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UFB exploring ways to spend surplus money

BY ZOE RIPPLE

The Undergraduate Finance Board is exploring ways to spend part of its substantial holdings account, which currently contains \$475,000 in returned funds.

The holding account is created from unspent money student groups give back to UFB at the end of each year. At its peak, the account was worth about \$700,000, said Langston Dugger '04, chair of UFB.

"From a management perspective, we believe they should always have at least \$100,000 to cover the cost of a failed major event," or the unexpected destruction of expensive equipment, said Margaret Jablonski, dean for Campus Life. But this leaves the bulk of the account at UFB's disposal.

UFB has already committed funds to a new ropes course in Bristol, which will be used by student groups, summer studies students, the Student Activities Resource Center and academic departments. The course, to be completed by the summer, is expected to cost about \$15,000, of which UFB will contribute half, Jablonski said.

UFB has also designated \$140,000 toward renovations and new equipment in T.F. Green Hall, which will give music, dance and arts groups more practice and performance space, Jablonski said.

Internally, UFB plans to use holding account funds to develop an online banking system for student groups to use — a one-time cost, Dugger said. UFB may also use the holding account funds to find an economical way for student groups to travel to conferences and events, he said.

Several student groups have sug-

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Yale University workers began a week-long strike Monday morning.

Yale workers begin strike

BY LISA MANDLE

Yale University workers took to the picket lines Monday, beginning what is to be a week-long strike by locals 34, 35, the Graduate Employees and Students Organization and unionized workers from Yale-New Haven Hospital.

The strike is in response to stalled negotiations over contracts and pension plans between Yale and the unions that represent university workers, graduate students and hospital staff, the Yale Daily News reported.

Union negotiators are asking for raises of six to 10 percent over four years. Yale offered raises of more than four percent a year over six years to Local 34 and more than three percent a year to Local 35.

Lindsay Barenz, spokesperson for the Federation of Yale Unions, said she estimated 3,000 people were present at Monday's rally — half workers and half community members.

According to the university, half of the 2,900 clerical and technical workers in Local 34 and 95 percent of the 1,100 maintenance workers in Local 35 participated in the strike, the New Haven Register reported.

"Levels of participation are extremely high," Barenz said. University workers,

many of whom have gone on strike four or five times while at Yale, are noticing a higher level of support than ever before, she said.

Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke to a crowd of roughly 1,000 union supporters Monday, according to the Daily News. Prior to the speech, Jackson met with Yale President Richard Levin. Yale spokesperson Helaine Klasky Jackson and Levin agreed the only way to move forward in bargaining is to "de-link" the organizing efforts of the Graduate Employees and Students Organization and Yale-New Haven Hospital workers from contract talks for locals 34 and 35, the Daily News reported.

Yale spokesperson Tom Conroy told the Daily News that three bargaining sessions for the university and the unions are scheduled for next week. He expects union members to return to work next weekend, he added.

Barenz said speculating on the strike's outcome is impossible. If a contract agreement is not reached, the strike could resume on March 24 when students return from spring break, she said.

The strike has proven less disruptive than anticipated, said Yale first-year

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R.I. majority leader outlines vision for state

BY SCHUYLER VON OEYEN

Rhode Island House Majority Leader Gordon Fox, D-Providence, outlined his vision for the state and his view of partisan politics as not an aberration of values, but a positive ideological adhesive for real change, during a lecture at Brown on Tuesday.

"I stand before you today as a partisan Democrat," Fox told his audience at the Alfred Taubman Center for Public Policy and American Institutions. "We are here to form sides every day, none more urgent than to stand and uphold the values of the Democratic Party."

"I renew my vows as a Democrat today. Not as an Old Democrat or a New Democrat, but as a real Democrat," Fox said. He went on to define what he described as core democratic values by contrasting his party's views with their Republican counterparts.

"Let us gain real appreciation for our party by contrasting it with our polar opposite," Fox said. "Republican local strategy mimics national plea. Nationally, it's domestic security, and here in Rhode Island it's separation of powers. Demonization of the Rhode Island Democratic Party is part of the Republican strategy to regain office," he said. "We will take our message to the people honestly and indifferently."

Fox said these core differences in ideology are significant because they affect the way a lawmaker approaches public policy issues, especially in times of economic hardship.

"Democrats tax fairly and spend honorably," he said. "In times of economic downturn, we Democrats, as a party, will make cuts in social programs not the first choice, but the last choice. Could the choice between real Republicans and real Democrats be more clear?"

On the national level, Fox described how the Republican Party has different

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Omonike Akimkuowo / Herald

Professor Neta Crawford '85 predicted increased resentment toward Bush.

Prof. Crawford '85 criticizes Bush war

BY ELLEN WERNECKE

Professor Neta Crawford '85 criticized the Bush administration's policy of "preemptive war" and predicted increased resentment and resistance to that policy worldwide at a Tuesday night lecture sponsored by Faculty, Alumni, Students and Staff Against the War.

Crawford, who is an associate research professor at the Watson Institute for International Studies, defined the current U.S. foreign policy as a "new imperialist moment" for a crowd of about 70 in Metcalf Auditorium.

Without long or medium-range missiles, "Iraq does not have the capacity to attack the United States," Crawford said.

"The administration has said they want to make sure they don't get any weapons of mass destruction," she said. "This is a form of preemptive war — potentially danger-

ous and destabilizing.

"We're now at the point where an imperialist viewpoint has ascended," she said, "and has been linked with preemption and national security."

Crawford characterized the new national strategy of preemption as "obeying the principle that the best defense is a good offense." She said that National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice used Daniel Webster's advice to the British in 1837 on preemptive strategy to support the administration's policy, but neglected to mention Webster's comment that preemption leads to "bloody and exasperated war."

"Preemption is meant to respond to an imminent threat, both near in time and likely to occur," Crawford said. "If you don't respond (to that threat), you're going

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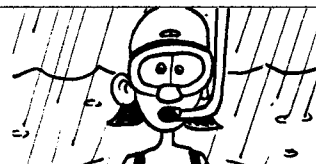
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CALENDAR

LECTURE — "The Logic of Terror: Some Aspects of the Role of Violence in the Balkans, 1804-1950," Dimitris Livanios, Watson Institute. McKinney Conference Room, Watson Institute, noon

LECTURE — "Science Lies Its Way to the Truth ... The Importance of Behavioral Research," Meredith West, Indiana University, Department of Psychology. Room 206, Hunter Lab, 4 p.m.

LECTURE — "Welfare Ranking of Subsidies under Restricted Financing," Anders Sorenson, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Economics. Room 301, Robinson Hall, 4 p.m.

LECTURE — "From Genome to Vaccine," Annie DeGroot, Brown, Center of Computational Molecular Biology. Room 115, McMillan Hall, 4 p.m.

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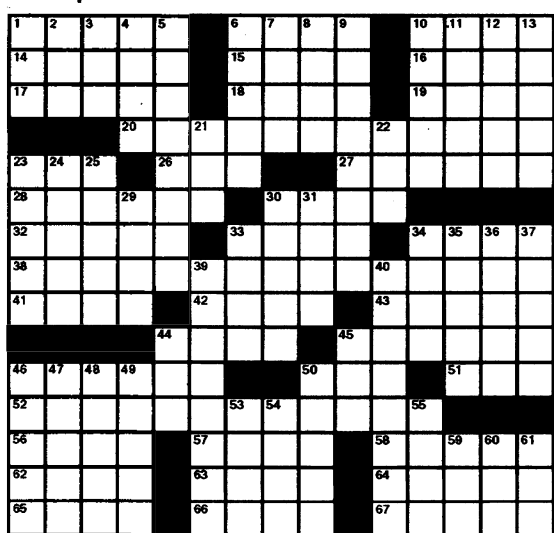
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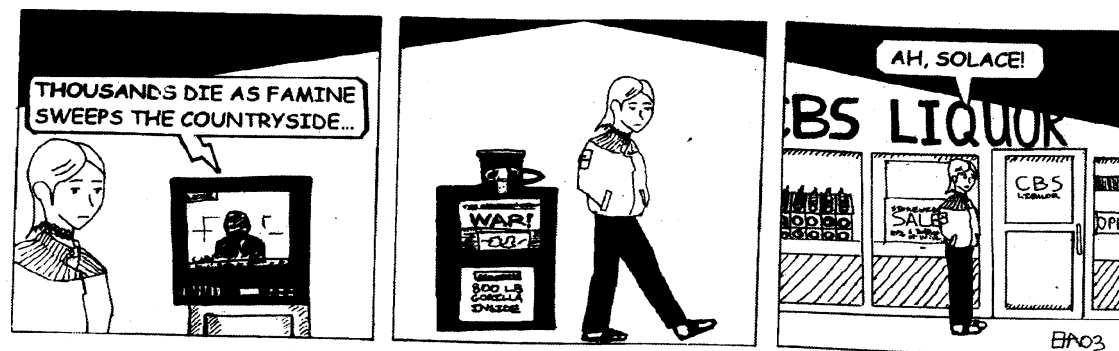
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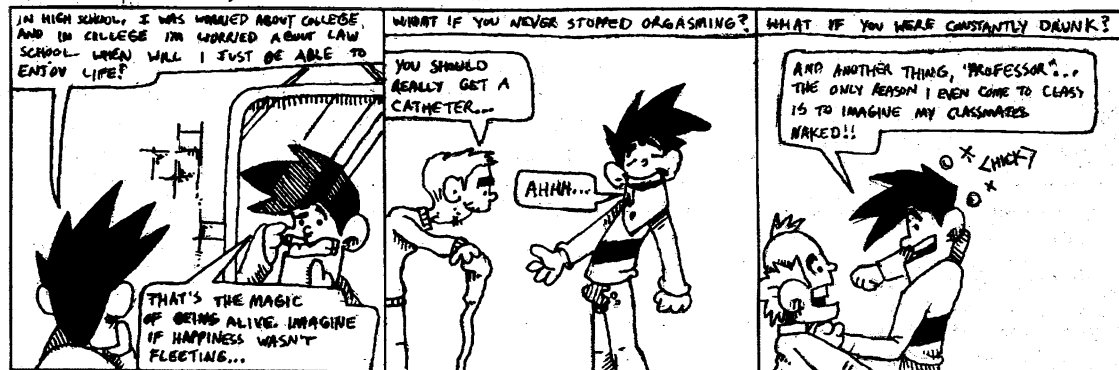
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DINNER — Vegetarian Cheese Soup, Ham & Bean Soup, American Chop Suey, Salmon with Provencal Sauce, Eggplant & Rice Provencal, Roasted Rosemary Potatoes, American Chop Suey Broccoli Spears, Mashed Butternut Squash, Pumpernickel Bread, Pumpkin Pie

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ACADEMIC WATCH

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IN BRIEF

Recent Brown research shows high percentage of disabled citizens in RI

Rhode Island ranks first in New England and 16th nationally in the percentage of citizens classified as disabled, according to recent Brown research. The research, conducted by the Taubman Center for Public Policy, analyzed 2000 U.S. Census figures.

According to the report, 20.2 percent of Rhode Islanders have some type of disability. New England citizens reported an 18.3 percent disability rate, compared to 19.3 percent nationally.

Rhode Island ranks third nationally for those between 5 and 20 years old, with 9.3 percent of people in that age group reporting a disability. Over 56 percent of those over 65 years of age were categorized with some type of disability.

Almost 9 percent of Rhode Islanders have two or more disabilities.

West Virginia has the highest percentages nationally, with 24.4 percent disabled. Alaska and Utah have the lowest rate, with 14.9 percent.

"Disabled" in this study included those with long-lasting physical, mental or emotional conditions that interfere with everyday activities such as walking, climbing stairs, dressing, bathing, learning or remembering.

The census differentiates between six classes of disability: sensory, physical, mental, self-care difficulties, problems going outside the home and problems leading to employment difficulties. The most common types in Rhode Island were employment disabilities and physical disabilities.

—Stephanie Harris

Brown Cave offers students, researchers a chance to solve tough problems in 3-D

BY LEV NELSON

In "The Empire Strikes Back," Luke Skywalker enters a cave to battle an illusory Darth Vader. In a different sort of cave at Brown, researchers and students encounter three-dimensional visualizations that are not figments of the imagination, but data that have been analyzed by computers.

