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VP candidate LaDuke speaks on activism

BY ZACH BARTER

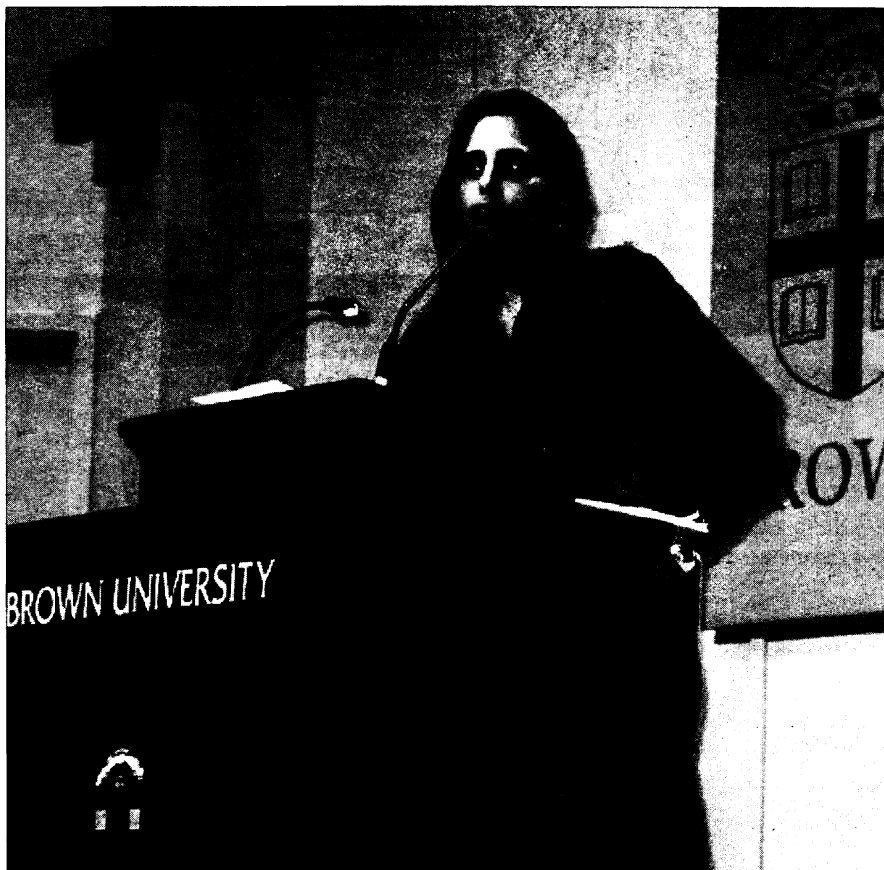
Don't steal. Clean up after yourself. Don't be greedy.

Those are some of the lessons Winona LaDuke, the longtime environmental and indigenous rights advocate and former vice-presidential candidate, seeks to impart upon her seven children in her role as a mother and upon the government in her role as an activist.

LaDuke spoke about the nexus of motherhood and political activism to a crowd of about 250 students and community members in Salomon 101 on Monday night. Her lecture, "Politics, Motherhood and Environmental Justice," was the keynote for the convocation of Women's History Month, a series of events designed to raise awareness of gender issues on campus.

"What you teach your kids, what you are raised with, are all valuable things," she said. "But when you compare that with what our society is like, there's a total disconnect."

LaDuke, who lives on Minnesota's White Earth reservation with fellow Ojibwe, said it was difficult to teach her children not to steal when 90 percent of her tribe's land was in the hands of the federal government. She also said it was difficult to instruct her chil-



Kerry Miller / Herald

Former vice-presidential candidate Winona LaDuke spoke about activism on Monday.

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Librarians face strike possibility

Unionized library workers' four-month contract extension expired Friday, leaving employees and the University facing the possibility of a strike if negotiations do not proceed.

Members of Service Employees Union International Local 134, which includes more than half of all library employees, gave union leaders and the University another week to make progress.

Karen McAninch, business agent of SEUI, said the major battle librarians hope to win in the coming week is preventing the involuntary reassignments proposed as part of the planned library reorganization.

McAninch said she thinks the University is running into difficulty in planning the reorganizations because workers are not willing to accept involuntary job reassignments.

"I think (the University) is running into a few roadblocks of (its) own," McAninch said. "The reorganization proposal sort of assumes that they'll be able to do a few involuntary transfers."

Other issues at hand include detailed job descriptions, health benefits and the hiring freeze.

McAninch said the members authorized the negotiating committee to call a strike, but she said it will not be clear how likely a picket line is until the end of the week. "But the object of it is to get the University to move" on certain issues, she said.

The library workers' three-year-old contract originally expired Sept. 30, 2002. Members agreed to an extension through

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Harvard prof. lectures on race

BY JESSE CHEN

Harvard Law School Professor Randall Kennedy discussed the intricate history of interracial issues in America and the fickle definitions of race that continue to be central to modern domestic politics in a Monday lecture.

During the event, Brown's eighth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture, Kennedy focused on black-white relations, citing examples from his latest book, "Interracial Intimacies: Sex, Marriage, Identity, and Adoption."

Kennedy pointed out that black-white marriages remain remarkably rare — less than one percent of the total number of unions in the United States.

The racial isolation of blacks on the marriage market appears to be larger

than that of other minorities. Higher numbers of Native Americans and Asian Americans marry white Americans, he said.

"The conception of what constitutes race and views of whiteness and blackness change over time," Kennedy said. "In the Commonwealth of Virginia, until 1910, you were white so long as you were not more than 24 percent black. ... That was rather incredible."

But in the Racial Integrity Act of 1924, anyone with any African ancestry would not be considered white, he said.

"There was a question about what to do with Native Americans. Some of the leading families of Virginia were very

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No smoking when Underground reopens this Friday, U. says

BY JONATHAN ELLIS

Smoking — and those under 21 — will be banned from the premises when the Underground reopens this Friday. The Undergraduate Council of Students discussed the future of the Underground with Dean for Campus Life Margaret Jablonski and Underground manager Ally Dickie '03 at its meeting Monday night.

As The Herald reported last week, The Underground will reopen Friday after a four-month hiatus. Only students 21 and over will be allowed to enter the pub, Jablonski told the council.

For the first time, the Underground will prohibit smoking, Jablonski said. With smoking already banned in public buildings and residence halls on campus, "it didn't seem to make sense to have one

building technically open to the public allow smoking," Jablonski said, despite the Underground's purchase of a ventilation system.

Jablonski said she learned today that a fire marshal inspection last week in the wake of the West Warwick club fire tragedy reduced the pub's occupancy to 70 with tables in the room. The allowable number was previously 100, Jablonski estimated.

Dickie said she has heard both positive and negative comments about the new system of operations, although the non-smoking policy has been very unpopular.

