.S. officials said Thursday.

The single-engine Cessna 208 Caravan crashed around 9 a.m. about three miles north of the city of Florencia after reporting an emergency en route to a Colombian military base in Larandia, Colombian civil aviation officials said.

The fate of the crew was not clear, but rescue operations began almost immediately after the plane went down, said Gen. Hector Fabio Velasco, head of the Colombian air force.

Colombian military search teams arriving at the scene 30 minutes after the emergency call found the plane incinerated.

Officials with the attorney general's office who arrived

late Thursday afternoon said they had found two bodies at the crash site but were not able to remove them because of the late hour. The officials said the wreckage was spread over a large area with thick jungle conditions. The Colombian military had secured the perimeter of the site by late Thursday and were planning to resume the search Friday morning.

Colombian military officials were investigating local media reports that rebels with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC for its initials in Spanish, may have seized some of the crew. Rebels control most of the rural area where the plane crashed.

The rebels issued no statement on the crash.

Colombian President Alvaro Uribe was planning to hold an emergency security council meeting on the incident late Thursday.

Annan addresses toll of war

UNITED NATIONS (L.A. Times) — The day before the Security Council begins discussions about whether force is required to disarm Iraq, secretary-general Kofi Annan summoned the council's 15 ambassadors to his office for a private meeting Thursday about the humanitarian toll of war.

A "medium case" scenario would leave nearly half of Iraq's 22 million people in need of immediate food aid and without access to drinking water and sanitation, he told them. The United Nations is preparing for as many as 1.5 million refugees to stream out of the country, and another 1 million could become homeless inside the country. Millions of Iraqis already depend on the U.N. for food rations, and war could cut off that supply while drastically increasing the number of people who need food, shelter and medicine, Annan said.

And the United Nations doesn't have enough money to pay for it.

"It's a very grim picture," said a diplomat at the meeting. Annan has maintained a low profile since the beginning of negotiations over Iraq, but his discussion of "the morning after" on the day before a weapons inspectors' report that could lead to war was not an accident, a U.N. official said. Annan will begin a two-week European trip this weekend but wanted to keep the consequences of war in the forefront of council members' minds, the official said.

Human rights groups have been pressing the U.N. in recent weeks to release its contingency plans for the aftermath of a war. Thursday, it finally did, while emphasizing that the secretary-general does not believe that war is inevitable.

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with Iraq, she said that there is a "sense on campus that things are unraveling."

She noted that a similar pro-

gram year called Vigil for Peace was initiated last after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Rankin said the reflectional meetings are in no way tied to religion and that everyone is welcome.

—Linda Evarts

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ties to geographic societies led him to collect items relating to Asia Minor and China.

An 18th century manuscript history of Potosi, a Bolivian mining town, is touted as the most exceptional item from the exhibit. Other features include Sir Henry George Ward's "Mexico in

1827," a political and legal history of trade in the West Indies, and photographs of Aymara Indians in Bolivia.

In his will Church originally bequeathed his collection to Harvard University. In 1912, Brown obtained the collection.

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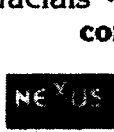
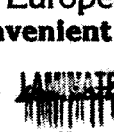
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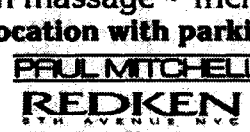
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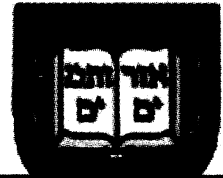
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Captains Jon Jay '04 and CJ Hoppel '04 along with seasoned veteran Michael Franz '03 — the only remaining member of the 2000 championship team. These returning players bring a high level of experience and confidence that will be important for a successful spring season.

Brownian Motion has resumed practice and training after a long layoff. The team has been practicing nights on the OMAC roof in addition to doing track and pool workouts. With high hopes and tournaments approaching, the team is working on restoring its tight defense and clean offense that has been so successful in the past.

"From a defensive end, we are trying to create the most fundamentally sound man-defense out there, while also implementing a variety of other (zones) to keep teams off-balance on offense," said Co-Captain Ross Loomis '04.

Brown has an intense schedule in the next month, traveling to California and North Carolina. The

college series tournament begins in April with sectional and regional tournaments where Brown expects tough competition from regional rivals Harvard and UMass. A top finish at regionals assures a bid to the College

National Championships in Austin, Texas, at the end of May.

