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Elliott Colla, assistant professor of comparative literature, lectured in Metcalf on Tuesday.

Colla scrutinizes war with Iraq

BY DANIELLE CERNY

The motivations, actions and consequences of a war with Iraq were scrutinized Tuesday night through the lens of the United States' historic relationship with the Middle East.

Elliott Colla, assistant professor of comparative literature, presented "Interest, Influence and Intervention: The Middle East and United States Foreign Policy" in Metcalf Auditorium. The lecture was the second in a series on the war sponsored by Faculty, Alums and Staff Against the War.

Colla opened the lecture reassuring the packed auditorium that despite a lack of punctuation in the blackboard's message, "Why War in Iraq," that "this is not a talk of why war should or shouldn't happen. It is a question about the issue."

Colla focused on the effort of the U.S. government to draw attention away from the historical connections of terrorist activity to specific Middle East nations. Colla specifically quoted Richard Pearl,

one of Bush's top Middle East advisors, who said "terrorism must be decontextualized."

The Bush Administration has redefined terror to be broad enough to justify a war with Iraq, Colla said.

"As outrageous as this may seem, it is the closest the Bush administration has come to a coherent policy with the Middle East," Colla said. "Decontextualization is the logic behind Rumsfeld and Cheney's famous decision to attack Iraq in the moments following Sept. 11, even though it was as clear then as it is now that Saddam Hussein had nothing to do with those attacks."

"I want to underscore how important historical knowledge is to those of us who oppose the administration's current war efforts," he said.

In order to understand the motivation for war, Colla said, the public must have historical knowledge of the longstanding

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Underground will reopen with changes to operation

BY LISA MANDLE

The Underground is slated to reopen March 7, with several changes to its operation. The space will become a 21-and-over bar serving alcohol on Fridays and Saturdays only, Dean for Campus Life and Student Services Margaret Jablonski and Underground Manager Ally Dickie '03 told The Herald.

Students will need their Brown ID and possibly additional proof of age to get into the pub on nights when alcohol is served. Underground staff will use a Brown card swiper and a list of SISD numbers with corresponding birthdays to prevent the entry of underage students, Dickie said.

Though the option of remaining open on other nights without alcohol exists, it is not likely to happen frequently, Dickie said. Attempts last semester to open the Underground without alcohol were not successful — it is hard to staff such nights because workers receive no tips and bands

are not interested in playing at an empty pub, she said.

The Underground will also no longer be entirely student-run, Dickie said. A supervisor from the administration will be present on nights when alcohol is served and a Department of Public Safety officer will be at the door for the first weekend, Jablonski said.

Dickie said she was looking forward to having a lot of bands at the Underground, especially because performance space at the Production Workshop is under construction.

Students expressed skepticism toward the idea of turning the Underground into a 21-and-over venue. "I don't think I've ever seen anyone there over 21," said Lawrence Heston '06.

Beginning in the fall the Underground will be open as a coffee house or café envi-

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U. Corporation meeting focuses on next 15 years

BY PHILLISSA CRAMER

At last weekend's annual winter meeting, the University's Corporation focused on Brown's direction over the next 15 years and approved a 4.4 percent increase in overall student charges.

The Corporation, a group of trustees and fellows of the University, evaluated and built upon President Ruth Simmons' Initiatives for Academic Enrichment, approved at last year's winter meeting. The meeting also addressed the University's financial affairs.

Corporation members discussed a wide spectrum of long-term goals for the University, Simmons said, including plans to expand the size of the faculty, improve the undergraduate experience and enhance University facilities.

According to yesterday's University press

release, the Corporation considered an initiative to expand the faculty beyond the 100 new positions approved last year.

The Corporation also considered plans to renovate campus dining facilities like the Ratty and reduce the average class size by expanding seminar course offerings, Simmons said.

"The focus on undergraduate education is the most important thing," she said.

The meeting addressed changes to facilities, support and programs in the graduate school, the press release said.

Implementing the changes could increase the University's budget by as much as 40 percent in the next 10 to 15 years, according to the press release. Last year, the Corporation endorsed an increase of \$36

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Cicilline '83 will meet with Simmons and other u. presidents to solicit contributions for the city's impending budget shortfall

BY ADAM STELLA

Providence Mayor David Cicilline '83 will meet with President Ruth Simmons and other leaders of the city's colleges and universities over the next few months to solicit direct monetary contributions to help alleviate the city's financial woes.

The University has resisted calls for direct monetary contributions in the past and maintains that its non-monetary and indirect monetary contributions compensate for its tax-exempt status.

The University supports raising the state's Payment in Lieu of Taxes contribution, in which the state government pays the city for land that is owned by tax-exempt institutions, Executive Vice President for Public Affairs and University Relations Laura Freid told The Herald in November.

But President Ruth Simmons said she "would be very concerned about any effort to hold Brown responsible" for taxes.

"As soon as the city begins treating the University as a corporation it will mean very damaging things for the quality of the institution," she said.

"(Brown) has been around a long time doing things for the community precisely because of its not-for-profit status," Simmons said.

The University donated \$350,000 to the Health and Education Leadership for Providence program last year, which has worked on projects such as improving teacher training, creating lead-safe centers and improving the quality of education at Hope High School, Freid said.

Simmons also said Brown-trained medical personnel treated West Warwick fire victims and the University's "intellectual capital" has produced many of the city and state's top officials, including the mayor and governor. Brown also provides an incentive for people to visit and settle in the area, she said.

The University is also helping the city and state enlarge their tax bases by contributing to economic growth. Freid pointed to the Ocean State Higher Education Economic Development and Administrative Network, which she said was designed and developed by the University to promote economic growth. The University also recently created the position of Vice President for Research, which is charged with attracting venture capital firms to Rhode Island.

"We are very committed to partnerships with the

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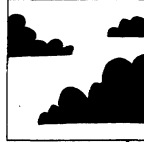
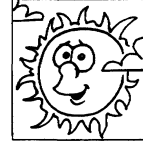


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GRAPHICS BY TED WU

CALENDAR

LECTURE — "Are the U.S. and Europe Growing Apart? A Look at the Challenges of Global Security and Terrorism," Catherine Kelleher, Watson Institute. McKinney Conference Room, Watson Institute, 4 p.m.

LECTURE — "Reflections of a New Mayor," David Cicilline '83. Seminar room, Taubman Center, Noon

LECTURE — "Re-Imagining Disability in Everyday Life: Community Arts Approaches," Petra Kuppes, Bryant College, The Wayland Collegium. Room 201, Smith-Buonanno, 4 p.m.

LECTURE — "Music-Making and Mental Health in African American Communities," Ferdinand Jones, Brown Psychological Services. Starr Auditorium, MacMillan Hall, 6 p.m.

FILM — "Marriages," French Film Festival. Cable Car Cinema, 204 South Main St., 9:30 p.m.

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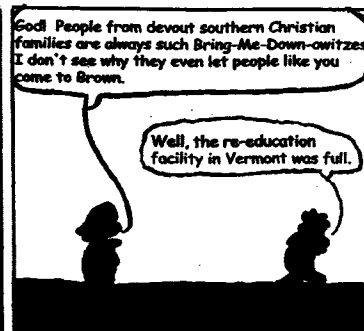
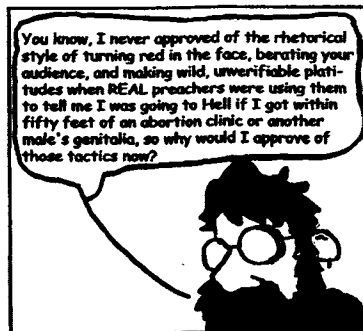
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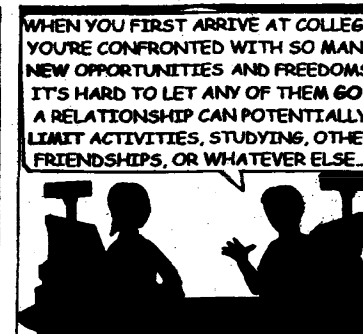
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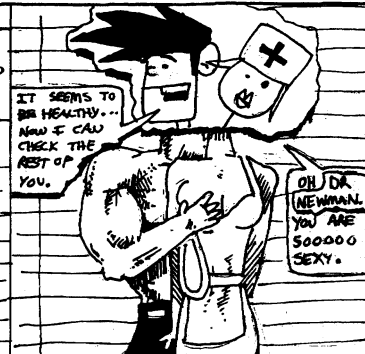
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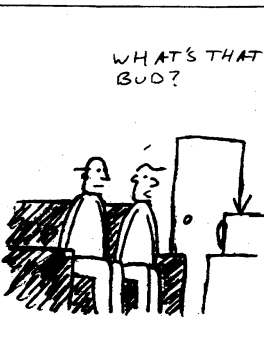
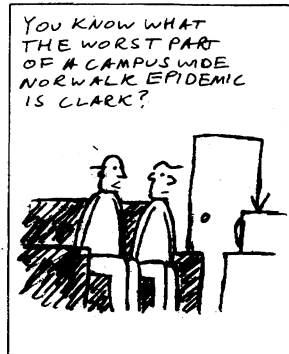
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IN BRIEF

Brown grad finalist for physics award

A recent Brown graduate was a finalist for the prestigious LeRoy Apker Award given by the American Physical Society for outstanding undergraduate achievements in physics.

Jesse Thaler '02, whose senior thesis in physics dealt with black hole formation, was one of six finalists. Finalists for the award receive \$2,000, and the physics department at the nominee's school wins \$1,000, according to the award's Web site.

Thaler said he assumes he was nominated by his thesis advisor, Professor of Physics Antal Jevicki. He did not know he was in competition for the award until he was notified he was a finalist, he said.

Last September, Thaler went to Washington, D.C., to meet with the Apker committee and present his findings. The winners were announced in January.

Thaler began his research with an Undergraduate Teaching and Research Assistantship the summer after his junior year. Unsatisfied with the fact that his research, which dealt with matrices, was not groundbreaking, Thaler asked Jevicki for something more exciting to work on, Thaler said. Jevicki had recently read an article about black hole formation that looked accessible to an undergraduate, Thaler said. The two decided to take it to the next level, looking into a model for whether black holes could form in particle colliders.

"I had no idea what I was getting into when I got started," Thaler said. "Although the math was easy ... the research was aimed at a much higher level than I was at. As an undergraduate, I had to struggle to understand what was going on," he said.

Thaler, who is now a graduate student at Harvard University, said he hopes to continue his research with the help of quantum field theory, which he is currently studying.

"The fact that I was able to make a contribution to the field was pretty awesome," Thaler said.

—Stephanie Harris

U. hosts Cochrane Center global HQ

BY STEPHANIE HARRIS

A global organization that provides valuable resources to physicians, public policy makers, the media and consumers has its U.S. headquarters at Brown — yet most people do not even know it exists.

The U.S. Cochrane Center was recently established at Brown with the help of a \$2.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Although there has been a center in Providence for 10 years, it did not ascend to the status of headquarters until this year.

The worldwide Cochrane Collaboration is "a global network that promotes evidence-based healthcare for the purpose of enabling patients and doctors to make informed decisions about treatment and care," according to the organization's Web site. It puts together all of the information about how different treatments and inventions in health work in one location, said Kay Dickersin, an associate professor of community health and director of the U.S. Cochrane Center.

The collaboration maintains a database of over 350,000 clinical trials on everything from medications to treatment options for a variety of diseases to diagnostic methods, preventative methods and rehabilitation. The database includes trials from all over the world.

The trials cover all topics of "intervention," which Dickersin defined as any time "a doctor or physical therapist or some sort of provider does something to intervene with a patient, to make a change in that person's health or diagnose a health condition." Topics are as varied as the efficacy of mammography, methods of counseling to get people to stop smoking and whether the wearing of hip pads by the elderly helps prevent hip fractures. Reviews also cover non-medical topics such as the value of continuing medical education courses for physicians.

The database also includes over 1,500 systematic reviews, which pull together the results of all the trials that ask a similar research question and combine the data to form a more comprehensive answer. These reviews, which

are done by over 8,000 worldwide volunteers, are updated when new relevant trials are performed. Dickersin called these reviews "meta-analysis."

The reviews "are bottom up rather than top down," Dickersin said. "People are interested in a research problem and they volunteer to do a review. ... It doesn't work to tell people what to do when you don't have the money to pay them," she said.

The reviews are organized into 49 groups based on health conditions such as heart problems, back problems and eyes and vision.

The collaboration also maintains a consumer Web site that gives short synopses rather than technical reviews, Dickersin said.

"For example, if you were interested in whether Echinacea is useful in curing colds, you can go to the Cochrane Center database and look up all the clinical trials," Dickersin said. After examining the best clinical research in the world, you can decide whether Echinacea seems to be effective, she said.

