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U. loan raise draws SOFA criticism

BY JULIA ZUCKERMAN

The University's decision to raise loan expectations for students on financial aid has drawn criticism from the group Students on Financial Aid, which staged protests during the recent Corporation meeting.

The University Resources Committee recommended the loan increase in its budgetary recommendations to President Ruth Simmons, which the Corporation approved in its retreat last month.

The URC recommendation will change \$1,000 of grants in most students' financial aid packages to loans. For students in the lowest income bracket, loans will increase by \$500. In addition, work requirements will increase by an average of \$100 per student, said Director of Financial Aid Michael Bartini.

SOFA criticized the loan increase, holding rallies before the Corporation meeting to raise awareness. Members of SOFA presented Corporation members with nearly 400 false \$1,000 bills bearing messages from students critical of the loan increase.

The loan increases hurt both students on financial aid and Brown's economic diversity, said Brady Dunklee '04, a spokesman for SOFA.

Dunklee drew attention to a statement by Simmons in 2000 in which she called financial aid a "moral imperative."

"They are not successfully living up to this moral imperative with these loan increases," Dunklee said.

"I can understand them entirely," Bartini said of SOFA. "It's very difficult to (increase loans), and it's certainly something the University doesn't want to do."

The high cost of Simmons' academic enrichment initiatives, the move to need-blind admission, which takes effect with the Class of 2007, and the downturn in the economy all contributed to a steep increase in financial aid costs for fiscal year 2004, Bartini said.

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Students gather to speak against war



Nick Mark / Herald

Despite the rain, students gathered on the steps of Faunce to speak out against the war.

About 50 people gathered on the steps of Faunce House Wednesday despite the drizzle to speak out against potential war with Iraq.

Organized by Students Against the War in Iraq, the gathering was part of the "Books Not Bombs" student strike declared by the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition. SAWI speakers, members of the College Democrats and Greens at Brown, and others, including Professor of English William Keach, asked the audience to challenge the Bush administration to put humanitarian goals before military action and to reconsider its drive toward war.

Rally organizer Emma Rebhorn '06 said that while the NYSPC called for a March 5 walkout, SAWI encourages students to walk out the day after the bombing starts. She called today's gathering "really successful, especially in light of the weather."

"I thought it spoke well for the movement that a wide variety of opinions was expressed," Rebhorn said.

—Ellen Wernecke

Students get reality check when Providence homeless visit Ratty

BY XIYUN YANG

Students mired in midterms and housing lottery concerns received a reality check Wednesday night during a discussion with members of the Providence homeless community.

Discussion topics at the event, which was held in the Ratty, ranged from political and economic policy change, to personal experiences, to hope for the future.

Participants requested The Herald not print their last names.

"We could be your sister, your cousin or your uncle. We're just normal people," said Catherine, who helps run a temporary shelter through People to End Homelessness, an organization of previously or currently homeless individuals.

viduals.

The discussion with current and previously homeless people was aimed to educate Brown students about the realities of homelessness, Catherine said. It was held as a part of the Oral History Project, one of the Swearer Center for Public Service Breaks Projects.

"I think a lot of the time Brown students live in such a bubble. This is just our way of doing a small part to help the community," said Tze Yong Ng '05, one of the event's coordinators.

"People have to start thinking about us as part of the solution, instead of the problem," she said. Common misconceptions of homeless individuals as lazy and reliant on charity are just not true, she said. People become homeless for a variety of different reasons, and most are hardworking individuals who just cannot make ends meet, Catherine said.

The most despairing facet of homelessness is the loss of personal identity and social interaction, said Moe, a 68-year-old man who has been homeless for a year and a half. In the face of such hardship it is difficult to preserve one's dignity and maintain hope for the future, he said.

"You're a ghost, a non-entity, a walking statistic," said Larry, another participant.

A multitude of different obstacles prevent homeless individuals from securing jobs, including the lack of transportation, phone number and address, Catherine said.

Catherine's teenage son, Joe, said homeless individuals often face blatant discrimination and described how

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Lack of campus pro-war groups leaves debate one-sided

BY DANIELLE CERNY

As the likelihood of war with Iraq increases, some students are left wondering whether more vocal antiwar activists are overshadowing pro-war voices on campus.

While groups such as Students Against War in Iraq and Not Another Victim Anywhere have organized in direct opposition to the potential war, no unifying group has stepped forward to consistently express the opposing viewpoint.

Although the war debate is ubiquitous in society today, there is less of a drive for those in favor of military action in Iraq to voice their arguments, said Joseph Lisska '04, vice president of the College Republicans.

"You won't find people protesting for war because that viewpoint is already being represented by the current administration," he said.

