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Budget gap is everyone's concern says Cicilline '83

BY DANA GOLDSTEIN

Dealing with Providence's \$40 million budget gap is the responsibility of all the city's residents — including the Brown community — argued Mayor David Cicilline '83 in a talk Wednesday at the Taubman Center for Public Policy. Cicilline busily jotted down any suggestion for change audience members sent his way.

"This is our collective challenge, ... our collective responsibility," Cicilline said. "Financial problems won't be solved by city government alone."

Cicilline said dealing with the city's deficit was his number one priority, attributing many of Providence's financial troubles to the administration of his predecessor, Vincent Cianci. While Cianci tried to cover up the reality of the budget gap through measures such as "selling street lamps to a company in Texas" and "selling the port to a firm that defaulted," Cicilline said he is coming clean to the residents of Providence. Their situation, he reported, is "pretty grim financially."

Contributing to severe budget shortfalls are contracts between the city and various unions that make it difficult for city government to lay off superfluous employees of the police department, fire department and the schools. Additionally, if a statute limiting tax increases stays in place, even raising taxes, which Cicilline described as a last resort, would fail to solve Providence's fiscal problems.

The city has hired an outside firm to evaluate how Providence can enhance revenues and cut costs without raising taxes. To that end, Cicilline has voiced support for changing the tax status of the city's non-profit organizations, including universities, colleges and hospitals. These non-profits hold 50 percent of Providence's real estate, yet are shielded

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Kimberly Insel / Herald

Dr. Ferdinand Jones led a discussion on music and social power Wednesday night.

Program explores the power of music as psychological resource

BY LINDA EVARTS

A multifaceted program explored music as a vehicle of social power for African Americans Wednesday night in MacMillan Hall.

Opening with a performance by the a capella group Shades of Brown, the program showcased a movie and audience dialogue led by Dr. Ferdinand Jones, professor emeritus of psychology and former director of Psychological Services. Jones and his brother have done extensive research on music as a psychological resource for African Americans.

"For African Americans, music and culture have become a form of territory, an area that they can control," he said. "Singing increases the actual amount of territory you affect — people walking towards you walk into your voice before they come near your body."

The video, demonstrating the power of music as a medium for change, opened the floor for greater discussion on the topic.

Students questioned the significance of music today, noting the material focus of much of contemporary music makes it difficult to find a more profound message.

Jones spoke of the intrinsic significance of all music. He said, "There is always some message. It is legitimate to examine what's being said and why."

He said the music people listen to can reveal a lot about who they are, and reminded the audience that the gospel music prevalent in the Civil Rights Movement was not of the mainstream culture of that time.

"Perhaps some of the music we listen

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Poor economy, U. expansion will result in budget deficit

BY XIYUN YANG

A lagging economy coupled with University expansion will likely cause significant deficits to the University's 2003-2004 budget in its current form, according to a University Resources Committee report.

The URC, a committee consisting of administrators, faculty and students, meets throughout the school year to decide the budget for the following fiscal year.

President Ruth Simmons presented the budget recommendations for the next fiscal year to the Corporation last weekend.

Simmons' Initiatives for Academic Enrichment were given top priority in budgetary concerns but also ran into difficulty finding sufficient funds, Assistant Provost Brian Casey said.

To compensate for the new initiatives, including the newly implemented need-blind admission policy, projected to cost \$1.3 million, the report recommends an increase in overall tuition and fees by 4.4 percent to \$37,942.

"The implementation of the Academic Enrichment Initiatives requires a great deal of discipline to sustain, especially in difficult economic times," said Provost Robert Zimmer.

The overall cost of attending Brown will increase along with expected student contributions within the financial aid package. Although the evaluation criteria for financial aid will remain the same, the report recommended the University's support for scholarship aid increase by an additional \$2.2 million. At the same time loan expectations will rise for the first time in four years, by \$500 for students in the lowest income group and \$1,000 for all other students.

The budget for financial aid has increased by 15 percent, Zimmer said. The increase in student self-help is a reflection

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Universities are shielded from property tax under state law; past attempts to get more money from schools proved unsuccessful

BY ADAM STELLA

If Providence is to coax direct monetary contributions from Brown and the city's other colleges and universities through voluntary agreements or legislation, as Providence Mayor David Cicilline '83 has pledged to do, it must first overcome several obstacles.

Legally, the city cannot impose property taxes on universities, which are shielded under state law. Past legislative attempts to coax more funding from colleges and universities, including one that would have imposed taxes on dormitories, have failed, said 2nd Ward Councilwoman Rita Williams.

The state is unlikely to compel universities and colleges to pay taxes given the opposition of Governor Donald Carcieri '65 to taxing the state's non-profits.

During his campaign last fall, Carcieri told The Herald taxing the non-profits is not the solution to the state's fiscal problems and he would prefer to invest more in institutions like Brown.

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The state is further constrained in taxing universities and colleges because as non-profit institutions they are shielded under federal law, said Associate Professor of Sociology Hilary Silver.

"Any change to the status of the non-profits could not discriminate" by distinguishing between universities and other non-profits, Silver said.

In voluntary agreements, however, the city would probably seek to distinguish between universities and other non-profits. But there is a rift between the city and Brown and the Rhode Island School of Design about whether universities and colleges should be singled out

among non-profits for additional revenue.

RISD will discuss direct monetary contributions only if other tax-exempt institutions, such as hospitals and churches, are included in the discussion.

RISD President Roger Mandle is "willing to bring a coalition together to talk about the tax issue," RISD Director of External Relations Ann Hudner told The Herald on Jan. 29.

"We believe this is a matter of shared concern for all non-profits," Hudner said in a later interview. She said any discussion of taxing non-profits must include colleges and universities, preparatory schools, hospitals and churches.

"RISD is not standing up and saying we will pay taxes," she said.

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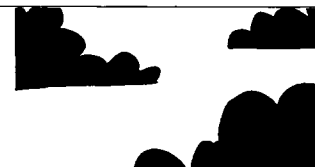
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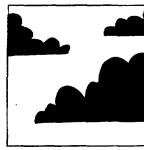


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GRAPHICS BY TED WU

CALENDAR

LECTURE — "War Against Iraq: Is this a War for Oil?" Fareed Mohamedi, PFC Energy, Watson Institute. Room 106, Smith-Buonanno, 4 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION — "Improving High School Learning Opportunities for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students: What Districts and Communities Can Do," Kris Gutiérrez, University of California, The Education Alliance. Inn at Brown, 5 p.m.

WORKSHOP — "Role and Status of Black Graduate Students," Part of Black History Month. Third World Center, 6:30 p.m.

LECTURE — "The Novel and the Sea," Margaret Cohen, New York University, John Carter Brown Library. John Carter Brown Library, 5:30 p.m.

FILM — "Ma camera et moi," French Film Festival. Cable Car Cinema, 204 South Main St., 7 p.m.