Brown's Cave allows researchers from many different fields to come together to approach problems visually that can be difficult to solve otherwise. Biologists, mathematicians, archaeologists, computer scientists, geologists, chemists and engineers have all been linked in Cave-related projects.

The Cave is an eight-by-eight cube with screens on three walls and the floor. Shut down, it does not look like much. But behind the walls are projectors run by computers that can make two-dimensional images come alive.

CAVE is actually an acronym for Cave Automatic Virtual Environment, said Samuel Fulcomer, director of the Technology Center for Advanced Scientific Computing and Visualization, the Brown center that houses the Cave.

TCASCV was founded in 1998 with funds from the National Science Foundation and IBM. TCASCV houses two components, supercomputing and scientific visualization, that are used together on some projects and separately for others.

The supercomputing refers to several clusters of computers — 176 computers in the largest of them — that perform complex computations. When the Cave was built in 1999, it was probably among the top 500 computing resources in the world, Fulcomer said. It remains the only cave in the Northeast, said Andries van Dam, professor of computer science and vice president for research.

Although the Cave itself is not as advanced as some others, its computers will soon be replaced with 48 top-of-the-line models. "When that happens, for a while, it might be the highest-performance cave around," van Dam said.

The Cave operates on the principle of stereo. Because human eyes are separated by a few inches, each eye sees a slightly different image. The brain integrates these images into 3-D vision.

Using the Cave's equipment, the computers trick the eyes into seeing three dimensions where only two exist. A Cave user wears glasses with shutters over the lenses. The shutters over each eye open and close once a second, fast enough to convince the brain that it is seeing smooth motion, Fulcomer said.

The glasses also contain a tracking apparatus that follows the user's gaze so that the images projected on the screen match what should be there in a virtual world.

The usefulness of the Cave becomes immediately clear upon testing. For example, using a program called Visual Molecular Dynamics, the Cave displays a strand of DNA that the user can walk around.

A DNA molecule is composed of genetic code bases that form the rungs of a twisted ladder. Actually seeing the planar rungs in the Cave makes the structure immediately apparent.

The ability to walk around an object is what differentiates the cave from other 3-D visualization systems.

"People can visualize data on the desktop, but if they visualize it here, it might make more sense and lead them to discover something new," said Prabhat MA '01, a graphics systems analyst for the Cave.

Mathematics and engineering concentrator Will Sheffler '03 is using VMD to help Professor Ed Hawrot, of the department of

molecular pharmacology, physiology, and biotechnology, study how Bungaro toxin — a component of snake venom — binds to receptors on the surface of nerve cells.

There are many opportunities for undergraduates to participate in Cave research. "In addition to providing it to researchers, one of the ambitions in the original proposal was to reach out to the Brown community," Fulcomer said.

One of the most successful projects has been ARCHAVE — Archaeology in Virtual Environments. This virtual reality recreation of the Great Temple at Petra displays the data collected by Professor Martha Joukowsky '58, director of the Center for Old World Archaeology and Art, in new ways.

"The precinct is so huge that when you're on the ground you can't see it," said Joukowsky, who has been excavating in Petra since 1993. The Cave simulation allows users to step back and see the whole site.

The project, supported by an NSF grant, has included about 20 scientists from different fields. Undergraduates have also helped by "building trenches" — transferring data from field notebooks into the computer simulation.

Another very successful project deals with fluid mechanics, specifically in arteries. Bypass surgery, to go around a blockage in the artery, is common, but the bypass often becomes blocked as well, Prabhat said.

By modeling the system, researchers hope to discover why this occurs. "They can look at the same old boring data and see something interesting," Prabhat said.

From a perspective within the artery, made possibly by use of the Cave, one can see that blood flows more slowly at the walls than in the center — something

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priorities than he sees fit for homeland security.

"How secure is a homeland where not everyone has access to health care?" he asked. "How secure is a homeland where not everyone has an opportunity for a good day's pay? Homeland security begins at home."

Fox said that based on his state of the state address, "I like to think of Governor (Donald) Carcieri '65 as embodying Democratic values. Carcieri had no public political affiliation prior to his election last year, and he has keen perspective that considers all the ramifications of his policy choices. To me, that perspective is very Democratic."

Fox also discussed Rhode Island's current budget deficit, saying that state congress members could probably balance

budgets on an accounting sheet quite easily, but cuts would have a substantive financial impact.

Instead of ignoring the ripple effects of cutting social programs to balance the budget, politicians should be farsighted and work for systematic change, he said.

Addressing issues such as homelessness must be a commitment of the congress not only "to be pursued in good economic times, but an obligation for all Americans all of the time."

"We can balance any budget, but what does a simple decision like the one to eliminate double taxes of dividends mean realistically? It's okay to make budget-cutting decisions, but we have to consider how these decisions will affect the cities on a local level and the economy in general," Fox said.

Fox also discussed the separation-of-powers amendment issue currently facing the state congress. There are two pending

pieces of legislation — one introduced by the Democrats and another by the Republicans — that would give more power to the Rhode Island government's executive branch at the expense of congress.

Fox said separation of powers is an important issue that requires substantive debate.

He said he would like to see legal experts come in and comment on the wording of the two proposals so that there is no ambiguity considering the judicial interpretation of this crucial issue. "To amend a constitution, these issues must be taken very seriously, because the consequences are very real if you get it wrong," he added.

He described nameless editorial pieces in the Providence Journal regarding the issue as "awful because they stifle debate and suggest that we should adopt the Republican proposal without bringing in experts and having meaningful discussion."

Crawford

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to be grievously damaged, and you're foolish." She added that while preemption is protected under the United Nations charter, Bush's strategy of "preemptive war" is prohibited.

A sense of preeminence — that the United States intends to keep its military force beyond challenge — and the adoption of a capability-based model in military planning is an approach that "focuses more on how an adversary might fight and what might happen," Crawford said. Those tactics have contributed to preemption, she said. She criticized the administration's policy of linking terrorists to rogue states — two dissimilar groups that, she said, do not necessarily go together.

"The logic with which we fight terrorists has been transposed to the rogue state problem. That's why the administration has adopted a preemptive strategy," she said.

Crawford said the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks generated great fear that led to the recent formation of the Department of Homeland Security and the proposed increases in U.S. military spending.

"Our enormous fear is, of course, ironic," she said, "as this is the time of the greatest military U.S. presence, which is intended to scare potential adversaries into good behavior or submission."

"The Bush administration says that deterrence and containment don't work," though they worked during the Cold War, Crawford said.

Now, the United States is trying to frighten potential allies into supporting the use of force, Crawford said.

"They think we can push our allies around and at the end of the day they'll still be loyal," she said.

Crawford suggested that alternatives to military intervention include diverting funds into nonviolent segments of anti-terrorist policy — such as intelligence — and decreasing U.S. dependence on "resources that put us in conflict with others."

"The creation of a world of disarming through military assault means that people will be afraid of you and will be compelled to arm themselves clandestinely," Crawford said.

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gested dividing remaining funds into one-time allowances for each group, but UFB feels it is more appropriate for the groups to request money at weekly UFB meetings, Dugger said.

Student groups that received allocations from the holding account this year include Shakespeare on the Green, which received \$2,600, and the Production Workshop. Brown Student Agencies received about \$50,000 this year, said Dan Le, associate chair of UFB.

Although there is a substantial amount of money in the account, UFB cannot grant all requests it receives, Le said. The board has turned down some groups' travel requests because of the cost, including a women's ultimate frisbee tournament that would have cost \$9,000, Le said.

UFB is "not going on a shopping spree, but we want to be generous," Le said. "There is pressure to give it away, but we still want to be responsible."

Generally, UFB prefers to

The holding account did not grow last year due to fewer returns at the end of the year.

spend holding account funds on large investments with the potential to sustain themselves and benefit the whole Brown community, he said.

Jablonski suggested coming up with a five- to seven-year plan to spend a percentage of the holding account each year, "funding not one time programs, but capital, equipment type expenses."

Unlike in the past, the holding account did not grow last year due to fewer returns at the end of the year.

Jablonski said the UFB had "shown good initiative this year with trying to support different activities and projects."

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Jessica Feinstein. Some classes have moved away from the center of campus and sections have been cancelled, but "the worst part is that we have to fend for ourselves food-wise," she said. With dining halls closed, the university gave students on meal plan checks for approximately \$90, forcing them to rely on Top Ramen, Easy Mac and local restaurants, Feinstein said.

While student opinion about the strike varies on Yale's campus, Feinstein said, "generally everyone is annoyed that as undergraduates they get gypped."

Picket lines and rallies are set to continue throughout the week, according to strike organizers. Cornel West, Princeton professor of religion and author of "Race Matters," and John Sweeny, president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, will speak later in the week, Barenz said.

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clearly indicated by equations of fluid mechanics but difficult to observe in the real world. A user can also observe blood starting to enter the branching bypass, then reverse direction and continue to flow through the artery.

A third project, also funded by the NSF, is ivrBooks — Interactive Virtual Reality Books — which is intended as a prototype tool for training surgeons.

The Cave displays a recorded surgery, with a simulation of a real surgeon's hands operating on a real patient, along with annotations and commentary, said Sascha Becker '97, who works on the project under Professor van Dam's guidance. Professors and students can pause the simulation, rewind it and better learn what needs to be done before entering the operating theater.

At this point the program is only working with mock surgeries.

Because Cave technology is relatively new, researchers are still trying to figure out how it can be useful. "Easily half of what we're doing is development — we're trying techniques and seeing what is effective," van Dam said.

And the techniques are evolving. For example, a few years ago Dan Keefe GS wrote a program called cave painting.

"I wanted to see what something like painting meant in 3-D, to try it out," said Keefe, who is also an artist. While the program has artistic merit, it also has scientific potential.

"Now that you can paint with a brush, what can you make?" Keefe said. The hand-drawn quality of cave-painting images may prove to be a more effective way of displaying data than computer-generated shapes, he

The future holds new prospects for virtual reality visualizations.

said.

The future holds new prospects for virtual reality visualizations. "Holodeck-quality visuals (indistinguishable from reality) are around the corner — we could do it with off-the-shelf technology," Fulcomer said.

The integration of other senses is also being explored. Hearing and smell are relatively easy, while "haptics" — touch — is the big challenge, Fulcomer said.

Cost is the major factor holding back advancement and commodification.

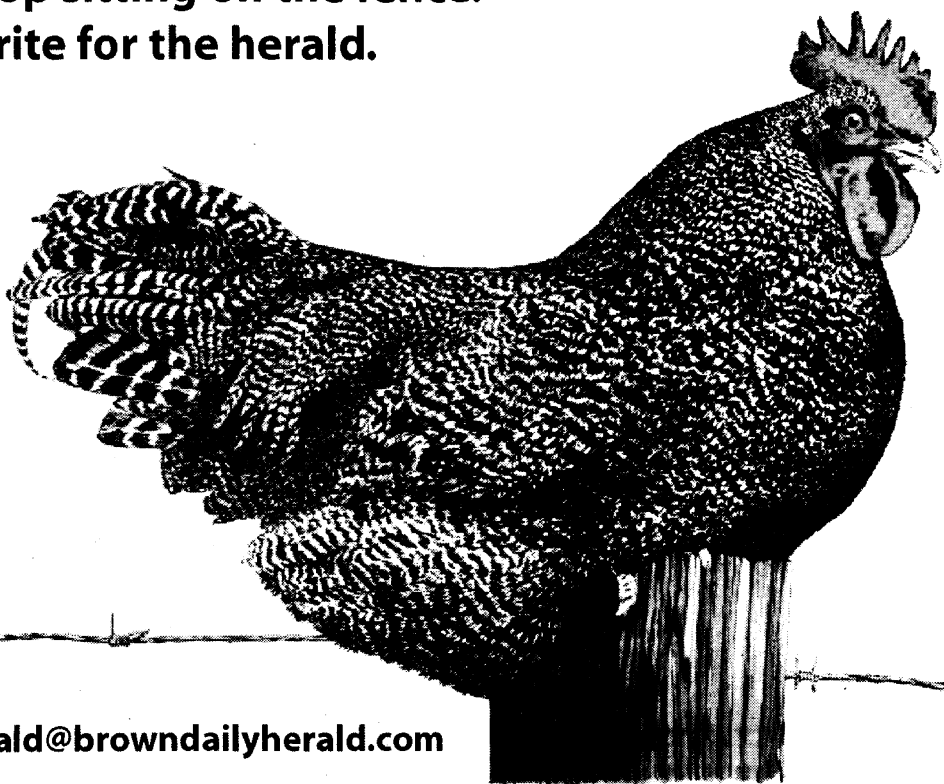
"I don't think there will ever be a time in which (a cave) would cost (as little as) \$10,000 to \$20,000. ... It's not living-room material," Fulcomer said. "But the visualization and interaction techniques from the cave will find their way into displays that are more practical for easy installation."