The College Republicans have publicly supported the government's use of force in Iraq. But Alexandra Lynn '03, president of the College Republicans, emphasized that the group is not "pro-war," but rather, believes "war is sometimes a necessary action."

Lisska said the issue cannot be boiled down to the rigid classification of opinions as either "pro-war" or "antiwar."

"Those titles are misnomers. No one is universally for or against war," he said.

But some students have yet to choose a side on the issue and are dissatisfied with the quality of information being dispersed on the part of antiwar groups.

Michael Graves '06 considers himself

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New Providence Police Chief Dean Esserman speaks to The Herald

INTERVIEW BY AKSHAY KRISHNAN

Dean Esserman was sworn in as the new chief of the Providence Police Department in January. The Herald spoke with Esserman about College Hill security issues at a public safety forum held Wednesday at Cornell Young, Jr. Elementary School.

What plans does the Providence Police Department have for improving security on College Hill?

I see College Hill as an important neighborhood in the City of Providence. We intend to pool in the resources of all university police, whether it's RISD or Brown. We plan to set up a neighborhood command and set up a business

improvement district on Thayer Street.

Can you tell us a little about these plans you have for establishing a business improvement district on Thayer Street?

We are making an effort to work with the merchants on Thayer Street along with University and city authorities to coordinate services in cleaning and security in particular.

What's the nature of your relationship with the Department of Public Safety at Brown?

We have a very good relationship with Brown police and I am looking to further

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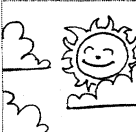
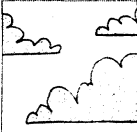


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WEATHER

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GRAPHICS BY TED WU

CALENDAR

- LECTURE** — "Ethnicity and Armed Struggle: Rethinking Guerilla Movements in Post-1964 Brazil," Jeffrey Lesser, Center for Latin American Studies. Room 101, Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
- LECTURE** — "Native American Oral Traditions: The Stories and Storytellers," N. Scott Momaday, novelist, University Events. Salomon Center, 6:30 p.m.
- LECTURE** — "Adaptive Services: Enabling Seamless Communications over Future Mobile Networks and Internet," Xin Wang, Bell Labs Research, Department of Computer Science. Lubrano Conference Room, CIT, noon
- THEATRE** — "Six Characters in Search of an Author," by Luigi Pirandello, directed by Kevin Moriarty, Department of Theatre, Speech, and Dance. Stuart Theatre, 8 p.m.
- READING** — Jill Christman, Ball State University, English Department. Room 102, Wilson Hall, 7 p.m.

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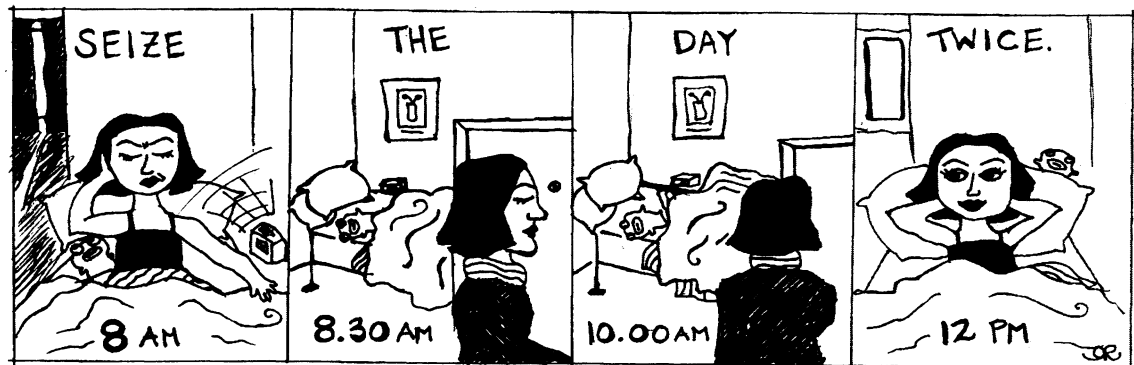
Coup de Grace Grace Farris



My Best Effort Andy Hull and Will Newman



La Gatita Alejandra Cerna Rios



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CAMPUS WATCH

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Alumni say Harvard is too loose

BY SARA PERKINS

The generosity of its alumni has ensured that Harvard University remains the wealthiest university in the country, with an endowment of \$17.2 billion last year. Yet some alumni contend that their alma mater is a spendthrift in need of some belt-tightening tough love.

A group of Harvard alumni recently expressed their concern that Harvard does not do enough to reduce its operating costs, which include \$1 billion in purchased goods and services. The New York Times reported Harvard could save \$100 million by implementing a few cost-saving measures.