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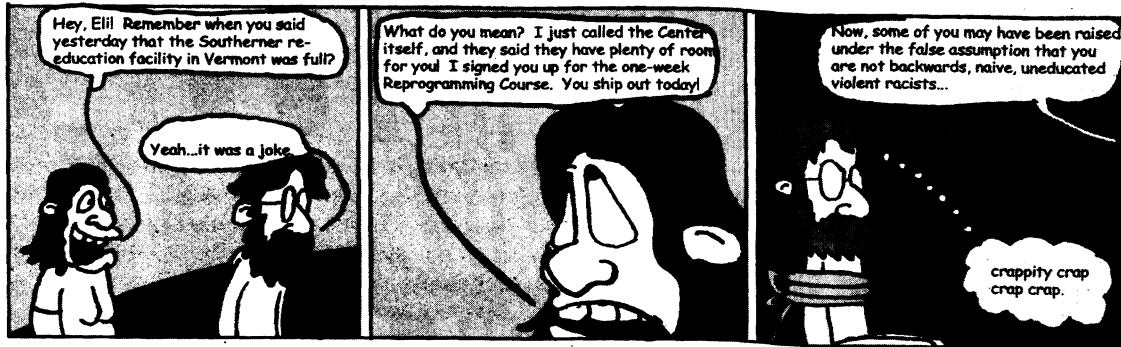
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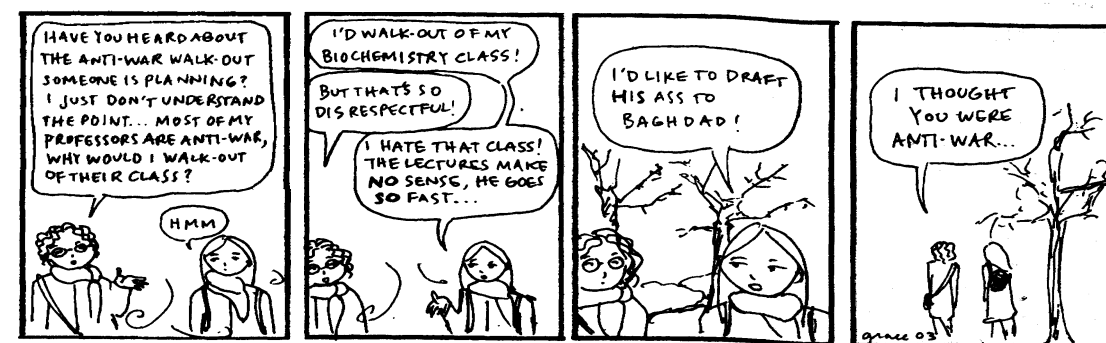
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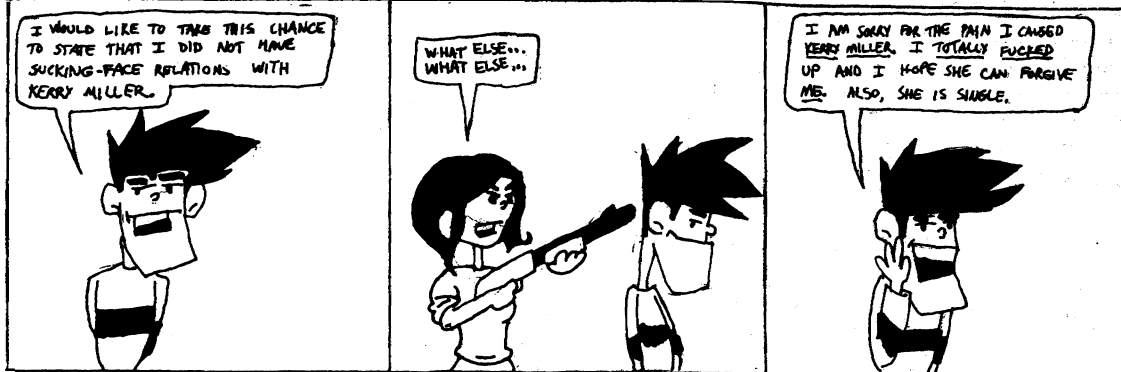
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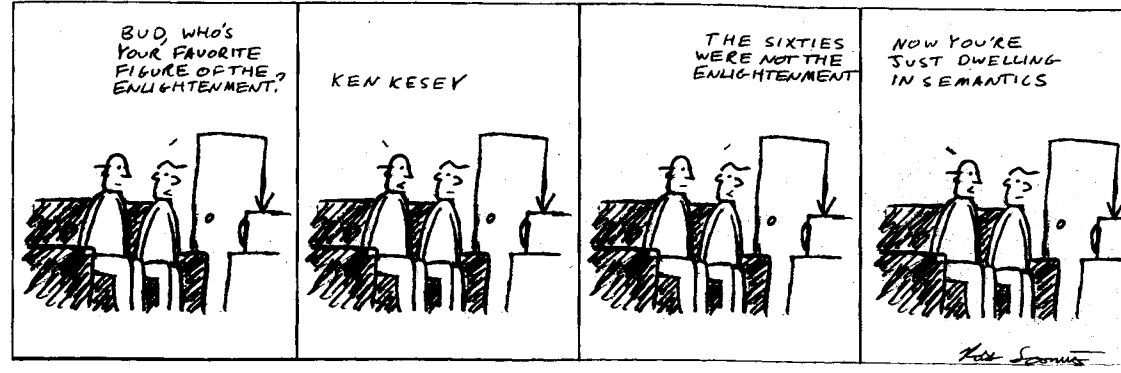
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CAMPUS WATCH

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IN BRIEF

Columbia homepage directs visitors to pornographic site

Visitors to Columbia University's home page were redirected to a pornographic site on Tuesday after a computer hacker struck the site for the second time in two weeks.

For approximately 20 minutes Tuesday evening, Columbia's Web site displayed the message, "Columbia University in the City of New York has a secret..." The site then automatically routed visitors to www.cumsplatter.com, the Columbia Daily Spectator reported.

A similar incident occurred Feb. 16, when for approximately six minutes the Web site displayed the message, "Free Vasily (sic) Gorskov" before redirecting visitors to the same pornographic Web site. Vasily Gorskov is a convicted Russian computer hacker.

On both occasions, the hacker used the name and password of a senior staff member at Columbia's Office of Public Affairs, one of only a few people who can make changes to the Web site. That password has since been changed, and Columbia Security and the university's information services department are investigating the incidents.

"We are maintaining our security for the site, and we are investigating what happened," said Eileen Murphy, executive director of the Office of Public Affairs. "We are taking it seriously."

Pamela Vogel '89, associate director of Computing and Information Services, said only Kate James, Web editor for public affairs and University relations, has access to Brown's Web site. A hacker with only James' password could make changes to the Brown homepage, including redirecting users to another site, Vogel said.

Hackers can steal passwords with key-stroke-recording software installed on administrators' computers or with "sniffer" programs that monitor network activity, Vogel said.

Vogel said she did not know of any hacking incidents at Brown. "We haven't had people who write viruses or hack into Web sites," she said.

Brown has a policy of encrypting all passwords, making password theft difficult and an incident like Columbia's unlikely, Vogel said. "We wouldn't want anything like that happening on our watch," she said.

—Julia Zuckerman

Programs designed for minorities are under discussion after MIT decision

BY ZACH BARTER

The future of programs designed exclusively for underrepresented minorities is under discussion at universities nationwide, following a decision last month by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to open two such programs to applicants of all races.

Brown is currently in the process of evaluating how its programs size up against those at MIT, said Associate Dean Karen McLaurin-Chesson '74, director of the Third World Center. She said she was unaware of any timetable for the evaluation.

The MIT decision came after the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights began investigating the school's seven-week summer programs — one designed for high school students and the other for incoming first-years. Both programs were limited to African

American, Hispanic and Native American students.

The investigation led MIT, which had earlier defended the legality of the programs, to reevaluate its stance, said Robert P. Redwine, dean for undergraduate education and professor of physics at MIT.

"We concluded, somewhat reluctantly, that they could not legally be maintained as racially exclusive programs," Redwine said.

Two interest groups opposed to the use of race-sensitive policies in higher education — the Center for Equal Opportunity and the American Civil Rights Institute — brought MIT's programs to the attention of federal authorities. The groups accused MIT of violating Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits racial discrimination by any institution that receives federal

funds or grants.

"We are very skeptical of any racially exclusive program, and the law is skeptical of any racially exclusive program," said Roger Clegg, general counsel at the Center for Equal Opportunity. "That kind of racial and ethnic discrimination is not only objectionable as a policy matter, it's also illegal."

Also this month, Princeton University reversed a minority-only policy at its Woodrow Wilson School Junior Summer Institute after receiving an inquiry from the two groups.

McLaurin-Chesson, who oversees the Third World Transition Program, an orientation for incoming minority first-years, said she was confident TWTP could withstand any inspection.

"I'm not feeling any imminent danger

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Conn. College cancels classes to discuss problems of racism

BY MOMOKO HIROSE

After several incidents of racism on campus, Connecticut College cancelled classes last Tuesday to discuss diversity.

Connecticut College has seen eight race-related incidents since October, according to the college's bias incident log. The incidents included graffiti, threatening e-mail and phone messages and defacement of posters.

In October, racist graffiti was written on two students' doors. The campus remained relatively quiet until another spate of incidents occurred this month.

