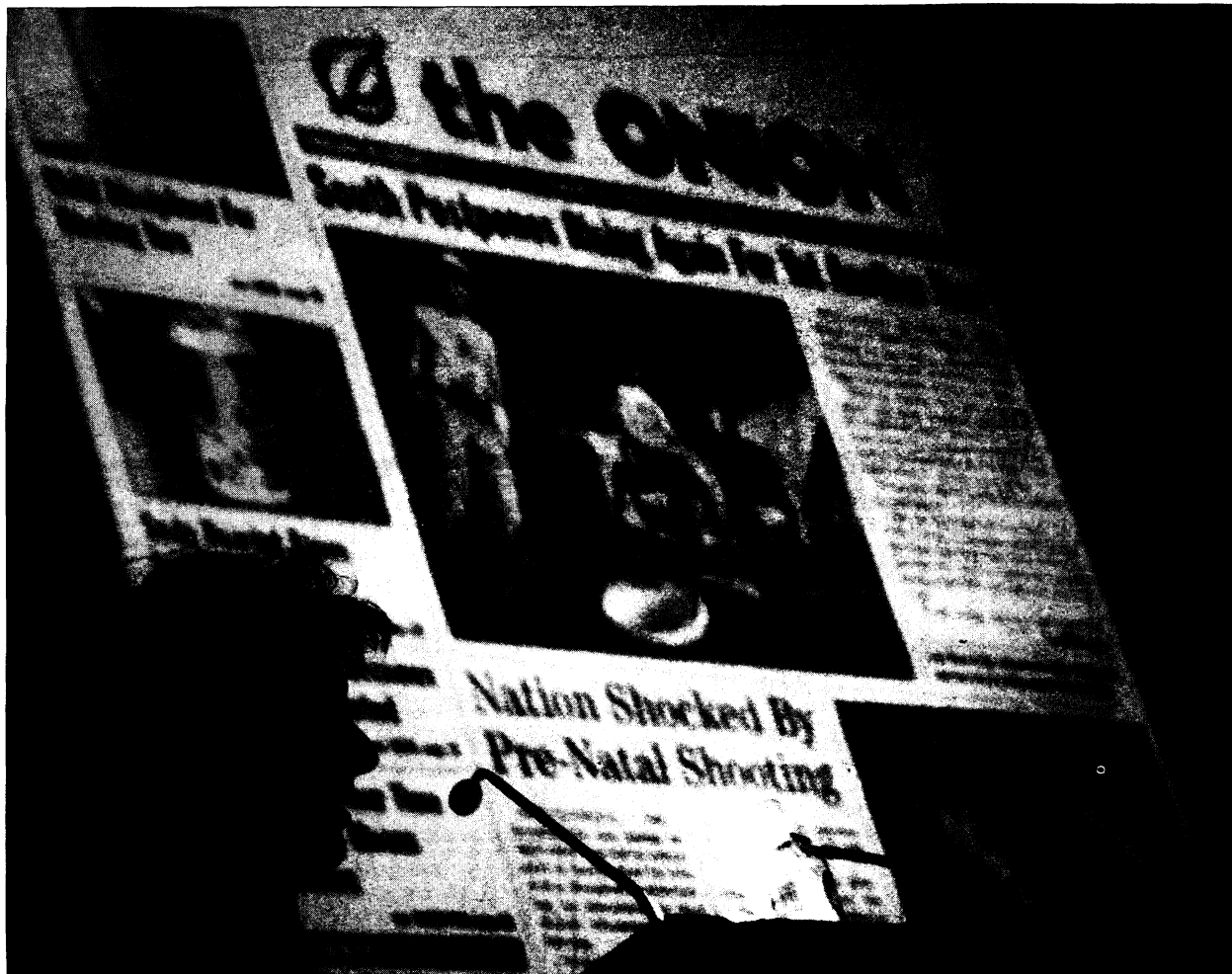


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Onion Editor-in-Chief Robert Siegel told the crowd in Salomon about the limits of a satirical news publication.

Onion editor says nothing's off limits

BY JOSHUA S. EDWARDS

In the fictional 130-plus year history of the Onion, the satirical newspaper has poked fun at the Hindenburg disaster, the Kennedy assassination, and — more recently — the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"There's nothing really off-limits," Editor-in-Chief Robert Siegel told a crowd of nearly 500 Brown students Monday night, but only if it has a point. There's nothing funny about last week's West Warwick fire that claimed 97 lives, he said.

"We want to be able to make fun of people and still be likeable," Siegel said.

With headlines like "Special Olympics T-ball Stand Pitches Perfect Game," Siegel's favorite, the Onion has blurred traditional definitions of comedy.

In fact, the newspaper's eight staff writers "don't fit the typical comedy writer profile," Siegel said. Senior Editor Carol Kolb worked in a nursing home at one point. Others

worked in a liquor store, sandwich shop and bank before becoming comedy writers. Writer Todd Hanson "came to us from the world of dishwashing."

Typically, Siegel said, comedy writers "go to Harvard and have a brother who writes for The Simpsons." Onion writers, on the other hand, are "Midwest slackers."

Siegel said he is the lone exception. After graduating with a degree in history from the University of Michigan in 1993, the New York City native moved to Madison, Wis., where the Onion was founded in 1988.

The close-knit staff, many of whom are friends from college, meet every Monday to pitch potential headlines.

"We operate on the principle that quantity makes quality," Siegel said. Each writer brings 25 funny headlines to the meeting. For every 50 or 60 headlines, one is developed into a story, he said.

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Hundreds gather to honor victims of nightclub fire

BY LOTEM ALMOG

WARWICK, R.I. — Hundreds of people gathered at St. Gregory the Great Church in Warwick, R.I., Monday night to honor and pray for the victims of last week's deadly nightclub fire and their families.

The church was filled to capacity, necessitating the service be simulcast to a crowded room in the church's basement.

True to its title, the "Statewide Interfaith Memorial Service for the Families and Victims of the West Warwick Fire" was officiated by religious leaders from the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths.

Several Christian leaders, including the Bishop of the Diocese of Providence Robert E. Mulvee, offered prayers, and other religious leaders read from the Koran, Hebrew scripture and Christian scripture.

"We come irrespective of our religions," said the Reverend Matthew Kai, president of the Ministers' Alliance of Rhode Island.

In the opening prayer, Kai asked for consolation. "Let us leave this place in our renewed minds; that come what may, all is going to be alright," he said.

Rhode Island Governor Donald Carcieri '65 also came to pay his respects. Carcieri himself was praised for his handling of the tragedy several times during the service.

"When you chose your new governor, you perceived him to be a leader," Deborah Smith, director of municipal affairs and appointments for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, told the audience in her introduction of Carcieri. "Well, it is no longer a perception."

Carcieri offered his condolences to the victims' families. "This is a deeply sorrowful time. We have suffered a great tragedy and the depth of that pain is shared by the whole state," he said. Carcieri added that the whole nation is mourning with the people of Rhode Island.

The Governor also applauded the efforts of firefighters, rescue workers, medical workers, clergy and the community at large for their support of those most personally affected.

"We have seen our community unite like never before. ... This has been an entire state reaching out and embracing its own," Carcieri said.

Others speakers at the service expressed respect for the fortitude of the victims' families. "The families of

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Breaking from the past, Cicilline '83 and City Council seek direct contributions from Brown to make up for budget shortfall crisis

BY ADAM STELLA

With the city facing mounting financial woes, Providence Mayor David Cicilline '83 and some members of the Providence City Council are making a concerted effort to break from the past and solicit direct monetary contributions from Brown and the city's other universities and colleges.

Cicilline said he is determined to reach an agreement with the universities before the beginning of the next fiscal year in July.

The city is running almost \$30 million in deficit, has an unfunded pension liability of approximately \$580 million and the city's schools are in urgent need of funding, Cicilline said. The current situation is forcing the city to look for additional sources of revenue, one of which should be the universities, he said.

The city's universities enjoy tax-exempt status under state law and have not been compelled to make direct

payments in the past. Representatives from Brown and the Rhode Island School of Design said they believe their institutions contribute significantly to the city in other ways and said they do not believe there is a need to change the current relationship between the city and its universities.

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Brown, RISD and other Providence colleges and universities.

The Current Arrangement

While universities and other non-profit organizations, which hold about 40 percent of the city's property, do not pay property taxes to Providence currently, the city

does receive money from the state for its tax-exempt land. The Rhode Island state government compensates Providence for property that is owned by tax-exempt institutions in the city under the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program. The state pays 24.8 percent of the assessed value of the property taxes to Providence for the land owned by non-profits. In most states, the institutions, not the state taxpayers, make this payment.

The number of tax-exempt properties in Providence has risen by approximately 10 percent over the last 12 years, said 2nd Ward Councilwoman Rita Williams.

Planned expansions, such as the University's proposed Life Sciences building, take property off the city's tax rolls and further strain the city services, Cicilline told The Herald last fall.

Cicilline has long been a proponent of increasing the

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The Brown Bear asks students to show some more school spirit
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Gubata '05 thinks girls' desire to be one of the guys adds to sexism in society
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Both the men's and women's ice hockey teams split games this past weekend
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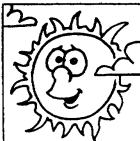
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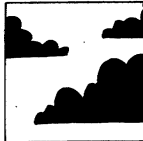
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GRAPHICS BY TED WU

CALENDAR

CTURE — "Interest, Influence, Intervention: The Middle East and United States Foreign Policy," Elliott Colla, Brown, Brown Faculty, Alumni and Staff against the War. Metcalf Auditorium, 190 Thayer Street, 7 p.m.

CTURE — "You, the People: State Building and the United Nations," Ron Chesterman, International Peace Academy, Watson Institute. McKinney Conference Room, Watson Institute, noon.