Brownian Motion will get its first test of the season when the team travels to Palo Alto to compete in the Stanford Invitational the week-end of Feb. 28.

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captured a spot in the first round of finalists. One Hummer, two-replica jerseys and a two game suspension later, I am certain he barely missed the cut.

With each passing year, the age at which amateurs cross over to the dark side is dropping. College athletics has now become an annoyance for the cream of the crop, rather than a prerequisite for upper level admittance.

Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns is supporting a legislative proposal that would pay football players at the University of Nebraska. The debate over pay-

ing college athletes is another column for another day.

But, what happens if the governor gets his way? If he succeeds in his quest, will the Cornhusker players retain their amateur status? Quantifying levels of amateurism to define the percentage of purity might be the only answer. Semi-amateur, not-so-amateur and just-barely-amateur would probably be a good start.

So just what is an amateur? To be honest I'm not quite sure anymore.

The better question might be, who cares?

Brett Zarda GS is against paying collegiate athletes and against age restrictions for professional sports.

M. ballers

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leading scorer in Ivy League history this weekend. Though on the season he is averaging 19.4 points per game, his recent performance has led Brown to its successful Ivy League start. The Bears have to hope that he continues to play

excellent basketball if they hope to defeat their opponents this weekend. Penn transfer Harold Bailey '03 also hopes to get some payback from his old school.

"I am going to be excited, and I know all of us are going to be excited," said Bailey. "I am very focused, and it is probably the biggest game of the year for me. We just have to get Princeton first."

It may be tough to beat Princeton on the road, considering it has not been accomplished in some 52 years. Still, some would argue that this Brown team is unlike any other Bruno has fielded during that span.

Many Brunonians think that because Princeton and Penn pose the biggest threats to Brown's Ivy League championship, Bruno must at least split the upcoming weekend. Brown's players, however, hope to sweep in order to continue their undefeated Ivy League season.

"This group is an older group and is very determined," said Head Coach Glen Miller. "Right now, we are on a roll, and I hope it doesn't stop."

Miller is not alone. The entire Brown community is looking forward to a couple of victories, which would prove that this team is the real deal and that its 6-0 Ivy League record is not a fabrication of chance.

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Prospect of emergency brings plenty of questions, answers

(Washington Post) — Following are questions and answers about the federal government's terrorism warnings:

Q: Do intelligence officials know what kind of weapon is more likely to be used if there is an attack?

A: Federal officials say they believe it is more likely that an attack would be in the form of a chemical or radiological weapon. Chemicals such as sarin and mustard gas are easier to turn into weapons than biological agents, and nuclear weapons are extremely difficult to construct and deliver to a target.

Q: Is a radiological weapon the same as a nuclear weapon?

A: No. A radiological weapon is a conventional explosive such as dynamite packaged with radioactive material that scatters when the bomb goes off. Called "a dirty bomb," it kills or injures through the initial blast of the conventional explosive and, in the long term, by airborne radiation and contamination that can spread over a wide area, according to the Council on Foreign Relations.

Q: There are so many possibilities that it seems impossible to prepare for every one. What should residents do?

A: Residents should have a battery-powered radio to listen to advisories from the federal government. Disaster management experts also say people should assemble emergency supplies for their house and car; make a plan so family members know where to meet (select two places, in the event the primary choice is affected in some way); select a contact outside the area whom family members can call to pass along messages; and mentally rehearse emergency plans. Officials also urge people not to panic. They say they know they are sending mixed messages, but both are important.

Q: What should be in a disaster supply kit?

A: Medicine and other first-aid supplies, flashlights, plenty of batteries, a battery-powered radio or TV, bottled water, nonperishable food and a non-electric can opener, sleeping bags, clothing, birth certificates, passports, driver's licenses and other important documents, and cash. An extra pair of glasses. For parents of infants, diapers. Paper and pencil. Anything you can't live without.

Q: Is there any way to protect yourself against a dirty bomb explosion?

A: The key words: shielding, distance and time. The best place to go in the event that a dirty bomb explodes is a location surrounded by dense materials. Good places are the basement of a large building, a subway tunnel or an underground home cellar. The denser the material around you, the better off you are. Brick is better than wood; a few boxes of heavy books around is better than nothing. How long people should stay hunkered down depends upon the size of an explosion and the wind currents. The government will test the air and issue advisories. If people can safely evacuate an area, they should.