On Feb. 13, a female student of color received a phone call telling her to "go back where (she) came from." Three days earlier, a Black History Month poster was defaced, with "Black History Month" crossed out and "Nigger Month" written over it.

During the day of diversity forums, students first met in small groups in

residence halls. Then all 1,650 students convened to discuss the incidents and future plans, said David M. Milstone, dean of student life.

"Students came forward (after the incidents) and said, we have a list of demands, and these are the things that in our mind would go a long way to helping the community grow," Milstone said. "It was to deal with some of the question marks and deal with some of the anger and educate all the different things that go into responding to campus incidents."

"We can guarantee that all incidents will be investigated and the perpetrators, if found, will be subject to the full range of disciplinary procedures. Equally important, the college is taking strong measures to affirm the solidarity of our community and our collective

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U. housing lottery similar to other Ivys

BY LOTEM ALMOG

With Brown's housing lottery just around the corner, many students are beginning to feel the impending tension.

For Brown students who believe other schools distribute housing in a less stressful manner, here are the facts about the systems at other Ivy League universities.

Columbia University, Cornell University and Harvard University all have some form of a housing lottery.

In March, students at Columbia can register for the housing lottery online, either individually or with a group of students with whom they want to live, said Ross Fraser, executive director of University Residence Halls.

Fraser said the Columbia lottery occurs in two stages: the lottery assigns housing to groups or suites and then to individuals. All registration is done electronically.

"When I first got to Columbia, you'd

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have to pick a number out of a box. ... Now they've automated the lottery number distribution," said Michael Foss '03, president of Columbia's Undergraduate Housing Council.

Cornell students who want to live on campus enter a seniority-based lottery. Rising seniors have first choice for rooms, followed by rising juniors and then sophomores, said Patrick Savolskis, manager of housing and dining offices at Cornell.

Like Brown students, many Cornell students feel the system is unfair, Savolskis said. "There's no perfect lottery system. Someone will always feel they've gotten the short end of the stick. ... The ivy is always greener on the other side," he said.

Every year after the housing lottery, Cornell's housing office receives scores of complaints from students who are disappointed with their housing, he said.

The Harvard lottery system is a bit different. Rising sophomores at Harvard choose a group of students — up to eight in total — with whom they would like to "block," said Diana Hovespian, administrative assistant in the housing office.

Harvard then conducts an internal lottery, assigning a random number to each group, Hovespian said. Each group is then randomly assigned to one of Harvard's 13 residential houses, and individual room assignments are made later by the faculty in the house itself, according to Harvard's housing Web site.

Most students will stay in this house, only rotating rooms, throughout the remainder of their undergraduate years, Hovespian said.

Housing supply and demand also vary at each school.

Housing for Columbia undergraduates is guaranteed for four

years, and about 95 percent of undergraduates take advantage of university-provided housing, Fraser said.

In light of the expensive and hard-to-find off-campus housing options in New York City, Columbia students are generally content with campus housing, Foss said.

"There's no sense of people being unhappy living on campus," he added.

At Cornell, students are not required to live on campus or be on meal plan at any point during their undergraduate education. Housing is only guaranteed to first-years, sophomores or transfers who wish to live on campus, assuming they register on time for the lottery, Savolskis said.

During the Cornell lottery, rising seniors and juniors can only acquire campus housing up to a capped number of beds, Savolskis said. If more upper-classmen want on-campus housing than the number of beds reserved for them, they must move off campus or sign up for the wait list, he added.

Only about 5,800 Cornell students — less than half of all undergraduates — live in dorms, Savolskis said. Even when the number of students living in Greek housing is added to that figure, the number of students living on campus is still less than half, he said.

"The off-campus market here is enormous," Savolskis said. Cornell provides free listings for off-campus housing to undergraduates as well as some assistance in dealing with misguided landlords.

Harvard guarantees housing all four years and most students stay on campus for the entirety of their undergraduate education, said Harvard sophomore Diana Saville.

Typically, Harvard students are satisfied with their assigned on-campus housing, but a high demand exists for exceptional rooms in each house, Saville said.

Saville lives in "the quad,"

which is notorious for being far from the center of campus and thus undesirable to rising sophomores, but she said the quality of housing made up for the distance. Harvard offers shuttle services to and from the quad, she said.

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Cicilline said he believes colleges and universities are significantly different from other non-profits, such as hospitals. This difference must be considered in the relationship between higher-education institutions and the city.

Williams agreed with Cicilline about the difference between universities and other non-profits.

"(Colleges and universities) are a business that provides a service," Williams said. "There is a big difference between educational institutions and shelters and other non-profits."

Another issue to be resolved while reevaluating the relationship between universities and the city is whether universities are in complete compliance with existing tax statutes, Cicilline said. The state's tax laws provide universities tax-exempt status for property used for an academic purpose, but not other holdings universities may have.

RISD currently pays property taxes on six buildings it owns and maintains on Sout Main Street for retail purposes, Hudner said. Brown also pays property taxes on its retail space.

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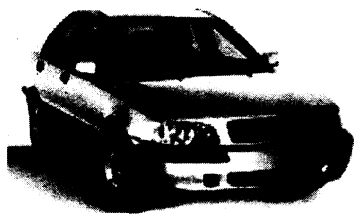
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Brown crisis team meets in response to Code Orange

BY AKSHAY KRISHNAN

The University's Core Crisis Management Team met last week in response to the national Code Orange alert and other potential security threats, wrote Walter Hunter, vice president of administration, in an e-mail to The Herald.

The University has also been in communication with other universities concerning threat issues such as FBI Director Robert Mueller's Feb. 12 warning of possible attacks on college campuses, Hunter wrote.

Mueller said universities are possible targets because they are loosely guarded, often in the public eye and possess materials for nuclear weapons, according to a Feb. 13 article in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Colonel Paul Verrecchia, chief of the Department of Public Safety at Brown, attended a conference in Washington, D.C., in December sponsored by the Department of Justice's Office of Domestic Preparedness, according to Hunter. The conference briefed heads of public safety agencies from campuses across the nation about the possible security threat at college campuses.

"(Verrecchia) is a member of the U.S.

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Students, faculty examine global perspectives on the war on terror at Wednesday seminar

BY PRIA SINHA

At a seminar Wednesday night led by Professor Catherine Kelleher, students and faculty examined global perspectives surrounding the war on terror.

"Are the U.S. and Europe Growing Apart?" which took place at the Joukowsky Forum in the Watson Institute for International Studies is one of five events comprising this spring's Global Security Seminar Series.

The seminar's emphasis was on building and maintaining a broad-minded and contemplative dialogue and avoiding the assumptions, prejudices and presuppositions to which nations and their publics often succumb, Kelleher said, professor in the Strategic Research Department at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport and adjunct professor at the Watson Institute.

Kelleher and others noted the danger of reducing what could be healthy debate to ignorant "cartoon character" head-smashing.

Before opening the floor for discussion, however, Kelleher set out to define the current political situation to compare it to other time periods in recent history and to outline four explanations for the existing policy clashes among

the U.S. and European nations.

While emphasizing the singularity of the current international dispute over the war on terrorism, Kelleher did insist similar arguments have happened before. She specifically cited the Suez Canal crisis, the Vietnam War and the United States' involvement in Bosnia as three instances of comparable debate. Later in her lecture she said, "We have chosen not to notice" their relevance to the current situation, describing this national attitude as a "convenient political out."

Kelleher presented four reasons for the emerging divergent policy patterns among the United States and European nations, the first being the Bush administration's style.

"If you will, it's the politics of personality," Kelleher said, going on to describe the U.S. administration's strategy as "aggressive Wilsonianism." She noted the significance of the contrast between the foreign policies of George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, the first of which was gradual and deliberate, the second of which is anything but.

"Given the old nightmare that he, like his father, will fail at the polls, Bush Jr. feels pressure to move more quickly and more expansively," Kelleher said.

Kelleher's second point centered on the consistent policy differences among European countries, citing Germany as the "most obvious opponent" of prospective war. France, Kelleher said, has long established itself in opposition to American foreign policy, although "it is not clear to me that, in the end, they will not fold." Kelleher then addressed the position of Great Britain and the plummeting approval ratings of Prime Minister Tony Blair despite (or perhaps due to) his support for war on moral grounds.