The alumni said Harvard's ten schools retain too much budget autonomy in the name of academic freedom and should be controlled centrally.

"The time for voluntary (cost-cutting) programs has passed. What Harvard needs is a mandate," Timothy E. Wirth, a former senator, and John B. Henry wrote to Harvard President Lawrence Summers.

Among the suggestions: pool the resources of Harvard's schools with other Boston-area institutions to get discounts on goods and services, choose single vendors to service the entire university, and solicit bids from contractors for building, maintenance, and printing. Harvard lags behind other universities in implementing these basic cost-saving measures, the Times reported.

Harvard President Lawrence Summers acknowledged the need to standardize spending practices. "(Spending) is an area with a lot of potential that is crucial at a time when university budgets are going to be a lot tighter," Summers told the Times.

Harvard is a member of the Boston Consortium, a strategic alliance of financial officers at universities in the Boston area.

"We help our members to find ways to reduce non-academic operating cost," said Phillip DiChiara, the managing director of the Consortium. "We act as a gathering point and resource to help them to take cost out of systems." The consortium does not facilitate group purchasing, however.

Elizabeth Huidekoper, Brown's executive vice president for finance and administration and the former vice president for finance at Harvard, said schools at Harvard have "motivation to maximize (their) resources — these are decentralized funds, and you only have so much to work with."

"Harvard developed state-of-the-art purchasing practices" in the early 1990s, involving "alliances with certain vendors" to purchase the high volume of goods, Huidekoper said. "Many of the Boston-area schools wanted to get in on the Harvard deals."

But Harvard does not require its various schools to use the same ven-

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Early decision Cornell applicants endure second round of heartbreak

BY AMY RUDDLE

"Congratulations on your acceptance into the Class of 2007!" read an e-mail from Cornell University's dean of admission to early decision applicants. The problem, admission officers discovered hours later, was that some of the e-mail's recipients had already been rejected.

A few hours later, approximately 550 students received another e-mail informing them that Cornell had not changed its mind — the initial e-mail was sent by mistake.

The Cornell Admission Office intended to send the Feb. 28 message to the 1,128 students who were accepted early decision, but accidentally sent the e-mail to every early decision applicant — approximately 1,700 students, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

"This was just intended as a friendly update e-mail during the long period

between early decision and April notifications," said Henrik Dullea, vice president for university relations at Cornell. Students were notified whether they were accepted, denied or deferred by mail in Dec. 2002 or early Jan. 2003, Dullea said.

However, to some students, the "first e-mail was perceived to be an 'acceptance' notification," wrote Angela Griffin-Jones, dean of admission at Cornell, in an e-mail to The Herald. "It was never the intention of the Admission Office to cause harm, even though we understand that some students and their families may have experienced distress," Griffin-Jones wrote.

The mistake was made by an error in the e-mail's coding, Dullea said. "It was a very simple clerical error — any person could make this mistake," he added.

The admission office first became aware of the mistake when "a staff member saw the number of e-mails sent out and

(noticed) that the number far exceeded what should have been sent out," Dullea said.

"Within two to three hours following the discovery of the error, a letter of explanation, including our heartfelt apologies, was sent via email to all students who received the original message by mistake," wrote Griffin-Jones.

Like Cornell, Brown notifies all its early decision applicants of the final status of their application through letters, said Director of College Admission Michael Goldberger. As for application mishaps, such as students receiving the wrong acceptance letters, "I cannot remember ever having one since I have been here," he said.

Goldberger said the Office of Admission is careful to prevent mix-ups like the one at

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Florida professor arrested amidst terror controversy

BY JULIAN LEICHTY

Sami Al-Arian, a former computer engineering professor at the University of South Florida, was recently arrested on racketeering charges, under allegations that he is the North American leader of the terrorist group Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

A federal grand jury indicted Al-Arian and seven others on Feb. 20. In a statement, Attorney General John Ashcroft said the eight "financed, extolled and assisted acts of terror."

Al-Arian is protesting his arrest with a hunger strike and has been fired from USF, where he worked since 1986.

Michelle Carlyon, media coordinator for USF, declined to comment on Al-Arian's Feb. 26 dismissal. Carlyon said Al-Arian had previously been investigated and put on paid leave. He had been banned from campus since after Sept. 11, 2001. Carlyon said this was to "protect the safety of students and him."

USF President Judy Genshaft said in a statement that Al-Arian "has misused the university's name, reputation, resources and personnel. No longer will he be able

to hide behind the shield of academic freedom," she said.

According to the government indictment, Palestinian Islamic Jihad has been "linked to over 100 killings in Israel, and has been deeply rooted within the United States since the 1980s, using American academic and fund-raising groups as fronts," the New York Times reported.