Council members expressed strong support for opening the pub with as few changes as possible, airing concerns that the University is losing a major social

Penn grad students vote on union

BY ADAM STELLA

Graduate student employees at the University of Pennsylvania voted on whether to unionize late last week, but the results of the election are impounded pending the outcome of the university's appeal of an earlier National Labor Relations Board ruling that allowed the vote to take place.

The Daily Pennsylvanian conducted exit polls that suggested that the initiative passed.

The poll found that 60.4 percent of eligible voters cast their ballots in favor of unionization, while 35 percent said they opposed it and 4.6 percent did not reveal their opinion, the Pennsylvanian reported.

Penn questioned the data's accuracy, said Lori Doyle, spokesperson for the university. Only 50 percent of voters were polled, said Ed George, a professor of statistics at the university who helped the Pennsylvanian design the poll.

"You don't know what biases there are" among the students who were surveyed, George said. The poll assumed these students constituted a random sample, which was not an assumption that George said he would necessarily make.

Graduate Employees Together-UPenn, the pro-unionization group at the University of Pennsylvania, claims that the unionization initiative passed, based on a pro-unionization petition that GET-UP circulated before the election.

"We have every indication that we won by a comfortable and significant margin," said Joanna Kempner, a spokesperson for GET-UP. "Now that we know for sure that the graduate students at Penn want a union, we are going to act like a union."

"By rattling around issues that are important to graduate students, we hope the university will bargain with us," Kempner said.

The NLRB ruled on Nov. 21, 2002, that graduate employees at the university could vote on unionization. The univer-

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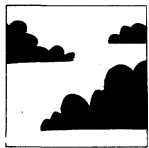
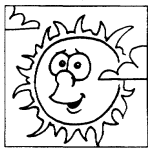


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GRAPHICS BY TED WU

CALENDAR

LECTURE — "Preemption: The New National Security Strategy," Neta Crawford, Brown, Brown Faculty, Alumni and Staff Against the War. Metcalf Auditorium, 190 Thayer Street, 7 p.m.

DISCUSSION — for women students who do community work. Lounge, Sarah Doyle Women's Center. Sarah Doyle Women's Center, noon

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

LECTURE — "The Brain in the Gut: Neurology, Psychoanalysis and the Stomach," Elizabeth Wilson, University of Sydney, Pembroke Center. Commons Room, Alumnae Hall, 6 p.m.

FILM — "WIT," followed by panel discussion with Prof. Weinstein, Prof. Wool, and Dr. Webber, Program in Bioethics. Room 003, Salomon Center, 7 p.m.

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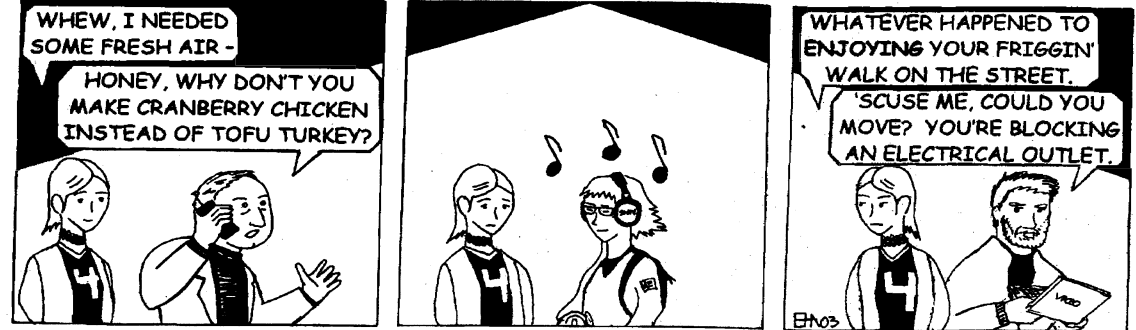
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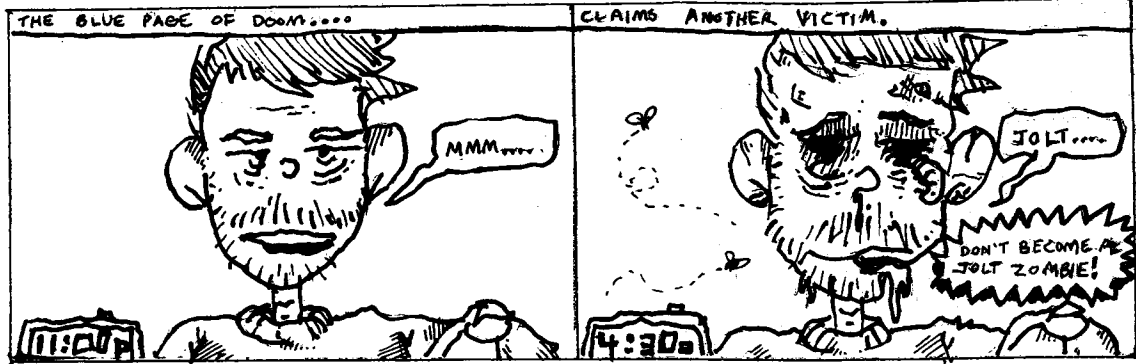
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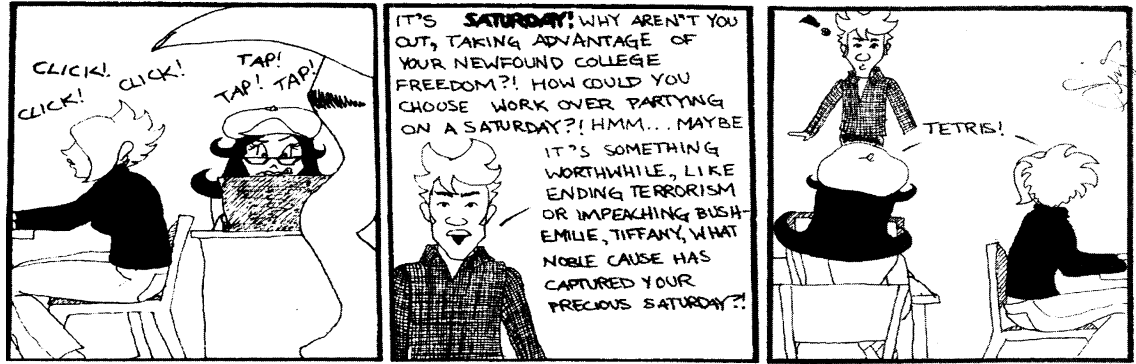
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sity appealed the decision shortly thereafter.

"Fundamentally, we believe that graduate students are students, not employees," Doyle said.

There is no organized, student-led opposition to unionization at the university.

Neither the results of the election nor the number of votes cast will be revealed by the NLRB unless the appeal is rejected.

If the NLRB rejects the university's appeal, the issue of which ballots will be counted will have to be decided. Under NLRB guidelines, only students who are currently employed as teaching or research assistants were eligible to vote. However, other students who could be affected by the vote could cast a contested ballot.