The third explanation Kelleher offered for the increasing international tension is the countries' differing perspectives on the role of force. European nations, Kelleher said, generally view the use of force as a "last resort," while the United States is historically much more willing to engage militarily. Kelleher did, however, warn against the danger of oversimplifying European policy and of failing to consider certain key players in the European community.

Fourthly and, according to Kelleher, most importantly, the post-Cold War balance of power system leaves the

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to now is underground music for change," he said.

Jones spoke specifically about the importance of music as a mode for creating and putting forth an African American self-image. Calling upon his theory that African Americans do not readily believe what they are told by others, he said music was fundamental in their construction of an identity separate from that relegated to them by segregationist culture.

Much of the discussion centered on music as an empowering agent for women. When asked about the prevalence of women in music culture, Jones acknowledged "they're in the background."

The audience discussed several ideas as to why this is the case, and Jones identified blues as an exception. "Record companies found that certain women blues singers were able to sell better and became well-known," he said.

Sponsors of the program were impressed by the results. "We're excited about the turnout and the issues addressed," said Katharine Eng '03, leader of the Brown Suicide Prevention Advocacy Network, which co-sponsored the pro-

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gram in conjunction with Brown Mental Well-Being, the Community Help Advocacy Ring, Psychological Services Outreach and Building Understanding Across Differences.

Jean Joyce-Brady, senior associate dean and director of Student Life, said it "struck at the inner section of issues" and "embodied the complex thinking we encourage."

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Racism

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commitment to diversity, tolerance and civility," Connecticut College President Norman Fainstein said in a statement issued to The Herald.

Phillip Gedeon, chair of the student group Intercultural Pride, said the incidents escalated because the college did not make a strong enough statement against aggressors.

"I thought the school didn't take a personal stance on the situation in terms of 'this is wrong and this is what's going to happen to any individual who is caught doing these acts,'" Gedeon said. "The school did make a statement, but it wasn't expressing the consequences that the individual faced if they are caught doing this."

Milstone said not all the perpetrators may have been Connecticut College students.

"We believe that part of what is going on is that there's an outside organization in Connecticut that is not necessarily a white supremacist group, but it's similar," Milstone said. "But we're guessing it's a combination (of community members and outsiders), because some of the locations of some of the incidents, it's doubtful that someone from the outside would have come in and

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done it."

For Gedeon, the forum was effective in making the college community aware of the issues and incidents.

"I feel that a lot of students were not aware of the incidents that have happened on campus, and this forum made it a reality for them," Gedeon said. "I believe that it wasn't successful in the sense of 'what can we do as a community from here?' ... It really was the beginning stage to start the dialogue among all students."

Elli Nagai-Rothe, a senior and chair of multicultural affairs of the student government association, said overall, the forum was positive.

"I think it was good that people were able to get out their ideas and everybody's perspectives were heard," Nagai-Rothe said. "But I think there definitely was a need of students on campus for some kind of larger, all-campus response."

Nagai-Rothe said the college is at a critical point where every-

body is ready and waiting, where things can actually be accomplished.

"Some students I know are waiting for action, and there's a lot of folks on campus who are waiting to see what's happening next," Nagai-Rothe said. "People are working on a proposal to have a diversity requirement in our curriculum, and there are folks trying to arrange larger discussions on whiteness and white privilege and affirmative action."

Fainstein sent a letter to Connecticut College parents after the last incident, saying, "we marked the importance of diversity and tolerance with a distinct break in our collective routine ... the bias incidents, deplorable as they are, have created an extraordinary opportunity for collective learning and growth."

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MIT

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to the program. I don't think any of the (MIT) programs deal with the kind of things we deal with," McLaurin-Chesson said.

She said she believed the MIT programs were more academically oriented than TWTP, which she said focuses more on social and cultural issues. TWTP offers something crucial to minority students by encouraging them to build community on campus, she said.

"That part of the program deals with an aspect of socialization that is typically underappreciated by our society," she said. "When else do (minorities) have an opportunity to come together like that? Not very often."

If white students were included in the program, McLaurin-Chesson said, she was not certain how much they would add to or gain from the experience.

Clegg, however, said exclusive policies should be avoided in all their forms.

"It's generally a bad idea to segregate students on the basis of race and ethnicity," Clegg said. "Any student can be harassed because of their skin color or ethnicity or sex or any other number of characteristics."

Brown does not currently operate any exclusively minority summer programs for high school students, nor does it consider race as a factor in summer studies admissions, said Karen Sibley, dean of summer studies.

"We don't have anything comparable to MIT now and haven't for six or eight years," she said.

The University used to operate a summer program for

incoming engineering students targeted towards students from underprivileged backgrounds, but the program was open to applicants of all races.

Redwine said MIT remains committed to the goal of encouraging diversity on campus and providing opportunities for underrepresented students despite the change. The programs, which he said have been very successful in meeting those goals, will continue to use race as one factor among many in the application process, the standard practice of admission offices at many U.S. universities.

Clegg said he hoped the MIT and Princeton decisions will be the harbinger of change across the country.

"I hope that any school that has a racially exclusive program will look at what MIT has done and will reevaluate their programs," Clegg said.

Clegg said his group is currently in the process of contacting universities about racially exclusive programs and reporting their findings to federal agencies. He would not divulge the names of specific schools and would not indicate if Brown was under investigation.

"We'd like to give them some time to change them on their own before we press matters further," Clegg said.

The reversals come at a time when race-conscious admissions practices are receiving increased attention across the country. On April 1, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in two cases challenging affirmative action admission policies at the University of Michigan — the first time the court will revisit the issue since the landmark 1978 Bakke case.

Redwine said the MIT decision was part of a larger trend against affirmative action policies, a trend he said he finds

troubling.

"It's very worrisome that the nation seems to be turning away from the type of affirmative action programs that have been very successful in the past," he said.

McLaurin-Chesson said programs such as TWTP can withstand legal challenges only so long as people understand their true missions.

"If there's the perception that there is no value to students of color coming together to break down stereotypes, that (argument) might not hold much water at all," she said.

The need for programs such as TWTP will be around as long as discrimination takes place in the United States, she said.

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Carolyn Lewenberg recorded a standout second run and moved UMass above Brown for the title.

Only five women competed in the giant slalom from Brown, and all five finished in the top 15. Leading the way was DiBona with a total time of 1:36.59 for a fifth place finish. Behind DiBona in seventh place was Stanton with a time of 1:37.00, her best giant slalom time of the season. Stanton recorded the third-fastest second run time in the field. Rounding out the top ten was Swaffield who skied her way to tenth place with a time of 1:37.37.

Stephanie Breakstone '06 went from 83rd place to start to 12th place after her first run and ended up in 13th place in the

"Brown has distinguished themselves as one of the best women's teams in the country."

giant slalom. This was the biggest move from start position to finish position in the field. Brown was the only team in Regionals to finish five women in the top 15.

"Brown has distinguished themselves as one of the best women's teams in the country. Their talent and depth will be difficult to match," said Finnocchio. "I am excited to see what Nationals will hold for these young women. They are an extremely competitive team."

Seminar

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United States as the single remaining superpower. Given this imbalance, current international tensions would likely have been present "even without Iraq," Kelleher said. During this portion of her talk, Kelleher referenced a poll that asked subjects whether the United States and Western Europe "should be more independent." France and the United States were on opposite ends of poll results, indicating the French public favors increased independence (60 percent in favor) and the American public does not (29 percent in favor).

Kelleher's talk was followed by a discussion lasting more than an hour, during which Kelleher and audience members further explored the changing roles of

domestic and foreign policy, the debate over European cohesiveness and the long-standing American ideologies that participants said are often propagated and manipulated by contemporary media. One audience member cited French diplomat Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord's observation that "the U.S. has 32 religions and only one gravy," which provoked a laugh and general agreement over the fact that now, more than ever, American ideology "needs to be re-shaken and looked at," Kelleher said. When audience members raised the issue of the United States' unbalanced media representation and its tendency to wipe important events from the collective consciousness, Kelleher interjected, "It would be nice if somebody stood up and pointed this out."