Q: Thousands of people are stocking up on potassium iodide tablets. Will those help?

A: Potassium iodide is a relatively simple salt that keeps the thyroid gland from absorbing radioactive iodine and helps prevent radiation-induced thyroid cancer. But it does nothing to protect against any other radioactive isotope, or to help fend off the heat and blast effects of an explosion of a bomb with radiological material. One 130-milligram tablet a day will do the job for an adult, less for a child.

Q: If there is a chemical weapon attack, where is the best place to be in my house?

A: Experts advise finding a room in the house or other building, preferably without windows.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Diamonds and coal

A **diamond** to the University's decision to join Harvard's amicus brief. Brown's actions reconfirm the University's commitment to affirmative action.

A **coal** to paranoid parents — your e-mails urging us to stockpile food and water show us that you care, but your worrying is really wrecking our long-weekend travel plans.

A **diamond** to the Chaplain's office. It has been a valuable resource in one of the most tragic times for the campus in recent memory.

A **diamond** to the women's gymnastics team for breaking the school record for the second season in a row and having Jayne Finst '04 selected ECAC athlete of the week and Amber Smith '06 chosen as ECAC rookie of the week.

Coal to the shuttle being shutdown due to snow. Inclement weather doesn't make walking any easier or safer.

And **coal** to the campus being covered in mounds of ice, and to that crusty-crunchy grit that won't leave our floor until April. Where's the salt? Where's the vacuum cleaner?

A **diamond** to the Class of 2004 Phi Beta Kappas. And a diamond to the S/NCs that kept us from joining them.

A **cubic zirconium** to the Buddy Cianci-narrated Off-Campus Living Video. The so-bad-its-good production values almost made up for it being a complete waste of time.

A **diamond** to the Russian sub. We're thrilled to have such a fantastic communist relic in town, even though it will forever serve as a monument to the death of Harrison Ford's career.

Coal to Fox for kicking Frenchie Davis off of "American Idol." Since when does Fox have a moral conscience? But a diamond to husky Ruben, American Idol-to-be.

Neither a **diamond** nor **coal** to Valentine's Day. No bitterness here. Nope, not one bit.

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ANDREW SHEETS

LETTERS

Herald ignores progress made in grades debate

To the Editor:

The recent staff editorial about grading at Brown ("Definite Minus," Feb. 12) charges the community to have "participated in the seemingly never-ending discussion about pluses and minuses, to no avail." It also observes that "little additional information has surfaced since the initial debate — the campus has been talking in rhetorical circles."

This could very well be true — if you lived under a rock for the past several weeks. CCC meetings have yielded many new discoveries through debate and research that have gone unnoticed by this and other forums. We have discussed the implications of faculty and student surveys on grade inflation and also debated the meaning of grades to employers and graduate schools. We have exchanged views on grade inflation; we have also discussed what grades fundamentally mean in various academic contexts at Brown.

Is this discussion "never-ending"? Yes, and it should be. The current conversation on grades is not simply about a particular proposal, but rather, it is an institutional dialogue that challenges our deepest assumptions about the New Curriculum and probes our rigid sensibilities on the role of grades. The plus/minus issue is one segment of a much broader intellectual enterprise, one that requires us to critically reflect on our educational practices long after the CCC adjourns its meetings. We idolize the New Curriculum without ever asking ourselves what it signifies in the deepest moral, social, educational, and political sense. We immerse ourselves in the New Curriculum in the classroom, yet only invoke it when something endangers our academic habits; we champion its originality in editorials but seldom seek to improve it through campus-wide dialogues. We have worshipped the New Curriculum for over 30 years — perhaps the time has come to ask our God some questions.