In addition to the cave, TCASCV has a single-wall setup with the same head-tracking that the cave uses, as well as "fishtank" displays that work with a regular computer screen, Fulcomer said.

For instance, the single wall could be used in a conference room to provide 3-D teleconferencing across the globe, he said.

"We're still too much in the sexy demo phase, and I'd like to shift the proportion" from developing techniques to applying them, van Dam said. "It's going to have to be easier to use over time and more dramatic in terms of what it can buy you over what you can do on your desktop."

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WORLD & NATION

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IN BRIEF

Hillary Clinton emerging as senate power

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, after lying low for most of her first two years, is emerging as one of the Senate's most prominent and influential Democrats, moving aggressively on fundraising and policy matters and fueling speculation that she plans to run for president in 2008.

The only first lady to have served in the Senate, Clinton is playing a key role in a behind-the-scenes effort to create at least one new political group, funded with so-called soft money, to promote the Democratic agenda in the 2004 elections and beyond, according to Democratic officials. With her help, leading Democrats are putting the finishing touches on a new "activist think tank" designed to crank out policy ideas and disseminate them to voters without running afoul of the new campaign finance laws, the officials said.

"She's strongly encouraging people, including myself, to get our act together, get out there, generate more ideas (and) market our ideas better," said John Podesta, chief of staff under former President Clinton, who is heading the think tank effort.

In an interview Tuesday, Clinton said, "It would be a tremendous indictment of us" if Democrats don't create new groups to "make sure the point of view we think is needed can be heard."

New York's junior senator also is commanding greater influence over the party's base of trial lawyers, environmentalists, union workers and pro-choice activists through her new leadership assignment: chairman of the Democratic Steering Committee, a Senate organization that helps refine and promote the party's agenda. Leading senators tapped Clinton for the job of revving up party activists and enlisting their help in attacking President Bush and congressional Republicans. She brought civil rights leaders to Washington last week to discuss a broader campaign against Bush judicial nominee Miguel Estrada.

"I am trying to broaden the base of people we have reached out to in the past," Clinton said.

To the chagrin of some Senate Democrats, she is assuming a bigger role in crafting the party's agenda and message for the next election. Most recently, she has been vocal and visible in escalating the fight with Bush over funding for firefighters and other first-responders to emergencies and crime. At the same time, she has tried to cultivate a centrist image for herself, much as her husband did by working the Democratic Leadership Council in the 1990s.

"I consider myself a New Democrat," the senator said. "I am very proud of the political identity developed by Democrats during the Clinton administration."

She has reached out to conservative Republicans, including House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, on foster care legislation, and Senate Budget Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okla., on unemployment insurance.

Clinton backs Bush's goal of deposing Saddam Hussein, an unpopular view among her party's anti-war base, though she's critical of the president's "rhetoric and tactics" in dealing with the international community. She was recently awarded a seat on the Armed Services Committee, which provides her an opportunity to build a foreign policy resume in the years ahead.

Clinton's new roles are providing her the ideal forum to put her imprint on Democratic policies, cement her relationship with key party activists and lay the groundwork for what many believe will be a presidential run in 2008, according to several senators and party strategists.

"She spent the first two years in a learning process, (learning) not only the rules of the Senate but the traditions of how things should be handled here," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La. "She was very careful and more restricted. Now she's moving into a second stage, being more out front, more visible and more available to articulate issues."

Some Democrats privately worry that Clinton is moving too quickly. "There are some people inside the caucus grumbling, suggesting she wants to bring more of a war-room mentality to the Senate than some senators are comfortable with," said a top Senate Democratic aide. "Others think this also has to be viewed with her future presidential runs and national ambitions in mind."

It's unusual for a freshman to accumulate so much power so precipitously in an institution ruled by tradition and seniority. Most senators wait many years to win a leadership post, and still more years to build a national following. But Clinton is anything but a typical senator.

Bush administration resigns itself to North Korean nuclear weapons

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — The Bush administration has concluded that it probably cannot prevent North Korea from developing nuclear weapons and is now focusing on managing the geopolitical fallout, informed Capitol Hill sources said Tuesday.

In closed briefings and private conversations with members of Congress over the last several weeks, administration officials have indicated that they expect North Korea to begin reprocessing its plutonium stockpiles soon, perhaps within a few weeks, the sources said. Once reprocessing begins, North Korea will be able to produce enough plutonium for one nuclear weapon a month.

"They are preparing people up here for a de facto, if not declared, North Korean nuclear state and saying that this is something we can deal with through isolation, sanctions, deterrence and national missile defense," said a Senate staff member who is privy to the briefings.

Resigned to the likelihood that North Korea may soon be making weapons-grade plutonium, officials "are trying to prevent Congress from leaping in alarm and either calling for preemptive military actions, which they don't think offers them good options, or criticizing them for being surprised by the North becoming a nuclear power on their watch," the staff member said. "They want to appear witting."

Reached for comment on the reports, a senior administration official said the Bush administration is planning for the possibility that North Korea will acquire more nuclear weapons. But he said it has in no way accepted this as an inevitable outcome.

"Resigned? Throwing up our hands? Working out how to accept them as a nuclear power? No, that's not what we're doing," the official insisted.

No senator would confirm or deny the reports by the Capitol Hill sources. But in a statement responding to questions from the Los Angeles Times, Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said that the reports, if true, were "disturbing."

"I'm amazed that we would sit back and let North Korea become a plutonium factory churning out the world's most dangerous material and possibly selling it to the highest bidder," Biden said. "We need to treat this problem for what it is, a crisis, and listen to our allies who say we can still head it off if we just sit down and

talk" to the regime in Pyongyang.

In an interview with regional newspapers Monday, President Bush was asked how he would reassure Americans nervous about North Korea. He said the United States first should accelerate its development of national missile defenses.

While Bush has long argued the need for missile defenses to counter the threat of nuclear-armed "rogue" states, the timing and specificity of his statement was widely interpreted Tuesday as an implicit acknowledgment of the need for a fallback defense if North Korea proceeds to build its nuclear arsenal.

In the wake of North Korea's interception of a U.S. reconnaissance plane over the Sea of Japan over the weekend, Bush also said using military force against North Korea is an option if diplomacy fails, although he said he continues to believe that a diplomatic solution is possible. The president had previously stressed that he has no intention of attacking or invading North Korea.

White House and State Department officials said Tuesday they intend to formally protest North Korea's "reckless" and "provocative" behavior. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher repeated that the United States would view North Korean plutonium reprocessing as "a very serious matter." In keeping with administration policy, he avoided citing reprocessing as a "red line" that would trigger an automatic U.S. military response.

Boucher said that "at some point, North Korea has to get the message that it's not going to get anything for taking further steps."

But many independent analysts say that the North Koreans are not getting the message because they have concluded that it is in their national interest to make as much plutonium as possible while the U.S. is preoccupied with Iraq. And some think U.S. diplomacy has hit a dead end now that Bush, overruling the State Department, has reportedly vetoed any sort of bilateral negotiations with North Korea.

Therefore, unless the United States presents a much more credible military threat to Pyongyang—thus risking simultaneous war with Iraq and North Korea—it must accept that North Korea may have a substantial nuclear arsenal within a year, said Robert Madsen, a senior fellow at Stanford University's Asia Pacific Research Center.

U.S. says Iraqis are planning terror acts

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (L.A. Times) — The United States has "credible information" that Iraq has dispatched agents to many parts of the world to commit terrorist acts in the event of a U.S. invasion of Iraq, a well-placed Western diplomat said here Tuesday.

The agents are poised to strike targets in the Middle East and Europe, raising concerns among Western officials that the United States will be unable to confine a war with Iraq to the battlefield of its choice, according to the diplomat, who spoke on condition that neither he nor his country be identified.

"We have credible information that this is something the Iraqis have planned and are ready to carry out — not just in Saudi Arabia," said the diplomat, who has many years of experience in the Middle East. "We think it's very serious, not just here, but worldwide as well."

If Iraqi agents are indeed waiting in different corners of the globe, organized in sleeper cells that will be activated when a war starts, it would be another example of Iraq preparing to fight a war on its own terms, hoping to counter the United States' far superior conventional military strength.

Iraqi officials have already said, for instance, that they would try to lure attacking forces into urban areas, where they might have a fighting chance. Terrorism would provide another front for Iraq.

"The concern is not that there is a credible Iraqi military threat," the diplomat said. "We are concerned about the increased likelihood of terrorist attacks."

In the past, U.S. officials have said that one of the main reasons to launch an attack on Iraq is to prevent President Saddam Hussein from developing weapons of mass destruction and then delivering

those weapons to the hands of terrorist groups. Now, the United States is fearful that Iraq is poised to use its own agents as terrorists, although there is no information that any have been armed with weapons of mass destruction.

In Washington, officials confirmed Tuesday that U.S. intelligence agencies have picked up "a lot of chatter" on the Iraqi intelligence circuit in the last month that has led to warnings at several major U.S. embassies. Among those have been the missions in Egypt, Thailand and South Africa, the officials said.

The intelligence community believes the chatter is either "willing disinformation to wind us up" or refers to assets in place that the United States does not know about, said a well-placed U.S. official who requested anonymity.

"Either way," the official said, "we have to prepare for it."

Washington has no solid estimate of either the numbers involved or their capabilities, the source said. One source said that the United States is sufficiently in the dark that it is unsure whether the threat is from "five guys working out of a single apartment" or something much bigger.

Although Saudi officials have not identified Iraqi sleeper cells operating in the country, they have acknowledged that there is a broader problem with terrorist activities here, which they expect to increase in the event of war with Iraq.

"The threat here is they are going to attack Westerners," said a security expert with years of experience working in Saudi Arabia. "The hope is to make the Westerners leave (and that) this will have a massive effect on the local economy. They are working to destabilize the government, and the Saudis know that."

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**Health care industries
would benefit from
Bush Medicare Plan**

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — Health-care economists said the drug benefit President Bush proposed for Medicare Tuesday would be a bonanza for the pharmaceutical and managed-care industries, both of which are huge donors to Republicans.

Bush went before the friendly audience of the American Medical Association to ask Congress to pass incentives for millions of senior citizens to switch from Medicare, the federally funded health insurance program for the elderly, to private health insurance in return for drug coverage. Those who stayed in Medicare would receive more modest benefits, including a discount of 10 to 25 percent at the drugstore checkout.

Marilyn Moon, a health economist at the Urban Institute, said Bush's plan would hand tremendous negotiating power to health insurance companies. "By making the private plans such a central part of the future of Medicare, the government is going to have to meet their demands for greater contributions to the cost of care, over and above the subsidy for prescription drugs," Moon said.

Bush's proposal is vague on many points, including the terms for insurers. But Tricia Neuman, a vice president of the Kaiser Family Foundation the economists said they would have to be provide a windfall for the companies "or too few would participate for the plan to be viable."

The analysts said drug companies also could be expected to reap huge profits under Bush's approach. More senior citizens would be able to afford to prescriptions, and doctors could be expected to write more of them. And drug-company executives fear that federal price controls on their products would be the result if a drug benefit were provided within Medicare.

Bruce Vladeck, who under President Clinton headed the agency that runs Medicare, said Bush's plan "strikes me as the kind of proposal the pharmaceutical companies would write if they were writing their own bill."

"A slew of private health plans would have nowhere near the negotiating power that Medicare would have if there was national drug benefit," said Vladeck, now a health-policy professor at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York.

If Bush's proposal were enacted, it could provide a high-profile benefit for industries that are reliable donors to Republican candidates and committees. The Center for Responsive Politics said that for the last two elections combined, pharmaceutical manufacturers gave \$30 million to Republicans and \$8 million to Democrats.