The information provided by the collaboration is useful to physicians and consumers who wish to analyze the benefits of a certain treatment, but it is also used by policy makers. In their health care plans, "states have to decide which drugs to pay for, which drugs work best for given situations like allergies, diabetes, or depression," Dickersin said. "They look at a Cochrane review to see the information, then they choose a drug," she said.

The media and advertisers often use Cochrane reviews as well, Dickersin said. When new reports come out, the larger media that subscribe to the collaboration's journal get the information immediately. Smaller media that do not subscribe can request a copy of a report from the center. The reviews that are expected to cause the biggest reaction are published on the collaboration's Web site, Dickersin said.

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million in spending over three years for the academic enrichment initiatives.

Simmons said she is confident the University can raise the funds despite a current economic downturn.

"If you were to look back at the growth of the University's budget in the last 10 years, the rate of growth would exceed (40 percent)," she said.

The Corporation approved a 4.4 percent increase in overall charges — including a 4.8 percent rise in tuition — for undergraduates for the 2003-04 academic year to cover some of the rise in the University's operating expenses, according to the press release. It also set the endowment draw at 5.125 percent, a change that will provide a 2-percent increase in revenue for the University.

But Simmons said Brown would also have to change its fundraising tactics to achieve the financial goals outlined at the meeting.

"We're going to have to improve our sources of revenue," she said, identifying doubling the Brown Annual Fund, more aggressive fundraising and a growth in outside support for research as potential sources.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Elizabeth Huidekoper said administrators used the meeting to promote their vision for the University.

While past Corporation meetings have focused on setting short-term goals, University administrators are now attempting to coordinate many changes over the next

decade, Simmons said.

"What is different is instead of adopting a plan a year at a time, we are looking ahead 10 to 15 years and trying to decide on priorities," she said.

Huidekoper said the intention behind the meeting was "to have the board understand what ... kinds of programs and facilities we'd like to see develop."

Administrators and Corporation members engaged in constructive dialogue throughout the meeting, she said.

"Like any diverse group, (Corporation members) all contributed where they had questions or recommendations or enthusiasm or concern," Huidekoper said.

Other Corporation actions included the appointment of Fernando Cardoso, former president of Brazil, to a professor-at-large position and the endorsement of new multidisciplinary ventures at the University, according to the press release.

"Brown has been especially successful" in crafting multidisciplinary programs, Simmons said. "Adding to that reputation will be in the best interest of the University."

Simmons said Provost Robert Zimmer will announce plans for specific multidisciplinary initiatives and centers that will unite Brown with community institutions and other universities.

"We want to build on what Brown is known for — the support for the pursuit of independent learning," Huidekoper said.

Herald staff writer Philissa Cramer '05 covers finance and administration. She can be reached at pcramer@browndailyherald.com.

Colla

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relationship between the United States and the Middle East, since the issue is not simply a matter of terrorist prevention.

"History over there is not something we just watch from over here," he said. The United States has played an active role in the Middle East for decades, and those ties are crucial to determining how Iraq and the United States have reached their current conflict, Colla said.

Colla outlined the economic interests the United States has in the Middle East, including oil, weapons and free trade.

Colla also said the U.S. media has divided Middle Eastern nations into three categories — allies, moderates and rogues. But these categorizations recognize nations by their ruling elite's allegiance to the United States, and fail to express the sentiments of the masses in each country, he said.

He said these classifications also reinforce hypocritical foreign relations of the United States in the region, including appropriation of loans and military aid and tolerance levels for the development of nuclear weapons.

Though the war has not begun, Colla said that outcomes for countries could already be predicted based on their classifications.

"Even at this distance however, some aspects of a post-war scenario are very predictable — U.S. installed puppets in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Arabian Gulf under direct U.S. military control, mak-

The U.S. media has divided Middle Eastern nations into three categories — allies, moderates and rogues.

ing rogue states further isolated and the majority of the Arab world, i.e. the moderate countries, destabilized to various degrees."

It is important, Colla said, to note who would stand to gain from a war with Iraq. The United States would potentially control Iraqi oil and could even pull the world oil markets away from the nations of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries that currently control the market.

Turkey is already receiving substantial payments for use of its military bases and borders and has requested control over the Kurdish region of northern Iraq should the U.S. war succeed, he said. Israel would also be in a position to benefit from the war. The Israeli government has often urged the United States to engage in war against Iraq because it would sideline their major opponents in Lebanon and distract other nations from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This would give Israel more freedom in how they dealt with Palestine, including measures as extreme as ethnic cleansing, Colla said.

"Most Americans will gain little from this suffering. If anything, there is reason to believe

Americans will suffer consequences of this war as local communities see their health, education and welfare resources diverted to pay for expensive weapons, mercenary arming and military occupation," he said.

Colla then questioned if there were any movements progressives in the United States could support.

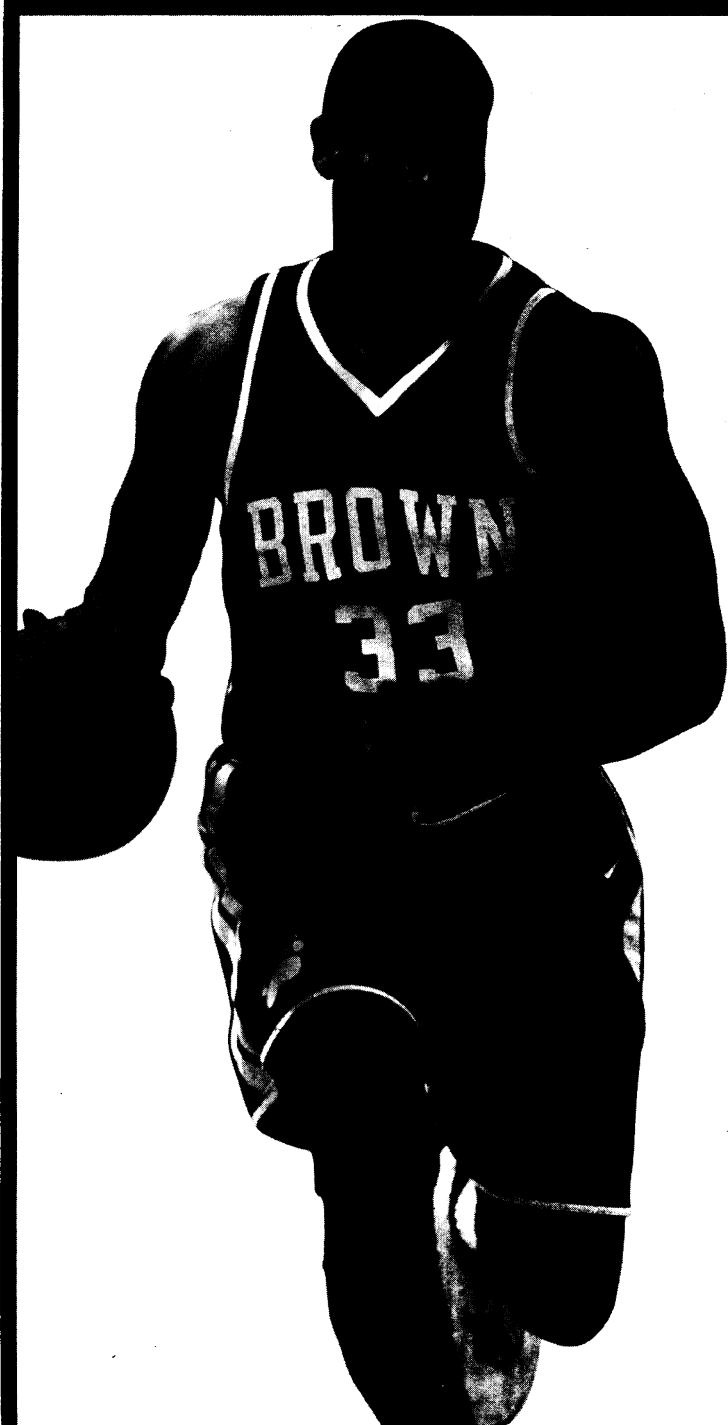
"It's a sad legacy that the United States has failed to encourage the emergence of civil society institutions. And without such institutions, one cannot expect to find the democratic, liberal and open groups one would like to find," he said.

Though they have not received as much media coverage, Colla did point out two specific foreign organizations he felt were good starting points for the antiwar movement to support.

Ta'aygush is comprised of Jewish and Palestinian Israeli activists who have attempted to ensure fair treatment of the Palestinians living under the Israeli occupation. The Initiative for Personal Rights is a group that attempts to regulate government intervention in citizens' lives and especially helps minorities, women and homosexuals.

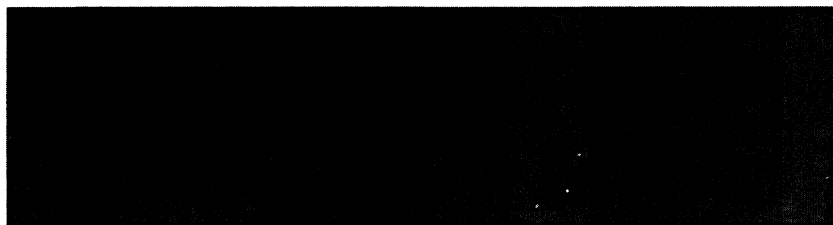
It is through learning about these groups and the historical relationship between the United States and the Middle East, Colla said, that will help guide movements to change the United States' current policies and its drive toward war.

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CCC votes against grading policy change

BY CASSIE RAMIREZ

The College Curriculum Council voted 7-2 on Tuesday not to recommend to the Faculty Executive Committee that changes be made to the current grading system. The vote effectively ends debate within the CCC on whether to add pluses and minuses.

"I hope people don't interpret this as the end of discussion," said CCC member Sean Yom '03. "It should be seen as the beginning. Just because we (didn't vote to make recommendations for change) doesn't mean reforms shouldn't be made," he said.

Yom said he voted against change "given the fact that no unambiguous evidence has shown that adding pluses and minuses has an effect on grade inflation."

"Adding pluses and minuses is not the only option. The faculty should consider other options such as giving better feedback in class and writing more course performance reports," he said.

A motion was unanimously passed to form a subcommittee of the CCC responsible for writing a report summarizing the discussions that took place during this semester's CCC meetings.

Members said they believe making the report available to the Brown community will allow the different groups advocating for and against pluses and minuses to better understand each other. The CCC's own debates have raised concerns important to the faculty, undergraduates and graduate students involved, but the group itself

was unable to come to a consensus.

"Making a report is good, (and we should do it)," said Sam Brenner GS, CCC member and co-president of the Graduate Student Council. "But it's still a disservice. People aren't going to care about reports; they're going to want results."

"We're not saying to disregard the (Sheridan Center) polls, but the polls aren't aimed at the central issues," said CCC member and Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Jonathan Waage. "We do owe an explanation though and we can make recommendations in policy and practice," he said.

In other news, the CCC discussed the rising cost of textbooks at its Tuesday

meeting. Dean of the College Paul Armstrong said he heard students were choosing classes according to whether they could afford the textbooks. "We should be very concerned as a faculty," he said.

Lawrence Carr, head of the Brown Bookstore, presented statistics showing an increase in the costs of textbooks between 1997 and 2001, and several CCC members noted the Office of Financial Aid has not increased the money it gives students for books and supplies to match this rise.

But if a student with financial aid has

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Team approach required to overcome eating disorders, U. nutritionist says

BY SAMANTHA PLESSER

Eating disorders aren't just one person's medical or psychological problem — they require a team approach to be overcome, Katie McCoy, Brown's nutritionist, told a small gathering in Wilson Hall Tuesday night.

In the talk, "The Psychology and Physiology of Eating Disorders," McCoy and Dr. Cynthia Ellis, a clinical psychologist with Psychological Services and one of two specialists dealing with eating disorders at Brown, gave brief talks about

their jobs on campus and the nature of eating disorders in general.

In industrialized countries, food supply is not a problem, yet eating disorders are more common, Ellis said.

"The million-dollar question is what causes eating disorders — it could be a variant in genes, a problem in serotonin reuptake — we just do not know," she said.

Eating disorders can also be hard to

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Western approach to feminism not universal, panelists say

BY MERYL ROTHSTEIN

The Western idea of feminism cannot be universally applied, said panelists in yesterday's discussion, "Women's Rights Today: Revisiting Their Connection with Human Rights," which analyzed the "universalist approach" to feminism and humanism.

The universalist approach, said Fadwa El Guindi, adjunct professor of anthropology at the University of Southern California and one of the four panelists, purportedly addresses the issues of the entire world, yet is currently subject to political systems and cultural boundaries.

"The universalist approach to feminism has to be deconstructed and then reconstructed," El Guindi said.

We should not project our Western understanding of feminine issues to international cultures, said panelist

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Underground

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ronment on weekdays at lunchtime and in the early evening, Jablonski said. The additional space will help alleviate pressure on the Blue Room, which is often crowded, she said. On Fridays and Saturdays, the Underground would again become a pub, she said.

The conversion of the space will allow the University "to have both more social space that we know we need on campus for everyone and still have a pub-like atmosphere for students who are 21 and over," Jablonski said.