Sean L. Yom '03
CCC Member
Feb. 12

Coverage of student's death is touching, appropriate

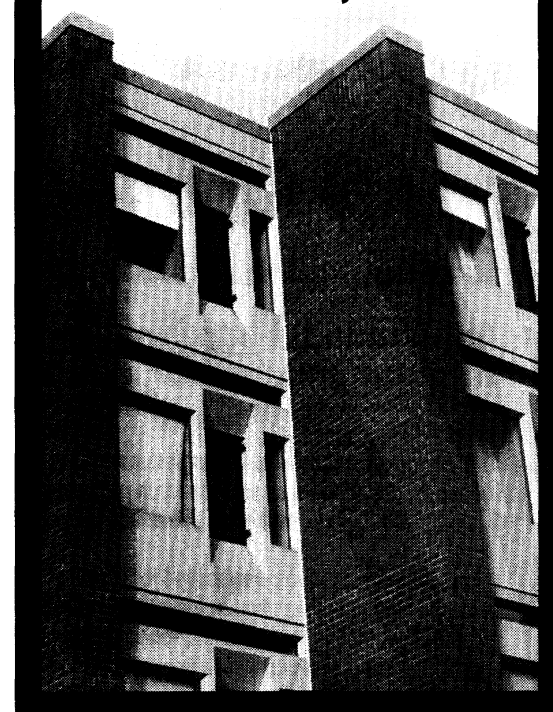
To the Editor:

The articles announcing and then dealing with the loss of Mary Interlandi each touched me. I too feel the loss of Mary. My sons attend the University School of Nashville and knew Mary and her family. I interviewed Mary for the BASC program prior to her admission to Brown and entertained Mary and her parents in our home to celebrate her admission.

Mary was the free spirit drawn to Brown and now we have lost the benefit of her contribution to the larger community. Thank you for your thoughtful coverage of this loss.

J. Richard Chambers '69
Feb. 13

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How to please your woman on V-day

Five tips for making that special somebody feel special

WALK INTO PRACTICALLY ANY STORE right now, and you'll inevitably find a display right up front consisting of anything pink, red, heart-shaped and cute, reminding you that the holiday of romance is upon us. Maybe you get all giddy and excited when February rolls around. Maybe the season of love sends you into a state of depression. The way I see it, you either love Valentine's Day or you hate it. I fall into the latter category, and I'll tell you why.

From a girl's perspective, even when you happen to have that special somebody on V-day, guys just can't seem to get it right. No matter what supposedly romantic gesture they come up with, it never meets our expectations, and we just end up disappointed.

So, this year, as a public service to all you romantically-challenged boys out there, I'm going to give you some easy-to-follow tips for V-day.

Before all you Brownies get upset, accusing me of being sexist or anti-feminist or whatever other label you want to throw at me, let me make some clarifications.

I know some of you are thinking, "Why is it the guy's responsibility to impress the

girl on Valentine's Day? Shouldn't the V-day effort be mutual?" The answer is: No — if you want to get some action, you have to earn it. Okay, some of you "sensitive" guys are thinking, "Hey! I resent that! I'm not only after booty!" For argument's sake, I'll pretend to believe you, but that doesn't change my answer.

Like it or not, V-day has become a day where men are expected to pamper their women. That doesn't mean we women shouldn't do anything for our men, but to keep this column short, let's just say that the woman's job is to show appreciation for what her man does for her. And our job is a lot easier when you men actually do things we like.

That's where these tips will come in handy, so pay attention. Here we go.

Tip #1: Stop with the excuses. My personal favorite of your lame excuses is: "I don't like being forced to express my love on a pre-determined day. It's more meaningful when I do it of my own accord." You may think this statement makes you look romantic and individualistic, but you actually just come off looking cheap and lazy. If choosing your own day is really that important to you, then nobody said you can't express your feelings more than once. But V-day somehow became part of our culture, and more than likely, your girl is going to want to celebrate it. Skipping it or celebrating begrudgingly for whatever reason will probably not end pleasantly for you.

Tip #2: Need ideas? More than likely you've been dragged to romantic come-

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dies, and if you haven't, then go see some. These movies are a great resource for romantic ideas. After all, these sappy movies are probably where we get our expectations of what guys should do for us in the first place. All you have to do is listen for when the women around you snifle or say "awww" or "cute." If you pay attention to these indicators, then you can just copy whatever the onscreen stud said or did to make the women swoon. Besides, secretly, you know you like watching these movies anyway. Now you have an excuse to indulge yourself.

Tip #3: Don't mention money. Let me explain. On a particularly pathetic Valentine's Day, I once had a guy say to me: "Pick any restaurant you want to go to ... uh, but nowhere expensive." The point of V-day is to get the girl to think that you would do anything for her. It's not a big deal if you can't afford something expensive, but if you are on a budget, then have a plan in mind that's within that budget, rather than leaving the decision up to her and then having to tell her no.