The university encouraged all graduate students, not just graduate employees, to vote in the election, Kempner said.

"The reason why the university did it, I believe, is to make the election look invalid," she said.

Contested votes will be considered on a case-by-case basis if the margin of passage or rejection is less than the number of challenged ballots cast, Kempner said.

There is no deadline by which the NLRB must reach a decision regarding the university's appeal. The NLRB may take months or years to reach a decision.

Brown graduate employees voted on unionization in December, 2001, but Brown appealed the NLRB's ruling that graduate students could organize.

The NLRB has not yet ruled on the appeal.

Votes have taken place at Columbia University and Tufts University, and the administrations at both schools have also appealed the NLRB's ruling that graduate students could organize. The NLRB has ruled on neither of these appeals.

For most of 2002, only three members sat on the five-member NLRB,

causing the board to delay major decisions, including Brown's appeal.

The U.S. Senate confirmed all five of President George W. Bush's NLRB nominees in November, increasing the likelihood that a ruling will come soon, Jennifer Anderson, an At What Cost spokesperson, told The Herald at the time.

The catalyst for the wave of graduate student organization movements at private universities was a 1999 NLRB ruling that allowed graduate students at New York University to vote on unionization.

The graduate unionization movement gained momentum in response to changing employment policies at universities. Universities have hired more graduate students and fewer tenured professors in the last decade, American Federation of Teachers national representative Rich Klimmer told The Diamondback, the student newspaper of the University of Maryland last spring. The AFT is affiliated with the GET-UP campaign.

"We are in a changing academic economy," he said. "Universities are increasingly using a corporate philosophy."

Kempner said she thinks the University of Pennsylvania hopes the long delays associated with appealing the NLRB's decisions will dampen the unionization drive.

"We're concerned the process is being used as a delay tactic," she said.

But she added that GET-UP has graduate students of every level within the organization, so that even if the decision takes years, if the NLRB rules in its favor, GET-UP will be ready to collectively bargain with the university.

"Turnover keeps graduate employee unions fresh over time," she said.

Kempner said that GET-UP is planning further activities to convince the university to drop its appeal. Meanwhile, the university plans to conduct its affairs as before.

"The Penn community continues to be collegial," Doyle said. "That has not changed."

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Kennedy

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proud of their lineage or even link to Pocahontas, so Virginia created the 'Pocahontas Exception,'" he said.

Kennedy said, "This caused a tremendous furor because the Anglo-Saxon Club of Virginia said, 'Listen. This is terrible. Light-skinned colored people are now just popping up everywhere and talking about how they're Indians. And this is leading to the contamination of all white people.'"

Over the years, a multitude of legislators, prosecutors, judges, police officers and public officials have striven to prohibit open romantic interracial relationships, particularly ones involving marriage between black men and white women, Kennedy said.

"What is behind this opposition?" he asked rhetorically. "Behind the opposition, for the most part, certainly behind the official opposition in state laws, was the determination to preserve white privilege, to keep this a white man's country," he said.

Public opinion also affected trends in marriage. "In 1958, pollsters found that 96 percent of whites disapproved of marriages between blacks and whites," Kennedy said.

In 1960 there were about 50,000 black-white married couples in the United States, six times less than the number today.

From the 1660s to the 1960s, he said, "At one point or another, 42 states passed laws prohibiting marriage across the race line." Many states eventually made marriage across the color line a felony.

The tremendous burden of these laws have influenced attitudes about interracial intimacy still around today, but all were invalidated by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1967, said Kennedy, in the most aptly named case in all of American constitutional history: *Loving v. Commonwealth of Virginia*.

While whites and blacks are far more likely to date and marry within their race than outside of it, the cultural environment has changed considerably since *Loving*. In the ruling, Virginia was one of 16 states that would not make infringements on marriages on the basis of invidious racial discrimination by laws.

"In the past five years, there were two referendums that were held to remove anti-miscegenation laws from the statute laws in

the constitutions of Alabama and Mississippi," he said.

"In both instances, the good news was that past provisions were removed, but the somewhat disturbing news was that the majority of whites voted to maintain those provisions. It was only because of the force of distant white opinion and the majority of blacks who voted that those provisions were removed from the statute," Kennedy said.

Past habits tend to continue exercising their influence on attitudes toward both civic and intimate interracial relations, Kennedy said.

"According to pollsters, 20 percent of white adults still view such state constitutional laws prohibiting interracial marriage with favor," he said. "That is many, many people. Black public opinion is divided on the issue, although a considerable amount is skeptical toward interracial intimacy, if not hostile, toward it. So, as it is with respect to many issues, we face a complicated, ambiguous, painful situation."

"I view myself as being part of the camp of Martin Luther King Jr., who was throughout his life a great, eloquent spokesman for realistic optimism, one strand of thinking about the American race question," Kennedy said.

"Realistic optimism leads one to think that with respect to matters of intimacy, there is much to be done," he said. "But I think it is a realistic belief that in some way, in the American future, we will have a multiracial society, in which people are equal to act on their affections, without fear of shame, fear or ostracism."

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ment that will likely cause University cutbacks in other services, adding staff to the Underground would be difficult to justify.

Restoring the Underground's previous modus operandi "is on the table, but I must admit it's highly unlikely," Jablonski said.

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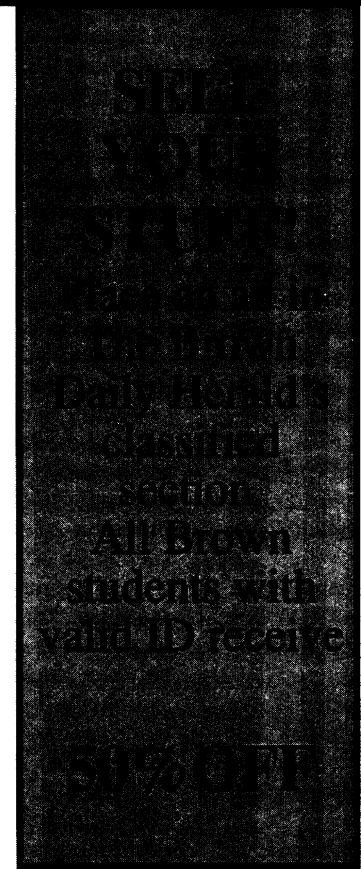
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dren to clean up after themselves when companies are allowed to degrade the environment and dump nuclear waste in Native American reservations.

Noticing such disparities between proverbial lessons and government policy has been a primary motivating factor in her activism, she said.

LaDuke also said she drew inspiration from Native American teachings, which she said are often under-appreciated in the American educational system.

"The way people look at a multicultural education by and large at most schools is kind of like 'spicing up' a Eurocentric education," she said.

Native teachings have the potential to solve many of society's ills, she said, criticizing the American system as overly focused on profit and consumption.