Changing the Underground

into a coffee-house environment will require some one-time improvement costs, including food storage and cooking facilities, Jablonski said. The floor may also be redone, she said. She said the next step is to work with University Food Services to aid in the conversion to a coffee house.

The Undergraduate Finance Board's contribution to the Underground has yet to be resolved.

Jablonski said organizers are working to make the space non-smoking in the fall but may prohibit smoking this semester as well.

A fire marshal inspected the Underground and Graduate Center Bar yesterday in response to Thursday's club fire in West

Warwick. Director of Student Activities David Inman had not received the results of the inspection as of Monday afternoon and did not know when they would be available.

"Barring anything I don't know about, I'm presuming that the Underground is up to code" and will be opening on March 7, Inman said.

Jablonski said she would not rule out the possibility of the Underground working toward being a pub for all students in a couple of years.

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Taxes

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city," Freid said.

The Rhode Island School of Design shares the University's belief that its current contributions to the city more than make up for the fact that it does not pay property taxes, said Ann Hudner, director of external relations at RISD.

Hudner pointed to RISD's work with the community as evidence of its commitment to improving the city. Some of RISD's contributions include having design teams helping at Hope High School, a newly opened business incubator downtown, the many conferences it holds in the city and its "direct relationship" with AS220, a Providence arts center.

"We produce activity that produces an economic effect," Hudner said. She added that RISD produces "intellectual revenue" for the city.

Hudner said she believes the city's financial difficulties can be solved in other ways and that drawing more revenue from universities will not solve these long-term problems.

"The city needs to look at why it is so reliant on property taxes," she said.

Brown also believes the city is too dependent on property taxes, Freid said.

"The city's problems ... are the result of the loss of the industrial-commercial tax base," she said.

That sentiment was echoed in the Providence Management Task Force report, a document put together by the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council to assess the city's overall financial situation, which cited the city's "over-dependence on property taxes" as a reason for the city's current financial woes. It suggested the city pursue "revenue diversification" through a variety of means, including updating and linking municipal fees such as parking tickets and licensing fees to inflation.

Cicilline acknowledged the city's overdependence on property taxes but said he believes that reevaluating the relationship between the city government and the colleges and universities should be part of addressing the problem.

"It is simply not acceptable for a university or a hospital to say 'It's not our problem,'" Cicilline said. "(Providence's) problems are their problems. This is a shared responsibility."

Hudner expressed frustration with the notion that the city's universities are an economic drain.

"(Providence), at times, is a very discouraging place to be," she said. "You're constantly having the finger pointed at you and told you're draining (the city's) lifeblood."

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border cross

by lisa mandle

get a bit of non-tropical foreign flavor in montreal, where the air is cold and gambling is cool.

You might wonder why any sane person would journey more than 300 miles to visit a city where the daytime high temperature doesn't exceed 0 degrees Fahrenheit during winter months and call it a vacation. But with a favorable exchange rate and a drinking age of 18, a trip to Montreal can indeed be a great place for underage college students to have fun.

A good way to see the city is to amble through the Quartier Latin and Old Montreal, browsing the small shops and stopping to eat at whichever place strikes your fancy. St. Laurent Boulevard in the Quartier Latin is a good starting place, with cuisine options from all over the world and several trendy bars (Shed Café) and dance clubs (Angel's). If the weather is frigid, as it likely is in February, you might prefer to rely on cabs rather than risk losing your nose to frostbite.

For those of you who can't bear not having a preplanned schedule, there is also an abundance of traditional

sight-seeing locations to hit up. Museums abound, and the Museum of Fine Arts (Musée de Beaux Arts) and Museum of Modern Art (Musée d'Art Contemporain) showcase formidable collections of Canadian, American and European art. They are also a great way to stay out of the cold.

And, of course, there is the night life. Whether you prefer jazz, dancing or a more traditional bar, you should be able to find it in Montreal.

The best advice is to be adventurous and find your own spot, but if you want a starting place, check out Café Campus where only over 25 tend to be the parents of the musicians. Should becoming nocturnal strike your fancy, such a lifestyle can be lived with ease.

Don't forget the food up north. Le Jardin Nelson, housed in a 1812 building and located in Old Montreal, offers a variety of French crepes and salads. During the day, diners are accompanied by

a trio of classical

musicians. In the evenings, a jazz band appears on the scene to entertain the patrons. Le Jardin Nelson also functions as an art gallery, exhibiting works of contemporary artists. The hours of operation vary with the temperature, so make sure to check ahead of time.

If you are looking for something less formal, try Schwartz's. The slightly shabby Jewish deli has been around since 1930 and is considered by many locals and tourists to have the best smoked meat anywhere, a title highly prized in Montreal. To truly experience Schwartz's, order a smoked meat sandwich, fries and a dill pickle.

If the ambiguity of smoked meat sounds overwhelming, you might try Le Commensal. With nine locations in Montreal, this pay-by-weight, buffet-style restaurant offers more than 100 vegetarian and vegan choices. Expect to get a full meal for under \$7 US without having to worry about the weight of your salad.

LISA MANDLE '06 ONCE WENT TO ALBERTA, AND HER EDITOR THINKS SHE MIGHT HARBOR A SECRET GAMBLING ADDICTION.

hill-bound

by zoe ripple

there are worse places to be stuck than providence. just get off the hill.

With the campus' tendency to empty out over long weekends or spring break, it can be a bit of a drag to be marooned on the Hill. But the entertainment options don't end at Store 24 and the Coffee Exchange.

Start by heading down the Hill to the Providence Performing Arts Center (22 Weybosset St.), where you can see concerts, shows or classic movies on a big screen in a regal setting. Check it out – live shows in recent months have included the Broadway tours of Phantom of the Opera and Jesus Christ Superstar.

If you're in the mood for a smaller venue, try AS220 for spoken word performances, art exhibits and live concerts by both local and regional acts. (www.as220.org, 115 Empire St.)

For some free outdoor activities, venture over to the East Bay Bike Path, a beautiful, manageable trail that boasts great ice cream along the way. To get to the trail, start at India Point Park. It's a flat, easy ride, and the scenery is beautiful. Bike right along the ocean or through the shade of the summer trees.

If you feel like taking a walk and the East Bay Bike Path doesn't suit your fancy, try the Roger Williams Park and Zoo (<http://www.rogerwilliamsparkzoo.org>, 1000 Elmwood Ave.) or Haines Memorial State Park (www.riparks.com/haines.htm, Route 103, East Providence), which features over 100 acres of green in which you can frolic.

With over 400 miles of coastline, Rhode Island isn't called the Ocean State for nothing. Misquamicut State Beach, which is part of Burlingame State Park,

is of particular beauty. There are 10 state beaches – try one out for some swimming or walking as soon as the snow melts. Also try Salty Brine State Beach (254 Point Judith Road, Narragansett).

After your choice of exercise, refuel at Cuban Revolution – good Cuban food, great atmosphere and not too expensive (149 Washington St.).

Head over to South Providence for Apsara, an Asian cuisine restaurant rumored to be one of the best in Providence and one that won't break the bank. Many rave about this outlet's mix of Chinese, Thai, Cambodian and Vietnamese food (716 Public St.).

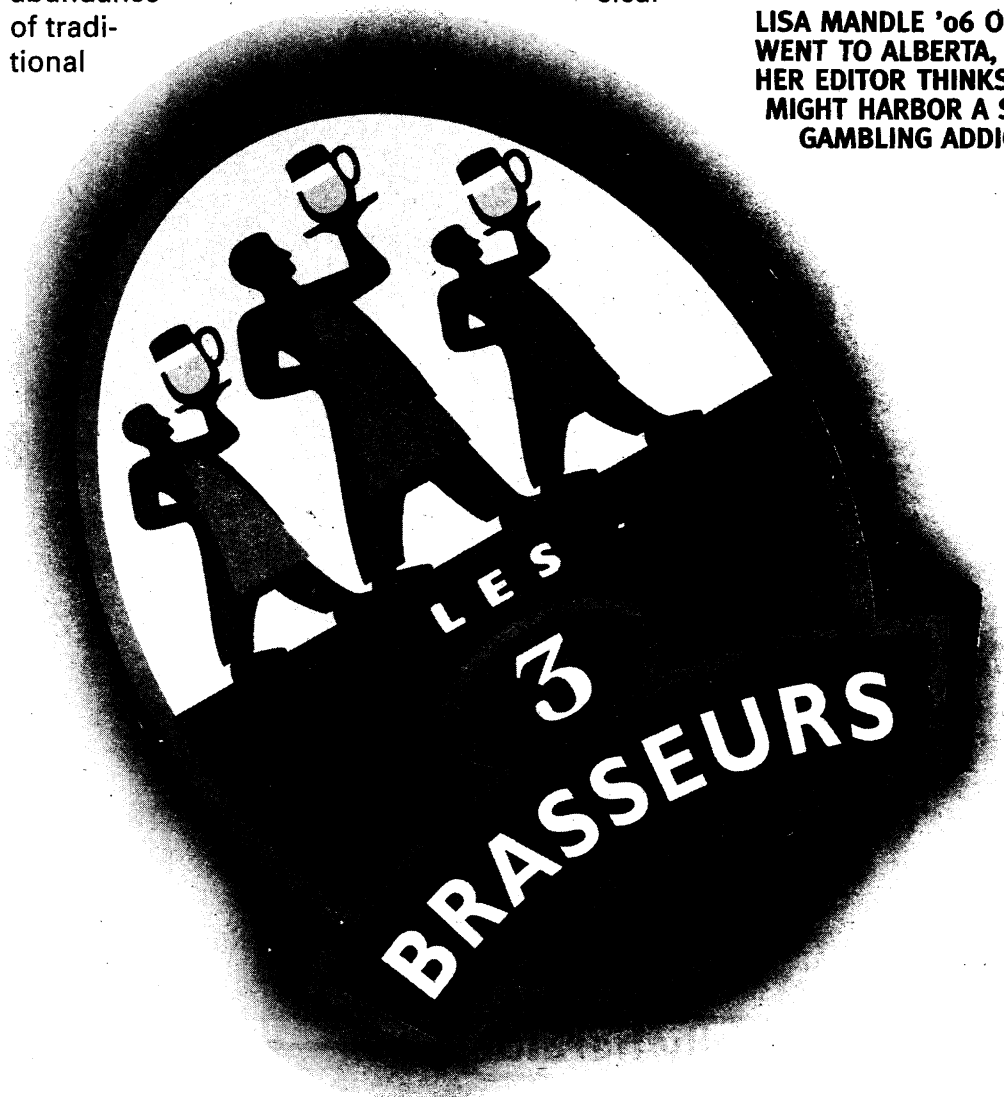
If you're looking for a classic sandwich and cup of soup, try The Daily Bread, right around the corner from Myopic Books in Wayland Square (see below). Less well known among Brown students than the Coffee Exchange on Wickenden, it serves great coffee and sandwiches (199 Wayland).

Also try the Modern Diner, which has, quite simply, good diner food. It was the first diner in America to be put on the National Register of Historic Places (364 East Avenue, Pawtucket). After your meal, go to the American Diner Museum to learn all about the great American dining institution, 461-7932.

If greasy spoons aren't your thing, try the Saturday farmer's market at Hope High School, open spring through fall and featuring some of the best locally grown veggies available.

When you feel like reading but your chem textbook just won't do,

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heeding the city's call

by kirsten ho

new york, the metropolis closest to Providence, is only a few hours away. take the time and the money to make the trip, and what you see will only leave you drooling for more.

How far from Providence: Approximately three hours by car or Acela Express, one hour by plane or a little over three and a half hours by bus or Amtrak.

How much to get there: One tank of gas, \$193 round-trip for Acela, \$200 round-trip by plane, \$115.60 round-trip on Amtrak with Acela, \$48.65 on Bonanza Bus with University ID.

Where to stay:

Hostelling International New York (891 Amsterdam Ave.) \$27-\$35/bed/night.
Larchmont Hotel (27 W. 11th St. between Fifth and Sixth Ave.) \$90/night
The W Times Square (1567 Broadway and 47th St.) \$250/night (including internet access)
The Mercer (147 Mercer St.) \$325/night

Go here:

Central Park (59th Street to 110th Street, between Columbus Drive and Fifth Avenue), 843 acres of green goodness in the middle of the cement jungle.
The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island: Ultra-touristy, but chances are they might have been the first glimpses your ancestors had of America. Pay your respects, children. For a cheaper and quicker view of the statue without the history lesson, take the **Staten Island Ferry**; it goes right by the monument.
The Empire State Building (350 Fifth Ave. between 33rd and 34th Streets): Spit off the top if you must.
Guggenheim Museum (1071 Fifth Ave. at 89th Street): Crazy exhibits, crazier building.