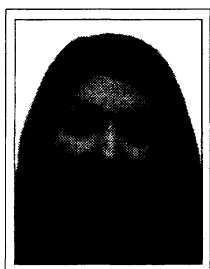
Also, a lack of funds does not necessarily result in an unsuccessful Valentine's Day. Yes, I admit that many girls thrive on flowers, jewelry and fancy dinners, but a little creativity can be even more romantic

and much cheaper. Have trouble in the creativity department? Refer to Tip #2.

Tip #4: Use her friends. Once you have that stellar, unique idea, run it by her friends. They can tell you if she'll actually like it and help you tweak your plan so that she'll definitely be satisfied. And most likely, they'll enjoy helping you (it's the whole living vicariously thing). By the way, if her friends tell you your plan stinks or you should change it in some way, then you should actually change it. Common sense? You'd be surprised.

Tip #5: For those single guys and gals out there, V-day does not have to go to waste. Use the holiday to your advantage. Let's say there's somebody out there that you've had your eye on but haven't had the guts to ask out. Though they may deny it, most people want to have a date on Valentine's Day. So, asking out your crush around V-day increases the chances s/he will say yes, even if s/he doesn't really like you. You can then use all the previous tips to work your magic and win them over.

After all this advice, some of you may still be wondering, "Why should I even bother? Sounds like too much work." If you're asking this question, then you're beyond help. For the rest of you: Happy Valentine's Day and good luck!



CAMILLE GERWIN
BEYOND THE
BUBBLE

Camille Gerwin '03 remains nostalgic for the old days when V-day meant filling construction-paper mailboxes with red lollipops and cartoon cutout valentines.

Valentine's Day tips for the lonely and unattractive

Why stalking your ex is better than sitting at home doing nothing

IF YOU'RE ONE OF THE FEW LUCKY people who have a significant other to share Valentine's Day, then stop reading my column. If, however, nobody loves you because you smell and will in all likelihood die alone, then trek on, poor soul.

Let's be honest — you filled out the HUGS survey, the Daily Jolt survey and probably even started your own survey in hopes of finding passionate love with that special someone, that person that totally understands where you're coming from and is able to provide emotional as well as physical comfort. You'll begin with a simple conversation which will eventually blossom into marriage and you'll live happily ever after — the end.

What a joke. You're not going to find love. Not today, probably not ever. Instead, you'll break out your face book and start moaning, "Holy crap! How does this monster have the same personality as me?," until finally you come to somebody that's mildly attractive, in which case you'll do nothing about it, because it's just horribly weird to ask a complete stranger on a date.

Or is it?

More on that in a second. Now, I think

I've adequately depressed the majority of readers, pointing out how loveless everybody's life is, but that's not what this column is about. No baby, it's about healing.

So, in an effort to ameliorate the conscious loneliness Valentine's Day can create for alienated single people, I've made a checklist of things you can do to feel better. After all, action is the remedy for despair.

Call your ex

Step one, download Stevie Wonder's "I just called to say I love you."

Step two, buy one of those voice modifiers they used in "Scream."

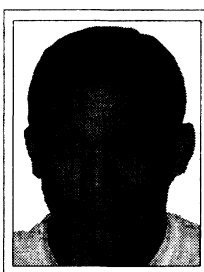
Step three, crank up the speakers and call your ex with Stevie, then when the song's over, turn on the voice modifier and say, "Congratulations, you now have a stalker. Muhahaha. Actually, it's just me again. I'm sad and lonely, please love me like you used to."

Ignore that last part.

Terry Tate a happy couple

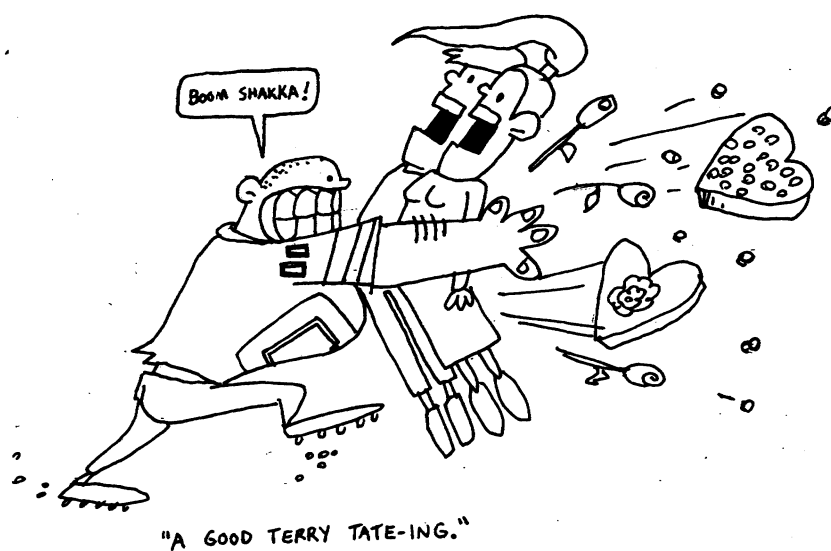
Nothing will make your pain go away faster than transferring it to somebody else.