Terrorism expert Steve Emerson '77 told the Times the indictment "shows an elaborate, sophisticated, comprehensive campaign, going back to 1984, and explicitly how Al-Arian and others were serving as actual leaders of a militant Islamic group within the U.S."

Al-Arian and his brother-in-law started the World and Islam Studies Enterprises think tank at USF in the early 1990s. The FBI raided it in 1995. In 1988, the two started the Islamic Concern Project Inc., which the FBI believes sent tens of thousands of dollars overseas, according to BBC News. Al-Arian said the money was for Palestinian children in refugee camps. His brother-in-law was jailed based on secret evidence that the organizations supported terror, and was deported last

August.

Al-Arian has filed a grievance challenging his dismissal. His criminal attorney, Nicholas Matassini, said Al-Arian thinks of himself as a political prisoner. "He strongly believes it his right to support the people in Palestine without the fear of persecution," he said, The University of South Florida Oracle reported.

Al-Arian's bail hearing has been scheduled for March 24. His civil attorney, Robert McKee, told The Oracle, "The final chapter to this drama hasn't been written yet."

Stanford has salary freeze

Facing a poor economy and an anticipated \$25 million budget deficit, Stanford University Provost John Etchemendy announced Feb. 26 in a letter to university faculty and staff that he would freeze the salaries of nearly all of Stanford's 8,700 employees.

"By forgoing faculty and staff raises, we will avert many layoffs that would otherwise be necessary," Etchemendy wrote. In addition, he said, university departments will have to reduce their budgets by 5 to 10 percent, and Etchemendy and Stanford President John Hennessy, among others, have volunteered to take 5 percent pay cuts.

Students' tuition and room and board fees will also increase by 5 percent next year.

Last October, Stanford instituted a hiring freeze in order to prevent the need for extensive layoffs, the Stanford Daily reported. Senior officers are required to review all new hires.

Stanford ranked fifth among American universities in its endowment in 2001, valued last year at \$7.6 billion. "It's certainly indicative of the times when we're talking about one

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U. Penn grad union debate a stalemate

BY EMIR SENTURK

The debate over graduate student unionization at the University of Pennsylvania has reached a stalemate as the decision passes to the National Labor Relations Board. But at Yale University, graduate students formed picket lines this week to seek an alternate path toward unionization.

Last week, graduate students at Penn held a secret ballot election on whether to unionize. The National Labor Relations Board impounded the results of the election, pending the outcome of an earlier appeal by the university of the NLRB's ruling allowing the graduate students to hold the election in the first place.

Over the last two years, graduate students at Brown, Columbia, Tufts and other universities have held secret ballot elections of their own that have been met by the same decision by the NLRB. The NLRB has locked away the results of these elections until a decision is made regarding the universities' appeals.

"We have every indication that we won

by a comfortable and significant margin," Joanna Kempner, a spokesperson for Graduate Employees Together-University of Pennsylvania, told The Herald.

Penn's administration is questioning the legitimacy of the votes, believing them to be an unrepresentative sampling of graduate students. Members of GET-UP disagree. The "Excelsior List" — the list of those people eligible to vote on the issue — was drafted by the university, said Elizabeth Williamson, spokesperson for GET-UP. To be eligible to vote, graduate students must be currently employed by the university as teaching or research assistants.

"They're trying to tell us that we've deprived people of a vote while the university is the one who came up with the list in the first place," Williamson said.

A poll conducted by The Daily Pennsylvanian found the majority of eligible voters cast their ballots in favor of unionization. The official number of votes

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"On average, ... parents were much needier this year than we anticipated," Bartini said. "Their incomes are not keeping pace with the increase in our fees." In fiscal year 2003, the decrease in families' ability to pay forced the University to spend \$1.5 million more on financial aid, Bartini said.

"We've anticipated for next year that on average, families' ability to pay will not increase," he said. Families' ability to pay usually increases each year.

Need-blind admission is expected to cost at least \$1.3 million for each of the next four years. The elimination of the work-study requirement for first-year students represents an ongoing \$1.3 million addition to financial aid costs, Bartini said.

The Corporation approved increasing tuition and fees by approximately \$1,600 per student. Because families' ability to pay is not expected to increase, the tuition increase creates an additional \$3.8 million deficit in the financial aid budget.

At the Corporation meeting, Bartini said the University would need to allocate \$4.4 million to financial aid in addition to \$1.3 million already budgeted for fiscal year 2004 if no measures were taken to reduce costs, according to the URC report. URC recommended the University's support for financial aid increase by \$2.2 million. Increasing the loan requirements will add approximately \$2.1 million to the budget.