Eat here:

Le Cirque 2000 (455 Madison Ave.): Socialites and celebs-in-training, get your notebooks out.
Nobu (105 Hudson St.): Japanese and fusion fare, in a town where they actually know what "fusion" means. Murderous prices to match.
The Park (118 10th Ave.): Seven dining rooms, a 3,000-square-foot garden and enough California cuisine to render you indifferent when Johnny Depp strolls in the front door.
Katz's Delicatessen (205 E. Houston St.): Ohmygawd. It's famous, Jerry!
Lombardi's (32 Spring St.): Coal-oven pizza perfected 100 years ago.
Emerald Planet (Rockefeller Center): A healthy-feeling, mid-town, mid-day smoothie and wrap affair.
Gray's Papaya (2090 Broadway at 71st Street): In "Fools Rush In," Matthew Perry almost left Salma Hayek for these 75 cent hot dogs. You'll see why, and there are locations around the city.
Pink Tea Cup (42 Grove St.): This tiny West Village eatery serves some of the best soul food in New York, and it gives patrons an intimate setting and a down-home welcome.



Drink here:

Blind Tiger Ale House (518 Hudson at W. 10th Street): Loud, well-worn, 24-tap testosterone haven for the bawdy pint-slinger in all of us.
Tiki Room (4 W. 22nd St.): The décor here is an ungodly Polynesian atrocity, but for some reason it's the hottest ticket in town.
Club Shelter (20 W. 39th St.): The latest of the late-nights, Saturday's Shelter Party keeps the house going till noon.
Blue Note (131 W. 3rd St.): Voted Best Jazz Club of 2002 on citysearch.com.
Beauty Bar (241 E. 14th St., between Second and Third avenues): One of the better theme bars in the city, manicures are offered along with drinks on certain nights of the week, and the bar features old-fashioned beauty parlor décor along with the down-to-earth bartenders.

More fun stuff:

Before going to New York, the one thing every non-native should do is pick up a guidebook and a Zagat's guide, the necessary guide to food, drink, lodging and entertainment that even New Yorkers use. Also helpful upon arrival on the island is to buy a one-day Metrocard "fun pass" (\$4) for easy and unlimited 24-hour access to the subway system. If you plan on riding the subway at least three times – the quickest and easiest way to get around and cheaper than cabs – the Metrocard will save you money in the long run. The subway's even open 24 hours.

In addition to the transportation options listed above, also check out the Chinatown bus, which runs from Boston's Chinatown to New York's Chinatown at Canal Street. Several companies offer the buses at different times of the day for \$10 to \$25 one way. Check www.fungwah-bus.com or www.sunshineboston.com for more info.

As most of the city's natives will solemnly swear, everything that is

remotely cool in this world is connected to New York. It was made, rolled, grew up in, thought of, led to, stemmed from, or happened first in New York. With a melting-pot population of roughly 8 million people, half of whom is on Prozac, and a charmingly gritty history of blood, sweat and jazz, the place is a veritable energy forcefield. Pack every wild dream you've ever had and take them with you to New York. If they don't come true there, they won't come true anywhere.

While you're there, don't forget to see a show. Any one will probably be amazing. Instead of buying pricey tickets ahead of time, take a chance and wait in line for student rush tickets at individual box offices — or head off-Broadway. And whether or not you want to admit, New York is a shopper's city. Wandering Fifth Avenue and SoHo will probably take you all weekend, so make a list of important stops (complete with addresses and phone numbers in case you get lost, which you will).

If none of the things above interest you, try any of the other big tourist traps: Times Square, the Bronx Zoo, the Museum of Modern Art's temporary space in Queens or ice skating at Rockefeller Center.

Or, try things a little less touristy if you dare, like screening movies at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, shopping at the farmer's market at Union Square or seeing off-duty Saturday Night Live cast members at the Upright Citizens Brigade (161 W. 22nd). There's also Smalls Jazz (183 W. 10th St.), where for \$10, you get 10 hours of jazz every night of the week. The jams go until dawn. It's Bring Your Own Beer, but the juice is free.

No matter what you choose, you can't go wrong.

KIRSTEN HO '03 IS FROM HONOLULU. SINCE THAT'S TOO FAR AWAY FOR A WEEKEND TRIP, SHE PICKED THE SECOND-BEST CITY IN THE UNITED STATES.

make the ride to the tide by micah salkind

martha's vineyard might draw elite east coast residents, but don't miss the opportunities for the common folk. the ferry's pretty fun, too.

Martha's Vineyard, once part of New York, is actually in Duke's County, which was the counterpart of Queen's and King's Counties in New York. Not only a great place to summer and party for socialite New Yorkers, this scenic little island has a lot going for it in terms of its close proximity to Providence and its beautiful flora and fauna.

There are many quaint towns where you can grab a good bite, snooze with a book, or just play in the sand and let the friendly island girls massage your weary body. But in all seriousness, you won't find a place with more genuine, kind natives (I must note this is not true for the other week-enders you may encounter there) or a more beautiful natural landscape.

First of all, if you plan on driving on the island, reconsider, because traffic is unmanageable. If it's spring or summer, instead opt to bring or rent a bike. There are numerous trails that you can explore while saving yourself the cost of gas and a ferry pass for your vehicle. Stop by Bunch of Grapes in Vineyard Haven and pick up a

copy of Walking Trails of Martha's Vineyard to guarantee yourself good sights.

The youth hostel in Edgerton is the best deal for summer accommodations on the island and can be as little as \$20 a night while the inns can cost upward of \$200. Don't stress too much about finding a place to sleep, though; if worse comes to worse you can always camp at Martha's Vineyard Family Campground, which is just a mile and a half from the ferry port and costs about \$38 for two people and just \$10 for each additional camper.

While on the Vineyard there are tons of little towns with which to familiarize yourself. Be sure to know how to get to Oak Bluffs, Edgartown, Menemsha and West Tisbury, and make sure to buy a map, because you don't want to get lost while on vacation. Once you have gotten acclimated enough to really know what you are doing and aren't just bumbling around like a tourist, start seeking out the cool places where the real natives get down and dirty. For example, head to Lucy Vincent Beach to watch naked hippies play volleyball. All

those crevices, dirty hair and sand make for an awesome combo. Be sure to make your way to Menemsha so that you catch the sunset from one of the most beautiful spots on the island.

Speaking of natural beauty, the red clay cliffs in Aquinnah at the west-most point of the island are some of the most stunning formations you will see on the Vineyard. Dubbed a national landmark in 1966, these cliffs have helped scientists determine the geological history of the entire Eastern Seaboard.

After viewing that wonder of the natural world, head over to the Flying Horses Carousel in Oak Bluffs. The first carousel in the United States, this wonder of the man-made world is mentioned in a Dispatch song. How exciting!

If you haven't found something cool and un-touristy to do in Martha's Vineyard, you probably have either been talking to the wrong people or haven't been there long enough. The journey is short and the payoff is large.

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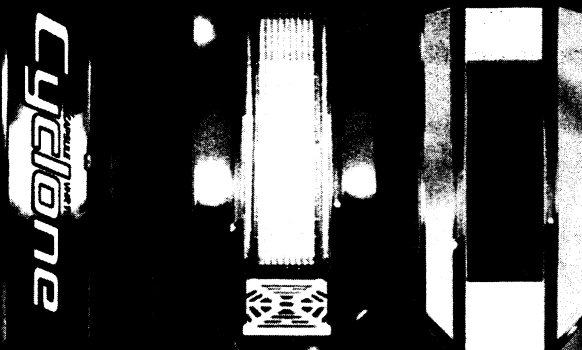
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throw on a cape

by jason ng

how can you justify not making it to the shores of cape cod? it even has a duckmobile.

Get away to the islands. Of course, before you hyperventilate while dreaming of tropical sun and choice beverages for those not yet 21, these islands had a balmy temperature of 42 degrees last March. Global warming or not, this year doesn't look to be too different for Cape Cod and "the islands."

For those not in the New England know, Cape Cod is the curly part of Massachusetts that draws vacationers during the warmer months. It also happens to be near water. The logical assumption is water makes a beach, but for college kids looking for a warm swim during spring break had better look elsewhere.

But the water does also bring certain perks. Like your first grade teacher said, fish live in water, and if you would like to stare at pretty fish captured in glass tanks, Woods Hole Aquarium near

Falmouth should hit the spot. Admission is free and seal feedings are daily at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

If nature and adventure are more your thing, make a date with the Cape Cod Duckmobile, a quaint circuit of the cape in an amphibious vehicle, complete with narrated tour and great views. And it's always exciting riding in something named after waterfowl.

Fun also comes from watching friends and strangers make complete fools of themselves singing everything from showtunes to Christina Aguilera's "Dirrty."

Karaoke seems to have caught on quite well with the rich old folk in Cape Cod, and Hyannis features five such places. The coolest-sounding one is the Duck Inn Pub, the perfect place to knock back a couple of mugs after a trip in the Duckmobile.

Music lovers who like to boogie can treat

themselves to several Cape-style clubs. Blue Anchor Café & Sushi and Mallory Dock, both in Hyannis, have live DJs spinning. If you think newer isn't necessarily better, hit up the Twenty-eight Club in Dennisport, where the terms "live jukebox" and "twenty-eight" are taken to a whole new level.

Food-wise, you can't really go wrong on the Cape. Recommended are the New York-style Mews in Provincetown, located right at the tip of the peninsula, and the seafood restaurant Amari's in Sandwich, which features a welcoming bar, too. Be prepared to break the bank on these two, but they're the perfect topping to an exciting trip through Duckland.

For the country club set, golf courses on the Cape tend to be a draw. But with so much else, is it really worth hauling the putter on the ferry?

JASON NG '06 HAS A DUCKMOBILE. DO YOU? QUACK.

Providence

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and you don't feel like dealing with the huge, impersonal feel of some chain bookstores, try Myopic Books in Wayland Square, which has a great selection and sells pretty cool t-shirts, too (5 South Angell St.).

Providence natives rave about Cellar Stories Bookstore, which stocks 70,000 used and rare books (11 Matthewson St.).

If you feel like staying a bit closer to home in your search for gently used reading material, step over to Atlas Bower Books, a one-and-a-half year-old used bookstore just across Thayer from the University. With a good selection and extremely friendly salespeople, it's a great environment to browse or discover a new love of used books (245 Meeting St.).

In the vein of cool used things, head off of the campus to some semi-local flea markets. Try the Rockey Hill Flea Market in East Greenwich, though in true flea market fashion it's open on Sundays only (884-4114). Or look for the North Smithfield Flea Market just 11

miles away in North Smithfield. Like Rockey Hill, it's open weekly (460-8709).

Savers is the college student's Nordstrom's. It has used clothing, books, appliances, costumes and home goods — all for great prices (1925 Pawtucket Ave., East Providence).

If you head to Newport, don't forget to check out the gorgeous mansions that have made the town famous. But there are other sights to be seen, like the Touro Synagogue, the oldest synagogue in America. Now a National Historic Site, you can take a tour of the synagogue and learn about its rich history. The Rhode Island Supreme Court used to hold sessions there, too.

If you're looking to head off the mainland, go to Block Island, one of Lil' Rhody's treasures. In the spring and summer, it's easy to make a day of just taking in the scenery.

If you feel more adventurous, try renting some kayaks for the day from Payne's New Harbor Kayak Rentals (466-5572).

If parasailing is more your thing, call Block Island Parasail (466-2474). You can also arrange to ride horses along the beach with the help of Rustic Rides Farm (466-5060).

For those planning on a longer trip that involves an overnight stay, try Sunset Hill Bed and Breakfast. From May to June, the rates are \$80 to \$90 midweek and \$105 to \$115 on the weekends (466-2191). For good eats, try the A and E Island Food Company for classic sandwiches, soups and coffee.

For good fresh fish, hit up Finn's Seafood Restaurant on Water Street. Or, if it's good beer you're after, try McGovern's Yellow Kittens Tavern. Go just for the name of the place, though there aren't really any felines.

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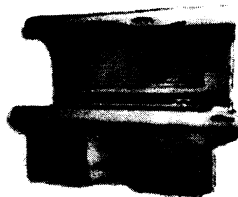
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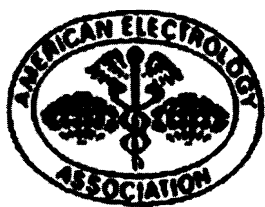
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by philissa cramer

it's not the beach, and you won't get a tan, but you might return with something more valuable.

For many students, the idea of spring break conjures images of warm beaches, desert isles and reckless abandon.

For others, spring break is a time to connect with the local community and tackle social problems. Instead of traveling to the traditional sunny locations, some Brown students, including Quyen Truong '05, choose to stay in Providence to do service projects coordinated by the Swearer Center for Public Service.

Truong has participated in three breaks projects since she arrived at Brown, and she served as a leader for a group during winter break that worked to alleviate housing inadequacies and homelessness.

She said the projects are a good way to meet "really cool people" with an interest in social justice. Last spring, she worked with a group at Heifer International,

laboring on the hunger relief organization's farm in Rutland, Mass.