So if you see two cuddling lovebirds walking hand in hand, body slam them into the snow. Because when it's flirt time, it's hurt time! Woot! Woot!



YALE WANG
EYES OF A
BLUE DOG

Yale Wang '06 is Terry Tate's biggest fan.



Buy shares of Hallmark to get rich

You can't buy love, but you sure as hell can rent it.

Go to the movies

Go to a screening of "How To Lose a Guy In 10 Days," and right as it's ending, yell, "This is Hollywood horse crap. Seriously, maybe if the characters had IQs above 20, then it wouldn't suck so much."

But then again, McConaughey played the Texas chainsaw murderer and Hudson's career is going down faster than a little boy at a Michael Jackson sleepover."

Date a Hugealicious Wang

This is basically like China's Open Door policy. To improve (or deteriorate, depending on how you look at it) Brown's social life, for one day only, I vow to not reject any girl who approaches me for coffee. I don't care if you fell off the ugly tree and hit every branch on the way down or if you're genetically mutated, because well, I own a mirror.

Now some of you are mumbling that this whole column's full of fluff, that it's probably written because I'm blocked, or because I want to get laid. To those muckrakers, I say: "Woop di doo, you want a cookie?"

I hope you had a good laugh, and enjoy the rest of your Valentine's Day.

SPORTS FRIDAY

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Amateur status
losing its real
meaning

AMATEUR, N.

1. A person who engages in an art, science, study or athletic activity as a pastime rather than as a profession.

2. An athlete who has never accepted money, or who accepts money under restrictions specified by a regulatory body, for participating in a competition.

BRETT ZARDA
BORN AND RAISED

The splendor of amateur athletics is muddled somewhere within the two definitions cited above. In the past, competing as an amateur signified a level of purity that shattered with the inclusion of payment.

Slowly, the lines of amateur athletics have blurred. Professionals compete regularly in the Olympics and collegiate athletes receive payments under "restrictions." Maintaining amateur status may now better symbolize a lack of talent, rather than an enviable show of integrity.

In a capitalistic society, any opposition to this trend displays ignorance towards the founding principals of this country. In no other profession does the public expect the elite in a field to work without pay as an allegiance to a higher moral agenda.

World-renowned doctors, select trial lawyers and concert musicians do not make a habit of pro bono work. Exploiting a talent for financial gain is the American way; it is the American dream. Why is sport the one exception where money carries such a negative stigma?

On Wednesday, the Amateur Athletic Union announced its finalists for the prestigious Sullivan award. Chances are most people haven't the faintest idea what the reward represents. The Sullivan award recipient earns the distinction as the year's premier amateur athlete.

This year's finalists include Sarah Hughes (figure skating), Cael Sanderson (wrestling), Apolo Anton Ohno (short track speedskating), Natalie Coughlin (swimming) and paralympian Chris Waddell (skiing).

Looking further at the selections offers an interesting dilemma. Sarah Hughes has benefited financially from her sport through advertising and promotions. Why then, was she not excluded from selection? Luckily for Sarah, the job of defining an amateur is relegated to each sport's governing body.

Even basketball phenom LeBron James

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SCHEDULE

Friday

Women's basketball vs. Princeton, 7 p.m., Pizzitola Sports Center

Wrestling vs. Columbia, 2 p.m., Pizzitola Sports Center

Men's ice hockey vs. Cornell, 7 p.m., Meehan Auditorium

Men's basketball at Princeton, 7:30 p.m.

Women's water polo at Princeton Invitational (through Sunday)

Men's and women's track, Fast Track Invitational in Boston

Women's squash, Howe Cup at Yale (through Sunday)

Skiing at Colby Sawyer in Mt. Sunappe, N.H.