Health-service companies and health-maintenance organizations, a leading form of managed care, donated \$10 million to Republicans and \$5 million to Democrats over the past two elections, according to the center's figures.

Several administration officials said the drug and insurance businesses would profit from Bush's plan, which is estimated to

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cost \$400 billion over 10 years. But the officials said critics are ignoring the benefits that Medicare patients would receive from greater access to drugs and more choices of insurance. "I can't imagine anyone will say it's bad to get pharmaceuticals to people who need them," said a senior administration official working on the plan.

Thomas Scully, administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which runs Medicare, disputed the analysts' assessments. He said competitive bidding by health plans would result in "the same benefit for lower cost to the government and the beneficiary, within just a couple years." And he said the plan also would drive down drug prices.

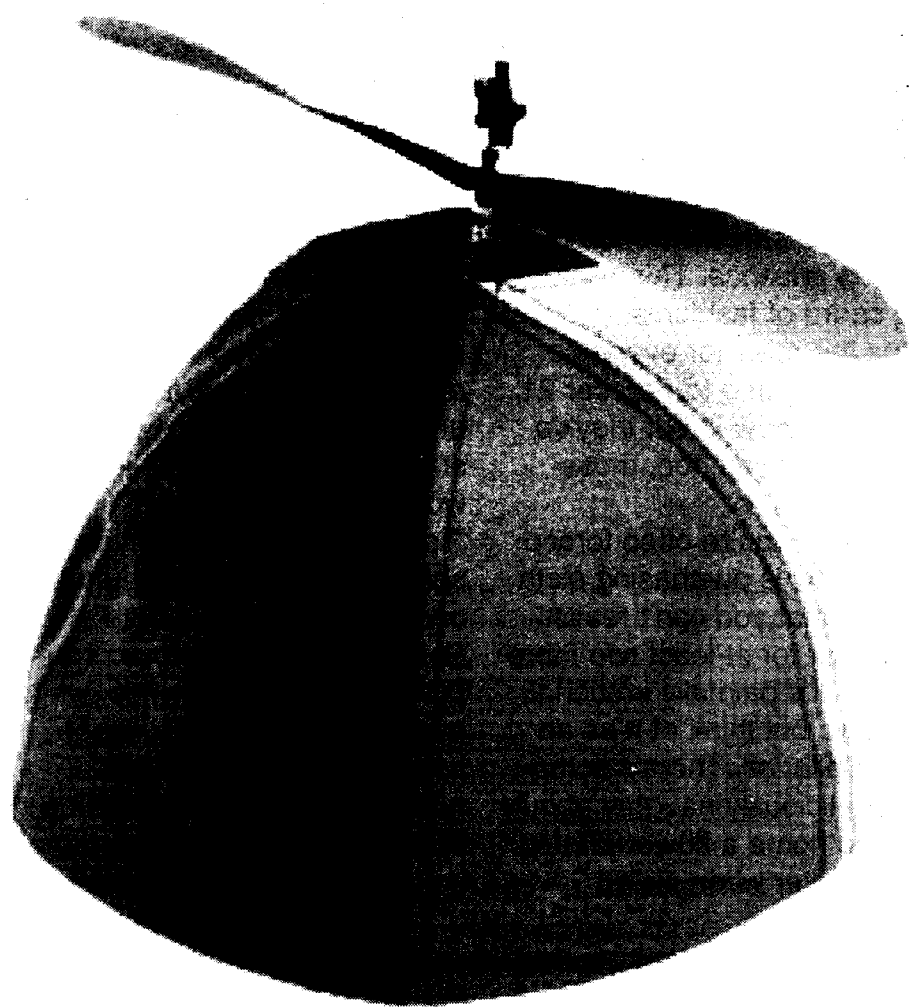
"The only success anyone has seen in controlling drug costs has been when private health plans have used the power of the market to negotiate cheaper rates," Scully said.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America issued a statement saying officials have not yet reviewed Bush's plan but that they are "pleased that this is a priority for the President and Congress."

Karen Ignagni, president of the American Association of Health Plans, said managed care would "stretch the dollars and improve the quality" for Medicare patients by emphasizing preventive care and encouraging the use of generic drugs, among other ways.

The White House proposal appeared to do little to bridge differences on Capitol Hill that have repeatedly prevented passage of changes to Medicare, even though a drug benefit has been a touchstone promise for both parties in the last several elections. "The time for action is now," Bush told the doctors, who interrupted his remarks with standing ovations, especially when he touted his plan to limit liability in medical malpractice cases.

Democrats denounced Bush's plan as an effort to privatize an essential entitlement. And Republican lawmakers said Bush's version would never pass without a more generous allowance for people who choose to remain in Medicare. "The bottom line," said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, "is that for those who don't want to even think about a choice here, who want to stay in fee-for-service, you have to give them an adequate drug coverage."



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spring forward fashion

by kirsten ho

see past the slush and think light, color, buckles and polka dots

Going shopping between January and April presents a maddening dilemma. Armored for battle in wool, scarf, gloves and boots, you come face to face with a smiling, half-naked mannequin wearing a beaded bikini. Rendered enormous, clumsy, and sweaty by your many layers of clothing, you can barely squeeze through the aisles of backless tops. Trying on those strappy, khaki sandals would involve unlacing your hiking boots and peeling off your polypropylene skiing socks. In the fake world of magazines, clothing stores and Australia, it's spring right now; in fact, it's almost summer. In the real world, Punxsutawney Phil said "hell, no" and went back to pass out in his underground suite.

The weird thing about fashion seasons is how they exist solely in the minds of a small number of short, fabulously wealthy,

denim-clad gay men living in Milan. These powerful individuals don't care much for global warming or the coming of the next ice age, which ensures that winter lasts seven months and spring one hour. Instead they spend their time outfitting their Chihuahuas, sipping martinis, and gleefully dreaming up the "next" season's trends two years in advance. This exclusive cadre of fashionistas writes the rules for everyone from Ferragamo to Forever 21. You don't know it, but they've got rules for you, too, those fascists.

One rule you're often forced to abide by is purchasing clothing now that you can't realistically wear for at least two more months. It's painfully irrational, we know, but think of it as an act of defiance. There's something deliciously naughty about bringing home a flower-printed cotton halter when it's 10

degrees out. We recommend taking it out of your closet and looking at it on those days when you've lost all hope and are considering moving to the Bahamas. You see it's not a tank top so much as it is a beacon of light in a dark, cold world.

Now on to the real point: what to wear this spring? Because the magazine industry and the small-Italian-men consortium get in bed together on a regular basis, the answers are out all over the newsstands. In short, some key words to remember are "light," "color" and "buckles." If you can spare more space in the memory bank, add "polka-dots". Some intensely fabulous, sure-thing buys include a wide, white multi-buckled belt, mother-of-pearl drop earrings, a tiered, ruffled tulle skirt, and anything bright yellow or satin. Keep the polka dots small and uniform.

Think skimpy, lightweight and romantic rather than last season's rustic peasantry. Try stepping out in a sparkly, metallic tank and strategically ripped jeans, and

remember that only Avril wears fatigues anymore. On smart-looking days opt for skinny vertical stripes and shoes with pointy toes and small heels, and try out Britney's newsboy cap if you must (but not in pleather). Fitted cotton trench coats are just the thing to sail you into warmer days, and they look especially good with big, clunky rainboots. Small, bright purses are the hottest thing since the online course announcement, but unless your last name is Hurley, Hilton, or Lo, getting on the waitlist for Louis Vuitton's new crayon-box-reminiscent logo bag is a pipe dream at best.

'Fellas, your deal, as always, is easier. Admittedly, the buzz over the star-studded turnout for P.Diddy's Sean John show at Fashion Week in New York City generated some heat for menswear this season, and the Oscars at the end of this month should bring out the most style-conscious stallions in Hollywood's stable. While not for lack of role models, we all know that guys don't want to, can't and never will try as hard as the ladies, and for that the fashion council always cuts

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bazaar lessons

by sarah green

or how I learned to ignore the pain and wear stilettos in the strange world of fashion

This summer, as an intern for Harper's Bazaar, I found myself fondling ladies' undergarments in public. But I'm getting ahead of myself — surely some kind of initiation into the surreal world of fashion magazines is necessary.

My first day on the job, I walked about a mile through Clinton (formerly, and perhaps more appropriately, known as Hell's Kitchen) in three-inch heels. First lesson of interning at a fashion magazine: Fashion be damned, wear comfortable shoes. My task: to acquire a picture from Jeff Koons, the artist I knew primarily as the designer of a purple glass figurine depicting the artist performing oral sex on his wife. Why hello Mr. Koons, it's an honor to shake your ... hand.

For another assignment, I had to hand-carry a gold Chanel sandal halfway across Manhattan for a photo shoot. Kind of a postmodern version of Cinderella — instead of a gorgeous prince riding around on a white horse, we have a frazzled, unpaid office serf in the back of a smelly cab. Whatever else may happen in the crazy world of a fashion monthly, the shoes are undeniably divine. Once, when the other interns were at their lunch

break, I was sending back a pair of shoes to Manolo Blahnik and surreptitiously opened the box. If you intern in the fashion business, this is what becomes of you — at the end of the day, you sit hunched over your small allotment of desk and ignore the throbbing pain in your purple feet, stroking a pair of \$600 shoes, deep in masochistic fantasy.

But back to the undergarments. I had been dispatched to Saks Fifth Avenue to make an emergency purchase for the editor-in-chief, Glenda Bailey. My instructions were complex, and the stakes were high. In fact, my mission took half an hour and two secretaries to explain — Glenda was going to an event and needed to pour herself into a skintight confection with a stratospheric slit up the side.

"She wants those like, butt-cincher shorts that are kind of like bike shorts—" begins secretary number one, a husky-voiced Amazon in towering heels.

"But not so much like bike shorts, because they can't go that far down on the

leg—" cuts in secretary number two, a trim woman in a monochromatic uniform of canvas sneakers, long-sleeved t-shirt, and stovepipe pants.

"And I don't think they really do anything anyway—" continues number one.

And number two: "But do you know what I mean? They have to kind of come to about here—"

Number One: "And they can't have seams!"

Number Two: "No, no they can't have any seams!"

"Not like those granny panties with the huge thick seems up the side—"

"Kind of like stocking thin, not like a real thick material that will show through the dress."

"Yeah not too thick—not like bike shorts."

"But kind of like bike shorts, just not as long."

"No, not as long. Shorter—like to here."

"But without the seams."

In unison: "NO SEAMS!"

At last I am on my way. I finally buy two pairs of Calvin Klein and two pairs of Donna Karan. Much to my relief, the secretaries both determine that each undergarment is sufficiently seam-free, and reasonably like biker shorts yet also unlike them, in a triumph of lingerie metaphysics. Another intern will later be dispatched to return the three extra girdles. This is the seamy underbelly of the fashion world. Or rather, the seamless underbelly.