Kelleher has a history of active involvement in foreign relations

and security studies. During the Clinton Administration, she served as personal representative of the Secretary of Defense in Europe and she founded the Women in International Security Program.

"We have reached a point where one wonders if the shrillness of the tone is not related to the thinness of the argument and of the electoral vote," Kelleher said.

Although deeply critical of current U.S. foreign policy, she said she believes the Bush administration "is asking, broadly, the right questions: What should our role be? How should we address terror?"

The Global Security Seminar Series was born out of a desire to foster open dialogue, according to series organizer Linda Miller, senior fellow of the Watson Institute and professor of political science at Wellesley College.

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Cicilline

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President Ruth Simmons recently raised concerns about Brown being held accountable to the city for taxes. Echoing this opinion were several audience members at yesterday's talk. "I don't know what we're getting from you that we're not paying for," said one Brown student who said he lives off campus. He said he felt Brown was a self-sufficient institution that acted as one of Providence's major attractions.

Cicilline was firm in his response, saying he recognizes the cultural and service contributions Brown makes to Providence, but that the University has failed to fulfill its economic responsibilities to the larger community.

"It isn't a question of self-sufficiency; you aren't allowed to isolate yourself," Cicilline said. "You live in a world, and that world is Providence. You aren't allowed to disengage for four years in your University setting. You have enormous responsibilities." A resounding round of applause followed that statement.

Aside from taxes, Brown can contribute to the city by helping to attract industry, the mayor said. Providence's time as a vibrant manufacturing center has passed, Cicilline said, but as a research university, Brown is in the unique position of being able

to attract bio-tech industry to the city.

Cicilline also described re-establishing trust in government as a primary concern of his administration.

"A problem of the political system is that people only hear bad news during elections," he said.

Cicilline said he followed a policy of public disclosure at "my own peril because ultimately I'm going to be held responsible for (the city's troubles)."

Establishing an honest government after Cianci's tenure is no small feat, Cicilline said, likening it to "a rubber band. Each time you try to change it, there's constant pressure to go back to the old ways." The mayor used another metaphor to describe the challenge of addressing declining schools and rising poverty and unemployment while simultaneously changing the process by which city government achieves its ends.

"We're rebuilding the airplane while the airplane is still in flight," he said. Cicilline described the new superintendent of schools, police chief, governor and city council as cooperative partners in his reform efforts.

"We've only just started to scratch the surface of things we need to do to transform this city," the mayor said. "As good as Providence is, that day is coming when it will be truly magnificent."

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of enormous demand and is in line with Brown's peers, he said.

The budget report projects a \$4.8 million disparity between what is necessary to continue the academic enrichment program and what has been saved through efficiency evaluations, Casey said.

"The president's academic enrichment plan (is a) slam dunk, definitely first priority. But the money, I don't know where we're going to find that," Casey said.

In the current fiscal year, the University has saved \$2.5 million from the re-allotment of salaries from vacant staff positions within the University, but these cuts will not be enough next year, Casey said.

The report recommends the University actively cut back on various aspects of its burgeoning budget next year, said Elizabeth Huidekoper, executive vice president of finance and administration. She said the cuts will be made in a balanced way and will

come into review in the final version of the budget in May.

The academic enrichment plan, despite the financial obstacles, is essentially necessary, Huidekoper said. In comparison to Brown's peers, the University already lags behind in student-faculty ratio, faculty salaries, financial aid and other vital facets, she said.

The report recommended other increases in the budget, such as faculty salaries, research support, staff compensation, including salaries and benefits, information technology, graduate student support and public safety.

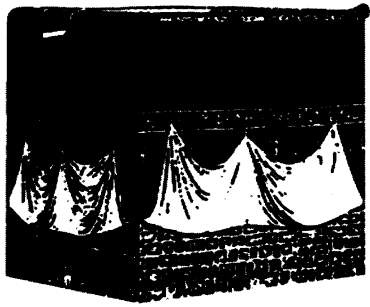
The Corporation, which reviews and approves every administrative change, only voted on and endorsed the endowment draw and tuition change recommendations last weekend.

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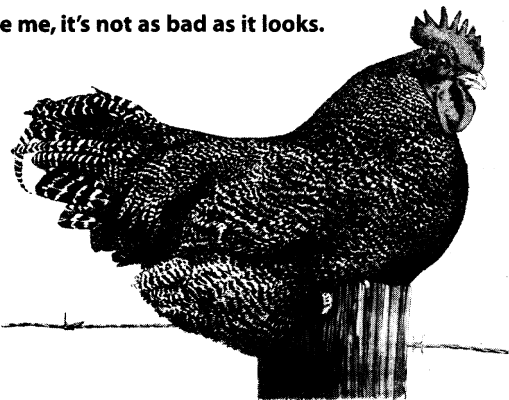


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Terror

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Attorney's Anti-Terrorism Task Force and has regular conversations with members of other law enforcement agencies," Hunter wrote.

Several DPS officers — including Captain of DPS Emil Fioravanti — have received training in responding to weapons of mass destruction, responding to hazardous material incidents and dealing with blood-borne pathogens, Hunter wrote.

Fioravanti has also participated in a table-top exercise sponsored by the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency that simulated a terrorist attack using weapons of mass destruction, Hunter said.

Other universities have responded to Mueller's warning and the Code Orange Alert. According to the Harvard Crimson, Harvard is prepared to respond to any attack, though there have been no signs of an imminent attack. At Columbia University, university authorities have held group discussions and question-and-answer sessions with students focusing on Columbia's plan of action in the event of a potential terrorist attack on New York City or the University, according to the Columbia Spectator.

At Brown, the University established a Web site with information to help prepare the community for emergencies like a terrorist attack; the address is http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Finance_and_Admin/Emergency/index.htm. Hunter detailed the University's preparedness policies in an e-mail to the Brown community.

The University is working closely with local and federal agencies to ensure it is prepared for an event that would threaten Brown's security, Hunter wrote.

Some Brown students said they did not believe a terrorist attack on Brown's campus is likely, saying they were not worried about an imminent attack.

Christopher Savage '05 said he believed the University could

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not do much to prepare for a terrorist attack.

"These attacks are completely random and hey, if I'm going to die, I'm 'going to die,' Savage said.

Joshua Butler '04 said he fears the mass hysteria created by the media and news networks about possible attacks.

"I'm more worried about being caught in a riot. I don't feel threatened personally. I think these threats are being over exaggerated for political reasons," Butler said.

"There seems to be little that the University can do in meeting a terrorist threat whilst preserving our fundamental rights and liberties," said Michael Graves '06.

Hunter wrote that he encourages Brown students to review the information on the Web site and to keep families informed of their activities. "We are doing our best to face these challenges in a way that permits our community to maintain the normal daily rhythms of academic life with a minimum of disruption," he wrote.

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MLB drugs

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unreasonably, that football players are at greater risk while training their massive bodies in extreme heat.

But the NFLPA errs on the side of caution, if it's erring at all.

"We all know the risks associated with the supplement industry," says NFLPA spokesman Carl Francis. "We wanted to ensure that our players were protected from a health-risk factor. We had done studies and research on ephedrine. We saw where it would cause various ailments. We thought it was the best thing to ban it altogether."

Francis says the NFLPA wants the penalty for ephedrine infractions reduced, but such a change would not alter the overall message. Any 15-year-old can buy ephedrine, yet the provoking several profanity-filled exchanges, according to a source close to the negotiations.

The bickering resumed last week. When Orioles owner Peter Angelos said that the owners

proposed a ban on ephedrine, union counsel Gene Orza responded like a snotty law professor, saying that management did not specifically request a ban, and that the union would have opposed it because ephedrine is legal.

Well, union head Donald Fehr sits on the board of the U.S. Olympic Committee, and the International Olympic Committee bans ephedrine. Mariners general manager Pat Gillick points out that the union raises safety concerns about outfield fences and warning tracks, yet refuses to confront darker questions.

No doubt, players also must accept individual responsibility. But would Bechler, a 23-year-old desperate to be a major leaguer, have jeopardized his career by using a banned substance? Doubtful.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Welcome efficiency

While students may grumble about the housing lottery each spring, Brown's system — though not ideal — leaves little room for improvement.