WELSH DISCUSSION — "Women's Rights: Revisiting Their Connection with Human Rights," Jacqui Alexander, Abdullahi A. An-Na'im, Jacqueline Jabba, Fadwa El Guindi, and Rogaia Abusharaf, Pembroke Center. Trotter Lounge, 3:30 p.m.

READING — Marjorie Welish and Leonard Schwartz will read from their work, Creative Writing Program. McCormack Family Theater, 8 p.m.

LM — "Si je t'aime, prends garde à toi," French Film Festival. Cable Car Cinema, 204 South Main St., 9:30 p.m.

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- 1 Fare for Fido
2 Speeder spotter
3 Float on the breeze
4 Largest of the Marianas
5 Cream of the crop
6 Paella pot
7 Ugandan tyrant
8 Kind of boom
9 Dismissed, with "off"
10 Share proceeds evenly
11 Boss
12 Farm female
13 Rockford portrayer James
14 First aid item
15 "Doe, _____": song lyric
16 Part of Q.E.D.
17 Collecting Soc. Sec.
18 Desert during a crisis
19 Fitting
20 Kind of soda
21 Slezak of "One Life to Live"
22 Had the lead
23 Word seen on a skull and crossbones
24 Night time, poetically
25 "Royal" annoyance
26 Act recklessly
27 Prefix with culture
28 Greek column style
29 Done with
30 Dramatist O'Casey
31 Incriminate using deception
32 Run out of gas
33 Soccer legend
34 Some door locks
35 Road sign caution

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2 "One _____ or two?"

- 3 Jack and Jill's vessel
4 Former Atlanta arena
5 One taking it easy
6 Hawaii hi
7 Had a formal meal
8 "Take _____ from me"
9 Make over
10 Ate ravenously
11 Jai _____
12 Skim along
13 Youngsters
14 "You can't get _____ from here"
15 Have title to
16 Festive affairs
17 Skilled
18 Gaucho gear
19 Carson City is its cap.
20 Thai money
21 "Mrs. _____ Goes to Paris": 1992 made-for-TV movie
22 Tropical lizard
23 Allen of the Green Mountain Boys
34 Oklahoma city
35 1 or 66: Abbr.
36 Finger, so to speak
37 Sierra _____
38 African republic
39 Swiss canton
40 Free from impurities
41 Ump's kin
42 Musical numbers
43 Serving to punish
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47 Spoken
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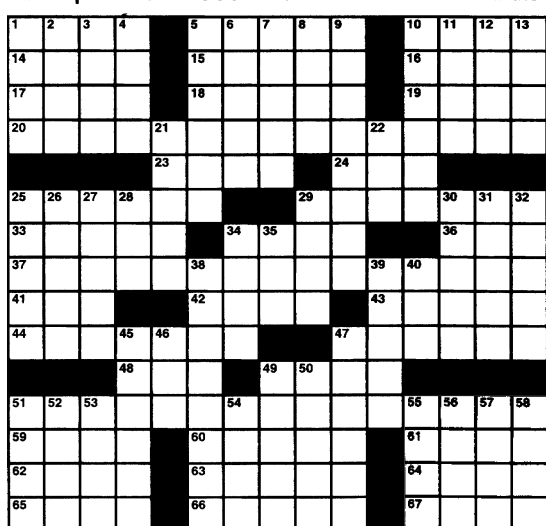
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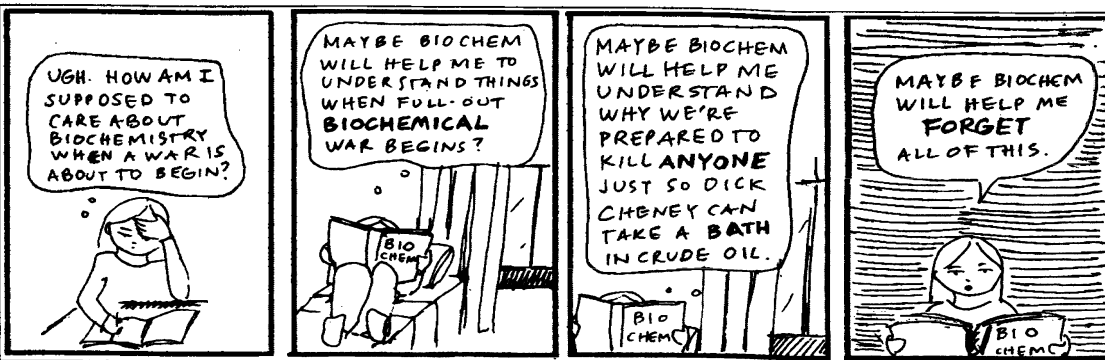
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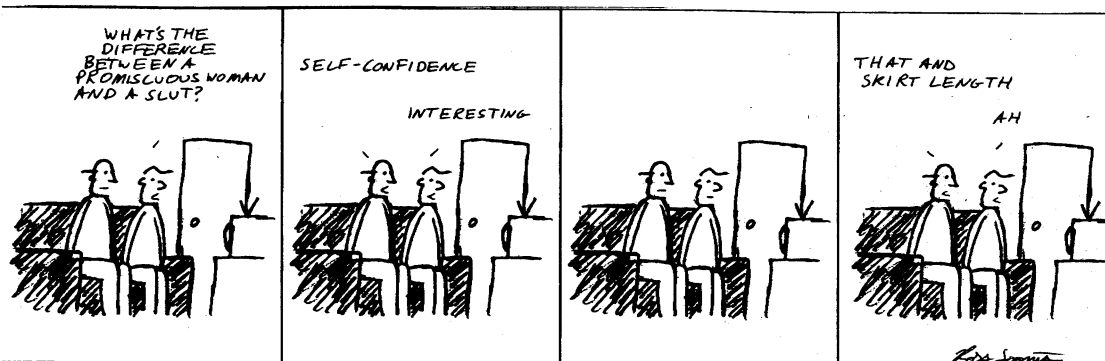
Coup de Grace Grace Farris



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Survival and Reproduction Ross Loomis



MENUS

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DINNER—Vegetarian Corn & Tomato Soup, Bacon & Bean Soup, Seafood Jambalaya, Beef with Lemon Sauce, Tofu Parmesan, Barley Pilaf, Sugar Snap Peas, Italian Vegetable Saute, Old Fashioned White Bread, Whipped Cream Peach Cake

V-DUB

LUNCH—Vegetarian Corn & Tomato Soup, Bean & Bacon Soup, Meatball Grinder, Vegan Roasted Vegetable Stew, Sunny Sprouts, Fudge Bars

DINNER—Vegetarian Corn & Tomato Soup, Bean & Bacon Soup, Beef Stew, Vegan White Bean & Eggplant Casserole, Garlic & Butter Infused Rice, Oregon Blend Vegetables, Asparagus Spears, Old Fashioned White Bread, Whipped Cream Peach Cake

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METRO

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IN BRIEF

New convenience store opens on corner of Thayer Street and Fones Alley

Metro Mart, Thayer Street's newest resident, opened last week to a warm welcome from Brown and Rhode Island School of Design students, according to the co-owner of the convenience store Sam Sevalker.

The new convenience store occupies the space formerly used by Atomic Threads, which opened at the end of the summer and closed in December. Before that, a packing-and-shipping outlet rented the space.

Metro Mart, at the intersection of Thayer Street and Fones Alley, received rave reviews from patrons eager for an option other than Store 24, Sevalker said.

The store is open from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and is open until 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Sevalker, who will graduate this spring from Johnson and Wales University with a degree in marketing, said his store has not yet stocked everything it will carry, and he is "collecting all the information about what people want."

Sevalker said the store has been doing very well so far, especially considering it does not yet have a full range of merchandise. In coming weeks, he hopes to add organic products and fresh fruit, items that have been requested several times by patrons.

Metro Mart will soon introduce Western Union service and an ATM. Also, the store will sell lottery tickets in a few months, he said.

After the Thayer Street store is organized, Sevalker and his two business partners plan to open three or four other Metro Marts, including stores in Pawtucket and East Providence, he said. The grand opening of the Thayer Street store will occur once its entire stock has arrived, Sevalker said.

—Juliette Wallack

Changing relationship of city, U. Taxes

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state's PILOT contribution to the city. As a representative in the Rhode Island House, he introduced a bill that would have raised reimbursement levels to 40 percent. During his campaign for mayor, he reaffirmed his desire to see PILOT contributions increased.

While the city recognizes and appreciates the non-monetary contributions that the city's colleges and universities make, these contributions are not sufficient, Cicilline said.

"Universities and colleges ... have a responsibility to contribute to the financial support of the city in which they reside. That relationship can no longer be solely the contributions that are made by tax-exempt institutions of an in-kind nature," Cicilline said.

President Ruth Simmons has had specific conversations with Cicilline and Governor Donald Carcieri '65 about the University's expansion plans and city's revenue issues, said Laura Freid, the University's executive vice president for public affairs.

"As we are looking toward expanding ... we are working with the city and the state," Freid said.

The Providence Management Task Force Report, a document put together by the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council at the behest of former acting Mayor John Lombardi, concluded that the state should increase the reimbursement rate to 35 percent over a five-year period.

But the state reduced PILOT payments from 27 percent to the current level last year in response to its own budget problems.

The report also cited the vast properties owned by the city's non-profits as one reason for the city's current financial woes.

But Providence should demonstrate that its current funds are being used appropriately before soliciting additional revenue, said Harry Bilodeau GS '75, vice president of the Fox Point Citizens Association.

Bilodeau said Providence should address the mismanagement of the city's finances before it asks the city's colleges and universities to contribute money.

"There are (city) departments that have clearly not been doing their jobs," he said.

One way that Brown could help Providence would be to help evaluate the city's current financial situation and help it manage its finances better, Bilodeau said.

"It might be in (Brown's) interest to contribute more analysis of what's going on in Providence," he said.

With Providence facing deep cuts in services or significant tax increases, Cicilline said he believes it is time the universities become more accountable.