"The University shared this responsibility with students," Bartini said.

"We are not arguing against shared responsibility," Dunklee

said in response to Bartini's statement. But he questioned the fairness of the University, with an endowment of over \$1 billion, sharing financial responsibility with low- and middle-income students.

Dunklee said students on financial aid already share the responsibility for financing their education: "We work." Many already find it difficult to make ends meet, he said.

The loan increase will make Brown's financial aid packages less competitive with its peers, counteracting the effects of need-blind admission, Dunklee said. He said the move from early action to early decision also makes it more difficult for students on financial aid to apply to Brown because, if they apply early, they cannot compare aid packages.

The University has not increased loan rates in four years, Bartini said. Previously, loans increased every year. Even with the loan increase, "we're still lower than we were four years ago," he said. "We've got very competitive loans at the moment."

Bartini said the financial aid budget is only one part of the larger University budget, and the significant cost of the academic enrichment plan affects the availability of funding for financial aid.

"The overriding question is, academic quality for who?" Dunklee said.

Dunklee said academic enrichment cannot be separated from financial aid. "We assert that financial aid is academic enrichment," he said. "Hurting the prospects for economic diversity at Brown ... also hurts the quality of Brown as an educational institution."

"We perceive that the admin-

istration has done a lot of pitting good things against each other," Dunklee said. "They do have a huge amount of money. It's a question of priorities."

Dunklee said the University should consider a targeted fund-raising drive, drawing on the endowment or taking out a loan rather than increasing loans.

Forty percent of Brown students are on financial aid.

"It definitely has an impact," said Kevin Hickey '05. "It does affect your everyday choices." He said the loan increase might make a difference in his decision whether to live with friends in a suite, which costs more than non-suite housing.

The loan increases are difficult for students on financial aid who find that their aid packages are not as generous as they had expected, Hickey said.

Jenna Kanter '05 said she was uncomfortable with the University publicizing need-blind admission but glossing over loan increases. Students admitted under the need-blind policy "will only be more disadvantaged when they get here," she said.

But Kanter said she does not see the loan increase as disproportionately affecting students on financial aid. "They're spreading the burden of the tuition increase out," she said, noting the increase in tuition for students not on financial aid is greater than \$1,000.

Dunklee said the University should look at departmental budgets and "lavish uses of physical space" to find places to cut costs.

He criticized URC's policy of keeping its meetings closed, unlike its predecessor the Advisory Committee on University Planning. "Maybe we

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wouldn't ask these questions (about areas where the budget could be cut) if we had access to URC," he said.

Hickey and Kanter said the University should seek to cut costs in other areas before increasing loans. But they said the academic enrichment program and other initiatives, such as improvements in library and computing facilities and health insurance for graduate students, are more important than the loan increases.

"Balancing that against \$1,000 in loans, for me, isn't a big deal," Kanter said.

SOFA met with Simmons, Provost Robert Zimmer, Executive Vice President for Planning Richard Spies, Vice President of Campus Life and Student Services Janina Montero and Assistant to the President David Greene before the Corporation retreat for what Dunklee called a "productive conversation."

"We've begun the process of entering into a working relationship with the University," Dunklee said.

Herald staff writer Julia Zuckerman '05 can be reached at jzuckerman@browndailyherald.com.

Pro-war

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neutral on the war issue but said with the overwhelmingly liberal majority at Brown, he constantly finds himself playing devil's advocate and making pro-war arguments.

"This narrow view of the war is ignorant on the liberal side," he said. With people picking one side and sticking to it, nothing will be accomplished by either the opponents or proponents of war, because their arguments fall on deaf ears, Graves said.

A month ago, Graves said he encountered members of an anti-war group on the Main Green whom he asked to outline some reasons for going to war.

In response, he was informed the only reason the United States wants to go to war is for oil and to finish "daddy's war," Graves told The Herald.

Elizabeth Sperber '06, president of SAWI, said the task of educating students about opposing viewpoints should not fall on the antiwar groups.

"SAWI is Students Against War in Iraq — it has never made a claim to be something like students who study war or debate the issue," she said. "It is clearly a political group."

"Do Democrats have to talk about Republican issues at their meetings? Antiwar groups shouldn't be any different," Sperber said.

Ari Gerstman '05, who represented the pro-war voice in a campus debate, said he would like to see more of the pro-war argument but felt the University should not force the dialogue.

"On the University campus the issue runs its own course anyway," he said. "Students should initiate dialogue if they don't feel it's being represented. There are enough pro-war students to pull that off."

Lisska said those groups on campus that are politically inclined and have decided on a pro-war stance are responsible for putting out as much pro-war advertisement and information as the antiwar advocates.