It's true Brown's housing situation has inherent flaws. The quality of rooms available varies widely — some will end up in New Dorm singles while others are left stranded in New Pembroke. But because the only ranking system used to determine lottery numbers is based on seniority, it can hardly be called unfair. Aside from this, things are left up to chance.

Considering these limitations, the Residential Council has valiantly worked to make the process as painless as possible, while proving itself one of the most efficiently-run student organizations on campus. ResCouncil worked with the Office of Residential Life to condense the number of segments this year, helping curtail what in the past has been a drawn-out process.

And unlike many other organizations on campus, where endless debates lead to indecision and committee forming, ResCouncil actually brings issues to the table and resolves them in a timely manner. We applaud the recent proposal to make nearly all campus suites co-ed, an issue of great concern to the student body — both logistically and politically.

Strides in recent years to bring co-ed suites to Brown have confirmed ResCouncil's utility — acting as a liaison between the students and the administrators — and built the community's trust. We encourage ResCouncil to continue seeking student opinion and work beyond co-ed suites to improve the quality of living — both in facilities and community-building — at Brown.

Other student leaders could take a cue from ResCouncil. Needlessly complicated meetings accompanied by quasi-administrative double-speak accomplishes nothing. Cutting to the heart of an issue and having the guts to make a decision, does.

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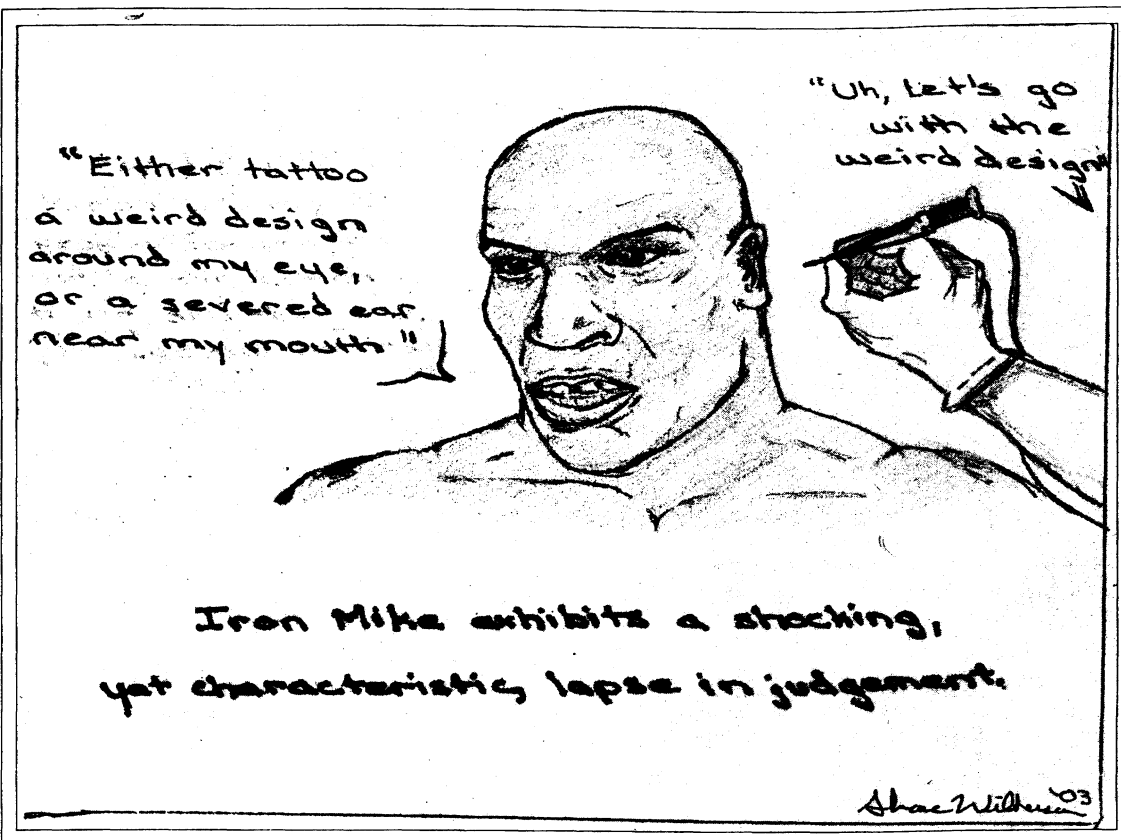
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LETTERS

CCC ignores the logic of instituting a plus/minus system

To the Editor:

Tuesday's decision by the College Curriculum Council not to recommend changes in Brown's grading system ("CCC votes against grading policy change," Feb. 26) was unfortunate not only because it again thwarts a reasoned effort to make that system less of a blunt instrument, but also because of what it says about the state of academic governance here. Specifically, it reveals how a vocal, well-situated minority can block a change that the great majority of faculty members want.

The CCC overlooked or ignored a simple issue of fairness. If a new grading system were put into place, students who, for any reason or even no reason, didn't want to take courses for a grade could still take any course (or every course) S/NC. And professors who didn't like the new system could still offer all of their courses S/NC, or decline to use pluses and minuses and continue to grade with only A, B, and C. After all, nobody is proposing to end S/NC or require that instructors use every step on the scale.

The CCC, however, didn't merely vote to continue grading the "old way," but to compel the campus majority, whose considered professional judgment differs from theirs, to continue grading that way, too.

We have heard much in recent months about how the new faculty governance system, still being put into place, will be more efficient and more responsive, and enable the University to make better decisions. Here is an important test of that claim.

Luther Spoehr
Lecturer
Department of Education
Feb. 26

Hookah bar no worse for health than any other hangout

To the Editor:

After reading about what sounds like an uninformed letter from Raffaella Kane concerning the health hazards of hookah tobacco, I'm dismayed that someone at Brown could think in such a narrow minded manner.

First of all, all of the bars in the College Hill area that I am aware of allow patrons to smoke cigarettes; some bars even sell cigarettes. What about smoking a hookah at a bar is more dangerous to one's lungs than smoking cigarettes at a bar? Why doesn't Kane attack all bars that allow smoking if she is so concerned with the health of Brown students?

The hookah bar does not force patrons to smoke, it just provides them with that option. Also, Brown students are very aware of the fact that tobacco inhalation is a health risk; in fact, the managers of the hookah bar have placed an explicit warning about the possible effects of tobacco smoke in large print on the inside cover of their menu!

Finally, what in the jiminy dickens does Residential Life have to do with any of this? The hookah bar is a bar. Students do not live at a bar; they live in dorms or apartments. Therefore, Residential Life has no jurisdiction in this matter.

Although Kane may have possessed good intentions for writing the letter, the logic of her argument is extremely flawed. Her letter seems like an attempt to curtail any type of social outlet that emerges within the Brown community.

Zach Aarons '05
Feb. 25

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Freedom from fear

President Bush is losing the war on terror

President Jacques Chirac and Chancellor Gerard Schroeder: Do you bite your thumb at us, sir?

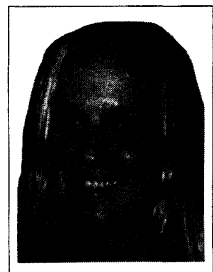
President George W. Bush: I do bite my thumb, sir.

Chirac and Schroeder: Do you bite your thumb at us, sir?

Bush [aside to Colin Powell]: Is the law on our side if I say ay?

Powell [aside to Bush]: No.

Bush: No sir, I do not bite my thumb at you, sir, but I bite my thumb, sir.



SARAH GREEN
BETTER THAN CATS

And so continue the negotiations regarding war with Iraq. Meanwhile, NYPD officers patrolled Times Square and Grand Central Station with automatic rifles, the Bush administration raised the nation's terror alert level to orange and there was a nation-wide duct tape shortage after government officials suggested people prepare a safe-room in case of terrorist attack.

In plain language, the Bush administration is doing a bad job in its War on Terror, Osama bin Laden remains at large, and no matter how much Bush squints, he just doesn't look like Saddam Hussein.