"We have a phrase that says that the creator's law is the highest law, higher than the nation's law or the state's law," she said. "We would do good to live by the creator's law."

People should seek to live in harmony with nature rather than seek to control it, she said.

LaDuke challenged audience members to speak up for what they believe in, telling them that true change must come from individuals.

"It is your responsibility to articulate what your vision is for the future, to say not just what is wrong but also what is right," she said. "But talk is cheap — sometimes it's better to lead by example."

Women who make positive change are women willing to work outside their "area of comfort," she said, encouraging audience members to do the same.

Sacajawea and Pocahontas, the two most prominent Native American women in U.S. history, attained their fame by helping white men, LaDuke said. Native American women fighting for indigenous rights may receive less attention, but they are equally

deserving of praise, LaDuke said.

In her capacity as director of the White Earth Land Recovery Project, a reservation-based land acquisition and cultural organization, LaDuke has worked to regain Ojibwe land she said had been illegally seized by the government, and has also worked to bring environmentally friendly energy and agriculture to her reservation. LaDuke also serves as co-chair of the Indigenous Women's Network.

But it was as the vice-presidential candidate on Ralph Nader's Green Party ticket in 1996 and 2000 that she gained national attention.

When asked by an audience member whether she regretted that the Green Party had siphoned off votes from the Democrats, she replied that the Democrats had siphoned off votes from the Green Party.

"Do I regret that George W. has risen to power? Yes. Do I loathe him? Yes," LaDuke said. "But our responsibility is to organize for the next election."

Ariana Green '04, who is coordinating Women's History Month along with Flora Brown '03.5 and Ellen Sweeney '03.5, said she hoped LaDuke's lecture would excite people about upcoming activities and raise awareness of women's issues on campus.

"One problem is that people assume awareness when it isn't necessarily there, and the only way for people to learn is to let disagreements happen," she said. "Otherwise we disguise ignorance with political correctness."

Deana Wagner '04, who introduced LaDuke on behalf of Native Americans at Brown, said she hoped the lecture would make audience members think about Native American issues.

"There definitely needs to be more awareness on Native issues at Brown," she said. Women's History Month is being sponsored by the Sarah Doyle Women's Center and runs through March 20.

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right away, but it was the type of game we felt confident and knew we were wearing them down. It was a matter of will."

While on the power play at 7:07, the Bears cut the lead down to one. Haggett won the face-off and sent it back to Ford, who rifled a signature slap shot from the point. The puck redirected off a stick in front and then Swon shuffled the puck by the out-of-position Clarkson goalie. Brown continued the pressure after the goal and, knotted the game back up at 3-3 about five minutes later.

Pascal Denis '04 flipped a wrist shot that deflected off the glove of the goalie, and, before it could land, a Clarkson defenseman grabbed it and tossed it out of the crease. In the large pileup in front, Robertson somehow managed to get the puck to Gerry Burke '05 who launched a slap shot into the goal for his second goal in three games. Brown held the advantage in

opportunities for the remainder of regulation and overtime, and the atmosphere began to feel a bit more like the playoffs, with players like Shanye Mudryk '04 diving to block shots with their head.

"I thought we played well enough to win," said Head Coach Roger Grillo. "It was a character test late in the season, and the guys stepped up."

Danis had another busy night, stopping 46 shots, although he received a substantial amount of help from his teammates.

"It didn't feel like I made 46 saves," Danis said. "The guys did a tremendous job of clearing out in front and forcing most of the shots from the outside, which makes things a lot easier. Give me 45 shots from the blue line — I won't mind."

The Bears finished fifth in the ECAC and will host Princeton in the first round of the ECAC playoffs next weekend.

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is a powerful scoring threat as well, setting a career high in points with 30 against the Princeton Tigers last Saturday. He is tied with Nuualiitia with 12.6 points per game as Brown's second leading scorer. Forte's Achilles heel, some may argue, is that he is often too quick and reckless on the court for his own good. Age and maturity will inevitably diminish this issue, allowing Forte to become one of the league's most dominant players.

Two other starters will be returning as seniors — Mike Martin '04 and Patrick Powers '04. These players demonstrated their abilities to score earlier this season when Hunt went down with a leg injury. Next year, Bruno will look to these two players to take on much of the offensive load.

Also returning to the Bears as seniors will be Harold Bailey '04 and Jaime Kilburn '04. These two players will return next year to high expectations. Bailey, a 6'3" guard from Connecticut, saw limited action this year, averaging 12.5 minutes per game. In those minutes, however, he was able to significantly contribute to the team's performance with his impressive outside shooting (nearly 38 percent from beyond the arc) and omnipresent hustle. Just last Saturday, Bailey wowed the crowd with an amazing four-point play.

Kilburn saw some more action this year, often playing solid low-post basketball against much larger opponents. At 6'5", Kilburn's game is reminiscent of Anthony Mason in his prime. He shoots a phenomenal 66 percent from the field and will definitely see more time next year on a team lacking Nuualiitia.

Two other players who will capitalize on increased playing time next year are GJ King '05 and Luke Ruscoe '06. King is a physical player, who is not afraid to throw around his 235-pound frame. He works hard and should continue to do so in off-season to solidify some of his ball-handling skills and low-post moves. Mastering these talents could make him to be a solid contributor next year.

Ruscoe, on the other hand, appears to have a number of skills in his arsenal. He can score from the outside, beat defenders with a quick drive or find the open man. I think everyone would like to see this New Zealand native play a little more aggressively.

With his defensive prowess and latent offensive touch, Ruscoe has the talent to be a team leader.

With such players returning to the Bear's line-up a year more developed, how could they lose? If you have the Hunt-Nuualiitia blues, just remember the most important phrase in sports: There's always next year.

Adam Stern '06 hails from Roslyn, NY.

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Cornell finally got on the scoreboard in the third period when Brooke Bestwick scored a power-play goal assisted by Lindsay Murao and Jen Munofen. This cut the Bears lead to 7-1. However, Brown was not quite finished. Thatcher added one to the Brown lead with less than five minutes remaining, and Insalaco and McLaughlin picked up the assists. Link sounded the death knell for Cornell when she scored the Bears' ninth goal of the game at 16:34. Thatcher and Guay assisted.

Despite last weekend's dazzling offensive performances, Brown will maintain the same defensive game plan going into the ECAC quarterfinals this

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weekend at St. Lawrence, Thatcher said, expressing high hopes for the tournament.

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the end of January. At that point, the University offered another one-month extension, which members agreed to with the condition that they would not approve another extension unless it ran through Sept. 30, 2003.

"Everybody wants to avoid a strike," said Mark Nickel, director of the Brown News Service.

He said a strike does not benefit any member of the University community.

Both McAninch and Nickel said negotiations are proceeding, and Nickel said the University has met with union negotiators more than 50 times.