Shortly after the publication of each issue, all members of the editorial staff engage in a seemingly democratic ritual of en masse review. This is similar to the breed of democracy practiced in countries with names like Kzextkstanlavia. We all squeeze into the art

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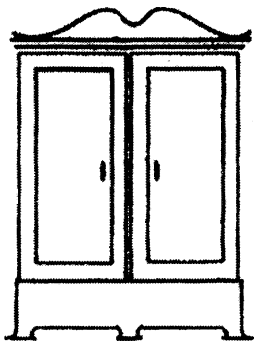
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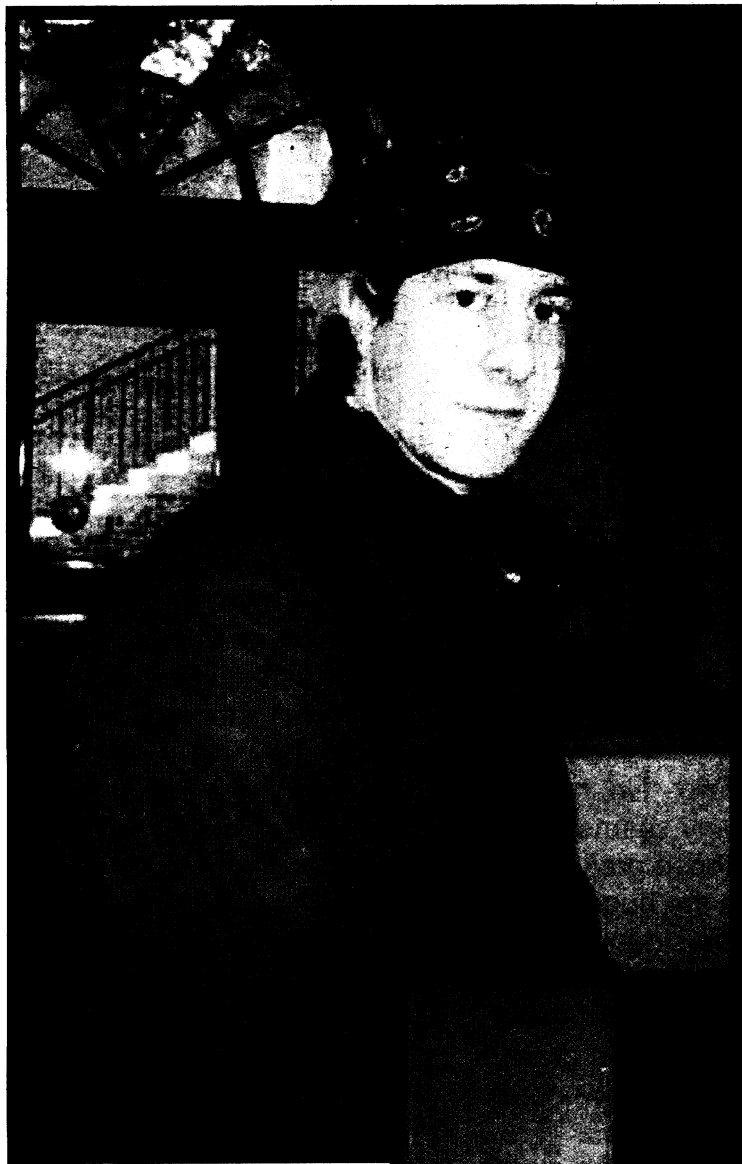
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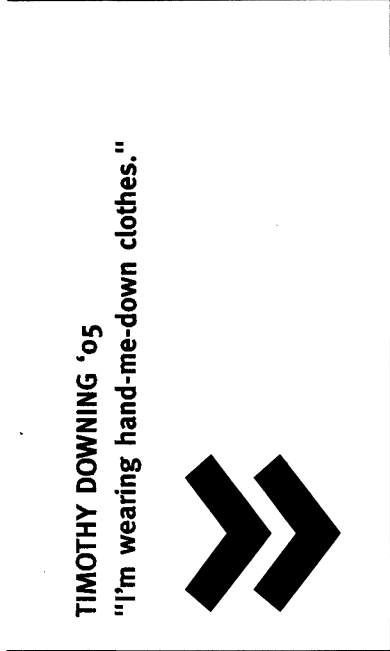
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in italy, fashion designers take the high road

MILAN, Italy (L.A. Times) — War in Iraq may be imminent, with the Italian government pledging to support the United States, but the fashion statement on the streets and the runways here is "pace," or peace. Rainbow-striped banners proclaiming the sentiment hang from window sills all over the city. And for the finale of their D&G show, Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana sent models out in the rainbow-striped "pace" T-shirts that are for sale in nearly every piazza. Christian Lacroix took a runway bow at Pucci with a rainbow-colored ribbon on his lapel. And, after presenting his collection for Gucci, Tom Ford said that he has "never been more embarrassed to be an American."

Not that the continental fashion flock is about to trade its Louboutin shoes for love beads. But there is a certain thoughtfulness to the clothes here that was lacking in New York and London, where many designers pinned their hopes for shopping dollars on gimmicky, 1960s futuristic frocks and Carnaby Street stovepipe pants. In Milan, most designers are taking the high road, designing serious clothes for serious times, and hoping that, in the end, beauty will prevail.

Miuccia Prada may have chosen Grace Jones' "She's Lost Control" for her runway music, but that was not the message of her well-orchestrated show, a masterful mix of masculine and feminine elements. Oversized argyle sweaters and low-slung Harris tweed pants looked like they could have been snatched from dad's closet. There was a fragile beauty to

lean chiffon dresses with tattered, off-center seams and bits of embroidery and dress-maker's trim stuck here and there. These clothes felt lived in, comforting even. As the designer put it after the show, "Especially now, we all want to be attached to something."

At Gucci, Ford covered the runway in a thick carpet of white petals — 50,000 roses' worth. It was a lovely scene, despite the fact that many of the petals were impaled by stilettos as editors and buyers rushed to their seats. The fastidious Ford had petal fresheners on hand, dashing young chaps who sprinkled fresh blooms over the bare spots.

There was a melancholy tone to the show from the moment models emerged, with blanched faces and red-rimmed eyes, looking as if they'd been crying. (Hokey, yes, but that's fashion.)

Ford sought refuge in stiff formality. Whether in snow-white wool,

black nylon, leather or fur, coats were the stars of his show, with dramatic, Vampiric collars, wide corset belts and puffy, three-quarter sleeves. They were worn with unforgivingly skinny, ruched satin pants and skirts that proved even models could benefit from control-top pantyhose.

Evening gowns in silvery gray or blood-red satin were also ruched, with boning at the waist, lacing in the back, and seams articulating the curves of the bust and hips. Some of it was reminiscent of other designers now in the Gucci stable, namely Balenciaga and Alexander McQueen. A woman might well have to invent an occasion to wear these clothes. But it would be worth it.

In his second season designing for Pucci, Lacroix avoided the Eurotrashy look that trapped him in October.

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figure fixers

by monique meneses

make the most of spring's new looks

the dress:

- to create a waist, look for a shirtdress, or add a bright belt
- to look taller, look for a minidress with a deep-v neckline to lengthen torso
- to conceal thighs, look for a mid-calf tank with a full skirt and low-cut neckline to draw eyes up
- to create curves, look for a body-hugging racer-back that accentuates shoulders and shows off hips
- to hide hips, look for a strapless, printed a-line to flatter upper body and flow loosely over hips
- to enhance bust, look for a deep v-neck with twist detail and ruching to play up your assets

the skirt:

- to trim hips, look for full-cut, layered pieces with vertical stripes
- to hide thighs, look for a flowing, tiered, below-the-knee style
- to create curves, look for a long, flared "mermaid" silhouette

the pant:

- to trim hips, look for a wide-leg cut with a flat front
- to dress slimmer, look for a slightly flared pant with pinstripes to help balance out shape and elongate look
- to lengthen legs, look for a slim-fit style with bold, vertical stripes
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them a generous measure of slack. If you're one of the precious few of the male species who try to surreptitiously walk twice past the magazine stand at Store 24 (the left half of the stand, not the right, you sickos), we commend your curiosity and are here to help you. Suck it up and try a polo shirt that's an actual color (we like bright blue, green, or yellow), match your belt to your shoes, and if you're really adventurous, lose the

old baseball hat and try a visor or a printed beanie. Once it gets warm out, don't tie sweaters or jackets around your waist, and don't even consider leaving the house in an undershirt or a wifebeater. Linen is an astoundingly sexy and heat-sensitive alternative. Speaking of sexy, try opening the top two buttons of your shirt and donning a mysterious, sentimental-looking medallion or charm on a piece of leather. Works like, well, a charm.

If you've never heard of tulle and couldn't care less what those

overpriced, airbrushed magazines say, we could find it in our hearts to forgive you. Attitude is the most indispensable and time-honored accessory, and for better or for worse, it comes back campus-wide with a vengeance at the return of 50+ degree weather. Besides getting the feeling back in our toes, that's what we're most looking forward to about spring.

Kirsten Ho '03 is an astoundingly sexy and heat-sensitive alternative.

designers

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He balanced sporty leggings, quilted parkas and hooded sweaters in the cheery, kaleidoscopic prints that made the Italian house famous in the '60's with polished, printed wool pea coats and corduroy trenches. Sheared mink coats dyed to look like a Pucci print were a clever touch, as were multicolored pastel fur hats that managed to be charming, despite making models look like they had cotton candy on their heads.

Leave it to Dolce & Gabbana to break the spell of romance, with pinstriped gangster suits and black-and-white optical print Spandex skirts, worn with vertiginous hooker shoes. Some pieces were convertible: a sheared mink coat with rows of snaps could be shortened into a bolero or made into a vest. And a dress with buttons spiraling around it could become, well, who knows what? Even parachute pants and parkas were faux functional, with extraneous pull tabs, buckles and straps. There were a few nice moments — a blush pink corset top covered in fringe, and a photo-print tank dress with a cat's face on the front — but not nearly enough, unless you are the kind

of woman who looks to Angelyne for style advice.

Their lower-priced D&G collection was less vulgar. Boy George was a vision in the front row, wearing airbrushed pink and blue glittery makeup, and a hat made by the designers that was covered with little toy whistles and race cars. George, who will take his London show "Tattoo" to Broadway this fall, set the tone for the playful romp through '80s clubland. Vinyl leggings came in a Keith Haring-like graffiti print, and oversized men's oxford shirts and blazers were cinched in back with those elastic clip garters everyone used to wear way back when.

After nine successful years in the menswear business, Canadian twin brothers Dean and Dan Caten know that, in the game of fashion, it's all about the liftoff. Their first Dsquared2 women's collection, in a smoky dance hall, started with model Naomi Campbell at the door of a powder-pink airplane, a mob of mock paparazzi below her. She descended the stairs to the runway in hot pants and aviator glasses.

The clothes were styled in the manner of accidental chic that one sees in Los Angeles every day, when girls go to the nail salon dressed in sweats with designer

handbags on their arms.

To shield against prying eyes, the Dsquared2 girls wore fab baseball caps, decorated with military-style gold trim and the slogan "24-7STAR."

The designers are preparing for a major push in the United States. They already have a fan in Madonna, having designed a few looks for her "Drowned World" tour. Later this month, they will be in L.A. to work with "Dirrrty" singer Christina Aguilera. Seems like a perfect match.

bazaar

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bee.

"What," she demands in her clipped, British accent, "did you think of the Renee Zellweger article? Anyone? Anyone?" Fighting back Ferris Bueller-inspired giggles, I wait for someone to speak up. Just like in school, the attendant mass avoids eye contact until one bold, foolhardy person — in this case, moi — raises her hand. "I liked it a lot," I stammer, "And my friends really liked that you used the pictures from when she was filming Bridget Jones, and had gained weight."

"Well yes," she replied, biting through her response like a bichon frise through a biscuit, "That's why we published it." Utter, utter terror. Then she recollects herself and adds, "It's so nice that your little friends liked it." Utter terror slightly reduced to extreme mortification.

I learned by observing subsequent meetings that there are three proper responses to any question posed

by the editor-in-chief of a fashion magazine; I include them here so that you, gentle reader, may not repeat my breach of decorum:

1) "These pictures really let you see the clothes." (Anticipated response: "Well yes, that's because we are a fashion magazine!")

2) "This article seemed a little too 'outsider' to me." (Excellent response, positions you as an 'insider'.)

3) And finally, if all else fails, simply gush, "Gorge — gorge!"

Such is the looking-glass realm of those who write about fashion for a living. This particular Alice feels lucky to have passed through relatively unscathed — unless you see eccentricity in nightly forays onto Ebay in search of Jimmy Choos. But then, I think we're all allowed to be a little "Bazaar" — that's what fashion is all about.

Sarah Green '04 thinks that Harper's Bazaar has better writing than any other fashion magazine. No, really. No joke.

always in style.



Annan urges council members to make war last resort

UNITED NATIONS (Washington Post) — U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan Tuesday appealed to the United States and other Security Council members to exhaust all "possibilities of peaceful settlement" of the Iraq crisis before deciding to launch an invasion of Iraq.

Annan said Baghdad's destruction of 19 Al Samoud-2 missiles was a "positive development" that should be weighed by the 15-nation council before it decides to act. But he said he would not undertake a personal diplomatic mission to Iraq to head off a conflict.

"War is always a human catastrophe, and we should only consider it when all possibilities for peaceful settlement have been exhausted," Annan told reporters Tuesday. "So let's give the process time."

In Washington, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., echoed that sentiment, urging the Bush administration to hold off on military action.