Saddam does pose a threat, but North

Korea's Kim Jong Il poses a more immediate one, and Bush's cowboy lingo and Rumsfeld's untimely transatlantic potshots are doing nothing to grease the wheels of diplomacy in the U.N. Security Council.

The debate has stopped being about Iraq and become an arm-wrestling contest between the cowboys in Washington and the appeasers in Europe. (And while it's nice that Latvia and Estonia support the United States, I really don't think it's a good idea to involve ourselves in a war having alienated France, Germany, Russia and China.) The attitude of the Bush administration has made it necessary for German and French politicians to save face. A more politically deft handling of the situation on the administration's part would have avoided more than the usual amount of rancor between the United States and its allies.

There may be compelling arguments for military intervention in Iraq — there may be compelling arguments against it — but the burden of proof falls to George Bush. Instead of presenting a persuasive case either to our European allies or to the American people, Bush chooses to insult the former and intimidate the latter. The government's alerts regarding terrorism do little more than fuel fear. In order to protect itself, and in the slim hope that advance warning will disrupt terrorists' plans, the government issues color-coded alerts and suggests the citizenry stock up on bottled water — then at least if something happens, government officials can't be accused of ignorance, incompetence or both.

Yet these and other measures are almost totally useless in protecting the country from terrorist attacks and only serve to frighten the citizenry and stall the economy. Few people are likely to view the anti-aircraft missile launchers stationed around the Mall in Washington, D.C., with comfort; the sight of NYPD officers patrolling public spaces with automatic rifles is similarly alarming. Terrorists strike cheaply, quickly and without warning; how exactly are missile launchers and rifles going to defend against suicide bombers or dirty bombs? Instead of coming up with innovative solutions to these new problems, Bush instead has chosen to throw money — \$380 billion to be precise — at obsolete solutions for Cold War problems.

President Bush's political tactics (or lack thereof) have alienated our European allies, allies he will need if he intends to make good on his promise to build a democratic Iraq; and meanwhile, the economy has tanked and the best idea Bush can offer is to take money from the poor and give it to the rich, in the form of another huge tax cut.

If Bush is serious about fighting terrorism, he needs to do what the United States has never done, and execute a regime change in Iraq that results in true democracy and somehow avoids inflaming the resentment of Islamic fundamentalists. Negotiating some kind of peace between Israel and Palestine would also stabilize the Middle East, and would not involve American boys fighting and dying in the desert. North Korea's nuclear program must be halted, and the country must be incorporated into the Asian community and given enough aid in rebuilding its economy to ensure that it can feed its population by some means other than selling weapons to terrorists. But to accomplish these tasks, Bush and his team must relinquish their chest-beating 'tude and reacquaint themselves with political politesse.

Sarah Green '04 plans to drive to Maine in case of nuclear fallout, that is, as long as the escort to the stadium isn't canceled.

How not to deal with Iran

A hardline stance would spur further repression

WHEN IRAN REVEALED EARLIER THIS MONTH that it was mining uranium for use in nuclear power plants, some Republicans must have privately been quite pleased. Finally, Iran proved worthy of being in the "axis of evil." For a country so rich in natural gas and oil, the Bush administration argued, a civilian nuclear program can only be one thing—a nuclear weapons program in disguise. Will Bush call for regime change in Tehran? Too late, the Iranian people are well on their way to toppling their repressive theocracy. It would be wise not to antagonize Iran now, because it would strengthen Iran's hardliners, who will rally their country against the threat. Anti-theocracy forces within Iran—which are gathering considerable strength—would be set back in the process.

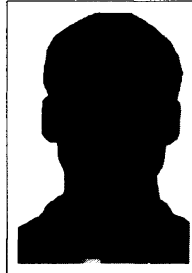
The repression of free speech, the power of unelected mullahs, and the treatment of women in Iran are certainly deplorable. But Iranians are already battling with their government to improve their condition. Last year was an extraordinary one for Iran. Massive protests erupted when the government sentenced academic Hashem Aghajari to death for saying Muslims can interpret the Quran individually and shouldn't blindly follow clerical dictates. Many Western observers see in Iran the seeds of a movement that could inspire a region-wide change in the relationship between Islam and politics. Iran's youth are clearly frustrated with the regime and will not tolerate repression much longer. Protesters interviewed last November said they were not only venting against hard-line factions, but questioned the legitimacy of the entire regime. Many clerics themselves say they would like the mosque to move away from

politics. Symbolically, the government backed down on Aghajari's death sentence, though his fate is still not certain.

Also, if Bush tried to use moral rhetoric with Iran, he would sound more ridiculous than he already does with Iraq. While Donald Rumsfeld was shaking Hussein's hand in 1983, Iran's soldiers were dying at the hands of the U.S.-backed Iraqi military. And not just by bullet wounds and bombings, but by chemical weapons. Iranians fought Hussein for eight years, and have more reason to fear him than we do. Hussein was our man, fighting our enemy. We increased U.S. weapon sales to Iraq after the infamous gas attacks on the Kurds in 1988. A 1994 Senate investigation revealed dozens of biological agents were shipped to Iraq in the mid-1980s

under U.S. license, including various strains of anthrax (more than the small vial of anthrax Powell presented to the Security Council). So the Republicans are in no position to lecture anyone, especially Iran.

The people of Iran are doing in their country what Iraqis and North Korean cannot do in theirs: fight policies of their government and challenge its legitimacy. In 1980, when many progressive elements of the Iranian Revolution were starting to realize that Ayatollah Khomeini was not the enlightened leader they thought he was, it was too late to contest him. War with Iraq was underway and the country couldn't afford an internal power struggle. Today a large portion of Iran, disillusioned with the Islamic Revolution, is unafraid to challenge theocracy. If, in the face of American threat and large military presence in Iraq, disaffected Iranians were to put aside their differences with the regime it would indeed be a shame. Change, after all, is best when it comes from within.



JAIDEEP SINGH
J-DEEP THOUGHTS

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These French fries are oily!

Why we should learn to say "No blood for oil" in French

THREE WEEKS AGO THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION put America on high terror alert with the admonition: Stay calm and buy duct tape. My mother's reaction was to rush out and buy plastic sheeting and duct tape and declare that in the case of a nuclear terrorist attack my family will camp out in the biggest bathroom.

Well. With that glittering recommendation for war doing a little dance in a pink tutu, the solution seems obvious. If attacking Iraq would mean that terrorist reprisals are imminent, that family safety drills would become reminiscent of the Cold War, that my 11-year-old sister might grow up afraid to go to malls or movies and that a roll of duct tape could be all that stands between us and the grave, then we might be crazy do it. But while this gut reaction is one we all understand, in the long run, not attacking Iraq now could present an even worse alternative: the possible death of our nation at the hands of a madman who may fast become an uncontrollable piece on the political chessboard.

Many believe this is Bush's war for oil. They latch onto "No blood for oil!" because the slogan seems to explain everything. People assume that what this administration says cannot be taken at face value, and that there are subterranean politics at work. Protesters hail France as the voice of peace and reason in the U.N. Security Council against the big bad American president who fell into an oil slick and

never crawled out. Hearing a foreign government take a stand they agree with, these protesters seem to accept that government's words as truth.

After the Gulf War, Saddam Hussein offered the United States cheap oil in exchange for minding our own business. The United States refused. Iraq offered the French a similar oil deal and found them with their mouths zipped and their wallets open. Now that the United States is about to take on this dangerous enemy, France loudly and self-righteously discusses the merits of peace in order to hide her true motives: fear of losing cheap oil.

They know about the blood on Saddam's hands. They admit he has weapons of mass destruction and that he is likely to use them if he is not disarmed. Yet it is the United States, which faces the possibility of many casualties, that the world accuses of greed. France has been caught with its pants down, and few have noticed. It is they who exchange blood for oil.

It's a dog-eat-dog world, and Jacques Chirac does what is best for his territory. If we regard the Iraq situation as not personal, just business, the French are not selfish dogs, just a people doing what they can to preserve their economy, regardless of who else suffers.

So if one must, respect the French for their ability to preserve their low gas prices, their seat at the U.N. high table, and in the future, their tasteful lacy curtains blowing in the breeze while Americans sweat in homes hermetically sealed with gray tape. But don't idolize them as altruistic peacemakers.