This task should not specifically fall on the College Republicans, he said. But those students holding a similar political viewpoint to the Republicans are in the minority at Brown, making the effort difficult, Lisska said.

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IN BRIEF

Starf*ck may be cancelled if LGTB cannot find alternate location

Starf*ck, the widely attended annual party sponsored by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance, may not be held at all this semester if the group cannot find a successful alternative to its current location in Sayles Hall, said Ken Newberg '05, co-president of the LGTB.

Sayles Hall's limited capacity restricts the number of tickets that can be sold, Newberg said, leading to high ticket prices. Tickets for Starf*ck's fall semester counterpart, SexPowerGod, cost \$10 each and some were scalped for even more on the Daily Jolt, he said.

The high price is "totally unacceptable for the mission of the LGTB," Newberg said. "In that regard it is inherently classist."

The goals of LGTB parties have been to promote acceptance and diversity, Newberg said. "Part of embracing diversity means that all people should be able to attend the party," he said.

As an alternative, the LGTB is looking for a large, open space in order to accommodate more people at a lower cost, said Chris Chin GS, SexPowerGod coordinator. The location will ideally maintain the feel of Sayles and the event will hopefully be "as much fun if not more," Chin said.

Some locations being considered include Meehan Auditorium and an indoor parking lot at the Rhode Island School of Design, the site of a recent successful RISD dance, he said.

The party could also take place as a smaller, less-publicized event, said Allison Rosendahl '03, co-president of the LGTB.

In addition to the high ticket prices, Starf*ck may not

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Former Czech foreign minister joins Watson

BY CASSIE RAMIREZ

Jiri Dienstbier spent 20 years as a night watchman before rising to power as deputy prime minister and minister of foreign affairs for the former Czechoslovakia. And now Brown students can take his classes.

Dienstbier joined the Watson Institute for International Studies this semester as a visiting professor.

The former foreign minister started his career as a commentator and correspondent to the Far East, Europe and the United States for Radio Prague.

There was no clear transition from radio commentator to political figure, Dienstbier said. "As part of the media we were always involved in politics. Under communism, we just tried to force political change by the media. We couldn't force change in the state organs but, through the media, we opened politics."

But after the Soviet invasion in 1968, he and many other members of the media were forced to take unskilled work. Dienstbier spent 20 years as a night watchman.

"We were forbidden to be writers, journalists or to teach," he said. "We wrote for underground papers."

Journalists published their own newspapers from their typewriters and eventually, using the new technology of photocopying machines, were able to make copies. In the last two years of communist rule in 1987 and 1988, they were able to use computers.

"We published books and everything this way. They were bad copies, some were barely readable, but people liked it; they had a book to read. The government tried to stop us; they would confiscate them during home searches, but they didn't succeed," Dienstbier said.

In 1979, Dienstbier was put in prison for three years for being a part of the Committee for the Defense of the Unjustly Persecuted, a human rights advocacy group.

Dienstbier was one of the leading members of Charter

77, a group that called for greater civil and political freedoms and was key to preparing the way for revolution in 1989.

In 1988, Dienstbier co-founded what became one of the most prominent underground newspapers in Czechoslovakia, Lidové Noviny, or People's News.

After the Czechoslovakian revolution in 1989, Dienstbier was appointed deputy prime minister and minister of foreign affairs under now-outgoing President Vaclav Havel. He served in this capacity until 1992.

"It was something that I was interested in all my life," Dienstbier said.

Dienstbier is currently a member of the International Press Institute and Commission on Global Governance. He has also served as an ambassador-at-large to the United Nations.

After ending his career in Czechoslovakian politics, Dienstbier began serving as a visiting professor at various universities, including The Claremont Colleges in California and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

As far as Brown goes, Dienstbier said, "I have been here for only a few weeks; I can't say what I think of it really so far. I follow the (campus) life ... and other things, though. How lively it is here!"

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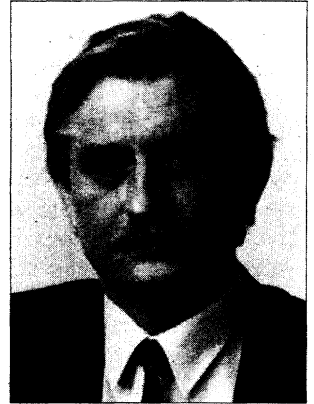


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improve this relationship. We're going to start having routine sit-down meetings with officers within the DPS, so we can work even more closely with Brown police.

Are you aware of Brown University's plan along with the DPS to ultimately phase out the services of external security agencies such as Providence Police on campus?