"As long as inspectors are on the ground and making progress, we must give peace a chance, so that war with Iraq does not distract us from dealing as effectively as possible with the obvious and ongoing threat of terrorism by al-Qaida and the crisis over North Korea's nuclear weapons," Kennedy said at a leadership conference of the United Methodist Church.

Kennedy also criticized President Bush's suggestion in a speech last week that U.S. removal of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would help bring peace and democracy to the Middle East.

"He painted a simplistic picture of the brightest possible future — with democracy flourishing in Iraq, peace emerging among all nations in the Middle East and the terrorists with no place of support there," he said. "We've all heard of rosy sce-

narios, but that was ridiculous."

The remarks came as the United States, Britain and Spain faced opposition to adoption of their resolution concluding that Iraq has squandered its "final opportunity" to disarm, which would trigger a U.S.-led war.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, meeting with Britain Foreign Secretary Jack Straw in London, said Russia has not ruled out vetoing the resolution.

"If the situation so demands, Russia will, of course, use its right of veto — as an extreme measure," Ivanov said in a BBC interview. "Russia would not support any decision that would directly or indirectly lead to a war with Iraq." He added that Russia would not abstain.

Senior Bush administration officials said Russian officials have assured them in private that they would not veto the resolution. A senior U.S. official expressed confidence that "we'll have the nine votes, and the measure will pass."

France, one of five veto-wielding council members, has been actively seeking to deny Washington the nine votes it requires for adoption of its resolution and has threatened to veto it. A senior council diplomat said France had assured his delegation that it was prepared to cast its veto if necessary.

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin and German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, who have been leading opposition to war, announced they would make their case Friday at a briefing by Hans Blix, the U.N.'s chief weapons inspector.

Secretary of State Colin Powell sought to assure a Russian radio audience Tuesday that force may be the only viable option to disarm Iraq.

Sept. 11 paymaster nabbed in Pakistan

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — One of the men captured in the raid last week-end in Pakistan that netted al-Qaida operations chief Khalid Sheikh Mohammed allegedly served as paymaster to the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorists and has been named in several other federal investigations linked to that plot, authorities said Tuesday.

In the tumult of the raid early Saturday morning, U.S. and Pakistani authorities did not immediately realize that they had also apprehended Mustafa Ahmed al-Hawsawi, a Saudi native who allegedly oversaw the hijack plot's finances through bank accounts in the United Arab Emirates.

Hawsawi also has been named in two terrorism-related indictments in this country. He is listed as an unindicted co-conspirator in the case against Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person facing trial in the United States as part of the hijack plot. And Hawsawi is named in a false statements case against Ali S. al-Marri, a Qatari man who the FBI contends gathered information in his Peoria, Ill. apartment about dangerous chemicals and U.S. infrastructure targets.

When Pakistani authorities roused a sleeping Mohammed and two companions in a house in Rawalpindi early Saturday, Hawsawi sought to hide his identity, claiming he was a Somali. It took some time before the Pakistani officials and CIA agents figured out that they had apprehended a man who on any other day would have been considered a big catch in the war on terror.

"It wasn't immediately apparent who he was or how important he was," a senior government official said Tuesday. "It doesn't reach the level of

excitement of (Khalid Sheikh Mohammed), but it's an extra added attraction."

Officials have called the capture of Mohammed, the top al-Qaida lieutenant who had been planning future attacks on U.S. interests, a major blow against al-Qaida.

Hawsawi was allegedly the paymaster for the Sept. 11, 2001 plot in the months leading up to the attack, when he established bank accounts and credit cards used by the hijackers, according to testimony from FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III to Congress last fall.

Hawsawi opened accounts at Standard Chartered Bank in Dubai in June, 2001. He wired money to bank accounts opened by the hijackers in this country, and sent at least one of them a credit card drawn on a UAE account. Just before the Sept. 11 attacks, some of the hijackers sent or wired their remaining funds back to the Hawsawi account.

Mueller said that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed also held had a credit card drawn on a Hawsawi account. Federal officials said the remaining money in the account was withdrawn from the account in Karachi in the days after the attacks.

In the case against al-Marri, prosecutors contend that participants in the hijack plot, including Mohamed Atta and self-described coordinator Ramzi Binalshibh, are tied to a phone number that belonged to Hawsawi in the United Arab Emirates. Atta called the number, according to prosecutors, and Hawsawi used it while making a wire transfer of funds to Binalshibh on Sept. 3, 2001, the government alleges.

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Philippine blast kills 19, including American missionary

JAKARTA, Indonesia (Washington Post) — A bomb hidden in a backpack ripped through an airport in the southern Philippines on Tuesday, killing at least 19 people, including an American missionary, and wounding more than 100.

Security officials blamed the attack in Davao, the Philippines' second-largest city, on a pair of Muslim militant groups waging an armed campaign to establish a separate state in the southern Philippines.

Officials said the bombing was partly the work of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), a separatist group believed responsible for several recent attacks, including a fatal car bombing last month at another airport in the southern Philippines. The MILF, which has been engaged in a sputtering peace process with the Philippines government, denied it was behind the Davao attack.

Security officials said MILF members had carried out the attack in cooperation with rebels from the Abu Sayyaf Group, a smaller separatist organization linked by the United States and other governments to al-Qaida.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo called Tuesday's bombing a "brazen act of terrorism which shall not go unpunished" and convened an emergency meeting of her cabinet oversight committee on security.

"Her orders were for the Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces of the Philippines to hunt down the bombers and to see to it that even sus-

pected lairs of possible terrorists be cleared," said presidential spokesman Rigoberto Tiglao.

Arroyo's government also directed that security be heightened around vital installations such as power stations and airports. Flights to and from Davao were suspended.

The blast occurred at 5:20 p.m. about 50 yards from the main airport terminal, in an open-air shelter where a crowd had gathered to welcome passengers who had just arrived on a Cebu Pacific Air flight from Manila, the Philippine capital, according to police. Deputy National Police Chief Edgar Aglipay said at least one assailant had concealed high explosives in a small backpack left beneath a bench. The blast blew off sections of the corrugated metal roof, scattering debris into the adjacent parking lot.

"This was the worst possible time for something like this to happen. This is when three planes come in from Manila in rapid succession and the shed is filled with people waiting to meet their relatives," said the Rev. Jack Walsh, an American priest who heard the explosion from his office near the airport.

Among the victims was the Rev. William Hyde, an American resident of the Davao area, who had come to the airport to pick up an American missionary family.

Manuel Tan Jr., of the Davao Medical Center, said Hyde, a member of the Southern Baptist movement, died in surgery.

Court says Victoria's Secret name not hurt by upstart

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — Victoria's Secret, the glossy seller of women's lingerie, failed to prove its brand name was hurt by a strip-mall store that sold adult sex toys under the name Victor's Little Secret, the Supreme Court said Tuesday, dealing a setback to the owners of world-famous brands.

In its first test of a federal law designed to protect well-known brands from copycats and imitators, the Supreme Court required the brand-name companies to show they suffered real harm from these upstarts, not just an unpleasant association.

"The mere fact that consumers mentally associate the junior user's mark with a famous mark is not sufficient," said Justice John Paul Stevens in a 9-0 opinion.

To win a claim and knock out an upstart competitor, the brand-name company must show that the competitor either exactly copied its name or caused consumers to think less of the famous brand, the justices said.

They did not say how brand-name companies could do that, although they suggested a survey of consumers might supply the evidence.

The ruling was not a total loss for the brand names, however. The justices said they do not have to prove they lost sales because of the upstart copycat.

Nonetheless, Tuesday's ruling weakens a new law won by the brand-name companies eight years ago.

"This is a significant decision. It makes it very difficult for the (brand-name) com-

panies to win these cases," said David S. Welkowitz, an expert in trademark law at the Whittier (Calif.) Law School.

The federal Trademark Dilution Act of 1995 was intended to strengthen the legal rights of brand names. In a competitive global economy, a famous brand and the image that goes with it can be worth untold millions of dollars, and trademark holders were anxious to protect their brands from others who would either copy them or tarnish their distinct images.

The original Trademark Act prohibited others from using a brand name, logo or image in a way that would confuse consumers.

For example, an automaker could not produce a new line of cars called "Mercedes" or "Cadillac."

The Trademark Dilution Act went further and prohibited the use of a similar name or logo if it "diluted" or "lessened the capacity of a famous mark to identify" a distinctive product.

But so far, the famous brands have struggled to win a claim of dilution.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, which claims to offer the "Greatest Show on Earth," tried to prevent the state of Utah from claiming to have the "Greatest Snow on Earth." The circus owners lost, since courts were not convinced that the snow promoters hurt the show promoters.

The Supreme Court had not waded into the controversy until the case of Victor's Little Secret vs. Victoria's Secret arrived last year.

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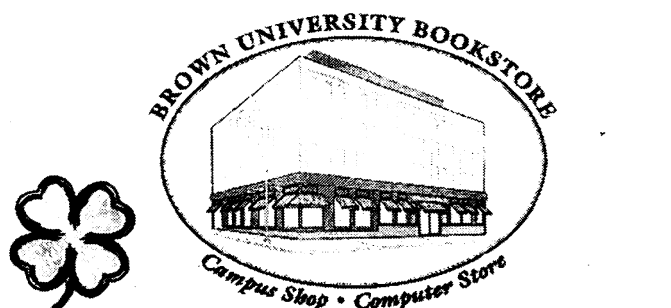
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a season-best time of 25.14 seconds and finished third.

In the longer races, Katherine Kosub '04 barely missed scoring in the 800-meter run with her seventh place finishing time of 2:14.14. Nora Sullivan '06 completed the individual track scoring for the team with her sixth-place finish of 17:06.92 in the 5,000-meter race.

Rounding out the meet were the 4x400-meter and 4x800-meter relays. The 4x800-meter relay team came close to scoring by finishing seventh.

Several members of the team will be competing at the Eastern College Athletic Conference meet held in Boston this coming weekend. Most of the team will be taking a week off before beginning the outdoor season. The team's first outdoor meet will be the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla. The first home track meet will be the Brown Invitational on April 12.

Keely Tharp '03 is a member of the women's indoor track team.

Meachin

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ishing the people who bought him a TV, paid his phone bills and kept him academically eligible? URI, the university where Harrick Sr. used to coach, has also launched a full investigation into his actions during his coaching tenure there.

Regardless of what comes of these inquiries, the Harricks' name and the Yankee image will be forever tarnished by two media, money-seeking individuals who put themselves ahead of their teammates and coaches in an attempt to better themselves.

Jon Meachin '04 hails from New York City, N.Y., and was criticized by The Herald for being out late at a wild kissing party with Wells.

M. track

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Captain David Owen '04 ran to fourth place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.34. Hurdling to a sixth place finish was Daveed Diggs '05 with a time of 8.33.

The pole-vaulters also performed well, contributing points to the final tally.

"The vaulters as a group have been feeding off of each other. They supported and complimented each other, and as a result we had all four finish in the top nine," Rothenberg said.

Brad Bowery '03 led the way with a second-place finish and a vault of 5.10 meters. Aaron Salinger '04 also scored with a leap of 4.65 meters, placing him in sixth. Tying for ninth place were Tony Hatala '05 and Mike Murray '06.

Ray Bobrownicki, one of three freshmen to score for the team, finished in second place in the high jump with a height of 2.03 meters.

"I felt strong up to 6'8" — things were really going the way I wanted. At 6'9" things that were going well kind of got away from me," Bobrownicki said. "I am going to try to focus on correcting some things to jump well at the IC4As and I'm looking forward to a strong outdoor season."

Kent Walls '06 brought in the first points of the meet for Brown in the weight throw. He finished fifth with a personal record of 15.74 meters, just three centimeters out of fourth place.

"I was coming off my best week of practice this year," Walls said. "I was amazed with the level of excitement during the competition. It was an unbelievable experience to have the entire team around the throwing area during finals. It really got my adrenaline flowing."

"For freshmen to score in the throws is great," Throws Coach Michelle Eisenreich said. "There

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is the weight change from high school and, in Kent's case, learning a whole new event."

Another freshman thrower who got on the board was Jake Golener '06 in the shot put. He threw to sixth place, tying his personal record, with 15.70 meters.

"Our coach has really been preparing us for this, and she made sure we knew it," Golener said.