—Juliette Wallack

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Let's be honest

Sure, they had bands. A dartboard. A popcorn machine. And as charming as those sticky floors were, it wasn't the atmosphere that drew students to the Underground. It's an open secret that the Underground's biggest draw was as a place to drink underage.

It was therefore understandable, if regrettable, that the University decided to make the pub 21-and-over. We can continue to blame those sneaky Wheeler kids, or blather about "safe spaces," but what remains is that the Underground, as it was, could not continue to operate without the University eventually risking serious liabilities.

Yet the University's current plan for the Underground is far from a workable solution. The latest news — that the pub will prohibit smoking — seems only to cement its death sentence. The Underground simply cannot compete with either the Graduate Center Bar, with its cheap drinks, or other local establishments ... which are easier for underage drinkers to get into with fake IDs.

Few other uses of the Faunce House space could ever be as popular as the Underground once was. But the pipe dream of a return to the bar's heyday is just that — an economic and logistic impossibility. The space currently occupied by the Underground could be better used in a variety of ways if campus leaders and administrators can finally get their mind around the fact that a bar objectively can never be successful and certainly won't be able to survive on its ambiance and reputation.

Monday night's meeting of the Undergraduate Council of Students is a sign that a few at least are beginning to understand the realities of the Underground. Those who organized and attended are to be congratulated — but the Council needs to take its discussions one crucial step further. It needs to truly bring debate to the campus, instead of inviting the campus to sit in on the Council's debate.

In the months that preceded the rebirth of the Bear's Lair's, posters begged students for ideas and UCS and the administration successfully tapped into student opinion to design the best possible solution that was within the University's limited means.

The Underground is another area where small changes could have a significant effect on student life — if the right ideas reach the surface. The design process for a new Underground is well underway, but it's not too late to get involved.

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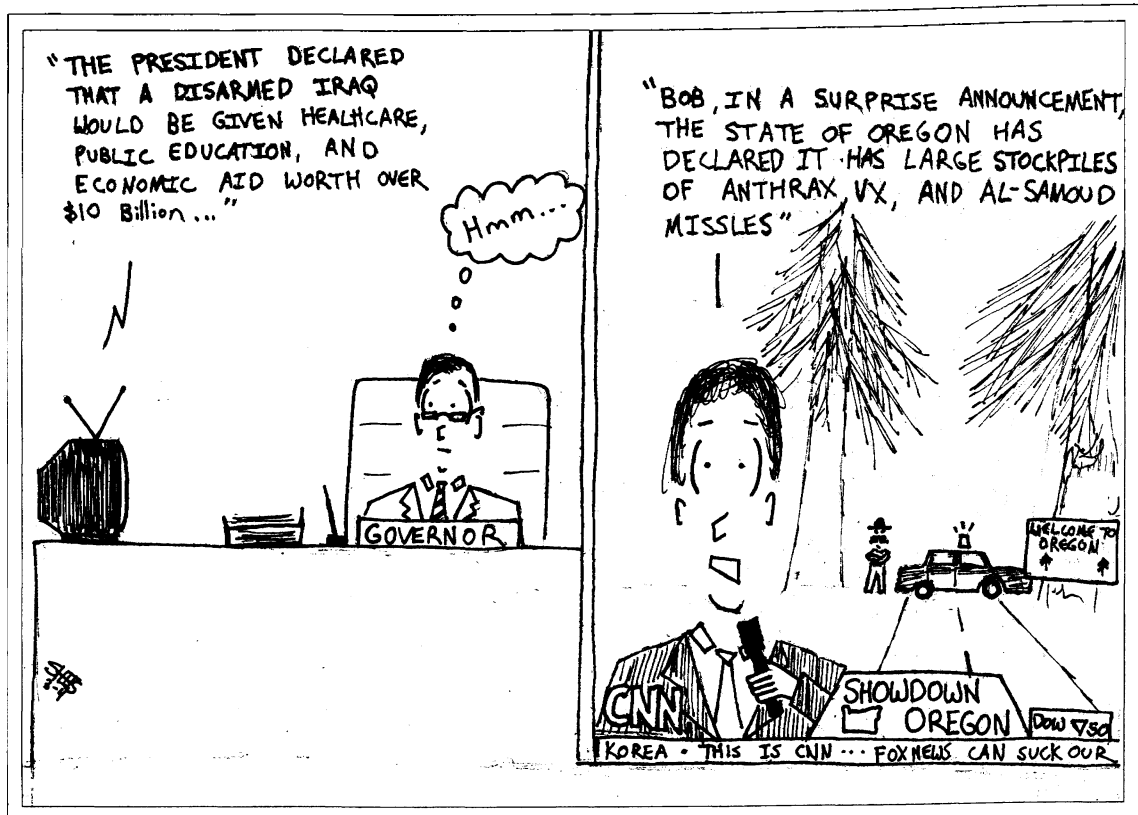
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LETTERS

Being critical of Israel doesn't equate to having anti-Israel bias

To the Editor:

Joshua Schulman-Marcus '04 (Letter, Feb. 28) would have done better to check what it was that Prof. Colla actually said in his lecture on Feb. 25. Colla's comments came in the context of how regional powers may stand to gain from a U.S. occupation of Iraq. The fact that many in the Israeli government have wanted this war for years should not be a secret to Brown students, especially those who heard Ehud Barak's plea for war last December. That the Israeli right would gain from a U.S. war is likewise no secret.

Here's what Colla said: In the event of a U.S. victory, Israel's regional adversaries will be overthrown, sidelined, or otherwise distracted. As a result, "if things transpire, (there) will be an increased freedom for the Israeli army when it deals with Palestinians. There are parties within Israel's ruling government that are already publicly calling for an expulsion of the Palestinian population while the world is busy with the war against Iraq. Arab commentators have already warned that such expulsions would be like a second 1948. One cannot say whether this will happen. But given the reluctance of the United States to restrain Sharon in the past, there is good reason to be fearful about such a disastrous outcome."

Supporters and critics of Israel alike ought to be alarmed that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon recently formed a coalition with the far-right National Union, whose party platform explicitly calls for the expulsion of Palestinians from the Occupied Territories. Unfortunately, support for transfer — the euphemism for ethnic cleansing in Israel — is not limited to the far right. You may want to read a recent article I wrote, "Living on the Edge: The Threat of Transfer in Israel and Palestine," Middle East Report 225 (Winter 2002), pp. 22-29.

The question of bias is an old tactic designed to discourage critical thought. The question is not about bias against Israel, but rather what sort of Israel we want to encourage. If supporters of Israel advocate the racist policies of the Israeli right, they should say

so directly. And if they don't, they should stand with Professor Colla, who indeed is biased: biased in favor of Israelis who advocate real democracy and real peace.