"We had a lot of fun and really came together as a group," she said.

The Swearer Center has offered community service projects during both winter and spring breaks for several years, said Breaks Project coordinator Chitra Akileswaran '04.

The projects "are valuable because they give students the opportunity to have short-term experience with something that they might not do otherwise," she said.

Akileswaran said the goal of the program is to launch a relationship between students and the community that endures after the break ends.

"Hopefully, (students) continue to work with the issues they've dealt with during this one week," she said.

This spring, three projects will be based in Providence and deal with housing and homelessness. A fourth project is tentatively planned that would work with a community arts program in Philadelphia.

Breaks projects used to be held in many more distant locations, Akileswaran said. For example, she said groups last spring worked in West Virginia and Massachusetts.

But students don't need to leave town to find opportunities for meaningful community involvement, she said.

"There's so much work that needs to be done in Providence itself," she said.

Truong said the projects in Providence have allowed her to get a sense of the city away from Brown.

"It feels so far away, like a completely different world," she said.

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walk the cliff

by ellen wernecke

the mansions are for the rich and famous, but that doesn't mean you can't look at them. don't forget newport, providence's (only) competitor

Ah, Newport. The "other city" in Rhode Island, it's everything Providence is not — glamorous, beautiful, and an incorrigible tourist trap.

Still, there's something to be said for going "out of town" without really going anywhere. As spring and summer arrive, so do the tourists in Newport with their Hawaiian shirts, waddling around saying things like, "We don't have this in Ohio!" You, of course, can have the edge on them by affecting a Rhode Island accent and taking large quantities of coffee milk with you.

Before you even get out of your car, it's worth your while to drive around the colonial-town-turned-summer getaway for the rich and corrupt. Bellevue Avenue's Mansion Row holds most of the Gilded Age-era estates that made the city famous (one of which was the setting for the 1974 film adaptation of Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*).

Stop at the Breakers, a former Vanderbilt "cottage," and light a cigarette with a \$100 bill for old Cornelius and his kin. Now that none of them live there, feel free to make comments like, "But weren't they really corrupt?"

Newport boasts several state parks and beaches, but the Gulf Stream does little to warm the frigid Atlantic water.

Brenton Point State Park, though, is a park for at least three seasons; its gorgeous views of the Atlantic (complete with enormous cruise ships heading for Newport

harbor) and abundance of green space is picnic- and Frisbee-ready from mid-April till the end of October.

On nice days, the Cliff Walk delivers the best of Newport's ocean views and mansions in a gently rolling 3.5-mile hike. On bad days, though, it's muddy and unprotected from Atlantic gales, so avoid the activity if it's ugly outside. If it's sunny when you start, you should be all right — but take a raincoat, and please wear hike-worthy shoes. The last things you want to remember Newport by are blisters.

Thinking to pick up something nice for the parents, the roommates? Don't go to Newport. A seaport does not live by yachting alone; Newport's economy depends on suckers like you to buy watercolors and t-shirts so they can repave the streets

with cobblestones at the end of each season. Besides, you can make those little bottles with colored sand and seashells with supplies at your nearby Wal-Mart.

Like any proper tourist trap, Newport is packed with restaurants. The Black Pearl is worth it for its impressive entrees, most of which will set you back \$25-30 a person.

Christie's on Thames Street boasts beautiful views and live music on weekends, and the crowd is generally younger and friendlier. If you're living lean and don't mind bringing your own beer, Dry Dock Seafood down the street will serve you no-frills chowder and fish and chips.

ELLEN WERNECKE '06 SPENT MOST OF HER TIME IN NEWPORT LOOKING FOR GATSBY'S GHOST TILL SHE REMEMBERED THAT THAT WAS WEST EGG, STUPID.

nan*ucket

by zoe ripple

to see newport without mansions and with hippies, make the trek to nantucket

A small, bustling town awaits visitors to Nantucket. It is charmingly, quintessentially New England — a cobblestone road leads you from a ferry to the center of town. Of course, this lane is lined with gift shops selling traditional New England items, like Nantucket sweatshirts and candy in the shape of lobsters.

Entering into Nantucket harbor on the ferry, you will be greeted by a vista of well-groomed and expansive houses. It is clearly a wealthy community, but you'll soon discover that there are plenty of budget travelers on the island as well.

Getting around the island is easy on a rented bike, though there's a shuttle you can take around the island. Driving can be a bit difficult, though, with tourist traffic.

While there, get a pass to visit some of the island's historical sights. While it might sound slightly dry to go to the top of Nantucket's old windmill, it's actually interesting in that lazy summer sort of way. You can also see the oldest house, the Museum of Nantucket History, the Brant Point and Sankaty

Lighthouses, the villages of Scaconset and Madaket, the Fair Street Museum, the Quaker Meetinghouse and the African Meetinghouse. Then, head to the Whaling Museum for a classic New England history lesson. Also of interest is Nantucket's old jail — a one room, cinder block cell where Nantucket's criminals (and drunks) were held.

Don't forget to eat between historical periods, though. Right in the center of town, Vincent's Restaurant serves Italian food for \$15 to \$20 per entree. Try the pesto.

The Rose and Crown is less fancy than next-door neighbor Vincent's, and you won't feel strange wearing jeans and flip-flops. They serve good fries, and the veggie burgers are great. Meals end up costing about \$8 to \$10, and the place turns into a club at night.

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IN BRIEF

Blix says Iraq shows signs of real cooperation

UNITED NATIONS (L.A. Times) — Iraq has offered its first signs of “substantive cooperation” by turning up two bombs, one possibly filled with a biological agent, inspections chief Hans Blix said Tuesday, while Canada offered a compromise proposal designed to bridge the gap between the United States and France.

But U.S. officials said that neither the cooperation nor compromise offered enough to persuade them to change their plan to ask the Security Council for a mid-March vote to disarm Iraq by force. They said they will continue intensive diplomatic efforts to win badly needed support.

Blix said Tuesday that he has received eight letters from Iraq in the last several days with information on past weapons programs, including the recent discovery of two R-400 aerial bombs at a site where Iraq had disposed of biological weapons before. One of them is filled with “a liquid that appears to be biological,” he said, adding that it would be tested soon.

After denying in 1991 that it had a biological weapons program, Iraq admitted in 1995 that it had produced 155 R-400 bombs that were filled with anthrax, aflatoxin and botulinum toxin. It said that the bombs were buried during the 1991 Gulf War and later destroyed, and that most of the related documents were destroyed with them.

But in a letter delivered to Blix over the weekend, Iraqi authorities said they recently discovered handwritten documents about the disposal of prohibited items in 1991. “There are pieces of evidence that are coming forward but we still have to see this evidence,” he said. He added that he regarded the disclosures as “positive” steps by Iraq, which he said had previously only offered help with the inspections process, not substance.

“This is cooperation on substance,” the inspections chief told the Los Angeles Times. “Substance is if you find weapons, you can destroy it, if you find documents it may constitute evidence. That’s not process.”

Iraq has yet to agree to begin destroying dozens of Al-Samoud 2 missiles by Saturday because experts found that their range exceeds the U.N.-mandated 150-kilometer (93-mile) limit. CBS news said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein hinted in an interview with anchor Dan Rather that he would not dispose of the missiles, but Iraqi leaders said Tuesday that the question was unresolved. Iraq maintains that the missiles would not travel beyond the limit when weighted down with a payload, fuel and guidance system and asked for more technical talks. But Blix said the matter is not open for negotiation.

“We told them what they need to do,” he said. Blix will include the letters in a written report to the council due by March 1 and answer ambassadors’ questions in a special meeting on March 7.

U.S. officials say that the report may be Blix’s last before they ask the council to decide that Iraq is not serious about disarming, and authorize military action. The White House rejected Iraq’s sudden weapons revelations as too little, too late. “I suspect we’ll see him playing games. The world will say disarm and he will all of a sudden find a weapon that he claimed he didn’t have,” President Bush told reporters after meeting with the National Economic Council.

But the Security Council remains deeply divided on whether inspectors have had an adequate chance to rid Iraq of its nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons along with the bombs and missiles designed to deliver them.

Canada, a noncouncil member, has suggested that Iraq must answer unresolved questions on its weapons program by March 28.

If Iraq has not fully complied with inspectors by then, the council would authorize “all necessary means” to disarm the country by the end of the month. The deadline would be close enough to keep pressure on Iraq to disarm, the Canadian position paper said, but would allow sufficient time for judging whether Iraq is offering substantial evidence that it has disarmed.

The proposal splits the difference between the two choices now facing the council—to declare within three weeks that Iraq has squandered its final chance to disarm voluntarily, as the United States, Britain and Spain proposed Monday, or the French-German suggestion to strengthen and extend inspections for at least four months.

Pentagon puts war cost near \$85 billion

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) —The Pentagon is telling the White House and Congress that defeating Iraq and occupying the country for six months could cost as much as \$85 billion, according to sources—considerably more than what senior administration officials have said in public.

Combined with aid for regional allies such as Turkey, the price tag for the conflict could top the \$100 billion mark, twice the war costs cited last month by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and an amount the White House dismissed as outlandish last fall.

And the tally could rise still further. Indeed, some close to the process say war planners have no firm grip on the conflict’s final costs, a fact that is causing consternation among administration policy-makers as the nation edges closer to war.

“It’s like watching numbers roll higher and higher on a slot machine,” said one State Department official, who asked not to be identified.

This official said that during recent interagency meetings, White House budget aides “put their hands over their ears and said, ‘We’re not listening.’”

“We can’t take any more requests. Get a grip on this process and figure out exactly what you’re planning,” the official remembered the aides as saying. “They basically said ‘Get a hold of yourselves.’”

A spokesman for the Office of Management and Budget refused to comment on that account Tuesday and said the administration had yet to settle on the amount it would ask Congress to provide. President Bush’s budgets for both this fiscal year and next included no money for war with Iraq.

“The president has not yet been presented with any numbers” for war costs, said OMB communications director Trent Duffy. The costs are “all subject to decisions the president has yet to make,” said Duffy, “so it’s premature to speculate what they might be.”

Bush himself suggested Tuesday that war costs must come second to national security.

“There are all kinds of estimates about the cost of war,” the president told reporters after a session with his new economic advisers. “But the risk of doing nothing, the risk of the security of this country being jeopardized at the hands of a madman with weapons of mass destruction, far exceeds the risks of any

action.”

Sources said Bush had been scheduled to meet Tuesday with Rumsfeld and OMB Director Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. to discuss war costs and the price of a U.S. occupation of Iraq. No details were available.

Washington has been abuzz about a war’s impact on the federal budget and the economy since last fall, when former White House economic adviser Lawrence B. Lindsey estimated the conflict’s costs could run between \$100 billion and \$200 billion. Other administration officials rushed to dismiss the estimate and Lindsey was subsequently fired.

Since then, lawmakers, OMB and Congressional Budget Office analysts and outside experts have generally estimated that the immediate costs of war—deployment of U.S. troops, fighting and early occupation—would be between \$50 billion and \$60 billion. In recent interviews, Rumsfeld put the price tag at “under \$50 billion.”

Analysts cautioned that the new, \$80 billion-to-\$85 billion cost estimate may not cover exactly the same ground as previous estimates and may represent more of an opening bid by the Pentagon in coming negotiations with OMB and Congress than a measured tally of war costs.

The new figures do not include such costs as aid to allies. Sources said that separate from the \$80 billion-plus, the State Department will ask Congress for an extra \$10 billion to \$18 billion for aid to allies. And the figures do not include a prolonged occupation of Iraq by U.S. and coalition troops after a war. A top Army official testified Tuesday that the occupation could require “several hundred thousand soldiers.”

Word of the new war cost figures sent independent analysts scrambling for their calculators and Capitol Hill staffers wondering aloud how Congress would be able to write a budget for next fiscal year when such huge amounts are missing from this year’s spending plan.

“These are considerably higher numbers than what people had been anticipating,” said Steven Kosiak, a veteran defense analyst with the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, a Washington think tank. “They suggest that either the size of the force is going to be bigger, or the length of the conflict is going longer,” he said.

NASA says much of shuttle vaporized in re-entry

HOUSTON (L.A. Times) — NASA investigators acknowledged Tuesday that many pieces of the space shuttle Columbia vaporized in the atmosphere as re-entry began on Feb. 1 and will never be discovered.

Despite an exhaustive effort by more than 4,000 searchers in East Texas, little more than 10 percent of the space shuttle—about 8,100 pieces—has been recovered.

Investigators might retrieve less than 20 percent of the 179,000-pound orbiter, members of an independent panel appointed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to investigate the loss of the Columbia said in interviews Tuesday.

Asked whether much of the debris, particularly the lighter pieces, might have burned up altogether in the Earth’s atmosphere, retired Navy Adm. Harold W. Gehman Jr., the panel’s chairman, said: “Absolutely.”