"It's clear that we've come to the time in our city's history that (PILOT) has to be fully funded, or we need to explore other ways to realize those monies," Cicilline said. "The city cannot afford the financial responsibilities associated with (the city's tax-exempt institutions)."

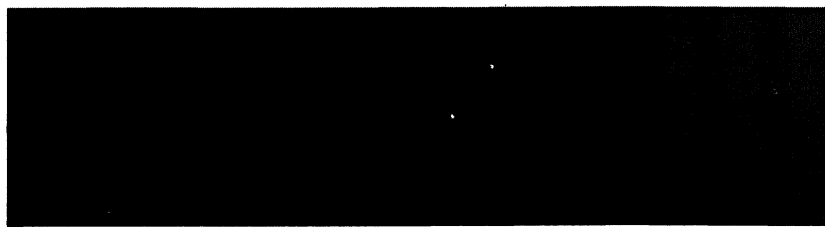
Associate Professor of Sociology Hilary Silver said that the city's universities have been targeted in past times of financial need.

"It makes sense to a community to tax people who appear to be affluent," Silver said. But, that does not necessarily mean that taxing universities is a good policy decision, she added.

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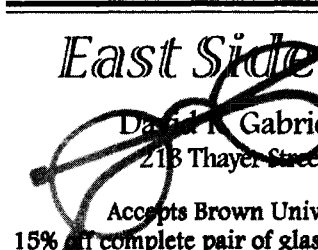
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the victims, what an extraordinary group they are — reaching it to calm and strengthen each other. ... Our faith was strengthened by you," Mulvey said. "Sometimes you took better care of us than we took of you," said Rev. John E. Holt, executive minister for the Rhode Island Council of Churches. During Holt's remarks, he held all families of the victims who had brought photographs of their lost loved ones to raise money for the audience. Scores of 8x10 portraits of the deceased stared back at the crowd. Other people in attendance brought photographs of their friends or acquaintances who died during the service. Still more came without knowing any of the victims personally, just to share in the community's grief. "It was a lovely service. I didn't personally know anybody who perished but I feel terrible," said East Greenwich resident

"Sometimes you took better care of us than we took of you," said Rev. John E. Holt, executive minister for the Rhode Island State Council of Churches.

Angela Voisard. The memorial service comes in the wake of a fire ignited last Thursday by pyrotechnics used by the band Great White in their show at The Station nightclub in West Warwick. So far, 97 people have been confirmed dead as a result of the fire. Following the service in Warwick, the public was invited to attend a prayer vigil at the West Warwick Civic Center. Herald staff writer Lotem Almog '03 can be reached at lalmog@browndailyherald.com.



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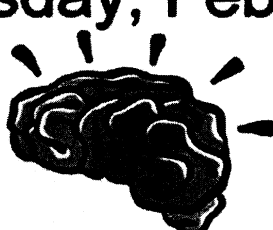
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Onion

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With headlines such as last week's top story, "N. Korea Wondering What It Has to Do to Attract U.S. Military Attention," the Onion frequently tackles weighty issues with pointed humor. Onion articles must either be funny or "funny and kind of make you think," Siegel said, adding, "It's not okay just to make a point,

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The Mayor and the City Council What began as a campaign pledge has become an increasingly concentrated effort to redress what Cicilline said he thinks is a system that does not fairly compensate the city government. Cicilline called on the city's non-profit institutions, and specifically its universities, to work with him "to address the question of increasing city revenue from tax-exempt institutions" in his inaugural address on Jan. 6. While Cicilline said he prefers voluntary agreements between universities and the city for payment, he is willing to pursue legislative alternatives if universities will not comply voluntarily. "I hope (legislative efforts are) not the methodology that the city is forced to pursue," he said. Cicilline has had general discussions with the city leaders

because that gets preachy and heavy-handed." Siegel said the formula is "one part cutting social satire with one part strategically placed naughty words." "What makes it work is that it's true," he added. In fact, the precarious blend of truth and humor has been the source of some confusion. In May 2002, a Chinese newspaper ran a story based upon an Onion article headlined, "Congress Threatens to Leave D.C. Unless New Capitol Is Built." Such miscues are not unusual, Siegel said. Most of the newspaper's e-mail is from outraged readers who don't understand that the Onion's news is satire. "We find that most of our readers are depressingly dumb," he said. Others may intellectualize the paper too much, Siegel added. Cornell University now offers a course entitled, "Politics at the End of History According to the Onion."

about extracting revenue from the city's colleges and universities and will have more specific conversations about the issue in the next few months, he said. But the Mayor's office is not alone in its desire to change the relationship between the universities and the city. At a Feb. 6 meeting, the Providence City Council empaneled the "Special Commission to Study Tax Exempt Institutions" through 2007. First Ward Councilman David Segal and Williams, who represent the Brown community, both expressed their desire to see universities make direct monetary contributions to the city. Williams, like Cicilline, said she would like the universities to voluntarily contribute money to the city. She notes that although Brown tries to be self-sufficient in many ways, it still depends on city services such as Providence Police. Most of the taxes generated by non-profit institutions go to the state, Williams says. Employees of tax-exempt institutions generate income and sales taxes, which go to the state. During the 1st Ward campaign last fall, Segal said he may also ask colleges and universities in Providence to contribute money and services to the city. Segal told The Herald he still would like the universities and colleges to make a direct monetary contribution to the city. Adam Stella '05 is the assistant metro editor. He can be reached at astella@browndailyherald.com.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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ResLife revises off-campus living policy for rising juniors

BY PRIYA BINDRA

Rising juniors wishing to live off campus next year will find out if they have received permission after Spring Break, marking a shift from last year's earlier deadline, the Office of Residential Life announced.

Last year's more lenient system, in which rising juniors were notified before Spring Break, resulted in too many students being granted off-campus permission, said Residential Council Chair Sanders Kleinfeld '03.

Many dorm rooms were thus left unoccupied, The Herald reported.

This year, rising juniors hoping to live off campus will still have to go through the lottery process. If they are granted off-campus permission after Spring Break, they will then be allowed to break their on-campus housing contract.

But many rising juniors worry this late notification will make it impossible to find off-campus living spaces.

Rob Sand '05 said he began looking for a house last semester, and some houses had already been taken for the next academic year.

He added, "The University needs to realize that there is a process that students need to go through to secure housing" and the late notification leaves little room to complete the process.

Although rising juniors will receive notification at a later date than last year, Associate Deans of Residential Life Thomas Forsberg and Mary Greineder said this did not reflect any change in the administration's policy.

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Reverend Billy preaches peace

BY SARA PERKINS

Reverend Billy, a.k.a. Bill Talan, renowned for his theatrical anti-consumerism "interventions" at Starbucks, Disney Stores and Wal-Marts, has turned his eye to the war against Iraq.

He didn't bring the choir, or his trusty assistants Mother Dee and Brother James Benn, but even outside his Lower Manhattan Peace Church — "the church of stop shopping" — Reverend Billy can make an impression.

He brought the church to List 120 on Monday night with a fiery speech connecting American consumerism to the deaths of Iraqi children.

An audience of around 100 students and professors chanted along as the Reverend preached his gospel, his face red under heavily-gelled duck-tail hair, dressed in a fake priestly collar and a white dinner jacket.

"No shopping 'til you stop the bombing. No shopping 'til you stop the bombing. No shopping, no bombing. Shopping is bombing!" he shouted.

The American Civilization department, the Green Party at Brown, the Young Communists League and the Coalition for Social Justice collaborated to bring Talan to campus, with help from a Salomon Grant for course improvement, said Associate Professor of American Civilization Susan Smulyan.

"I teach about people who resist, and make meaning out of popular culture, and I think my students all believe (these cultural activists only) existed in the nineteenth century," said Smulyan. "I wanted to show them they exist today."

Talan pointed to the intersection of consumerism and war, criticizing "an action figure president" who deliberately manipulated and misinterpreted the emotions of the American people about the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"Peace is just too strange to be sold, too strange to be advertised," he said. "We need to invent our own kind of smart bomb, culturally ... we need to talk about words."

Language, he said, is the focal issue of the antiwar movement. "We speak in terms of dark amazement: Have you heard about the last patriot act? Have you heard ... Dark stuff's happening right now, but we have to remember not to allow it to immobilize us."

Talan said President Bush has dismissed antiwar protesters as "a focus group" and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has publicly called "human shield" protesters who have stationed themselves in Baghdad "murderers" who are committing "a crime against humanity," borrowing language from the Nuremberg trials. Activists must develop a language in response, Talan said. "We don't have people creating language for us like they did in past movements."

He urged focus on the Iraqi children, whom he said make up a large percentage of the population. "Our so-called precision technology is just days away from fire and screaming metal in their lives," he said.

Meanwhile, "silences and quietudes are being taken from us, and I am amazed that people are keeping their political consciences intact" while being exposed to "9000 advertising events a day."

"The psychic terror is ongoing," he said. "We're being battered by generals and P.R. people and C students from Yale."

Riana Good '03, president of the Green Party at Brown, was close to tears after the event while she collected contributions towards the Reverend's fee. She said a piece on Brown Student Radio's documentary show "Inside Out" brought Talan to her attention.

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Federal interests always win out, prof. says

BY JESSE CHEN

The entire well-being of a minority community can be affected when its concerns are at odds with federal interests, Professor Darren Ranco said in a Monday lecture.

Ranco, an assistant professor of Native American studies and Ethnic studies at the University of California at Berkeley, spoke in Smith-Buonanno Hall as part of the Provost's Lecture Series.

Ranco grew up in the Penobscot Indian Nation on Maine's Eastern shore, where in the past several years, he said he has witnessed and helped the members of his tribe fight a growing risk of contamination in their fish by the release of hazardous substances, mainly dioxins. The tribal group claimed the Pulp and Paper Mill Company, located in nearby Lincoln, discharged toxic chemicals, rendering fish and plants in the Penobscot River inedible, he said.