Saturday

Women's basketball vs. Pennsylvania, 7 p.m., Pizzitola Sports Center

Men's ice hockey vs. Colgate, 7 p.m., Meehan Auditorium

Men's tennis vs. Rutgers, 10 a.m.

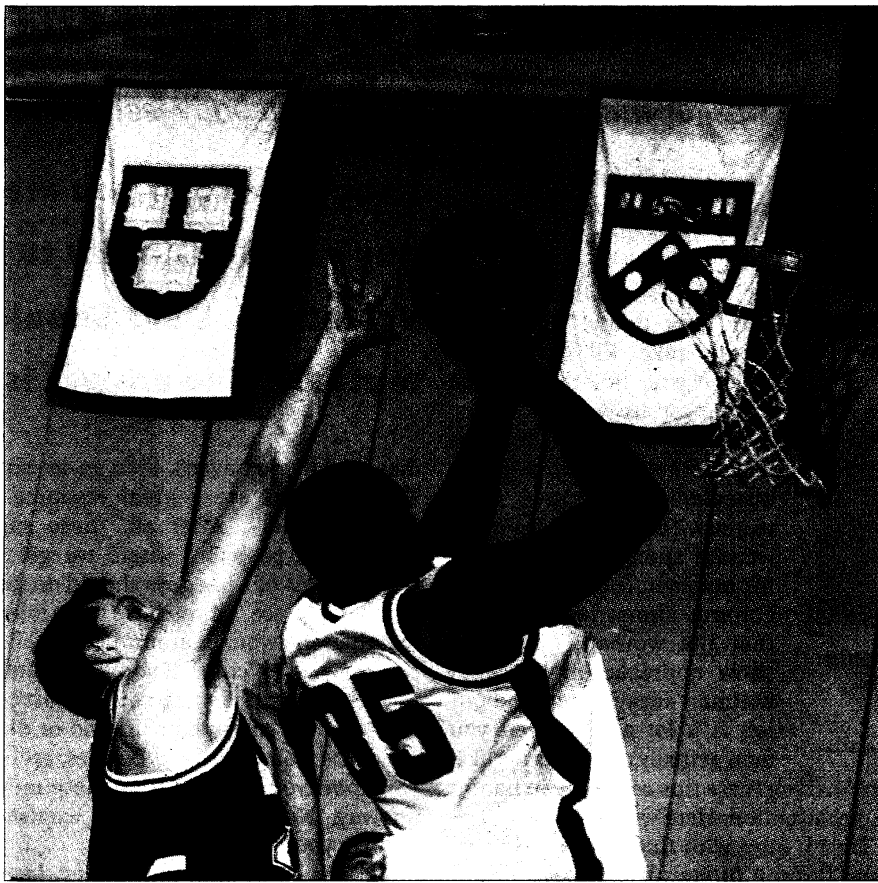
Men's swimming vs. Cornell, noon, Smith Swim Center

Wrestling vs. Cornell, 2 p.m., Pizzitola Center

Men's tennis vs. Buffalo, 3 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. Pennsylvania, 7 p.m.

Skiing at St. Anselms Carnival in Pat's Peak, N.H.



dspics

Men's basketball player Jamie Kilburn '04 (above) will try to set an NCAA record for consecutive shots made this weekend on the road at Princeton and Penn.

Men's hoops at Princeton,
Penn for first place in Ivies

BY ADAM STERN

The Brown men's basketball team (11-9, 6-0) is preparing to embark on a journey so critical and challenging that it makes "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy seem like a walk in the park. The team currently sits atop the Ivy League with its 6-0 record, but everyone in the Brown community is wary of the dangers that lie ahead, specifically in Princeton, N.J. and Philadelphia, Pa. This weekend Brown will travel to Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania to play the Tigers and Quakers in critical games.

It is no secret that Princeton and Penn have dominated the Ivy League for the past decade. Either Princeton or Penn has won the Ivy League every year since the 1988-1989 season, though Yale managed to tie them both last year. Nevertheless, it is perfectly clear that these schools take tremendous pride in

their basketball programs and they are understandably concerned about the threat that Brown poses. Bruno is on a phenomenal roll, winning its last eight games and 10 of its last 12. Brown is undefeated in the Ivy League but has yet to play the two balling monsters that are Princeton and Penn. Although Princeton lost a game to Penn earlier this week to move 4-1 in the Ivy League, Penn, the preseason favorite, is still undefeated.