Robert Blecher '91
Campus Israel Coalition ('87-'91)
 March 3

Editorial inconsistent in assessment of school spirit at Brown

To the Editor:

Re: "Here We Go Bruno," (March 3): I think the editorial board is confusing a few issues with regard to "school spirit." You say Brown does have enough school spirit and that the spirit is just funnelled into non-sports areas. But then you say that "school spirit is about money" and "spirited alums are generous alums." So if Brown makes up for its lack of sports spirit in other areas (cultural activities, volunteerism, etc.) then why is Brown so lacking in terms of the amount of money flowing in from alums?

I believe Brown's students and alums are in general spirited people who support whatever causes they are into. But I do not think Brown has the same school spirit that other schools have — and this includes other Ivies, which all prohibit sports scholarships. In fact, as the sister of a Duke graduate, I can say Brown doesn't even compare in terms of comradery, on or off the athletic playing field. Perhaps this lack of spirit is a result of a less popular sports program.

But perhaps it is a result of other factors such as Brown not investing very much in regional alumni clubs, alums preferring to give to other charitable foundations instead of to their alma mater or the fact that only a small percentage of Brown students take part in Greek/eating club systems — which are huge generators of school spirit at other institutions.

Maia Weinstock '99
 March 3

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Critics of affirmative action often miss the point

Examining the importance of affirmative action in the larger context of society, history

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IS A POLICY THAT has been addressed repeatedly in various forums, but comes under misguided scrutiny when viewed primarily as acting on individuals. Our government routinely balances the rights of individuals with the needs of society, to varying degrees of satisfaction between constituent interests. But in the case of affirmative action, the primary impetus for the policy is not so much to aid the individuals in question by allowing the university to take race into consideration in the admission process. Rather, affirmative action seeks foremost to provide the benefits of a diverse student body to the population at large, in the interest of improving the learning experience. Given this as the central motive of the policy, it is somewhat specious to criticize affirmative action for its potential negative impact on the motivation and self-esteem of individual minority applicants. Still, an analysis of the impact that affirmative action may have on minority individuals may be thoughtfully undertaken.

When a university reports that the percentage of African-American students has dropped, to take the obvious example, there are several inferences that one may

draw from this. But the relevance that these kinds of statistics have to affirmative action is that the university suffers on many levels when diversity is diminished. Americans often grow up in ethnically homogeneous environments, experiencing little positive, personal interaction with members of a

broader American culture. Diversity in university settings brings with it the diversity of perspectives upon which a serious higher learning institution depends. (And while this

point may be disputed, I will not attempt to address that here.) It may be that an eventual alternative is to drastically improve our public school system, but until this happens, active recruitment of minorities and the consideration of race in the admission process work.

Suppose, though, that the policy of affirmative action does bruise the collective ego of the African-American community. It might be the case as well, that individual African Americans admitted to universities wonder from time to time whether affirmative action influenced their admission. Given these burdens, I would like to suggest that if the African-American community at large is willing to suffer this minor potential indignity for the benefit of society, then on this basis, society at large should be supportive of the initiative.

But we have yet to address whether affirmative action can be inculcated in the

spread of indolence and apathy, with mass underachievement as a direct consequence of race-based admission. This is not a trivial question, and one may prudently eschew claims or predictions regarding this matter without clear empirical evidence. But intuitively, I believe that the motivation to seek a college degree and to persevere in one's educational goals is dependent upon a belief that one has the ability to achieve. Given perhaps a greater probability of being admitted into a quality university, it is difficult for me to imagine a resultant decline in the ambition of educated African Americans. It is important to remember that, once admitted, students still leave college with experience and knowledge that is proportional to their efforts.

Each applicant to a university that supports affirmative action is acted upon by the policy. But if one is truly concerned about the dignity and well-being of future minority applicants who, during high school, have achieved at a level that is below the average of the applicant pool, it is logical to begin by considering some of the possible causes of these discrepancies.

When starting from a strong belief in a similar level of potential between ethnic populations, it is neither uncomfortable nor insulting to suggest that, although there are countless examples of successful African Americans to be recognized for their achievements, there is still a large population of black citizens living in poverty, in cultural isolation and without much

hope of attending college.

While much of our country prospers from the legacy of our ancestors, so too does a subpopulation continue to experience the aftermath of slavery and segregation. The present must be viewed in its historical context for effective policy to be constructed, and we are clearly still affected by our past. Among the various ethnicities that comprise our society, African Americans and Native Americans share the unfortunate legacy of forced submission to Western European domination over several hundred years. To suggest that a few decades of legal equality, a mere generation in some cases, has created an equal opportunity for these groups is quite honestly ludicrous. It may be that affirmative action will eventually cease to be useful, but we are still emerging from a long history of grave human rights abuses. (This is something our current government would do well to remember.)

The important achievements of many African Americans and the great strides that have been made as an ethnic minority do not obviate affirmative action. It is not because we lack the insight to see it as an evil, a disservice or an insult to their community that many of us support affirmative action. Rather, we see affirmative action as a staid recognition of historical context and a pragmatic (rather than sanctimonious) approach to creating quality higher education for all of us.

Scott Ewing, a research assistant in the Department of Psychology, had the good fortune to grow up in a multiracial family.

Comic strips do matter

Unique, unsanitized comic strips have the power to influence readers

IN HIS ARTICLE DETAILING THE HISTORY of the Herald comics ("A Day in Comicville," -Post, Feb. 27) Will Newman, co-creator of "My Best Effort," wrote: "Can't a comic be used to change minds? To shape ideas? No, no it cannot. ... When a comic artist thinks they do more, they end up failing at even that."

On the surface, this statement seems rather persuasive. The entire comics section takes less than a minute to read, occupies less space than an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper, and possesses the unfortunate disadvantage of being placed next to the much more entertaining crossword puzzle. However, Will's assertion fosters a problematic and escalating attitude that will severely cripple the potential of The Herald's comics section in future years.

First and foremost, the comics do matter in certain respects. Despite the vociferous criticisms in various forums ranging from the Daily Jolt to the Ratty, the comics still command a wide and varied readership. The reasons are fairly intuitive.

Both in visuals and content, comics offer a pleasant escape from long blocks of text and typically depressing news. Ted Wu's beautifully simplistic art and Andy Hull's clean-cut graphics allow for reader interpretation and symbolism not usually evident in photographs. Jeff Sheshol's anti-PC wit and Eli Swiney's acerbic punch lines reveal the medium's strength in vicious satire. In those precious few seconds of reading a comic strip, people

are invited to engage with a medium that can make you laugh and, more importantly, think.

Unfortunately, many read The Herald comics with an utter lack of context. The Greg Shilling '04 fiasco of last semester exemplified this trend when people vilified "A Children's Illustrated History" as if The Herald had published a piece of Nazi propaganda. Many people nod their heads along to vague terms like "quality control" and "clean humor," but reform advocates find themselves at a loss while specifically detailing appropriate regulations for The Herald comics.