"The river is our way of life," Ranco said. "It's our culture and part of our heritage. Our survival is

dependent on it. These sentiments are expressed by tribal bureaucrats as well, but usually in self-conscious ways, because they have to gain legal recognition as Indian by the state."

In 1999, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, representing the Penobscot Nation, petitioned the EPA to investigate the contamination levels of the river by the mill. The EPA stated that though some low levels of contamination were found, they were not inconsistent with what one would expect to see at an industrial property. The agency, moreover, stated in its report that the level of toxins was "reasonable."

But in establishing an exposure to risk, how realistic can it be to call any toxic level "reasonable?" asked Ranco. The tribe proceeded to question the ruling and the process it took to achieve it: Was the process substantive or procedural? Was it more qualitative or quantitative? The purpose of the allegation was not

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UCS adds 3 new voting representatives to ranks

BY JONATHAN ELLIS

It was election night at the Undergraduate Council of Students Monday, as UCS added three new voting representatives to its ranks. The Council also voted on appointments to several faculty committees and upgraded the categorization of several student groups.

UCS needed to fill three vacancies in its internal election. Members selected three at-large representatives out of ten contenders: Brian Bidadi '06, Binny Chokshi '06 and Kelly Tigera '06, all of whom had been associate members this year.

UCS chose Anoop Raman '05 to fill a vacant spot on Residential Council and Pam Dubyak '04 as an alternate.

The Council picked Kenna Stormogipson '03 to join the Advisory Committee on Corporate Responsibility and Investing, with Zach Teutsch '05 as an alternate.

To fill a position on the Faculty Advisory Committee on Computing, UCS appointed Herald staff writer Jonathan Ellis '06.

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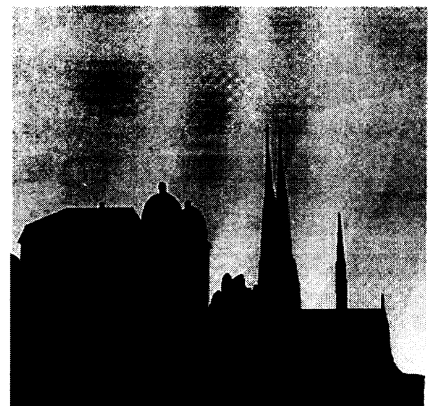
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only to bring about swift justice but also to challenge the standard way the EPA approaches its treatment of environmental risks in communities they considered minority-dominated.

Having collected the thoughts from various tribal members over time, Ranco outlined the differences in attitude and practice between how the local tribe has been handling hazards and how outside organizations deal with them.

"Penobscot practices of knowledge can easily be used for identity markers," Ranco said. "Local identity practices not only differentiate between Indians and whites, but also between the distant federal bureaucrats and the people who interact with the resources on a regular basis."

After all, it is the federal government that determines the extent of the protection, he said, which will never meet the demands of local interests.

"This type of practice does not immediately dismiss local tribal bureaucrats from having legitimacy acting on behalf of their nation," Ranco said. "In fact, having local and global expertise, especially in the Penobscot context, is often seen as critical to the overall survival of the nation."

The lecture was sponsored by two academic agencies at Brown: The Center for Environmental Studies and the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America.

"We hope the discussion of environmental and racial issues will bring more attention to their development," said CSREA Director Evelyn Hu-DeHart, Professor of History at Brown, who organized and facilitated the event.

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Forsberg also noted that Brown is a residential college and, as such, has always had an official policy that students are supposed to live on campus for six semesters.

Greineder said the earlier notification of rising juniors last spring was an "anomaly" and this year ResLife was looking to be clear about rising senior's housing choices before making decisions about rising juniors. The only way to have a complete picture, she said, was to wait until the housing lottery had been completed.

All students should have applied for off-campus permission by Feb. 6. But due to complications such as rising seniors studying abroad — making communication more difficult — many do not meet the deadline.

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"I wouldn't want to be a rising junior right now," Kleinfeld said.

Many rising juniors hoping to live off campus next year expressed similar sentiments. They said they were unhappy with the changes in notification dates, as it is increasingly difficult to find a place to live so late in the semester.

Sand said it was unreasonable for the University to "expect students to put together a living sit-

uation in that amount of time."

Brigham Brough '05, who is also hoping to live off campus, said, while it makes sense to give preference to rising seniors, the current notification system gives rising juniors too little time to make arrangements.

Both Brough and Sand said on-campus housing simply could not compete with off-campus options. Sand said he believed, if Brown was to "charge market price" for housing, the numbers of juniors and seniors looking to live off-campus would be less of a problem.

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UCS elected Ana Lyman '03.5 and Masha Dexter '05.5 to the Faculty Committee on Student Life.

The Council awarded Category III status to the Brown Environmental Action Network and the Organization of Women Leaders. Category III groups

may submit a budget for funding to the Undergraduate Finance Board. The Brown College Republicans, who had been demoted to Category II recently due to inactivity, were also granted Category III status.

UCS upgraded the WORD! Performance Poetry Group, the Celtic Cultural Organization and the Orthodox Christian Fellowship to Category II, meaning the groups are eligible for

\$90 per semester.

Representatives also voted to recognize Young Minority Investors as a Category I group.

University Food Services will hold a focus group today at 5:30 p.m. to discuss meal credits and their equivalency, and all are encouraged to attend, Representative Diana Jeffery '04 told the Council.

Alumni Liaison Thilakshani Dias '05 said she is trying to set up an informal committee to foster a better relationship between the Brown Alumni Association and current students.

UCS will pass out bandanas and thunder sticks at this weekend's key basketball games, said Representative Rajiv Aggarwal '05, who encouraged all Council members to show their school spirit at the contests.

For the second time in as many weeks, the marathon meeting lasted more than three hours, causing one representative to fall from her chair in exhaustion. The Council postponed committee reports and a scheduled conference with the Graduate Student Council.

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R.I. Attorney General says club owners not cooperating

WEST WARWICK, R.I. (Washington Post) — Rhode Island Attorney General Patrick Lynch said Monday that the brothers who own the nightclub where 97 people died Thursday night in a fire are not cooperating with state investigators.

Authorities appear to be concentrating on the owners of the club, Michael and Jeffrey Derderian, as they intensify their inquiry, and have searched one of the men's homes.

Lynch said Jeffrey Derderian, who is a local television reporter, has declined to answer questions beyond a statement he gave to police early Friday. Michael Derderian has refused to speak with investigators at all.

"We all have questions that need to be answered," Lynch said. "I think the answers to those questions could help us get to the bottom of what happened here. I am hopeful that they cooperate."

The club owners have said that they did not give permission to the heavy metal band Great White to use pyrotechnics during last Thursday's concert. Seconds into the group's first song, the devices lit and flames quickly shot to nearby sound insulation and then to the ceiling. The entire nightclub, known as the Station, was engulfed within three minutes.

Band members and their manager said the club had given them permission. Lynch said over the weekend that the musicians had cooperated fully with investigators before they returned to their homes in California.

A woman who answered the phone Monday at the home of a neighbor of Michael Derderian, said that two state police cars and a crime scene team were at Derderian's home in Narragansett, R.I., from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Lynch would not confirm the search and Kathleen Hagerty, an attorney for the Derderians, did not return

three phone calls seeking comment Monday. The Associated Press reported that Hagerty said the brothers had given information to the police and had arranged to provide information to the attorney general.

Jeffrey Derderian has been put on paid leave by the station where he works, WPRI-TV in Providence. In an interview Monday with Boston's WGBH-TV, where he worked for more than three years, Derderian said, "We're devastated by what's happened here. We want to cooperate in any way we can, provide whatever information we can. We want answers too. ... Our main concern right now is for the families that have been affected by this."

The fire is the fourth-deadliest nightclub fire in the nation's history. It has left residents of New England, and especially this working-class former mill town of 29,000 people, shocked and in mourning. Hundreds of well-wishers streamed to three memorial services Monday evening to offer prayers and support to the families of the dead and the 180 injured.

At an interfaith service at St. Gregory the Great Church in Warwick, Bishop Robert Mulvey of the Diocese of Providence said news of the fire, so unbelievable at first, became tragic as the reality set in.

"We know that our God hears us, loves us and continues to walk with us in our shock and our sorrow even when it's so difficult to sense that," he said. "We pray for all the victims and their families, for all the rescuers and public servants. ... We pray that the Lord will allow us to learn lessons from what we see, to appreciate this fragile life."

Meanwhile, authorities said they had identified 55 victims, most through dental records because their bodies were burned beyond recognition. Gov. Donald Carcieri '65 warned that the remaining 42 bodies are among the most damaged by the fire, meaning some families of the missing could continue their agonizing wait for days.

"There may be a longer vigil here," Carcieri said. "The complexities of making sure the identification is correct are going to increase."

The fire was captured on video because a local television news cameraman happened to be in the club at the time. It shows the egg-crate-style soundproofing material on the club's walls and ceiling catching fire when the band shot off pyrotechnics during its opening song.

While Jeffrey Derderian denied allowing Great White to use pyrotechnics, members of at least two other bands have said they used pyrotechnics as part of their shows at the Station, with the full knowledge of the club's management.

Local authorities have said the club did not have a permit to use indoor pyrotechnics last week, but it passed a fire inspection as recently as December after correcting minor code violations.

Carcieri said Monday that state officials are trying to determine whether new statewide building standards need to be developed — and whether local fire inspectors missed something at the nightclub that they should have seen. He has said that the soundproofing insulation appeared to catch fire too quickly, and that investigators were analyzing the material used.

"We're looking at all of these things," Carcieri said. "Did we miss something in an inspection? Sure, we're going to look at that. ... I want to get us in the position where this never happens again in our state."