I'm not aware of this plan. But we will always be working as partners and meet with various officers within the department, as Brown constitutes an important part of the Providence community.

If war does break out with Iraq and you witness large-scale protests by students from Brown, what action would you take?

I have not thought about that, to be honest. We will respond to it as it comes.

Any comments that you would like to make to the student community at Brown?

We're always looking to see how we can work with Brown police to do a better job. It's a pleasure to work hand in hand with Brown police. You have first rate people in your police department. I would also like to ask Brown students to take the police exam. It's a wonderful way to give back to the community.

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Homeless

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a law enforcement officer had once called him "the scum of the earth, and spit on (him)."

The discussion participants criticized the insensitivity and ignorance of politicians and academics.

"Why is it necessary to write so many books and collect so many statistics if nothing is

being improved? The amount of money spent in publishing the books could have housed several families," Joe said.

Homeless individuals are constantly suffering from inefficiencies in the social welfare system, Catherine said. And with the impending war overseas, domestic poverty issues will no doubt be pushed to the back burner, Moe said.

Most of the participants, however, were optimistic about

"Statistics don't motivate people, faces and stories do," she said.

the ideas that institutions such as Brown can produce to help improve current policies.

"I was struck by the faith that they had in people like us studying here," said Isabelle Zaugg '06, who attended the discussion. "I would have thought that there would be a bitterness towards students because of the luxuries that are available to us, but there was such generosity from them."

Catherine said she hopes that the discussion illuminated aspects of being homeless and instigated the possibilities of social change.

"Statistics don't motivate people, faces and stories do," she said.

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Starf*ck

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happen this semester because of LGBT's other time-consuming projects, Newberg said. The LGBT's members are currently focused on securing an LGBT resource center, working with the co-ed housing proposal, organizing Pride Month and dealing with everyday programming, he said.

"Right now we have people looking into other spaces, but

it's not (the LGBT's) primary concern," Newberg said.

As both a necessary fundraiser and enjoyable event for the community, Newberg said Starf*ck would be missed if cancelled this year.

Yet various elements of the dance have changed many times before, Rosendahl said. "It hasn't been going on as long as people think," she said.

If Starf*ck is to be held, the event will probably take place in April as part of Pride Month, Rosendahl said. The LGBT then

hopes to secure a venue by Spring Break if the dance is to remain a big event, she said.

The futures of both Starf*ck and SexPowerGod remain unclear, Newberg said. If Starf*ck does not take place this semester, the LGBT anticipates, but cannot guarantee, its return next year, Chin said. The location of future LGBT parties is currently unknown, but Newberg said he hopes the group finds a solution that can be institutionalized and applied each year.

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IN BRIEF

U.S. Plans Smallpox-Vaccination Compensation Program

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — The Bush administration, attempting to jump-start its stalled smallpox vaccination program, announced a plan Wednesday to compensate public-health and medical response-team members injured by the inoculation.

The administration's plan, which must be approved and funded by Congress, would compensate vaccinated workers — and any persons who contract a related virus from them — for medical expenses, a portion of lost wages, disability and death. It is modeled after a federal compensation package for police officers and firefighters.

Until now, the lack of guaranteed compensation for related medical costs or lost wages has discouraged tens of thousands of health-care workers from volunteering for the vaccination program, which the Bush administration has made the centerpiece of its efforts to protect Americans against a potential bioterrorist attack.

Announced by President Bush in December, the vaccination program was designed to inoculate as many as 450,000 front-line health-care workers within a month and up to 10 million police, fire and emergency personnel shortly after that.

As of Wednesday, however, only 12,404 workers had been inoculated since the program began Jan. 24.

The administration's proposal would pay \$262,100 — the same amount paid to police and firefighters — to public-health and response-team workers killed or permanently and totally disabled as a result of the vaccine. It would also compensate workers for some lost wages — two-thirds of losses incurred after five missed work days — and related medical expenses.

It was unclear if the compensation plan would satisfy the health-care unions and others that have declined to participate in the voluntary program.

One of the leading organizations calling for such a program, the 1.5-million-member Service Employees International Union, expressed conditional support.

"By proposing some compensation for vaccine victims, the administration has given the smallpox program a much-needed shot in the arm," said union president Andy Stern.

But concerns remain, Stern said.

His union called on Congress to provide adequate funds for the program, "without diverting resources from other public-health priorities," and to screen health-care workers more carefully for conditions that would predispose them to negative reactions and closely monitor them for serious side effects.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., who had called on the administration to develop a compensation program, said he was disappointed with the result.

"This doesn't sound like the right package — \$250,000 won't compensate a family who loses its sole breadwinner," he said.