Preparation for the meet was the key to the team's success. "We went into this meet wanting to make a statement. Brown throws have been nonexistent for the past number of years," Eisenreich said. "The throwers really came in fired up and they had great support from their team members."

The relays added the final points to Bruno's score. The distance medley relay finished in fifth place with a time of 10:04.22. Heading into the final event of the day, the seeded section of the 4x400-meter relay, Brown and Dartmouth were tied at 54 points for fourth place. The team fought hard, but was unable to beat out the strong Dartmouth sprinters.

"We left the meet with a much better feeling than last year. We finished where we deserved to this year," Johnson said. "As we go into the outdoor season, we have a shot at being in the elite top three if we put in a lot of hard work."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Stand up and walk out

The antiwar movement needs all the help it can get. Today's nationwide campaign to support the walkout of thousands of high school and college students against potential war with Iraq will mean something only if its participation is universal. Among other schools, Harvard, Yale and Cornell student organizations have pledged support to the walkout, as have students at dozens of high schools. There is no reason for Brown students to be absent.

Brown students have an obligation to care about the war and have an obligation to stand up for what they believe in. Current political turmoil is drastically affecting the economy, the lives of American soldiers and Iraqi children and international opinions of America. With so much at stake, students today need to be informed about the political situation and their role in shaping its outcome.

Those who support the war have less need to vocalize their opinions than those who oppose it. With the government on their side, pro-war advocates need do little to see the policies they believe in carried out. Those who stand against the war, however, have a lot to do.

For this reason, we urge those who oppose the war to walk out of class today. The walkout is not just about the war, but about affirming the notion that the passions of concerned students cannot be ignored.

Today, ask yourself what you really believe in. Do what makes sense. If you support the war, be prepared to defend it against those who disagree. If you oppose the war, be prepared to get today's lecture notes from a friend.

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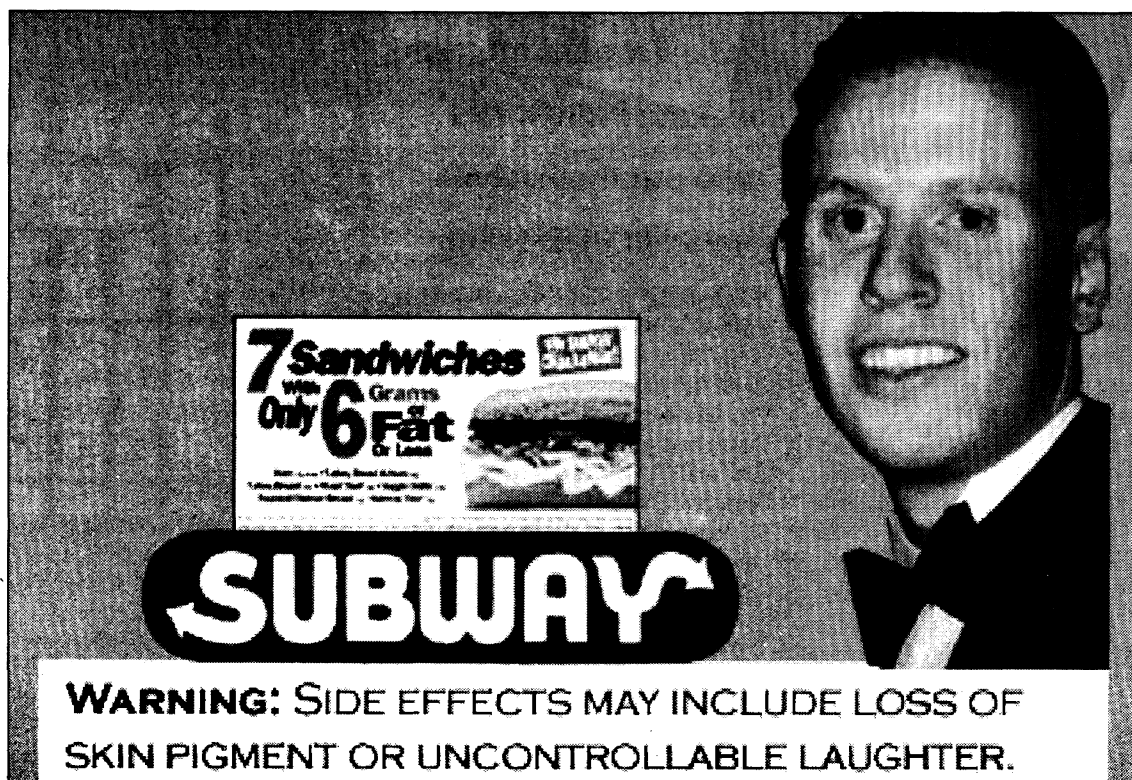
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LETTERS

Toumanoff '06 gets it right with column on Iraq crisis

To the Editor:

I applaud Alexandra Toumanoff's most recently published opinions piece ("These french fries are oily!" Feb. 27). So many opinions concerning the Iraq issue of late have been centered on oil and opposition from Europe and there are few people on either side of the debate who seem to see further than "antiwar" or "pro-war." Like Toumanoff, I do not support war for war's sake; indeed, U.S. policy makers must consider whether entering into Iraq may be committing suicide from our fear of future death. However, there are security concerns and there are reasons other than oil that the Bush administration is pushing hard for Saddam Hussein's removal, just as there are reasons other than pacifism and altruism that many European nations are opposed to intervention.

We must also realize that politics and power struggles are not carried out in many countries in the same manner as in the United States and Western Europe. U.S. troops learned quickly in Beirut nearly a decade ago that there are no rules of engagement and that there is no room for cajoling and bargaining. Unfortunately, human life has become so devalued in many countries like Iraq that the very concerns many Americans and Europeans hold about the loss of human life are simply missing from dictators' calculations. Before taking a hard stand for or against U.S. action in Iraq we need to all look at the whole picture—from French posturing to the possibility of an atrocious retaliation—and make an informed and careful appraisal of U.S. involvement. Toumanoff's article is a start.

Brenna Hall '03
Feb. 27

Letter ignores the dangers of hookah bar

To the Editor:

The popular view about Brown's social scene is dismal at best. Congratulations are appropriate for the founders of Smoky Waters Hookah Bar for not only demonstrating how we can all make entrepreneurial dreams a reality, but also adding another social outlet for the campus. Despite this, Zach Aaron's letter ("Hookah bar no worse for health than any other hangout," 2/27/03) seemed dangerously misguided and simplistic.

The most crucial difference between the new hookah bar and other College Hill establishments is that smoking tobacco is the focus of Smoky Waters; the food and drink aspects are only additional. The argument that the hookah bar does not force patrons to smoke, it just provides them with that option, is facile—no hospitality business forces customers to do anything, as long as some consumption is involved.

What also makes hookah bars more hazardous than other smoke-filled or even smoke-themed establishments is what many consider their biggest selling point: their high-quality, flavored, filtered, and "natural" (i.e. additive-free) smoke. Though this mitigates the carcinogenic effects of the smoke, it also puts a mellow and socially acceptable mask on smoking tobacco without the initial harshness and social stigma of lighting that first cigarette.

Finally, the undeniable fact is that tobacco is intensely addictive and ultimately deadly. As a six-year smoker approaching 12 months free of cigarettes, I have seen virtually all aspects of tobacco, both positive and negative. Though Smoky Waters may prove a great social and economic addition to College Hill, health concerns over hookah bars are very relevant and should not be ignored.

Xander Boutelle '03
Feb. 27

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Perfidy, thy name is A minus

There's no reason for Brown to change a grading system that's working

INTRODUCING PLUSES AND MINUSES will clutter up the Zen minimalism of Brown's unique grading system — and enslave me to a grade-grubbing system I thought I'd left far behind. I beg of you, spare me from this fate. Allow me also to present a number of sensible, more altruistic reasons to keep our current, less-is-more grading practices.

There are three main reasons people argue for 11 levels of grading — incentive, information, and inflation.

First, using grades as a way to increase incentive for learning and to modify student behavior is laughably indirect. The student who receives a B- on her paper implicitly recognizes this hidden agenda when she asks her

teacher, in plain language, "What is it that you want me to do?" This question also reveals the fallacy in suggesting that more grade levels gives more information — clearly any grade is confusing when unaccompanied by legible comments based on explained criteria.

A letter grade is not an evaluation, but either a reward or a punishment. Adding more levels to the hierarchical grading system will not tell the student more accurately how she did, because profes-

Sarah Green '04 loves learning for its own sake, as well as the article by Peter Elbow, "Grading Student Writing: Making it Simpler, Fairer, Clearer," which she used in researching this article.



SARAH GREEN
BETTER THAN CATS

sors will continue to have varying opinions, unspecified criteria and occasional bouts of perfidy. To help students truly understand one authority figure's assessment of their effort in and mastery of a subject, the University would throw out grades altogether and use words — "Excellent," "Satisfactory," and "Poor." Or even more to the point, "You're anal retentive," "You're not completely useless," and "You are a terrible human being."

As for the charge of grade inflation, it is an entirely separate problem — a problem of undefined criteria. Right now, most students get A's and B's — between a 4.0 and a 3.0 in each class. With pluses and minuses, most students would receive grades ranging from A, A-, B+, B, B-; but this range of five letter grades only widens the GPA range by three-tenths.

There is nothing wrong with a four-level system, if all four levels are used. Professors at Brown need to stop thinking of our four-level system as lacking and start thinking of it as uniquely suited to the creativity and curiosity of Brown students — even if most students get B's, it will be because most students really do turn in satisfactory work. The University needs to spell out what the A, B, and C, each mean, so that professors know how to apply them, and professors in turn need to examine and spell out their own criteria for each grade, so that each grade carries more information to the student.

The traditional, 11-level grading system

— what scholar of pedagogy Peter Elbow calls "a yay/boo meter with eleven markings" — is exasperatingly arbitrary. Let's talk about the A- for example. I hate the A-. I hate it vehemently. What, exactly, is that particular grade supposed to tell me? That the professor just doesn't give A's? That if I hadn't missed that one section or eaten a sandwich that one time during lecture, I would have gotten an A? That the professor didn't like my perfume? What the hell! Why couldn't the professor just break down and give me the goddamn A?

Some professors also claim that it doesn't make sense for them to use pluses and minuses during the semester, but not for final grades. Yet even in a traditional, 11-level grade system, professors still draw narrower, more arbitrary distinctions for grading assignments by creating the slash grades — A-/B+ and B-/B- for example. I hate the slash grade even more than the A-. It tells you absolutely nothing except that your professor is indecisive. More grading levels means more work for the teachers and more confusion for the student.

We still work hard. We still go to an Ivy League school. We're still smart. Our standards remain high. And most importantly, we learn a lot. MIT, for example, has been grading all first-year students on a pass/fail basis for 20 years — no one accuses them of being an "easy non-Ivy."

Sixty percent of professors claimed that they felt pressure to inflate grades. This is not the fault of the grading system, but the fault of peer pressure. How would a professor respond if 60 percent of his class confessed that they "felt pressure" to plagiarize? Professors should stop their

finger-pointing. Ultimately, they are responsible to themselves for the grades they give, just as students should be responsible for earning them.

Anyone actually looking at your transcript will first notice that you went to Brown, and only take a second glance at the grades. To those who say that there is little difference between the S/NC option and the A/B/C/NC option — you clearly got an NC in basic arithmetic, as the latter has twice as many levels as the former. Adding more options for graders does not make their lives easier, it means they have to work harder to split hairs ever more finely. Some argue that such simple grades are "meaningless." I ask, what are they supposed to mean? Grades are not a mechanism for evaluation but a tool to reward or punish. An evaluation contains words, criticism and suggestions.

Taking the focus off of minute and arbitrary grading distinctions allows Brown students a unique opportunity to retain a high level of academic self-motivation. Brown students wouldn't be half as interesting if they were compelled to become Type-A personalities who panicked every time they got an A/A- on a paper, the most infuriating slash-grade of all.

Finally, I'm also sick and tired of hearing that Brown will be "ridiculed" for being the easy Ivy. What a silly, parochial, "What will the neighbors think?" attitude toward learning.

Even as Brunonia continues to look in the mirror and wonder, "Does this A look fat?" the rest of the world continues to look at Brown students and say, "Congratulations."