He has declared a moratorium on pyrotechnics at clubs, and 200 state fire marshals are inspecting other nightclubs and auditoriums throughout Rhode Island this week. That is something officials throughout the nation are doing this week in the wake of the fire here, as well as the nightclub tragedy in Chicago on Feb. 17, in which 21 people were killed during a stampede prompted by a fight.

New proposal says Iraq missed last chance to disarm

UNITED NATIONS (Newsday) — The United States, Britain and Spain set the stage for military attack Monday by introducing a proposal in the United Nations Security Council that declares Iraq has failed to exploit its "final opportunity" to rid itself of forbidden weaponry.

But leaders of France, Germany and Russia countered with a memo urging more time for the inspections process to work.

The contrasting measures demonstrated the enduring rift among the 15 nations of the Security Council. Eleven of those countries' leaders have voiced opposition to the U.S.-led drive toward war with Iraq. Some said Monday, as they have for weeks, that there is no need for a new resolution to follow the resolution passed unanimously Nov. 8 that authorized arms inspections.

American officials pressed their point, however.

"It is clear that Iraq has failed to avail itself of the final opportunity Resolution 1441 offered," said U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. John D. Negroponte, after a Security Council discussion on the memorandum and the proposal for a resolution.

The new resolution, which invokes Chapter VII of the U.N. charter — the provision under which the U.N. authorizes force — states in its penultimate paragraph that the Security Council "decides that Iraq has failed to take the final opportunity afforded it" by the previous res-

olution.

The November measure said the Security Council "affords Iraq, by this resolution, a final opportunity to comply with its disarmament obligations."

Diplomats received the resolution, which was submitted by Britain, at a formal meeting Monday afternoon. A vote on the matter isn't expected for about two weeks, after top U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix delivers a status report to the Security Council.

Only three other Security Council members — Britain, Spain and Bulgaria — have thus far gone on record in support of the U.S. position. For the new resolution to pass muster, those countries must persuade five others to back it, and deter any of the Security Council's five permanent members from vetoing it.

Russia, China and France all have veto power — as do the United States and Britain — and have said there is no need for a new resolution.

In Berlin Monday, French President Jacques Chirac, a leader of nations against the U.S. efforts, dismissed the new resolution out of hand.

"We don't see its usefulness, so we won't be in favor of it," he said during a joint news conference with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. "The majority of the United Nations Security Council is not in favor of a resolution."

Russia's U.N. ambassador, Sergey Lavrov, said he was

unmoved by the proposal. "We are convinced the inspections are proceeding effectively and Iraq is responding to the demands of the international community," he said.

Over the weekend, U.S. officials went on diplomatic missions to line up support from permanent council members such as China and Russia and nonpermanent ones including Guinea, Cameroon, Angola and Mexico.

President Bush, who had said all along that a second resolution was unnecessary, but sought one anyway, said Monday that the measure is as much a test for the United Nations as it is for Iraq.

"It's an interesting moment for the Security Council and the United Nations," he said. "It's a moment to determine for this body ... whether or not it is going to be relevant as the world confronts the threats to the 21st century. Is it going to be a body that means what it says? We certainly hope it does."

When asked to square the decision to offer the resolution with Bush's oft-stated view that no new measure was needed to authorize military action, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice acknowledged that other nations allied with Washington had wanted the new resolution.

She did not mention names, but British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Bush's strongest ally on Iraq, badly needs a new U.N. resolution to deflect rising domestic criticism of his support for the United States.

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Powell meets with Chinese leaders

BEIJING (Washington Post) — Secretary of State Colin L. Powell failed to reach agreement with the Chinese government Monday on a response to North Korea's nuclear weapons program and made no headway toward stronger support from China for the U.S. position on Iraq.

After meeting with Chinese leaders, Powell said at a news conference that the countries differ on the best way to deal with North Korea. Official Chinese media said Vice President Hu Jintao, recently appointed leader of the Chinese Communist Party, told Powell that Beijing favors direct talks between the United States and North Korea to resolve the nuclear crisis — a path Washington has resisted in favor of a multilateral approach. At his news conference, Powell countered that such an issue "cannot simply be treated as a bilateral matter between the United States and North Korea."

Powell implied, however, that China was working through private channels to deal with the North Korean government. He said Beijing was eager to play a

positive role in helping to resolve the crisis.

The secretary of state was in Beijing en route to Seoul, where he was to attend the inauguration of Roh Moo Hyun as South Korea's new president.

U.S. officials have been complaining for weeks that China is not doing enough to solve the emerging nuclear crisis on the Korean Peninsula. But China's unease at the U.S. pressure generally has been overlooked.

Chinese sources contend that China's interests are close to those of the United States — with one difference. While some Bush administration officials see a potential collapse of the government of Kim Jong Il as good for the region, Chinese officials view this possibility with alarm.

"We are not going to read the riot act to Kim Jong Il or engage in economic sanctions, because if his regime collapses all of Northeast Asia will face instability," a Chinese diplomat said. Among China's fears are millions of refugees flowing into Manchuria, the loss of a buffer state between China and South Korea, where 37,000 U.S. soldiers are deployed, and the dis-

appearance of South Korean investment in northern China.

Powell also held meetings in Beijing with Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan and President Jiang Zemin. On the issue of Iraq, official Chinese media said the government reiterated its position that U.N. inspections be allowed to continue.

In 1990, China was the only permanent member of the U.N. Security Council to abstain in the vote about authorizing force against Iraq, and even that abstention was won only after the United States agreed to the resumption of high-level contacts and World Bank loans, frozen after the 1989 crackdown on student-led protests around Tiananmen Square.

But last November, China voted for Security Council Resolution 1441, which warned Iraq of "serious consequences" if it does not comply with U.N. weapons inspections. On Feb. 19, its representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency backed a U.S.-led move to refer the North Korea issue to the Security Council. Chinese officials noted in several interviews that, unlike Beijing, Moscow abstained.

Roh assumes presidency amid mounting tensions

SEOUL, South Korea (L.A. Times) — During the presidential campaign, Roh Moo Hyun liked to respond to questions about his policies by saying they would be just like those of outgoing South Korean President Kim Dae Jung. With no caveats attached, Roh has wholeheartedly endorsed Kim's dialogue with North Korea and his adept handling of the economic crisis that nearly sank the country.

Notwithstanding the ideological affinities between the two, the transition of power Tuesday is one of South Korea's most profound. It also comes under the shadow of the nuclear challenge from North Korea.

Roh Moo Hyun, at 56, is a relative youngster by the geriatric standards of Korean politics. He is the first South Korean president to politically come of age after the 1950-1953 Korean War, the seminal event shaping modern Korean consciousness. The maverick labor lawyer with a broad, guileless grin seems younger than he is, with his core political support coming from voters in their 20s and 30s.

"People don't want a president who behaves like an emperor. They want a young, new style of president," said Huh Un Na, an assemblywoman who ran an Internet campaign for Roh to reach out to young voters.

In his inaugural speech Tuesday, Roh promised to continue Kim's policy of engagement with North Korea, "trying to build on the good results" while trying to "improve on the way the policies are actually implemented."

He condemned North Korea's nuclear development program but refrained from issuing any ultimatums.

"Pyongyang must abandon

nuclear development. If it renounces its nuclear development program, the international community will offer many things that it wants. It is up to Pyongyang whether to go ahead and obtain nuclear weapons or to get guarantees of security for its regime and economic support."

Roh spoke after reports that North Korea had test-fired a short-range missile Tuesday off the east coast of the Korean peninsula 36 miles into the sea.

Expectations are high for Roh to fulfill not only the promises he made during the campaign, but those of Kim, his political mentor and a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, as well.

In personal style, Roh couldn't be more different from Kim.

Roh is said to loathe the trappings of power and has reportedly asked to have his personal office in the presidential residence drastically reduced in size to make it less intimidating. A friend said Roh also has asked that the presidential security detail be made less conspicuous so as not to create the appearance of a remote, imperial presidency.

"He is humble. He doesn't have the authoritarian attitude or charisma," said Moon Jae In, an aide and one of Roh's oldest friends.

At the same time, Roh lacks Kim's gravitas and stature. When he was elected president in 1997, Kim had already spent four decades in the public eye and was South Korea's best-known dissident. Roh never held an administrative job more important than minister for maritime affairs and fisheries, where he served for eight months. He speaks little English and has rarely traveled outside Korea.

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control of the puck. At the last minute, Thatcher passed it to Isalaco who scored from the left side. The Bears took 55 shots and the final score was 5-0.

"We were just moving the puck well," McLaughlin said.

The Bears did not fare so well the next day against the Tigers. Princeton's April Brown scored the first goal with an assist from Gretchen Anderson. The second goal came at 2:54 when, despite being marked, Andrea Kilbourne managed to fire the puck past goalie Pam Dreyer '03. Katherine Maglione assisted. The Bears seemed to retaliate when Thatcher scored, but the goal was pulled back. The Bears received a blow when Anderson went on a breakaway for Princeton, scoring unassisted and shorthanded. Katie Germain '04 replaced Dreyer in goal a minute later. Again Brown retaliated when McLaughlin knocked one in, but was again called back, which McLaughlin believes to be the correct call.

"I think the first goal that got pulled back was really a goal," McLaughlin said. "The second one that got called back should not have been a goal. I think it could have definitely changed the course of the game because it could have had us at least on the board earlier. During the end of the third period we got a lot more scoring opportunities. We just ran out of time."

Brown was on a power play when there was some apparent referee confusion right before a face-off. When the referee dropped the puck Brown was out of position, allowing Rebecca Stewart to score a shorthanded goal for the Tigers with Heather Jackson assisting. The Bears trailed 4-0 at the end of the first.

"All of their goals came off of our mistakes. In the first period we didn't play very well, in the second and third period we picked it up and played better offensively," McLaughlin said. "It was obviously too late — we went down 4-0 in the first period."