For an intelligent community like Brown's, I can't imagine a more boring comics section than a sanitized, politically correct version. Relating my own experiences, I enjoy creating "A Story Of" so much because of the heavily flawed protagonist, Marla, who is an inconsiderate, procrastinating, impulsive, violent, depressive alcoholic, cold-blooded killer.

Yet oblivious to context, the way people interpret The Herald comics so literally astonishes me. Of all things, "A Story Of" is not an exercise in realism. As Italian, Korean, Russian and Chinese criminal organizations run amok in Providence, the annual murder rate of the city triples. Even more unbelievable, Marla and Bobby enjoy the privileges of a college life and survive the brutality of a criminal life.

Rather than force readers to memorize plot details, the strip's focus has been on the characters themselves and their interactions. Finding Marla's redeeming aspects has always interested me more than the gang warfare surrounding her. For me, writing punch lines is the easy part; creating a character that people care

While various artistic and storytelling styles have flourished since last semester, The Herald's comics section nevertheless continues to take flak as people dismiss it as "too complex" or full of "inside jokes."

about has been ultimately much more satisfying.

As a result, I also disagree with Will when he deplores the political commentary of "Coup de Grace." Combining identity and politics permits readers to empathize with comic characters not just emotionally but intellectually. No one utilized this better than Bill Watterson, the creator of the influential and enormously popular "Calvin and Hobbes," who often concealed his own political and cultural opinions underneath the complex vocabulary of a six-year-old kid and his stuffed tiger. Readers can subsequently view the multiple dimensions of a strip through different lenses, increasing the diversity of content on the comics page.

While various artistic and storytelling styles have flourished since last semester, The Herald's comics section nevertheless continues to take flak as people dismiss it as "too complex" or full of "inside jokes." Underlying most criticisms, a strain of nostalgia dominates any discussion of comics. When pressed for alternatives to "correct" the comics section, many complainers fall back on suggestions to rerun old strips of "Ted's World" and "Fluble."

Although these strips deserve respect for their extraordinary craft, implementing this idea would be the most effective policy to discourage future aspiring tal-

ent. It would seize limited space from new ideas and institutionalize an inaccessible system against new contributors. Due to its inequitable implications, such criticism can thus be likened to folks in a retirement home naively complaining about the "good ol' days."

If nostalgic whims or editorial rules dictated my actions, I could create a glib story about myself and friends titled "Ed's World." In spite of those wonderful temptations, I have no intention of merely recycling Ted Wu's work. I will not compromise on a single aspect of "A Story Of" just to avoid criticism or controversy. Likewise, I would hope the other present and future cartoonists of The Herald do the same.

To nurture the ever evolving comics, the reader must also assume a measure of responsibility. Particularly in public forums (e.g. letters to the editor and the comics forum held last semester), many Herald cartoonists have observed that readers vocalize their opinions only to express their discontent. These people tend to generalize their discontent and ignore undeniably ingenious works such as "Penguiner" and "Yu-Ting's Monday and Tuesday" that have graced The Herald in the last year. Only constructive engagement and criticism can correct this devastating attitude, or both readers and artists will be perpetually frustrated.

Herald comic artist Eddie Ahn '05 is not connected to organized crime. Please stop asking him for "favors."

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Brown's men's hoops program here to stay

MANY BROWN BASKETBALL FANS ARE calling for the white flag. They may think that because Brown's quest for an Ivy League title in 2003 has probably fallen short, there is little hope for the future. Those fans are certainly making a mistake.

Brown still has a legitimate shot at the NIT and the second postseason trip in the school's history. This season is certainly not over.

But what about next year? After all, Earl Hunt '03 and Alai Nuualiitia '03, Brown's two biggest guns, are graduating in May.

Having those players as seniors was Brown's best chance for a title and an NCAA tournament berth. It was now or never, right?

Wrong. Despite losing its most prolific players at the end of this year, Brown will be back to compete in the years to come. I know this because of Bruno's basketball skills, and I know how deep the team is. On a team with sixteen players, only three are seniors. Thirteen will be back next year — bigger, stronger and fundamentally better than they have been this year.

Until I came to college, I found it difficult to follow the men's college basketball scene. In many of the most competitive schools, the best players head for the NBA in the middle of their college careers. It seemed impossible to keep up with all of the constantly mutating rosters and team skill levels. Yet at Brown and in the Ivy League, this is not the case. Players are here to play for the duration of their education. This is great for the fans because it allows them to watch both the individuals and the team mature and adapt to the original dynamic that each new season brings. So do not despair about losing two co-captains. If you have been lucky enough to watch them perform and grow as players over the last four years, I say that you should applaud their efforts and turn to the future.

Brown has built itself a solid basketball program that focuses on the long term. Returning next year will be the final member of "the Big Three" in Jason Forte '05. As a sophomore, Forte has demonstrated his impressive skills at the point and his explosive athletic ability. With two regular-season games remaining, Forte is only 14 assists shy of Brown's single season record set in 1986 by Mike Waitkus. But Forte is more than an unselfish traffic director. He

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Men's icers tie a pair, prepare to host Princeton in ECAC playoff opener

BY IAN CROPP

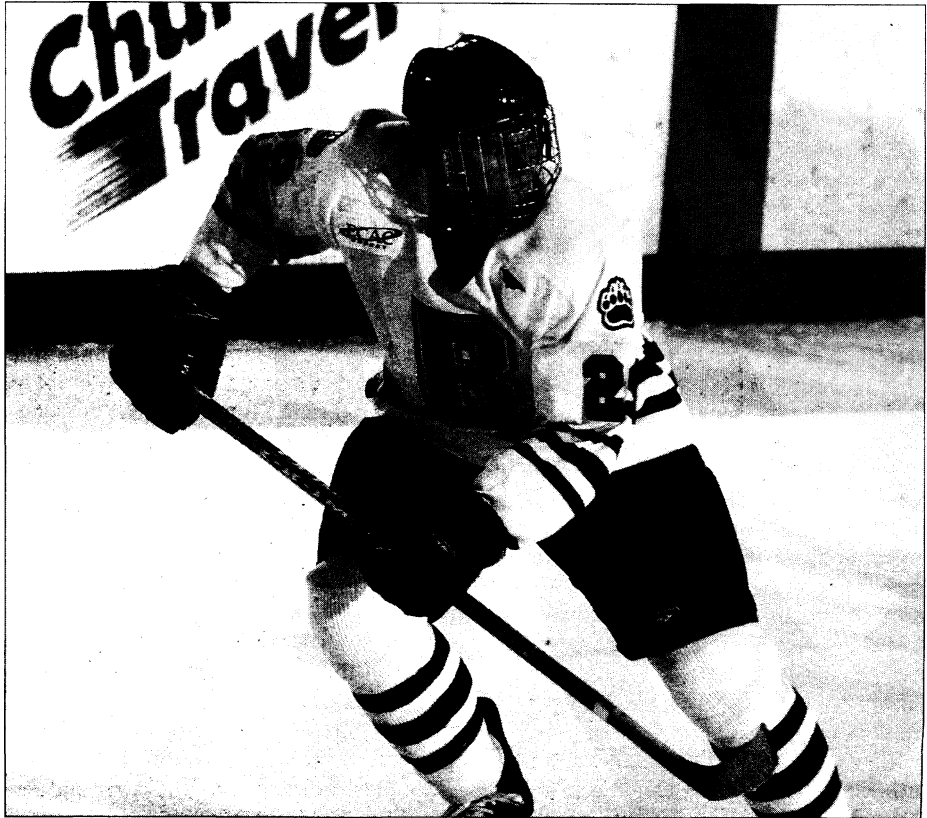
The men's hockey team got tied up twice this weekend, earning two points in the process. For the first time in several games, the Bears were aggressive in the first period on Friday night, but inconsistent for the remainder of the game, earning a 4-4 tie against St. Lawrence. The following night, the Bears battled back from a two-goal deficit in the third period to stave off a season sweep by Clarkson and salvage a point.