National crisis under the radar

The truth about America's deadliest habit

THERE IS A FORCE AT WORK TODAY IN America that kills 2,000 people every 24 hours. Imagine the population of Brown University; this amount of people will unnecessarily die in the next 72 hours. I consider this a crisis. Some consider it a by-product. The tobacco industry considers it a loss of customers.

Why do we tolerate such an outrageous loss of human life? Is it because the consequences of the risk are so widely spread out over space and time? Even this explanation makes little sense when confronted with the fact that smoking kills over 400,000 people every year in America alone. That is twenty-five times as many people as the death toll from AIDS, although we consider AIDS far scarier. I propose one variable that creates this chasm of perception: money. There is no corporation in America that benefits from people having unprotected sex and sharing needles. But the multi-billion dollar empires that are Philip Morris (Marlboro, Merit, Parliament, Virginia Slims) and R.J. Reynolds (Winston, Camel, Salem, Doral) are in the business of dealing a product that in the end is more deadly than any other mainstream risk. What is more important, the jobs of these people, or human life?

Nick Bayard '04 is an environmental studies concentrator.

In the "smoking and health" section of the Philip Morris Web site, it clearly states: "Cigarette smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema and other serious diseases in smokers." I take moral issue with anyone who works for a company that knowingly trades lives for money. How could one sleep at night? I suppose a multi-million dollar mansion could make some of the bad feelings go away.

The people who benefit from cigarette production are not limited to tobacco companies. In one of my most frightening discoveries during research, I found that Philip Morris owns Nabisco cookies and has thereby combined itself with Kraft, the most profitable food industry in the world. When you think of Kraft, think Maxwell House, Starbucks, Tang, Kool-Aid, Velveeta, Oscar Meyer, DiGiorno, Philadelphia Cream Cheese, Jell-O, Balance bars, Oreos, Kraft salad dressing, A1 Steak Sauce, Animal Crackers, Chips Ahoy!, Nabisco Graham Crackers, Altoids and Planters Peanuts. These are only a few of the products that Kraft puts out. They are found in over 99 percent of all American households. So to counter the public benefits of the cigarette tax, we also have a nice little built-in subsidy for cigarette producers.

It has been estimated that one in every three smokers dies from his habit. Is this not reason enough to intervene on behalf of friends? Imagine this example: A man in a suit pulls a revolver out of his coat pocket

and proceeds to load two bullets into the gun, leaving four chambers empty. After spinning the cylinder and cocking the hammer, he puts the gun up to the head of your best friend. How are you going to feel about him pulling the trigger? "There is a good 67 percent chance that your friend will not have his brains blown out," the man in the suit argues. "It is not up to you to infringe upon his personal liberties," he further argues. "You won't be popular if you stop me from pulling the trigger," he says, "and what's more, you can't stop me."

Sadly, the man in the suit is quite convincing. He goes through this exercise 6,000 times daily, pulling the trigger in every case.

If this example isn't shocking enough, let's look at some of the ingredients that Chefs Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds serve to their customers. First on the menu: Acetone. This delectable liquid is used as an active ingredient in nail polish remover. Next up: Arsenic. This deadly poison is used to kill vermin and insects. We also have:

Turpentine. Most artists are familiar with this toxic paint thinner, one of the most powerful on the market. Also on the list: propylene glycol, otherwise known as antifreeze. But wait, we're just getting started! What else do we have for the fine connoisseur? We have formaldehyde, a disinfectant and preservative used on dead bodies; butane, a key ingredient of gasoline; ammonia, to help you absorb more of that addictive nicotine; and final-

ly benzoapyrene, one of the leading cancer-causing agents in the world. Our specials tonight include lead and cadmium, which cause brain damage and death. As an added incentive for dining with us this evening, all of these lovely chemicals will be injected directly into your bloodstream, where they will then be delivered to every cell in your body. Bon appetit!

One can joke about the preposterous chemical makeup of cigarettes, but they must be taken dead seriously. Of all the environmental hazards we face in everyday life — car exhaust, industry pollutants, pesticides in food — we seldom encounter a more potent concentration of toxic substances than that which comes from a burning cigarette. Fifty of the four-thousand chemicals that are found in second-hand smoke are known to cause cancer. I feel the same way about someone blowing second-hand smoke on me as I do about someone spraying pesticides on my skin.

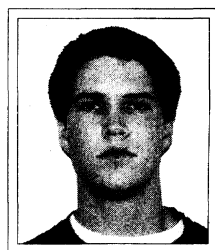
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SPORTS WEDNESDAY

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Keeping it on the "down low"

NOT EVERYONE ON A TEAM IS GOING TO get along, but the recent decisions of Yankee pitcher David Wells and former UGA basketball player Tony Cole to publicly chastise former teammates and coaches are simply disgusting.



JON MEACHIN
SUICIDE SQUEEZE

Wells has a tell-all book due out in two weeks, while Cole last week made some very serious allegations that his coach Jim Harrick Sr. and his son, who is an assistant coach at UGA, violated NCAA rules by illegally paying some of Cole's bills, buying gifts and committing academic fraud.

It's obviously understandable that, when an athlete's career is finished, he or she needs to find a new source of income. However, when you put the lives and credibility of other people in jeopardy, no amount of book sales or TV attention can justify the costs.

The two athletes' situations are markedly different from each other simply because Wells must still continue to perform surrounded by the same people he criticized. Undoubtedly, his place on the team will forever be changed because he compromised the understood idea that what happens in the clubhouse stays in the clubhouse.

Wells just took cheap shots at his teammates and other members of the baseball community, targeting former Mets' Head Coach Bobby Valentine by saying, "A lot of players hate him. A lot of his fellow managers hate him. Valentine's easily the least-liked manager in the game."

He also revisited one of baseball's hottest topics, claiming 25 to 40 percent of major leaguers used steroids, although he's recently lowered his claim by about 15 percent in the wake of media scrutiny. While both of these statements may be true, the real question is, what does Wells gain from this other than the loss of respect and trust from his fellow players? A chunk of cash.

Cole's career was for all intents and purposes over when he launched his tirade against his former coaches.

An Associated Press article out of Atlanta said, "Cole has admitted that he went public with the charges against the Harricks because he believes they abandoned him during the time he was facing sexual assault charges." Cole had been charged with sexual assault, was consequently suspended from the team and, despite the fact that the charges were dropped, the team never reinstated him.

Now I'll say he should have been reinstated if the charges were in fact dropped, but the fact that he allegedly blackmailed the coaches for his reinstatement is ridiculous. The Athens Banner-Herald reported Saturday that Cole previously threatened to go public with allegations against the Harricks — apparently in an attempt to remain on the basketball team.

In the end, Cole's attempts to ruin the Harricks just look like a desperate attempt for a washed-up college player to get his name back in the newspapers. He recently pleaded with the coach at Georgia Southern to give him a chance but was denied.

If the Harricks did violate the rules, they will be adequately punished, but isn't he looking a gift horse in the mouth by pun-

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Men's laxers squeak out 3OT victory in season opener against Vermont

BY JERMAINE MATHESON

All-American men's lacrosse player Jon Thompson '03 scored the game-winning goal in the third overtime of Saturday's game at the University of Vermont, giving his team a hard-fought victory in its season opener.

For Brown, a team ranked as high as 11th in pre-season polls, Saturday's game was closer than many expected. The Catamounts successfully slowed the tempo of the game and used aggressive play to challenge a younger and smaller Brown team.

"I think we showed our youth at times," said Brown Head Coach Scott Nelson. "Our offense was a little stagnant today, which was a little disappointing."

The Bears experienced a scoring drought that lasted more than two periods and, had it not been for a strong effort in net by goalie Mike Levin '04, would have lost despite their early lead.

Bruno looked impressive at the game's outset, scoring four goals in the first quarter. Vermont won the opening faceoff, but Chazz Woodson '05 stole the ball in the midfield and rifled a shot past the Vermont goalie to score Brown's first goal of the season 45 seconds in the game. Minutes later, Thompson fed Chris Mucciolo '05, who scored Brown's second goal. Less than one minute later, John Urquhart '04 scored unassisted to give Brown a three-goal advantage. And right before the break, Thompson scored his first goal of the season on an assist from Woodson.

The Catamounts scored once in the first quarter, but the Bears remained comfortably ahead with a three-goal lead and appeared to be on the verge of an offensive explosion.

However, Brown's offense went cold in the second quarter and the Catamounts added two more goals to cut the half-time lead to one goal. Vermont methodically controlled the tempo in the second half and became comfortable in Brown's end of the field. Vermont's offensive onslaught forced Levin to use various parts of his body to keep the ball out of the net, finish-



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The men's lacrosse team looks to remain undefeated when it hosts Fairfield on Saturday.

ing the game with 17 saves.

After the half, the Bears' offensive woes continued as neither team scored in the third quarter. Early in the fourth, Vermont tied the game at 4 and then scored again to lead 5-4. The Bears, who had not scored since the first quarter, settled down to feed the ball to Thompson, who was left alone at the top crease and found the back of the net, assisted by Woodson.

But the Catamounts had an upset on their minds and scored again to lead 6-5. Brian Miller '04 scored the goal that would send the game into overtime, assisted by George Bassett '05. With over eight minutes remaining in the game, both teams played conservatively, opting to wait for overtime.

In the two extra frames, both teams had ample scoring opportunities, but both goalies made tremendous saves to keep the ball out of the net.

In the third overtime, Kirk Teatom '05

won the opening faceoff and sprinted downfield before passing to Thompson, who scored the game-winning goal.

Brown is home again on Saturday against the University of Fairfield, a team that beat the Bears 9-8 when they last played one year ago.

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Seniors lead the way in m. track strong finish at championships

BY JOANNA GROSSMAN

The men's indoor track and field team competed at the Heptagonal Championships at Dartmouth College last weekend, finishing in fifth place and bringing hope of a successful spring season.

"This meet was a momentum builder for us. We had a shot at fourth place and we knew that, but this meet is going to catapult us into the outdoor season," said Head Coach Robert Johnson.

Two outstanding performances came from Tri-Captains Chad Buechel '03 and Sean Thomas '03.

"The men's captains have done a great job of revitalizing the team and they're not done yet," said Jumps Coach Anne Rothenberg.

Buechel finished first in the mile with a time of 4:07.14. He spent most of the race in second place. With a few laps to go, and with the whole team crowding the track to cheer him on, he moved into first and easily outpaced the next-closest finisher.

"I was very excited to win, but what really got me through the race was the support of the entire team. It really meant

a lot," Buechel said. "The energy of the team this weekend was unbelievable. We really came together for the first time this season, and we reaped the benefits."

Soon after Buechel ran his winning mile, Thomas jumped to first place in the triple jump with a distance of 14.82 meters.

"It's crazy and very emotional to win Heps as a senior because all your hard work finally pays off," Thomas said, "I don't think that I would have been able to do it unless I saw (Buechel) win the mile right before I jumped."

"I thought (Thomas) had perhaps the most courageous performance of all. He's coming back from an injury that made me question whether he would ever jump again," Rothenberg said. "He did everything possible to get himself into enough shape to where he believed that he could do this. He has wanted this and refused to let anything get in his way."

Brandon Buchanan '03 also placed, finishing second in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.90. In the sprints, Tri-

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W. track places 6th at Heps

BY KEELY THARP

Brown women's track and field team placed sixth at the Ivy League Heptagonal Championship meet this past weekend. The finish was disappointing for the team, but there were exciting individual performances throughout the competition.

Lauren Contursi '03 kicked off the field events with a 12'6.25" pole vault that earned her third place. Tri-Captain Rachelle Seibolt '04 added to the team score with her fourth-place weight throw of 50'10.75". During the second day of competition, the field events remained strong for the Bears as Jill Lynch '05 won the shot put by inches with her throw of 45'4.25", and Brittany Grovey '06 triple-jumped 40'9.5" to finish second in her event. Pentathlete Katie Rowinski '04 competed in the open high jump and scored a sixth place finish for the team with her jump of 5'5".

On the track, the first day of competition ended promisingly as several women qualified for Sunday's finals. Jaylon White '05 finished fourth with a time of 7.87 seconds. Making it to the semifinals in the 200-meter dash were Lauren Linder '04, Emily McElveen '04 and Julia Stevenson '04. Only Stevenson qualified for the final race, where she ran

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