Less than a minute into the second, Princeton extended its lead with a power-play goal from Annamarie Holmes. Nikola Holmes and Anderson assisted her. It was not until the next period that Brown was able to slip past Princeton goalie Megan Beusekom at 8:52 in the third period. Zucker skated around the net and sunk the puck into the right side, assisted by Kerry Nugent '05 and Johnson. The Bears had the momentum and quickly scored again. Guay made a nice shot off a breakaway to bring the score to 5-2 with Isalaco picking up the assist. The Bears were not able to finish what they had started, despite outshooting Princeton 36-22. The Bears play their last three games this week on the road at Harvard, Colgate, and Cornell.

"Harvard is so good — they have a really good offense," McLaughlin said. "I think we are just going to try to play man on man and limit their scoring opportunities."

The women head to Cambridge tonight for the 7 p.m. game.

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extending his shutout streak to over five periods.

Much like the previous night, the Bears came out somewhat lethargic in the first period, allowing 15 shots on net. Danis kept the Bears in the game, stopping all 15 shots, several of which were on Dartmouth power plays, including one five-on-three.

"Before the game we talked about how we need to come out hard and establish ourselves in the first period," said Jarrett Robertson '05. "We came out slow, but fortunately Yann kept us in there — he has been the backbone of this team."

At 13:48 of the second period, Burke put the Bears on the board with his first goal of the season. Dartmouth would tie the game up a few minutes later on a power-play goal by Trevor Byrne. After receiving what many thought was a hand pass, Byrne fired a wrist shot that bounced off the post and beat Danis.

Dartmouth would continue to pressure Brown in the third, but Brown would take its second lead of the game with 6:56

remaining. As he had done many times in both games, Korb set up linemate Legg, who was positioned behind the net. Legg found Wilson in front and he quickly roofed the puck past the Dartmouth goalie.

The lead wouldn't last long, however, as the previously dormant line of Stempniak, Jessiman and Oulette came alive for Dartmouth in the final minutes of the game. Two minutes after the Brown goal, Lee Stempniak, who had hit the post half way through the period, scored his 15th of the year on a 2-1. With under a minute

left, Dartmouth forward Mike Oulette completed the comeback as he scored on a three-on-one rush.

"All game we matched lines," Burke said. "We contained (their top line) until the last two minutes when we let them score two goals."

"We need to start and finish the game hard," said Robertson. "You need to play hard for 60 minutes because anyone can win a game in this league."

Danes played an excellent game, finishing with 45 saves, 20 of which came in the final

frame.

The Bears will finish off the regular season this weekend with a home set against St. Lawrence and Clarkson. Much like last year, the playoff picture is undecided going into the final games, and the Bears can finish anywhere from 3rd to 7th place in the ECAC, although they are assured of home ice advantage for the first round.

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extremely loud on Friday. Rally towels will be handed out to students at the door in an effort to make the Pitz into Three Rivers Stadium. The towels are poor substitutes for the original idea of handing out rally monkey keys at the door. Unfortunately, the PETA people had a real problem with Brown handing out live animals at the door, so towels it is. During every Penn possession, and especially during their free throws, those tow-

els should be waving and deafening noise should be heard. Perhaps even a mullet chant or two will be in order. Brown basketball has a chance to do something extraordinary this year and we should give all the help we can.

So my advice to you is to get to the game early, paint your face like Putty from "Seinfeld" and make some noise. After all, "gotta support the team." This game is the biggest for Brown in two years and may be the biggest for a long, long time if we don't win both nights.

In the end, hopefully this school will shed its image as a haven for liberals where people would rather go and protest than watch our teams play, and instead become the home of the loudest fans in the country. If we do that, then Earl, Alai, Jason and the rest of the guys will have more motivation to do their part in bringing us two wins and a chance to go to the NCAA tournament.

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The Truth About African AIDS: Research Finds 60% of 30 Million HIV Infections the Result of Unsafe Healthcare

David Gisselquist, PhD,
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"Causes of HIV in Africa:
Unsafe Healthcare or Sexual Transmission?"

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Recently-released research published in the *International Journal of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Aids* shows that 60% of HIV cases in Africa are transmitted through contaminated needles rather than unsafe sex.

Sterilization equipment, single use needles and single-dose vaccination vials are cost-effective means to control the problem in comparison to the burden of disease placed on otherwise healthy populations by the use of dirty needles. Immediate pressure must be brought to bear on the WHO, collaborating organizations and African national health ministries to implement protection measures and crackdown on unsafe needle use.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Bigger than Brown

In light of Providence's \$30 million deficit and \$580 million unfunded pension liability, Providence Mayor David Cicilline '83 and Brown's representatives in the City Council are calling on the University to own up to its civic responsibilities. In the coming months Cicilline will meet with President Ruth Simmons to ask for direct monetary contributions to the city, and the University should negotiate a reasonable amount.

Cicilline has demonstrated his commitment to correcting the government mismanagement that plagued the city for years, and it's time for the University to demonstrate its commitment to the city. The city and the University coexist in a reciprocal relationship: If Providence continues to suffer, Brown will undoubtedly begin to feel the effects.

We commend the University's existing contributions to the city and state, especially its efforts to grow the state and city economies. We expect Providence to be a better place because of these efforts, but this does not excuse the University from giving more to alleviate the city's immediate financial problems.

With the University already facing budget cuts because of the poor economy, the prospect of further cuts will please no one. We may have to wait longer for the initiatives we want to see, and may have to endure cuts in the programs we have come to rely on. But the magnitude of the problems the city is facing dwarfs our own — no one who has walked up the street to Hope High School can deny this.

Providence's problems are the result of years of mismanagement and neglect, and they will not be solved overnight. These voluntary contributions would be as much a gesture as practical assistance. The University should not turn its back on Providence and hide behind its tax-exempt status. Brown reaped the benefits of the city's renaissance during the 1990s and should stand with it in its time of need.

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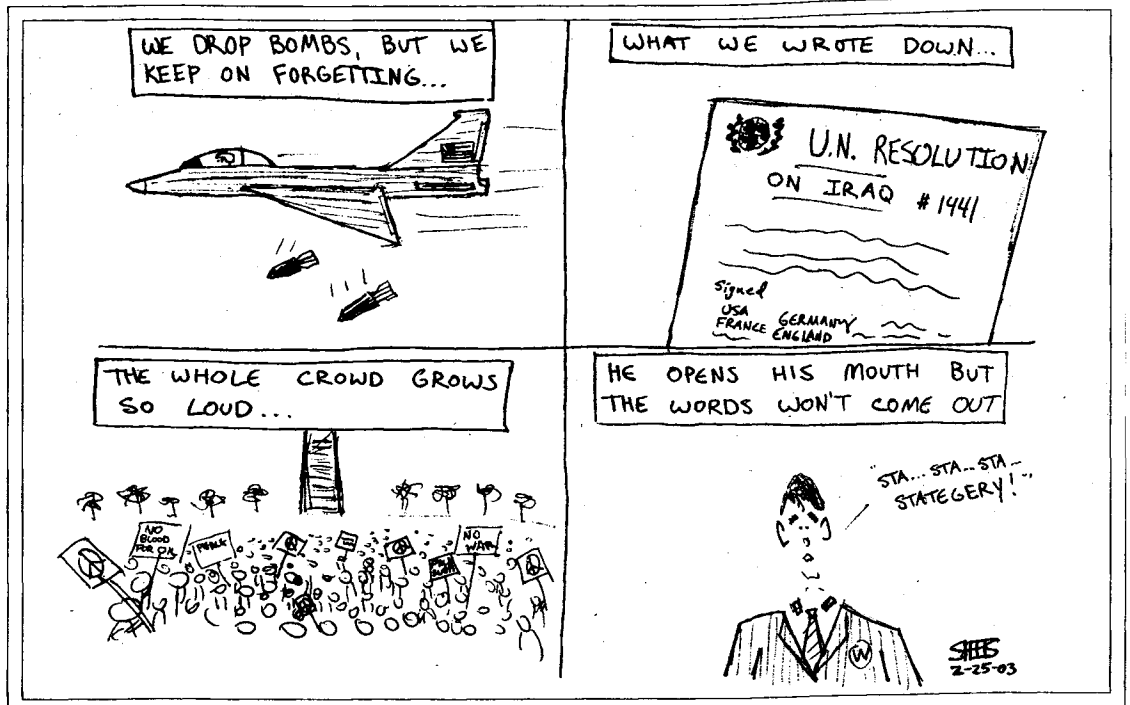
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LETTERS

Bar represents victory for entrepreneurial spirit at Brown

To the Editor:

With about eight seriously constructed business plans for hookah bars in Engin 90 last spring, the main stumbling block to starting this hookah bar was the seemingly impossible task of finding a nearby location.

Hats off to Michael and Jon for their ingenuity in solving the puzzle! It's a great story ("New hookah bar draws large crowds," Feb. 24) about ideas, networking and building coalitions. Thanks for running it.

Josef Mittlemann '72
Adjunct lecturer, engineering
Feb. 24

Students should be aware of hookah health hazards

To the Editor:

After reading about what sounds like a thriving student-owned and populated business, ("New hookah bar draws large crowds, Feb. 24), I'm dismayed that the otherwise highly intelligent, educated Brown student body would endorse such a threat to their health and lifespan.

Where is Residential Life concerning this? I'm hoping that they will take a stand in voicing what should be direct concern for the health and well-being of Brown students! Yes, the hookah-smoking caterpillar is very beguiling and romantic (my own favorite element of the Alice in Wonderland story) but there is nothing delightful about the ravages of emphysema and lung cancer. Young people are an invaluable gift to our present and hopefully future world, not to be jeopardized!