So should the Bears be worried? They are playing the best basketball of the season, and they have accumulated the best Ivy League start in school history. Earl Hunt '03 has been dominant of late, earning his third Ivy League Player of the Week award. He has become Brown's all-time leading scorer, and he could become the fifth-ranked all-time

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Brownian Motions begins quest
for "ultimate" championship

BY BENJAMIN WISEMAN

Within the past five years, the Brown men's ultimate Frisbee team, Brownian Motion, has established itself as a national powerhouse. With a national championship in 2000, two semi-finalist finishes (1998 and 1999) and a quarterfinalist appearance (2001), the team has become a respected Frisbee program. During this reign the team has had two national MVP winners and one runner-up. At the beginning of each season, the team finds itself ranked among the elite schools in the nation.

Expectations have not changed this year for the men of Brownian Motion. The fall season in ultimate serves as a chance for growth and preparation for the more competitive spring season. The team had a productive fall season, winning its home tournament in November, as well as contending in other elite tournaments at Williams College and University of Georgia.

Out of the fall season emerged freshman standouts Michael Pozar '06, Reid Hopkins '06 and Francesco Forin '06. The team also added new players from last year's B-team. The new prospects bring new blood and athleticism and look to play an important role throughout the year.

The spring also brings back a core of players that will bolster an already-strong roster. Captain Will Arnold '04 and Joshua Ziperstein '05 spent the summer and fall playing with Death or Glory, a world-renowned club team out of Boston. The U.S. club circuit is highly competitive and is considered the top level of ultimate in the nation. Both Arnold and Ziperstein traveled this summer with the team to the world championships in Hawaii, where Death or Glory placed second.

Also returning from abroad are Co-

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Gymnasts Finst
'04, Smith '06
win awards

Jayne Finst '04 and Amber Smith '06 helped lead Brown to a school-record performance in a meet at Yale last weekend, earning ECAC Gymnastics Player and Rookie of the Week honors respectively. Brown shattered the previous school record of 190.600 with a 192.00 in a tri-meet with Yale and URI.

Finst, who was recognized for the second time this season, led the way for the Bears. She won the all-around with a school record 39.175, breaking her previous Brown record of 38.825, which she set last year. In addition, she won the vault with a 9.625 and the floor with a season-high 9.875. The school and Ivy record holder on the beam, Finst notched a season-high 9.850 on the beam, good for second place, and a career-high 9.825 on the bars, finishing in third.

Smith, who took fourth in the all-around with a career-high 38.550, also took sixth on the bars with a career-high 9.800, en route to her first ECAC recognition of the season. Smith took ninth on the vault with a 9.375, tenth on the beam with a career-high 9.625 and a career-high 9.750 on the floor, also good for ninth.

The Brown gymnastics team has a 7-6 overall record and will travel to URI on Feb. 19 for a 7 p.m. meet. In the meet with Yale, the Rams finished just .875 ahead of Brown.

—Brown Sports Information

Weekend preview

BY SCHUYLER VON OEYEN

Several Brown sports teams have marquee matchups this weekend that could go a long way toward determining the eventual champion in their respective races.

In addition to men's basketball traveling to Princeton and Penn, the second-place women's basketball team will be at home at the Pizzitola Sports Center this weekend to take on Princeton and Penn. The women's team had been off to a perfect Ivy start before falling to Dartmouth and Harvard at away games last week. Fan support may be a positive intangible for this team if there is decent student turn out.

Men's ice hockey will have a double-header at Meehan Auditorium on Friday and Saturday nights against Cornell and Colgate, respectively. Cornell has a commanding lead in the ECAC with 14 wins and only two losses and is ranked second nationally, so the Bears will have their work cut out for them. Brown is in the middle of the ECAC standing at fifth place out of 12, and needs to play well in order to secure a playoff spot. The top four finishers get home ice advantage.

For fans attending the game, the Brown band will be performing ice shows after both games.

Men's and women's indoor track and field will each split up this Saturday and send half of the team to New York City for the Armory Collegiate meet and the other half to Boston for the Fast Track Invitational. The Armory Collegiate will be one of the most difficult meets Brown will compete in this year.

Back on campus, the wrestling team will host two Ivy League games this weekend on Friday and Saturday afternoons against Columbia and Cornell. Cornell is the current Ivy League leader.

Men's tennis will host Rutgers and Buffalo in two Saturday matchups.