NASA has recovered only a few large pieces, including one of the shuttle’s three main engines, which plowed 15 feet into the ground in Texas.

G. Scott Hubbard, a member of the Columbia investigative board and the director of NASA’s Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., said the 20 percent estimate is “very preliminary.” The most massive and heavy pieces of the shuttle were more likely to survive the scorching heat of re-entry, which can produce temperatures greater than 3,000 degrees.

Some of the pieces that have been recovered, however, are “beginning to talk to us,” Gehman said. At a news conference Tuesday, he displayed a photograph of one of Columbia’s heat-resistant tiles, discovered in Powell, Texas, 30 miles west of Fort Worth.

The tile, once smooth and white, was severely damaged from heat that appeared to melt away its top layer and by forces that left a giant scoop mark on its bottom. But it isn’t clear yet whether the damage was caused before the breakup or when the tile flew by itself through the atmosphere after the breakup.

Gehman also disclosed that investigators have located another tile in Littlefield, Texas, west of Lubbock and far-

ther west than any other known piece of debris. Although analysis of that fragment has just begun, investigators say the tile was once attached to a portion of the shuttle known as its “glove,” where the top of the wing attaches to the fuselage.

Gehman said the board would take a close look at whether the Boeing Co.’s analysis of potential damage to the shuttle’s heat-resistant tiles during a Jan. 16 liftoff accident was adequate.

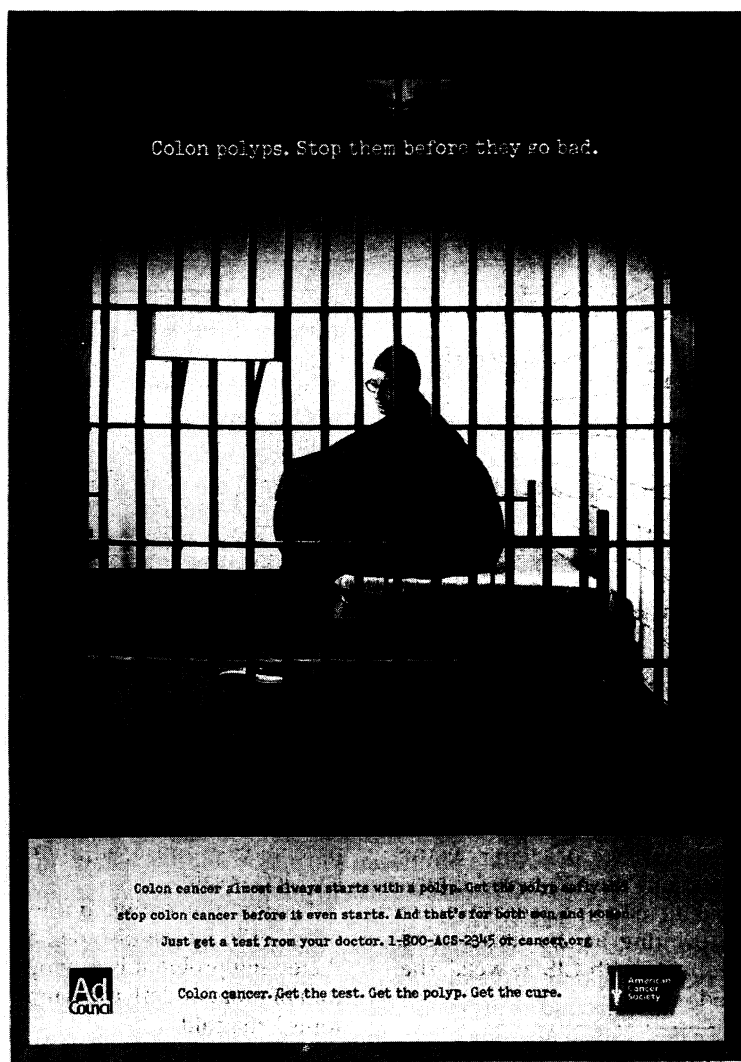
Among other things, the board will look at Boeing’s decision to transfer more than 1,000 jobs from Southern California, where the orbiter was designed and built, to its Houston office.

There are concerns that the company’s engineers in Houston were not as well prepared for safety-related assignments as the more experienced staff at its plant in Huntington Beach, Calif., which had been doing tile damage analyses. Boeing has said repeatedly that it stands by its assessment of the liftoff accident, in which its engineers predicted a “safe return” for the Columbia and its seven-member crew.

Also Tuesday, two members of the investigative board said in interviews that the panel will investigate whether NASA retains a culture of stubbornness and recalcitrance when it comes to sharing information—particularly the safety concerns of low-level and midlevel engineers.

In a series of internal e-mails released late last week, engineers at NASA’s Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., suggested that they were concerned during Columbia’s mission that the launch incident had left the shuttle badly damaged. But their e-mails indicated that they had been unable to persuade top NASA administrators to take their theories seriously.

One engineer said NASA treated requests for additional information like “the plague.” Another suggested that NASA was being secretive in its treatment of the liftoff accident, when several pieces of material believed to be foam insulation fell from an external fuel tank and struck the left side of the shuttle.



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Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im, professor of law at Emory University.

Panelist Jacqui Alexander, chair of the Department of Gender and Women's Studies at Connecticut College, emphasized the importance of taking local feminism into account and avoiding viewing women's rights through the Western frame of reference.

"In spite of the notion that there is something called universalism, feminism is not something that can be 'cut from the West' and get placed upon local conditions," Alexander said.

Alexander said that the Western conception of violence is limited to physical violence, yet economic, religious and state-sanctioned violence exists. Feminism needs to move away from this misconception as well as cultural relativism, the idea of the "first world" as distinct from the "third world," that exists within the movement.

El Guindi's presentation discussed the correlation between feminism and veils, both religious and secular. The Western assumption that veils are undesirable and

America's foreign policy "is one of the major obstacles for the protection of universal rights internationally."

limit women's freedom is a result of a lack of context and cultural awareness, El Guindi said. To dispel the misconception that veiling is a consistently oppressive tradition, El Guindi played a video of an American Muslim woman who called her veil empowering and humanizing.

An-Na'im received applause when he said America's foreign policy "is one of the major obstacles for the protection of universal rights internationally." The nation's counter-terrorism policy denies non-citizens minimal protection. This inequity of protection gives the country "no standing to challenge anybody else for what they do," he said.

Jacqueline Bhabha, adjunct lecturer in public policy at the Kennedy School for Government

at Harvard, said women seeking political asylum have been discriminated against. While the majority of refugees are women, the overwhelming majority of those granted asylum are male, she said.

This was previously because gender-specific issues, such as rape, were not specifically enumerated as forms of persecution in the definition of a refugee, Bhabha said. Feminist criticism of the narrow refugee law has resulted in changes in the laws in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, among other places, Bhabha said. She said discrimination still exists, however, because fewer women have the means necessary to apply for asylum.

Audience member Lynnette Freeman '05 said that the discussion "taught how human rights and feminism are seen from a Western perspective."

About 50 people attended the panel in Petteruti Lounge. The discussion was sponsored by the Pembroke Center Associates and the Department of Anthropology and was moderated by Rogaia Abusharaf, visiting assistant professor of Africana and gender studies.

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Cochrane

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A recent example involved the study of which type of electric toothbrush works the best. The leading company was able to advertise that their product did in fact produce the best results.

"In the U.S., we don't hear so much about (the Cochrane Collaboration)," Dickersin said. "I think one of the reasons is the way we pay for health care." In other countries where the government pays for health care, the government "is very interested in finding out what (drugs and treatments) work and what doesn't work. In this country, there is less of a motivation for the government to support this thing," she said.

However, Dickersin is hopeful that this will change. The receipt of two large federal grants indicates that "things are changing," she said.

The first of four Cochrane centers in the United States, the Brown center recently became the U.S. headquarters. The other centers in Boston and San Francisco are now considered branches.

"We have the support of the other centers," Dickersin said. "They are excited about our taking the lead." As headquarters, the center at Brown fulfills a number of functions that the other centers

were unable to do, including training, helping groups joining the collaboration get started, talking to the press and distributing other types of information about the collaboration.

The U.S. center is the central funnel for new information that is published. New information is processed electronically in the U.S. center and gets put onto the Cochrane library, where other centers, consumers and reviewers can access it.

"We've been involved in the Cochrane Collaboration since its beginning 10 years ago," Dickersin said. The Providence center, which Dickersin said was the most active in the United States, took over as headquarters with the support of the other centers. Over the years, it has received a number of grants that helped fund its activities.

The Cochrane Collaboration began 10 years ago when the founder, Iain Chalmers, put together a similar database focused on information about pregnancy, childbirth and newborn babies. He and his research assistants, including Dickersin, decided to expand this to all of medicine.

Herald staff writer Stephanie Harris '04 edits the academic watch section. She can be reached at sharris@browndailyherald.com.

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There is also the issue of sticking it out for the good of the team — to prioritize the needs of the many over the desires of the one. Yao Ming retains his loyalty to the Chinese national team, unlike Wang Zhi Zhi, who tossed his national commitments into a trash can on Sunset Boulevard. Yao is now enjoying widespread attention and respect from both sides of the Pacific, while Wang is playing for the Clippers. On a side note, Yao has proved correct my prediction of dunking on Shaq and gone further by rejecting him three times in the same game.

Some say, "Change is good when things are bad," and some say, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

But these axioms don't indicate that time has to be taken into context in difficult situations. I would suggest for athletes going through hard times with their teams to "stay calm and see how things play out," as I think that patience is truly a virtue — in life and in sports.

These days it appears that the word "home" carries no meaning for professional athletes. Even if they forge strong bonds in one area, they are often drawn away for the desire for a temporarily better situation. However, the ones who do stay and work through the difficulties reap the rewards. As Dorothy once said, "There's no place like home."

Hanyen Andrew Lee '06 hails from Hong Kong and is proud of his Far Eastern roots.

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in the seeded race, which is sure to help their overall performance.

"It's really going to take everyone stepping up and really putting it all on the line to compete as best as possible next week-

end," Buechel said.

The team leaves on Friday to travel to Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., for the Heptagonal Championships.

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recapture both the titles they won in the 2001 seasons.

For the seniors on the team, this is their last chance to move onto or up Brown's top ten indoor performance lists. One of Brown's top women performers has been Lauren Contursi '03. She is the number one ranked pole-vaulter in Brown's history.

"As a senior whose track and field career is closing in, I just want to give it all I have got," said

Contursi.

With all the success Brown has experienced in the past two years, one aspect of the team was noticeably absent — the throwers. In the last two years, Head Coach Robert Johnson brought in a new throwing coach and a group of continually improving young throwers.

"This meet will be our first chance to show the league that Brown throws has finally arrived and that we will be a thorn in the side of the other schools for a long time to come," said Throws Coach Michelle Eisenreich.

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spent more than the allotted amount of money on textbooks, the student can possibly work something out with the Office of Financial Aid, said Michael Bartini, director of financial aid.

Carr said the Brown Bookstore does its best to keep costs down for students. He said 30 percent of textbook sales are from used books — "twice as much as other colleges like Harvard and Duke."

The problem, he said, is publishers are competing with used books. "It's a captive market," he said.

The CCC also discussed tactics publishers use to woo students away from used textbooks, including new additions that feature additional graphics and electronic components.

Course packets are also a large expense, Carr said. Seventy percent of the cost of the packets is spent on royalties, he said.

The increase in textbook prices has perhaps led to an increase in course reserves at the Rockefeller Library, said Bonnie Buzzell '72, head of the Rock's circulation department. She said over 6,000 books are

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currently on reserve, as well as at least 500 copies of materials from professors, such as course packets. Professors have also taken to posting required reading online, which students print out free of charge at the Rock and the Sciences Library, leading to "a huge cost increase in printing at the library and probably with CIS as well," she said.

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Nutrition

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diagnose, McCoy said.

"So many people with problems with eating do not have all of the clinically defined symptoms, so we use the term disordered eating patterns to describe those whose thinking about food gets in the way of their enjoyment of life," McCoy said.

Both anorexia and bulimia can consist of binge and purge behavior, Ellis said.

For these reasons, McCoy said that she did not care about giving an individual a diagnosis but rather about improving the quality of life for those who wanted help with their diet or food intake.

Brown approaches someone who has an eating disorder through a team approach with a medical professional, a psychologist and a nutritionist, McCoy said.

"Fixing the eating doesn't necessarily fix the disorder, as the eating problem is a symptom of more underlying symptoms," she said.

Visits to Health Services or Psychological Services are confidential, McCoy added.

The event was part of Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Open it up

Despite months to contemplate the Underground's future since its closure in October, the University's current plan for the bar all but ensures that the Underground is headed for permanent irrelevance.

On weekdays, the bar will — no doubt with expensive renovations — serve as overflow space for the Blue Room. Friday and Saturday nights, the Underground will attempt to compete for the attention of legal drinkers not looking to venture off-campus, a market long cornered by the Graduate Center Bar. Eventually underage drinkers will no doubt find a new way to cheat the system and get caught, and the Underground will once again close for retooling.