Raffaela Kane
Information & Administrative Assistant
Feb. 24

University should prioritize fire safety on campus

To the Editor:

In the wake of last week's disastrous fire at The Station, governments around the country have begun to re-examine fire safety regulations. According to preliminary reports, pyrotechnics ignited flammable foam soundproofing and, according to West Warwick Fire Chief Charles Hall, the wooden structure was fully involved within three minutes.

The Station did not have a sprinkler system and was not required to because it was built before 1976 and was "grandfathered" into new sprinkler and fire safety regulations. According to many fire officials involved in the West Warwick fire such as Chief Charles Hall, sprinklers would have changed last Thursday's fire. According to North Smithfield Chief Beausoleil in the Providence Journal, "A sprinkler probably would have put the fire out or at least contained it so people would have had a better chance of getting out." ("Sprinklers weren't required, but could have slowed fire," Feb. 22).

In this same way, numerous buildings and even dormitories at Brown, such as Hope College and Machado, have been "grandfathered" and lack the sprinklers required in new buildings. For instance, Emory-Woolley met fire safety standards last year because it had not been renovated since the enactment of sprinkler requirements. However when the building was renovated over the summer, a full sprinkler system was put in place. According to Fire Safety Inspector Bill Willett, "Upgrading sprinkler systems and increasing fire safety inspections are our number one priority, but these projects are out of our hands and are controlled by other departments such as Residential Life."

After the devastation and 97 deaths last Thursday, I have to question the University's financial priorities with such a strong focus on Ruth Simmons's Program for Academic Enrichment. In fact, The Herald's Feb. 5 article entitled, "Simmons says University must expand, or it will 'die'" epitomizes the University's skewed priorities.

Joe Griffith '05
Feb. 24

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The Brown Bear speaks

And he wants students to start showing some enthusiasm for our athletic teams

IF CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, YOUR Brown University Bears are something to be proud of. The many athletes, coaches and personnel who make up Brown athletics work extremely hard year-round to make it so. The Bears, personified, or should I say ursine-ified by myself, Bruno the Bear, have a number of already accomplished teams and others that are on the rise. And while such wonderful things are taking place within the walls of our own University, the fear that most of them are happening without the support of a large portion of the student body. At far too many sporting events, our stadiums are near empty and, on occasion, the opposing fans even outnumber our home crowd attendance (or at least it feels that way).

Before I explain why and how I think so, the average Brown University student, can make a difference in Brown University athletics, I must take the opportunity to thank several groups of people who live and breathe Brown sports.

First, the athletes themselves. All too often, the student population glosses over how difficult it is to balance a challenging curriculum of studies at a prestigious university with the demands of competing in Division I athletic program. Day in and day out, these students work incredibly hard in preparation for competition. It is not an infrequent scene to see a student-athlete reading a course packet while making a foot in a whirlpool after practice or icing a shoulder at the Rock. Their dedication is laudable and their achievements

are boundless. Thank you athletes for all you bring to the Brown community.

Next, to the professionals who work behind the scenes to make Brown sports run smoothly, I would also like to extend a thank you to you.

And lastly, thank you to that core group of students who are committed to supporting Brown athletics by attending games and cheering the teams on. Thank you to the basketball fan who paints his face and is in the

front row of every home game. Thank you to the Brown Band whose enthusiasm at games is galvanizing and for its members commitment to offbeat traditions that should characterize collegiate athletics. (My favorite is the push-ups after Brown football scores a touchdown.) All of these people make Brown athletics something to be proud of.

Brown is notorious for its apathy toward athletics. In a Sept. 26 New York Times article preceding the Brown-Harvard football game, one journalist writes, "For the biggest game of the year — against its staunchest enemy ... you could, in most quarters on the Brown University campus today, cut the tension with, well... 'Game? There's a game on Saturday? I did hear something. Harvard, right?'" Another student was quoted saying, "I suppose there would be a game ... It's about that time of year, isn't it?" Now, I would like to keep things in perspective. I have no ambitions of Brown being the next Penn State or Michigan when it comes to sports. I also recognize that the primary function of Brown University is academics, but I think it's about time we put a little more effort and energy into supporting our Bears.

"Alright," you ask, "how can I help?"

All too often, the student population glosses over how difficult it is to balance a challenging curriculum of studies at a prestigious university with the demands of competing in a Division I athletic program. Day in and day out, these students work incredibly hard in preparation for competition.

Well I'll tell you how. With Bruno's two-point plan on energizing Brown athletics:

Come to games! I think this point can best be illustrated using examples. At the Mayor's Cup, the annual matchup between Brown and our cross-town rival Providence College, the attendance was somewhat dismal. In fact, there may have been more Friars fans in the audience than Brown fans. When an opposing team steps foot in a Brown stadium, it needs to know it is in our house. And in the words of the movie "Rudy," "No one comes into our house and pushes us around." Games are fun even if you don't like sports. After a recent game a friend remarked, "I don't like basketball and I don't even know a lot of the rules, but going to games can be quite fun." Another friend commented, "On this campus, where there is so much difference of opinion, it's nice to be in a place where everyone is united in a common cause — kicking Harvard's *@%."

When you go to games, make yourself heard. At a recent gymnastics meet, the turnout was modest, but those who were there were loud and supportive. Our Brown gymnasts blew away the competition and, while most of the credit goes to

those girls, I think the crowd had some impact on the outcome. I have no doubt that the crowd can shift the momentum in a close game. Take, as a case-study, the two examples of the Mayor's Cup (mentioned earlier) and the Brown vs. Harvard men's basketball game (Feb. 7, 2003). Both were close games. Providence College beat our icers towards the end of the game when our team morale may have been waning. The men's basketball game, on the other hand, was extremely well-attended and the Pizzatola Center was rockin'. The game was close, right down to the end, but I believe that our team was able to sustain a run late in the second half in some small part because of the involvement of the fans. If you don't believe me, ask an athlete friend. For the most part, they will love it if you come to support them and they feed off of the energy that the crowd provides.

Our athletes are, in a way, our ambassadors to other colleges. Their performance on the courts and playing fields are a reflection of our University. Let's make an effort to support them as much as we can. Hope to see you at the next home game.

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The many faces of patriarchy

Joining men in the objectification of women imprisons, not liberates, women

FEMALE LIBERATION IS A MOVEMENT that began with women working for the interests of women. But it has been subverted, along with everything else in this universe, under the sweep of patriarchy, molded and distorted to serve men's interests, to continue to propagate as universal a very male perspective.

It's laughable to see the images that women and men naively perceive as being "liberating" for women, when all along these images are inspired by and for the male gaze. The persistent threads of sexual innuendos between the three female leads on the sitcom "Friends" has created an outrageous myth that liberated women are so comfortable with their sexuality that they often make out with their skinny, sexy female friends in front of their male friends. Somehow it has become a statement of female empowerment for Courteney Cox's character, always in the presence of at least one of the show's leading males, to check out a girl at a bar and say, "She's hot!"

I can't count the number of times I've heard female students at Brown talking about stars like Jennifer Lopez, Christina Aguilera and Britney Spears, who flaunt dresses that could fit into a toothbrush

holder, then declare with awe the true liberation of these women, not afraid to wear what they want to wear and show what they want to show of their bodies. Invariably these statements are followed with comments like, "Well, she's got the body, why not show it off?" or, "If I had her body, I'd go out practically naked too." Suddenly those claims of liberation are clarified — apparently only women who eat only every other day, or who look like they do, can be liberated in this way. In other words, only women who satisfy male archetypes of female sexiness are free to be free. If the average woman attempted to liberate herself from the outside in, she would invariably face taunting both from men and

women, unable to understand why this woman would expose herself in this way, when she, by nature of her physical appearance, has no right to.

When met with situations like this, women unfortunately try to respond just like men. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. One tactic of throwing off the confines of the male gaze is to claim that gaze for women too. Hence Courteney Cox's declaring a girl as hot, or the trend of some girls, almost always when in the company of their guy friends, of rating other women sexually the same way men do. There's a pervading sense that if women just try to imitate men, to do what they do and say what they say when it

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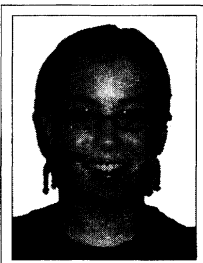
comes to women, they can resist the feelings of insecurity and degradation that come from watching men behave this way.

This attitude could not be further from the truth. Any time a woman engages men in this type of behavior, she participates in the objectification of women by men that dominates the popular media and the social interactions she is trying to escape. Patriarchy has constructed a very appealing myth that disguises male motives and male ideals of female sexuality in the form of empowerment for women. As long as women believe that they are becoming more liberated by performing the type of objectification of women that has been forged with the mark of masculinity, they conform all the more to male expectations, as well as ideals, of female sexuality.

What is to be gained from this scene: two guys check out a girl at a bar, rate her an 8 on a scale of 1 to 10, and talk about how much they'd like to have sex with her. The two girls they're with, afraid that if

they show how offended they are, they're somehow "giving in" to stereotypes of women who don't know how to have fun, join in, affirming that they in fact think the girl's a 9 and begin to make out with each other, just to show how secure in their sense of being modern, liberated women they really are. Take that, feminists, they say. You want me to be offended by this display of maleness, but instead I'll make it part of me. In response I ask women to ask themselves, how liberating is this scene for the girl standing by the bar? Rather than being the object of two male gazes, she is now the object of four.

When a woman, straight or lesbian, sees life through the eyes of a man, she has not reclaimed anything. She only reinforces a system of beliefs that treats women as sexual objects. Women cannot escape this system by acting like men. We must identify the objectification of women in every form and eliminate it; this is the only way to undermine the prison of patriarchy.



KATE GUBATA
A CLOSER LOOK

Kate Gubata '03 thinks words like imprison, liberate, and undermine are symbols of the masculine world.

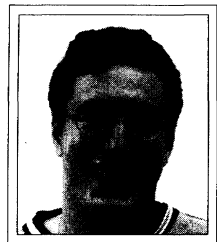
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Brown's biggest game ... ever

IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S BEEN FOREVER SINCE Brown men's basketball has had a game of this importance this late in the season. In fact, it's only been two years, but it feels like a millennium.