The Bears opened up the game against St. Lawrence playing inspired hockey, hoping to capture a first round bye. Just more than four minutes into the first, leading scorer Brent Robinson '04 scored his first of two goals. Despite outshooting the Saints 11-7 in the period, the Bears let up a late goal and went into the locker room tied at one.

Brown started the second period with a long stretch of pressure, which yielded two well-executed goals. The first goal came at 2:50 into the period, as Vince Macri '04 slid a pass to Jarrett Robertson '05, who rifled a one timer into the top right corner for his first career goal. About five minutes later, Chris Swon '05 fed Paul Esdale '03, who skated behind the net and found Robinson alone in front. Robinson easily flipped home his team-leading 12th goal of the year.

Shortly thereafter, St. Lawrence would go on its own offensive binge, netting two goals in 5:23. The Bears lapsed many times on defense and surrendered several odd man rushes and breakaways in the final two periods. St. Lawrence took the lead 7:23 into the third period, but Brown responded a few minutes later on the power play to bring the game back into a deadlock.

Haggett found Scott Ford '04 at the point, breaking a streak of unproductive power plays. As has happened so often this season, Ford slid the puck over to partner Esdale, who knocked home his eighth goal of the season. Brown did not look like a team fighting for a playoff position in the final period and over-



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The men's ice hockey team begins the ECAC playoffs this weekend, hosting Princeton.

time, taking only six shots and relying on Yann Danis '04 to make several big saves. Danis finished the game with 37 saves.

With their first round-by-chances nearly eliminated by the tie, the Bears came out the following night and gave up two early goals to a hungry Clarkson team also jockeying for a home playoff position.

After the shaky first period, the Bears cut the lead in half with a power-play goal early in the second. In a play reminiscent of the night before, Esdale linked up with his partner Ford at the point. Ford sent the puck towards the net on what looked like a deflection off of a Clarkson player, and Haggett redirected it into the Clarkson net. As the period continued, the momentum shifted in Brown's favor, and the game saw more

physical play. With 3:12 remaining in the period and Brown already down a player, Keith Kirley '03 delivered a hard hit and was assessed a five-minute major and a game misconduct.

Brown killed off the 5-3 and most of the major, but Clarkson slipped one by Danis with 17 seconds remaining in the Kirley penalty. Despite being down two goals, the Bears kept the pressure on Clarkson in the third, and continued to fight through the neutral zone holding and hooking of the slower Clarkson players.

"We played with a lot of confidence, poise and character," said Captain Tye Korbl '03, playing in his last regular season home game. "It wasn't going to come

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Women's ice hockey sweeps with 13-goal explosion

BY KATHY BABCOCK

It's March and women's ice hockey has finally put all the pieces together. After a disappointing season, Brown played its last three regular season games on the road. Although the Bears lost to top-ranked Harvard 4-3 Tuesday night, they stayed in the game until the last five minutes of the third period and showcased their abilities, even if the score did not reflect it. They went on to beat Colgate 4-0 and Cornell 9-1 this weekend, finishing their regular season 12-12-4 overall and 9-6-1 in the conference.

"The Harvard game proved that we can pretty much skate with any team in the country," said team member Karen Thatcher '06. "We can definitely win the conference this year."

The Harvard game started poorly for Brown when the Crimson's Jennifer Botterill picked up her own rebound and slipped it past goalie Pam Dreyer '03 to score the first goal of the game. The Bears evened it up with less than a minute left in the period when Cassie Turner '03 scored a shorthanded goal, picking up the rebound from a shot by Courtney Johnson '03. Keaton Zucker '06 also assisted.

With the teams tied 1-1, the Crimson started the second period on a hot streak. Lauren McAuliffe scored a power-play goal at 2:08 with assists from Botterill and Julie Chu. Harvard got on the board again two minutes later when Nicole Corriero notched the Crimson's third goal of the game. Kalen Ingram and Jamie Hagerman had the assists. Brown responded at 10:38 when Kim Insalaco '03 picked up her own rebound and found the back of the net; Myria Heinhuis '06 assisted on the play. The Bears tied things up with 27 seconds remaining in the second period, when Jessica Link '05 lit the lamp. Insalaco and Amy McLaughlin '05 assisted. The game seemed destined for overtime, with the score tied at 3-3 with five minutes left in the game. However, at 15:31 Ingram emerged from a mob in front of the Brown net to score an unassisted goal. Dreyer made 40 saves in the game.

On Friday, Brown shot down Colgate, earning Dreyer her 15th career shutout. Both teams were scoreless in the first period, but the Bears tallied the first goal when Link picked up the loose puck off a shot by Zucker and scored. Heinhuis earned an assist on the play. A minute later, Thatcher slipped it in with assists

from Insalaco and Katie Guay '05. At 10:47, Link picked up her second goal of the game on a power play shot with Insalaco and McLaughlin recording assists. The final goal of the game was scored eight minutes into the third period when Zucker found the net, with Johnson and Heinhuis garnering assists. The final score was Brown 4, Colgate 0.

The Bears finished the weekend with a bang against Cornell on Saturday. The action started with a Turner goal at 2:36 from Thatcher and Insalaco. Marguerite McDonald '04 struck exactly two minutes later to make it 2-0 when she scored off passes from Heinhuis and Kate Kenny '03. Johnson scored the third and final goal of the period at 19:38, assisted by Ashlee Drover '06 and Link.

The Bears did not let up in the second period; one minute in Drover shot it high for her second career goal. Zucker and Link picked up assists. At 6:10, Insalaco found the net, assisted by Thatcher and Mandy McCurdy '03. Zucker pounded the next nail into the Big Red's coffin with Heinhuis and Katie Lafleur '04 assisting. In the last three minutes Link scored a shorthanded goal with a pass from Thatcher.