Perhaps the campus should have expected such an impractical solution from the same minds that have seen the pub closed almost annually. And the campus should not sit idly by allowing failed overseers to once again run the bar into the ground at University expense.

The Office of Campus Life and Student Services is on the right track in attempting to diversify the Underground's mission. But the administration could go further — and ensure that the University would never need to deal with the wayward bar again — if it opened up the Underground's future to proposals from the student body.

The Undergraduate Council of Students deserves credit for pressuring the University to expand exercise facilities at the Bear's Lair and for advocating other improvements in student services. Yet the Council appears from its public discussions to only have been peripherally involved in the Underground's fate.

UCS could act as a launching point for wider discussion in the community about what to do with what is essentially student space. The best ideas may now be hidden in the internal discussions of a student group or even a conversation between two friends. With minimal effort from UCS and the administration, those ideas — and a vastly better future for the Underground — could be brought to light.

But what cannot be allowed to happen is for the Underground to fade from memory as one of Brown's most popular student spaces. That appears to be the course those who control it have set and to which higher administrators seem resigned. Brown has one more semester to find a better solution, and both students and administrators need to take advantage of that window.

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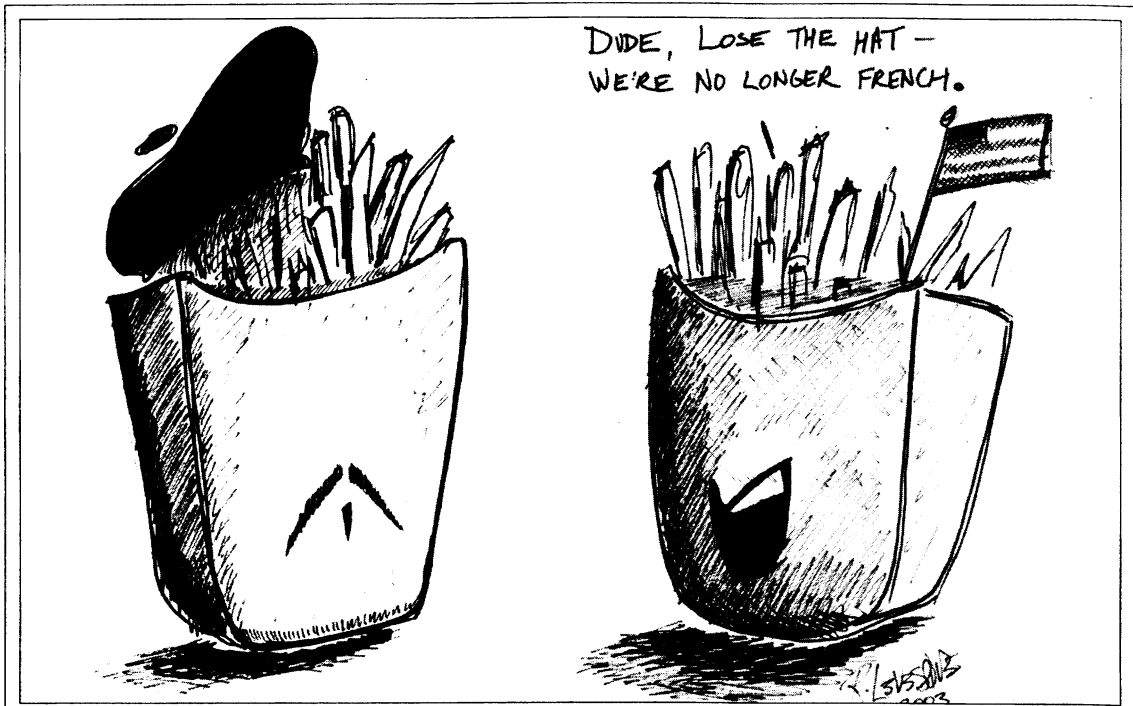
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LETTERS

Gubata misinterprets women who find other women attractive

To the Editor:

Kate Gubata '03 makes a disturbing generalization in her February 25 column. She seems to imply that whenever a female makes a statement regarding the attractiveness of another female, the first female engages in "male behavior." Ms. Gubata, I believe you have misread the feminist (and perhaps post-feminist) propaganda. Nowhere in that handy little pamphlet "How to be a feminist" does it state that I must find all women equally attractive. Based on my own personal preferences developed through a variety of experiences, I may select one woman over another. Nor does it say that my conceptualization of "attractiveness" came from my father's ideas of beauty. I must assure you that my mother had far more to do with my development of aesthetics than my father. Knowing my maternal grandfather, I suspect this pattern holds for my mother as well. Also, given that stereotypical

notions of beauty vary significantly across the globe (or did, until Westernizing influences overwrote them), it is unfair to say that a woman of one culture is universally "ugly" or "attractive" to a woman of every other culture.

Ms. Gubata, what you are ultimately implying is that all women who date women do so to fulfill male fantasies. Worse, you are implying that we are all magically endowed (pun intended) with male characteristics. I find those suggestions as repugnant as the constant entreaties from certain of my male friends that I bring a video camera on my dates. That you end your column with a slight verbal support of the LGBT communities, that you yourself may be in those communities, does little to temper the underlying message: lesbians are wanna-be men. Splash. That was 30 years of progress being tossed out the window into a puddle of melting snow.

I enjoy my sexuality. I enjoy beautiful (by my own standards) women. Do not reduce over 20 years of genetics, hormones, society and personal experience to "patriarchy." It is never that simple.

Veronica Gross '01
 Feb. 6

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Bush stuck cleaning up after French

LATELY, I'VE INCREASINGLY NOTICED A DISTURBING TREND in much of the recent criticism of President Bush's policy of "regime change" in Iraq. Instead of debating the merits of the policy, these critics are quick to blurt out, "But we gave him his weapons." The Blame America camp of left-wing critics characterize the Reagan administration as a bloodthirsty government lacking any moral qualms about funneling chemical weapons into Iraq in return for oil and arms deals.

Now let's be reasonable for a second. Yes, the Reagan administration gave Iraq material support during its war with Iran. This support, like that given to the Soviet Union during World War II, aided the defeat of a terrorist regime with malevolent regional ambitions in Israel, Saudi Arabia and Iraq. That President Reagan's support helped fashion the modern murderer that is Saddam Hussein does not invalidate his strategy, but rather highlights the dilemma faced by his administration. Just as President Franklin Roosevelt faced a difficult choice between fighting fascism or communism, so too did the Reagan administration, between a cruel dictator or a threatening ayatollah.

Reagan's strategy may or may not have been prudent, but the point is that the criticism his policies have received is unfair.

But the Blame America critics are more than unfair. They have the wrong guy. I'll tell you who senselessly and irres-

sponsibly promoted Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. It wasn't Ronald Reagan. It wasn't the Soviets. It wasn't even the C.I.A. It was France. No, really. And by "France," I don't mean some private company that got bought out years ago by a corporation that sells frogs' legs and stinky cheese. I mean the man himself, President Jacques Chirac. While serving as Prime Minister during the mid-1970s, he negotiated a deal finalized in 1976 to give Iraq two nuclear plants and enough enriched uranium to make several atomic bombs. Now Chirac may be a lot of things, but he's not stupid. Saddam Hussein paid lip service to the idea of peaceful nuclear energy, but he made his intentions obvious when he refused to accept a benign atomic fuel called "caramel," opting instead for weapons-grade uranium, and when he bought technology from Italy enabling him to separate plutonium from spent fuel rods — not to mention the uranium he was mysteriously purchasing from Portugal, Italy and Niger. It didn't appear to bother the French government when Saddam explicitly stated that the nuclear reactor was being constructed to terrorize Israel. Israel destroyed the Osirak reactor in 1981, but by then, the damage had largely been done. Chirac had arranged for the training of hundreds of Iraqi nuclear scientists (the same scientists that Iraq won't let U.N. arms inspectors interview), as well as an early experience with nuclear technology that gave Iraq's weapons program a running start.

Contrast Reagan's desire to curb Iranian aggression with France's motives. If you think our government is obsessed with oil, consider the 70 million barrels Saddam promised to sell France in return for its nuclear program. If you think we're obsessed with our defense industry, consider the \$1.5 billion arms deal that France got out of the agreement. Nukes and arms for oil: Is it just me, or does that remind anyone of North Korea's economic model? Is this the Chirac who claims to be the noble defender of the peace, or is this the Chirac who for years has undermined international pressure on the Iraqi dictator in the service of his country's narrowly defined self-interest?

It shouldn't surprise anyone that Saddam's leading advocate turns out to be the biggest contributor to his nuclear ambitions. Today, Saddam is acting like Bush's words are a great big bluff. It's no wonder. Throughout the 1990s, the French were undermining international sanctions and watering down the international coalition devoted to containing Iraq. Today, Chirac is practicing the French habit of dismembering the NATO alliance that protected him and his country for half a century, and he's doing everything he can to hollow out Bush's threats. It's what one can expect from the guy who built Iraq's nuclear program in the first place. Chirac is right to question Bush's policy towards Iraq but let's not lose sight of his dark role in today's crisis. France, after all, is the country that surrendered to fascism, that gave up on Vietnam, and that enjoyed NATO protection for decades without returning so much as a "Merci beaucoup" to the allies prepared to die for the people of France. For once, the French should take responsibility for their actions instead of calling us the bad guy for trying to clean up a mess that they largely caused.

Nate Goralnik '06 thinks that people only eat French escargots for the American butter that they're served in.

Hair and Politics

Picking a hair salon and presidential favorite are surprisingly similar

MY HAIR, LIKE MY POLITICS, IS VERY IMPORTANT to me. You see, I'm an unfortunate person with stereotypical "Asian guy" hair. My hair is black and it sort of, well, sits there. I went through a bandana phase while at Brown because it allowed me to ignore the natural deficiencies of the lump of fur on my pate. Bandanas and hats, however, could hide me from the truth for only so long: I needed a haircut, and I had to get one here in Providence.

Being a neophyte haircut-customer, I went to the corporate sellout "Supercuts" and was horrified to discover that it was closed for renovation or some other worthless reason. I really needed a haircut — my vision was being obscured by my ever-lengthening locks — so I proceeded to the only other source of hair cutting that I had heard of: Chez Lenore. The Faunce barber was an option, I guess, but I'm a modern hipster and thus I feel more comfortable going to a "salon" than a "barbershop." Yay for being won over by word symbology.

Anyway, I went over to Chez Lenore (by Allegra), proceeded up the stairs into this scary 1920s-era common area, entered the salon proper and was rather surprised. A picture of Elvis greeted me on the wall, and the salon area was, for lack of a good vocabulary, homely. Lenore (hence the name Chez Lenore), the proprietress, said hello and told me to wait. I waited for a little bit and then she proceeded to cut my hair according to my instructions. I was infinitely pleased with the result and with the nice service that I received. Chez Lenore came out of

John Brougher '06 is one of the new members of The Herald columnist staff.

nowhere and won me over. Kind of like Dennis Kucinich.

After Senator Paul Wellstone's untimely death, I felt increasingly cynical about politics. Whenever some legislation was enacted that curtailed civil liberties or encouraged blustering foreign policy, I could always tell myself that Senator Wellstone was looking out for us. He was a politician in whom I could believe. He is no longer with us, and so as "Decision 2004" crept closer and closer, I had begun to despair. Kerry? Lieberman? Sharpton? General Clark? I won't go as far as some leftists and say that the Democrats and the Republicans are

basically the same, but I wasn't leaping for joy at the progressivism of the Democratic possible candidates. I like Reverend Sharpton, but his past problems (I don't have room to go into them here) will plague him on a presidential run.

So I discovered Dennis Kucinich. I like him. He's progressive in a way that few elected officials dare to be. "Whole Life Times" magazine writer Paul Andrews described Kucinich as a man who "takes a progressive stand on a number of issues like the environment, world peace, corporate responsibility, arms reduction, world hunger, food modification and spirituality." Kucinich is co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and comes from a state (Ohio) that is filled with electoral votes. I have to do a lot more looking before I come to a final conclusion, but I like what I see so far.

I met two people this past week: Lenore and Dennis. I'm huge on first impressions and both of them impressed me, one on a political level and one on a cosmetological level. I feel secure: my hair and politics are now in good hands.

JOHN BROUGHER
COLUMNIST

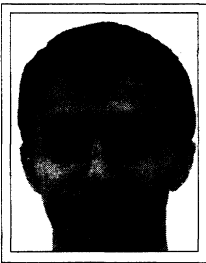
Brown, a friend of the court?

I DO NOT KNOW QUITE WHAT TO DO with affirmative action. On the one hand, watching George W. Bush, who has never merited a single advancement doled out to him in his entire charmed life, cry for fairness and equality is a pretty sorry spectacle. Also, anyone who remembers the last Republican National Convention, where black city councilmen were trotted out on stage in place of white governors and senators, knows that the GOP isn't entirely opposed to race preferences. And yet despite that ample irony, I still believe that affirmative action in university admission is an evil practice that is all the more tragic for being plainly well-intentioned.