ALEXANDRA TOUMANOFF
WHAT'S A GIRL GOTTA DO?

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SPORTS THURSDAY

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Get the drugs out of Major League Baseball

If the players union truly cared about ending drug use in baseball, it wouldn't wait for the toxicology report on Orioles pitching prospect Steve Bechler. It wouldn't require the U.S. government to ban ephedrine. It would attack stimulant and steroid use with the zeal it reserves for its never-ending power struggle with the owners and finally take a stand.

Even if ephedrine turns out to be a minimal factor in Bechler's death, Major League Baseball's drug-testing program is woefully inadequate. The union had every opportunity to help MLB get tough on drugs in the sport's new labor agreement. Instead, it consented only to a toothless policy that drew immediate ridicule from experts.

The MLB program addresses steroids but not ephedrine, an ingredient in supplements that helps players lose weight or increase their energy level. What's more, no one seriously believes that the new policy will quell steroid use; mandatory testing will occur only if more than 50 of the approximately 1,200 players on 40-man rosters test positive during a yearlong survey period. The union's resistance to more extensive testing stems in part from its distrust of management, a distrust that is intensifying six months into a four-year labor agreement. The depressed free-agent market again is raising suspicions of collusion, and the union fears management would use stricter testing to punish players rather than rehabilitate them.

"You're damn right it's a problem," one agent says, referring to the use of steroids and supplements. "But how are you going to get anything done in an environment like this?"

The owners' pattern of deceit is well-documented, but a proactive union leadership would be more concerned with the threat to its players' health than the threat of management misconduct. Likewise, a proactive leadership would not use the cop-out that ephedrine is sold over the counter, thus entrusting the welfare of its members to the Food and Drug Administration, which is under pressure from lobbyists.

"There are products out there that are allegedly natural, but there's no clear proof they are not harmful, and (there are) strong suggestions that they may be harmful," says Cal Ripken Jr.'s agent, Ron Shapiro, referring not just to ephedrine but to performance-enhancing drugs not covered by the agreement, such as human growth hormone. "There is a duty to do more than perhaps just education. That duty exists by virtue of the reality that professional athletes feel such pressure to perform. If we feel a sense of responsibility to the people we work with, it might take more than education."

Baseball players should have learned from the ephedrine-related deaths of college football players Rashidi Wheeler and Devaughn Darling, not to mention the death of the Minnesota Vikings' Korey Stringer, who also had used the substance. Yet, one baseball agent estimates that 75 percent of players use ephedrine. Several players related their own frightening experiences with the drug after Bechler's death.

How many warning signs must the union receive? Funny, the NFL Players Association had no problem agreeing to a ban of ephedrine, even though no traces of the drug were found in Stringer's system. The baseball union might argue, not

Heartbreaking loss, 4-3 to Temple, follows 7-0 victory for women's tennis

BY BRETT ZARDA

Two dual matches this past weekend left the women's tennis team with both a convincing victory and a heartbreaking loss.

The Bears showed no mercy in dispatching the University of Massachusetts by a score of 7-0 on Saturday. After capturing the doubles point by winning two of three matches, Bruno swept the singles competition without dropping a set.

Sunday the Bears faced a tougher Temple University squad in a make-up match. As has been the norm, Head Coach Norma Taylor tweaked the line-up again before the match in hopes of fielding the strongest team.

"It creates a competitive atmosphere, which isn't always a good thing," said Yelena Klurfeld '06. "But at the same time, it gives you motivation to train harder."

The extra training incentive may have paid off in the doubles portion of the competition.

"We started out really strong, winning the doubles point," said Caroline Casey '03. "We were really happy to win the doubles, because doubles has been a weakness for us."

With a point in hand, Bruno needed only to split the singles matches to clinch a victory against Temple. What looked like a great opportunity quickly turned sour when Victoria Beck '04 defaulted at number one due to illness. The momentary narrow lead vanished, leaving the Bears knotted at one with five matches outstanding.

"They were really strong at (positions) two, three and four, and then with Victoria having to default, it just made things go the other way," Casey said.

Alex Arlak '05 and Kim Singer '06 won at number five and six singles while the Bears dropped the third and fourth positions. With all but one of the courts



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Looking to rebound, women's tennis plays host to Rutgers and Seton Hall this weekend.

cleared and the match tied at three, the attention shifted to the number two singles match. Klurfeld entered into a decisive third set just as the other matches ended.

"I didn't feel pressured. I felt a sense of motivation. I felt an obligation to win, not for myself but for my team, and in the past I never had to worry about that before," Klurfeld said. "In the past it was always about personal victory."

With the home crowd at the Pizzitola Sports Center behind her, Klurfeld battled valiantly, but was unable to come away with the win.

"I feel as if I let my team down, but at the same time the motivation I had on the court was to win for the team," Klurfeld said.

The disappointing 4-3 loss drops the Bears' overall dual-match record to 4-2. Bruno next faces Rutgers University at noon on Saturday followed by a meeting with Seton Hall at noon on Sunday. Both matches will be held at the Pizzitola Sports Center.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

M. squash wins Hoehn Cup, tops Williams in final

Wrestling

The wrestling team finished up the 2002-2003 regular season at Harvard with a 29-12 loss to the Crimson. The Bears are at 8-12 overall and 1-6 in EIWA, finishing the Ivy season at 1-4.

Clint Frease '03 and Nick Ciarica '04 led the team once again, recording wins for Brown. Ciarica won by decision at 184, 3-1 in overtime as Frease won by default. The only other Bear that recorded a win at Harvard is Chris Ayers '03, who also won in overtime by a 6-4 decision at 165.

Also wrestling for Brown, though not victorious, were freshmen Dan Appello '06 at 125, Doran Heist '06 who was pinned at 4:30 in 174, and freshman heavyweight Lee Beane '06. Adam Santee '04, Anthony Marconi '05, Shawn Cully '05 and Michael Savino '05 also competed for the Bears, though the Harvard opponents proved too much for them.

With the Ivy season behind them, the Bears set their sights on the EIWA Championships, which begin March 7.

Squash

The men's squash team captured the prestigious Hoehn Cup at the 2003 National Collegiate Men's Squash

Championships, held at Princeton. The Bears reached the finals of the B Division with wins over Hobart (7-2) and Navy (7-2) before earning a 5-4 victory over Williams in the championship match.

With the teams tied at 4, the championship came down to the number one match, where senior co-captain Ben Oliner '03 came through with a 9-2, 4-9, 9-7, 5-9, 9-6 victory over Williams to clinch the championship for the Bears.

Also winning for Brown against Williams was Brad Corona '04, a 3-0 winner at number three, Sean O'Boyle '05, who captured a 3-0 decision at number four, co-captain Robert Park '03, who earned a 3-0 victory at number six, and Jay Beidler '05, a 3-0 winner at number eight.

Winning both matches against Hobart and Navy were Oliner, Breck Bailey '06 at number two, Corona, Park, Justin Wong '05 at number seven, Beidler and Gavin Watson '05 at number nine.

Skiing

The skiing team set new records for itself, for Brown and for the region at the ECSC Regional Championships. Brown came in second as the Bears finished four women in the top 10 for the first time in

team history in the slalom. Brown accomplished two more firsts when five women finished in the top 15 in the giant and six in the top twenty.

Brown was the only team in the region to place all its squad members in the top 20 overall.

"This team's efforts are only starting to show. Nationals will be their time to shine," said Head Coach Karen Finnochio. "Their momentum is peaking at the most crucial time of their season."

No other team involved in the competition had as many racers finish in the top 20 as Brown. Leading the way and tying for fifth place were Adrienne Jones '03 and Molly Sheinberg '04, who both recorded a time of 1:32.95.

Hilary Swaffield '06 attacked the mountain during her amazing second run, finishing seventh with a total time of 1:33.45. Doria DiBona '03 recorded a top ten finish as she skied her way to tenth place with a time of 1:33.95. Caitlin Stanton '03 rounded out the Bears in the top 20 as she went from a 79th-place start to a 17th-place finish.

Brown was winning the slalom until University of Massachusetts skier