In early March of 2001, the men had a similar opportunity that they let slip away. They trailed Princeton by one game and were tied with Penn with both teams coming to town, but unfortunately lost the second game to Princeton, after defeating Penn. After that weekend, the support



JEFF SALTMAN
THE SALT'S TAKE

for men's hoops dropped off quickly and people went from being crazed about a possible NCAA berth to having too much work to spare two hours to go to a meaningless basketball game.

This, however, is a new season with new opportunities. Unlike almost any other conference in the nation, the Ivy League puts tremendous importance on every single game. The fact that only one team from the conference makes it to the tournament is not so unique, as many mid-major conferences only get one team. Unlike those conferences, the Ivy League doesn't have a tournament at the end of the season, which allows those teams no matter how they do in the regular season to still have a shot at going to the NCAA tournament and becoming this year's Kent State.

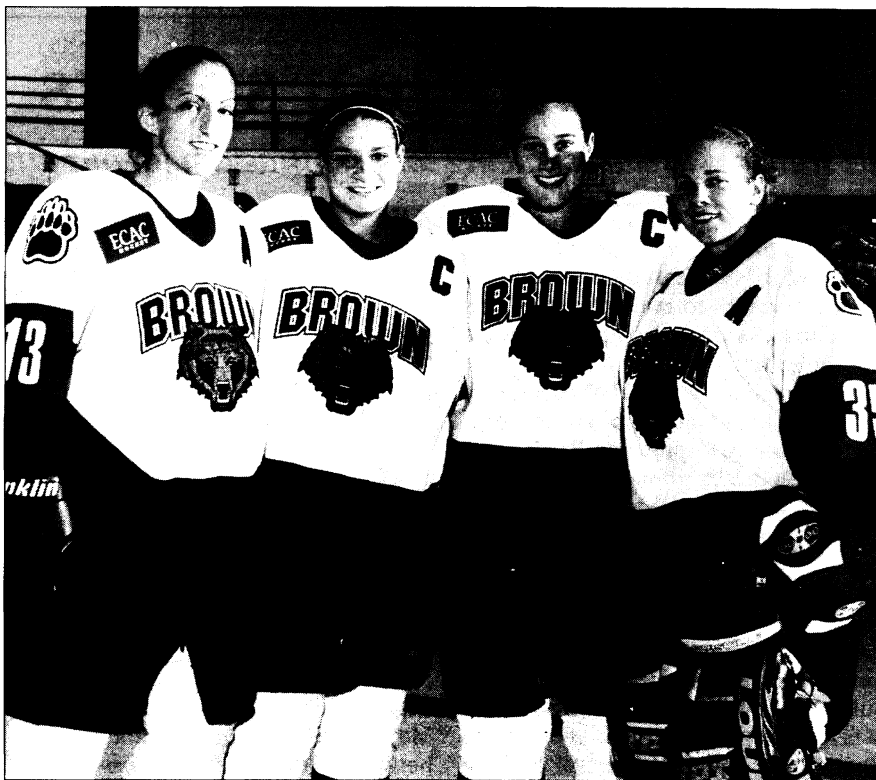
In the Ivy League, the regular season — and as a result each regular season game — means absolutely everything. In the Big 12 or ACC, you can lose to one of the worst teams in the league and still make it to the tournament without much difficulty. In the Ivies, you don't have that option.

Now Brown is in the position to win the Ivy League outright. If the Bears don't lose for the rest of the season and Penn loses its game at Princeton, then we're in the tournament. For the first time in over 15 years, Brown basketball will be in the NCAA tournament. So when you fill out your brackets and are thinking about possible first round upsets, you'll see Brown's name playing a team from the aforementioned ACC or Big 12. Players like Earl Hunt '03, who this weekend will most likely become the Ivy League's fourth all-time leading scorer, and Alai Nuualiitia '03 will finally have exposure on the national stage. And wouldn't it be something if we won a game!

That's getting ahead of myself though. First, there is the small matter of winning against Penn, a beatable team that has yet to be beaten in the Ivy League. Unlike the rest of college basketball, the Ivy League doesn't have parity. The strong programs, namely Penn and Princeton, have shown no signs of weakening their hold over the conference. This is because, unlike other major leagues, the player turnover in the Ivy League is very slow, because players actually stay all four years. This allows the great "programs" to stay great because they don't lose their best players after two years. Brown has a chance to become a great program like a Penn or a Princeton. With two wins this weekend, Brown would take its first step in this direction.

That's where you come in. While the Pitz will never be Cameron Indoor Stadium, it should be packed and

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The women's ice hockey team honored its seniors before the team's final home game.

Women's ice hockey seeks victory to secure home ice

BY KATHY BABCOCK

Offense wins fans and defense wins games, as the women's ice hockey team found out this weekend, beating Yale 5-0 and then falling to Princeton 5-2 the next day. The loss to Princeton means the Bears need to beat Harvard tonight to secure home ice for the ECAC playoffs. Harvard is currently leading the ECAC.

"I think we have to definitely beat Harvard to get home ice," said Amy McLaughlin '05. "If we don't then we are away at Princeton for a three game series."

On Friday night, Brown dominated the Bulldogs. The first goal came more than 15 minutes into the first period. Karen Thatcher '06 was wide open on the right side when she received a pass from Kim Insalaco '03. Thatcher scored easily, giving the Bears a 1-0 lead.

McLaughlin received the second assist on the play. Insalaco scored Brown's second goal when Katie Guay '05 passed precisely as she skated past the goal.

The Bears took a healthy 2-0 lead into the final period of the game, but their offense was not nearly finished for the day. At 1:19 in the third, Courtney Johnson '03 scored from right in front of the net, assisted by Jessica Link '05 and Keaton Zucker '06. Johnson scored the Bears' next goal when she got her stick on a slap shot from Mandy McCurdy '03 and made an unstoppable tip into the top of the net. Ashlee Drover '06 also recorded an assist on the play. Insalaco fired the parting shot.

Thatcher and Insalaco made a breakaway down the ice with Thatcher

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Men's icers split, miss chance for first round bye in ECACs

BY IAN CROPP

The Brown men's hockey team (12-11-3 overall, 10-8-2 ECAC) was minutes away from accomplishing what many would have considered impossible two years ago: securing a first round playoff bye.

On Friday night, All-American goalie Yann Danis '04 broke the Brown single-season record for shutouts with his fourth, in a 3-0 defeat of Vermont. With the win against Vermont, the Bears had a chance to earn a first round playoff bye with a win over Dartmouth. The following night, the Bears saw a 2-1 lead slip away as they allowed two late Dartmouth goals in a 3-2 loss.

Coming off last week's ECAC goalie of the week selection, Danis continued to shine, keeping his team in both games early on. Vermont came out strong in the first period, edging the somewhat uninspired Bears 10-4 in shots.

"We were lucky to come out of that period tied 0-0," said Gerry Burke '05.

Brown picked up the play in the second and tallied its first goal of the game at 11:47. Jason Wilson '03 started the play by finding Captain Tye Korbl '03 near the Vermont blue line, sending him on a two-on-one with Chris Legg '03. Korbl flipped a backhand pass to Legg, who one-timed the puck past Vermont goalie Shawn Conschafter.

The action continued in the third period as Brown penalties put Vermont on back-to-back power plays. Danis stood strong in net and continued to foil the Vermont power play, which failed to score on five chances, despite nine shots. Half a minute after the second penalty expired, Chris Swon '05 took advantage of a loose puck in front and jammed home his first goal of the year. Korbl and Pascal Denis '04 assisted on the goal.

Legg added an empty-netter with 16 seconds remaining to secure the win. Danis finished the game with 30 saves,

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Everyone has a little big league

AS SPRING TRAINING COMMENCES, Major League Baseball players are gleefully arriving in Florida and Arizona to prepare for the upcoming season. And by prepare, I mean jog lightly, eat sunflower seeds and play golf. But as the baseball season approaches, I think it is time for each of us to look back on our early careers in baseball. While

it may seem that your old Little League team has little in common with the Boston Red Sox, I have found quite a few comparisons that might make you think otherwise.

In the Major Leagues, right fielders spend spring training working on their cut-off throws to the infield.

In Little League, right fielders spend the spring sitting in class, praying that they never have to make cut-off throws to the infield.

In the Major Leagues, stolen bases are hard to come by.

In Little League, you can steal a base anytime you want, even on strikes, unless you're Jason, the overweight kid on the end of the bench.

In the Major Leagues, pitchers usually give up between two and six runs a game.

In Little League, pitchers will either throw a one-hitter, or get rocked for roughly seventeen runs in a six-inning game.

In the Major Leagues, the manager is usually a former player.

In Little League, the manager is usually your dad, or your best friend's dad.

In the Major Leagues, contracts offer cash bonuses for increased hit production.

In Little League, managers sometimes offer free ice cream cones for extra-base hits. (No seriously, my dad did that one time.)

In the Major Leagues, players are treated to a buffet after the game.

In Little League, players are treated to a post-game meal of a juice box and a varying snack, depending on whose mom is bringing them.

In the Major Leagues, foul balls are an exciting souvenir for fans.

In Little League, the game is halted after a foul ball so someone's little brother can go chase it down and return it to the pitcher.

In the Major Leagues, there's no crying in baseball.

In Little League, there's no crying in baseball, unless you get hit by a pitch in the knee, the game gets cancelled due to rain or your mom forgets to pick you up. Or, you strike out for the third time in a row, you don't get to pitch when your friends are at the game or you lose in the city championship.

Other than those narrow distinctions, I think you will find that a lot of you out there have played at a level similar to that of the pros. You're all bona fide ball players, capable of holding your own in the majors; now go out there and be somebody!

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