I do not base this on any sort of sympathy for the white students whose rejections formed the basis of the lawsuit now in the news. In the coming months I will undoubtedly be rejected from a number of graduate institutions, some of which practice affirmative action, and at no point will it occur to me to sue anybody. Affirmative action is evil not due to its negative effects on whites, but rather its negative effects on blacks.

Consider the following University of Michigan statistic: a black applicant in the lowest tenth percentile of grades and test scores has an 88 percent chance of admission, while a white student of the same ranking has a four percent chance — Asians even less. How is this disparity conducive to achievement or uplift? Somebody please tell me why it is considered a progressive idea, in this day and age, for blacks to argue that they cannot in fact compete on a normal footing in America, that "structural racism" gives them indefinite permission to underachieve and that what offers them a

When Alex Schulman '03 does not get into U. Mich, he will sue his own parents for his poor genes.



ALEX SCHULMAN
BORN TO RUN

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chance at success is not their own ability but rather charity from the very institutions accused of such racism in the first place.

This is a policy disaster, and one based on a desperate hypocrisy. I would be accused of ignorance or bigotry if I suggested that all blacks were members of an underclass who languish in broken homes and ghettos of drugs and crime, and who thus need help from whites. Blacks would angrily point out the level of black achievement in America, the large and vibrant black middle class, the legions of black professionals, etc. And yet when affirmative action comes up for debate, many of the same people are quick to push all these great strides under the rug, instead describing dire statistics about black males and the prison system, and as always, anecdotal evidence of residual racism.

No doubt there is still racism in America. But if that excuses our universities asking far less of blacks than whites, we are cutting off the nose to spite the face, and its results will not engender black integration or a colorblind society. No ethnic/racial group in history has ever achieved uplift from oppression thanks to charity. The American immigrant groups that have shown this are legion. The conservatives who bleat about affirmative action's unfairness miss the forest for the trees — it is unfair all right, grotesquely unfair to exactly those it purports to help.

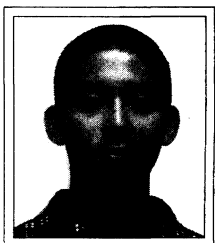
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"The Glove" packs his bags

HOME — WE ALL FEEL OUR VERY IDENTITIES wrapped around the places where we feel we belong. To some, home is where they were born and will never leave; to others, home is the place they have been the longest, have the most friends and feel most comfortable.

Unfortunately for many of today's professional athletes, home is an ever-changing place because of to player trades and the allure of free agency.



HANYEN ADREW LEE
FAR EAST SIDE

Gary Payton's home of Seattle embraced him for 13 years as its most gifted basketball son of all time. Payton will always be known as one of Seattle's greatest sporting superstars, yet he was not able to remain there for his entire career. His trade to Milwaukee last week was a result of lack of discretion and ill-spoken words between Payton and the Sonics management. It left the fans of Seattle angry and this columnist wondering whether any player in team sports retains team loyalty nowadays.

It is increasingly common for players to leave their original teams through free agency or demanding trades. Granted, many of today's athletes are simply seeking to advance their financial position and might be unsatisfied with their current working environment. However, there is no profession in which employees do not encounter difficulties on the path to success. If only these athletes could exercise more patience and intestinal fortitude, they might be able to work through temporary hardships and come through their careers with a strong sense of team identity and loyalty intact.

The impatient and instant-gratification-seeking attitude that many of today's professional athletes exhibit is exemplified by current Phoenix Suns basketball player Stephon Marbury. Seeking the sole spotlight on his own team, he demanded a trade away from a potentially dynamic partnership with Kevin Garnett in Minnesota, only to end up in New Jersey where he got the dim lights of half-empty arenas and a few seasons of 50-plus losses. Then he sulked his way to Phoenix and now finally enjoys some measure of success — only through sharing the spotlight with Shawn Marion. (Some even would say rookie Amare Stoudemire is the one occupying center stage there.) The player he was traded for, Jason Kidd, did the near-impossible in transforming New Jersey into the East's beast. Thus, the egotistic "Starbury" will forever be known as the player who made the Nets great — by leaving them.

Leaving for another team may sometimes lead to greater success, but the cases of players sticking it out with one team through thick and thin are legendary. John Elway staying with the Broncos and winning Super Bowls in his last two seasons. John Stockton and Karl Malone leading the Utah Jazz to winning seasons into their 40s and becoming all-time legends in Salt Lake City. Magic Johnson getting through a rough period with a "crybaby image" in his second season in the NBA to become the owner of five championship rings and the winningest smile in NBA history. Magic could have jumped ship in rough waters, but he stuck on, and now does anybody remember, can anyone possibly imagine that bad rap he had during his sophomore blues?

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Men's tennis tops highest ranked opponent ever, #17 Wake Forest, 4-3

The Brown men's tennis team, ranked 54th nationally, registered the biggest upset in school history with a 4-3 victory over 17th-ranked Wake Forest in a six-hour match at the Pizzitola Sports Center on Saturday. The Demon Deacons are the highest-ranked team the Bears have ever beaten, and this win should move Brown significantly higher in the national rankings.

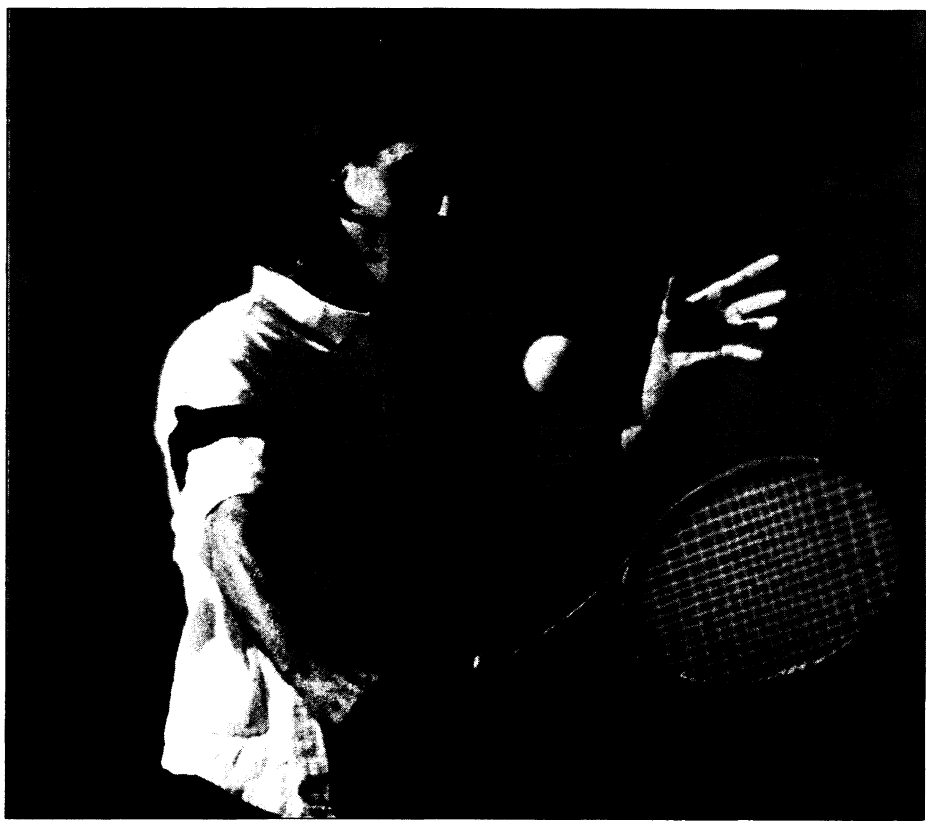
"Our guys absolutely came out and battled for every single point from the start of doubles all the way through the end of singles," said Head Coach Jay Harris.

Brown started out strong by sweeping the doubles with Jamie Cerretani '04 and Chris Drake '03 winning their 11th straight match. Adil Shamasdin '05 and Nick Goldberg '05 were 8-6 winners at second doubles, and Zack Pasanen '06 and Kris Goddard '04 took third doubles 9-8 (3).

In singles, Wake Forest won the first set at numbers one, two and three and captured the match at number two in straight sets to tie the score, 1-1. At number three, Shamasdin came back to beat Wake's Mike Murray 6-4 in the third to put Brown ahead, 2-1.

At first singles, Wake's Derrick Spice saved two match points against Cerretani to win an emotional 6-4 battle. Wake went ahead 3-2 when David Bere outlasted Goldberg in another 6-4 match in the third set. The Bears tied the score at 3-3 when Pasanen battled back from a set down to win the last two sets, 6-2, 6-4.

With the score tied, Ben Brier '04, playing number six, rallied from a breakdown in the third set to pull out a 6-4 victory and clinch the Bears' big upset.



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Ben Brier '04 (above) won the decisive match in the men's tennis team's upset, in three sets.

Brier had been 0-10 on break points in the third set before coming back to knot the score at 4-4 in the third. He then fought off two break points at 4-4 and weathered his opponent, Brett Ross, who came up big in saving the first three match points.

The match ended with Brier winning match point number four, setting off a wild celebration among the Pizzitola Sports Center's avid tennis fans.

—Brown Sports Information

Men's track tunes up for Heps

BY JOANNA GROSSMAN

In its last regular season meet of the year, members of the men's track and field team competed in the USA Track & Field New England Championships at Harvard last Sunday. The entire team did not compete, as some rested up for the Heptagonal Championships on March 1.

"The team is feeling good; we're ready compared to last year. We're more physically and mentally ready to go to Heps," said Captain Sean Thomas '03.

The Bears took three of the top four college places in the 200-meter dash. Phil Sardis '04, Eldridge Gilbert '05 and Zach Weidner '04 finished in 22.34, 22.92 and 23.52, respectively.

In the 60-meter high hurdles there were also performers in the scoring positions. Daveed Diggs '04 took fourth place in 8.36 and Brian Hulse '05 took sixth place in 8.44.

"The hurdlers ran pretty well; they are back on track to where they were a couple of weeks ago," said Head Coach Robert Johnson.

In the 60-meter dash, Steve Marino '03 and Brandon Buchanan '03 finished in fourth and fifth place, with only one hundredth of a second separating them, in times of 7.12 and 7.13, respectively.

In the mile run, Chad Buechel '03 finished second in a tough run race with a personal record of 4:05.51. Pat Tarpy '05 finished in sixth place with a time of 4:17.82.

"Chad had a phenomenal performance in the mile; we're certainly very

pleased with how he's doing," Johnson said.

"I had Enda [Johnson '02] and Chris [Relf '03] pacing for me, and they did a fantastic job. They really helped me get started. This race should put me in a good spot for next weekend," Buechel said. "I think we're going in to Heps in a good position; we've really stepped up the last couple of weekends and have a shot to place high at Heps."

The middle distance men in the 800-meter run finished four men in just over 1.5 seconds of each other. Mike Keefrider '04 was the first Bear across the line in a time of 1:57.65.

Close behind Keefrider were Matt Crimmin '04, Mike Piche '05 and Chris Relf '03, in times of 1:57.91, 1:58.73 and 1:59.15, respectively.

"In the 800, we've got a lot of guys knocking on the door. We had some good performances but we know it's an area we can still improve in," Johnson said.

In the 3000-meter run, the Bears took the top three college spots, with Jeff Tomlinson '03 finishing in 9:01.45, Matt Malachowski '04 running 9:12.78 and Mike Tomlinson '03 finishing with a time of 9:16.53.

In the final event of the day for Bruno, the 4 x 400-meter relay team narrowly beat out the next finisher to place first with a time of 3:19.77. This time moved them up in the conference charts, so come next weekend, they will be running

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Heptagonals on the way for women's track

BY KEELY THARP

In a tune up for the upcoming league championship meet, members of the women's track and field team competed at the USA Track & Field New England Championships on Feb. 23. The meet was an opportunity for the women to improve their seed times for the league championships and to get a final speed workout before the last indoor team competition.

The team's focus for the last two weeks has been the Heptagonal Championships that begin March 1 at Dartmouth College. Many Brown women are ranked in the top ten in their respective events, and the team and coaches are looking forward to an exciting battle among the Ivy League teams for supremacy on the track.

In recent years, Brown has set very high standards for itself, winning two out of the last four Indoor Heptagonal Championships. Last year, Brown had a disappointing end to the indoor season when they finished in fourth, but recouped well to finish second in the outdoor season.

"We have the talent to finish in the top three, but it is dependent upon our coming together as a team," said head coach Rick Wemple.

The women have put an extra emphasis on creating a cohesive team in a sport that is consummately individual.

"What I expect out of my athletes is for them to go out and beat people, not to worry about times. If they do that, they will run fast anyway," Wemple said.

This year the women hope to

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