Charles Idelson, spokesman for the 50,000-member California Nurses Association, called the sick-pay and health-cost provisions "totally inadequate. It should be full compensation and it should start immediately."

But even if those concerns were met, it is unlikely that the nurses' union would reverse its strong opposition to the vaccination program, Idelson said.

The program has also been hampered by the difficulty of balancing the risks associated with the vaccine against the uncertain danger of a terrorist attack using the smallpox virus.

Until now, more than 350 hospitals across the country have declined to participate in the program. The San Francisco Department of Public Health is among the latest agencies either to discourage its workers from participating or to require them to adhere to strict guidelines.

Nurses and doctors at San Francisco General Hospital who want to be vaccinated must rearrange their work schedules, among other things, to ensure that they have no contact with patients for two or three weeks after they are inoculated.

Antiwar pressure builds on U.S.

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — The Bush administration's plans for a new United Nations resolution authorizing an invasion of Iraq ran into major difficulties Wednesday, as France, Russia and Germany vowed to block any move toward war, and chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix delivered an upbeat assessment of what he called "real disarmament" progress by Baghdad.

As anti-war pressure continued to build, President Bush met with a Vatican envoy sent by Pope John Paul II to plead for peace, and thousands of students across the country walked out of high school and college classrooms to join protest rallies.

But the administration continued its plans to call an early halt to the U.N. inspections and proceed with a military attack. Bush met with Gen. Tommy Franks, the commander of the hundreds of thousands of U.S. forces now massed in the Persian Gulf region, to go over final war plans. Franks told reporters the invasion force was ready to move the moment Bush gives the order.

Defense officials disclosed that the number of U.S. and British air patrols over southern Iraq had doubled over the past week, in part to give additional practice to the large numbers of pilots and planes that have been assembled. The Pentagon provided a news briefing on its "targeting policy" for Iraq, and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld emphasized that targets had been chosen "to do everything humanly possible to save innocent lives."

In a starkly-worded speech outlining the arguments he will make to a special U.N. Security Council session Friday, Secretary of State Colin Powell said it was beyond dispute that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had failed to take U.N. disarmament demands seriously. He said the Iraqi leader had only a "few days" to change his mind.

"We must confront the reality of Saddam Hussein's

intransigence," Powell said in a hastily-arranged address at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "We must confront that reality here and now."

Powell said "recent intelligence" showed that Iraq was still concealing biological and chemical weapons from inspectors, and was hiding equipment to continue building more of the same type of missiles that Baghdad is now destroying under U.N. orders. He provided no evidence to support the charges, saying the information came from "sensitive sources."

But prospects for passage of the U.S. resolution, co-sponsored by Britain and Spain, appeared increasingly poor. In addition to Wednesday's indications that France and Russia were prepared to use their veto against it, Chile, one of the six non-permanent members Washington has been courting, said it would not vote for the resolution as currently written.

Powell spoke disdainfully of the joint statement of the foreign ministers of France, Russia and Germany, who said in Paris that they "will not allow a draft resolution to pass that authorizes the use of force."

"Some of my colleagues," Powell said, "three of whom I was watching on television earlier today, believe the problem is there, the threat is there, but the solution to it is just 'Oh, let the inspectors keep going.' ... And there was very little comment from them, today or in earlier days, about the basic fact that you still don't have somebody who is complying."

Saddam has continued to provide small amounts of cooperation only when pressured, Powell said. "The question is not how much more time should be allowed for inspections," he said. "The question is not how many more inspectors should be sent in."

The question simply is: Has Saddam Hussein made a strategic decision, a political decision, that he will give up these horrible weapons of mass destruction and stop what he's been doing for all these many years?"

Supreme court upholds tough-on-crime laws

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — The Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld two of the most popular tough-on-crime laws of the 1990s: California's three-strikes law that sends repeat offenders to prison for life, and Megan's laws, which alert the public to sex offenders who have been released from prison.

Career criminals and sex offenders pose special dangers, the Supreme Court said, and the government is entitled to take extraordinary new measures to protect the public from them.

The highly publicized murders of two young girls — Polly Klaas in California and Megan Kanka in New Jersey — outraged the public and triggered the wave of new state laws.

The notion that criminals could be rehabilitated, and past crimes forgiven, was swept aside in favor of far harsher measures.

The Klaas murder led to the much-copied California law that denies parole to repeat offenders, while the Megan Kanka's murder gave parents and the general public a new right to learn of sex offenders who may have moved into their neighborhoods.

In their rulings on Tuesday, the court rejected constitutional challenges from those who said these laws go too far in some instances.

It is not unduly harsh to send thieves and petty criminals to prison for the rest of their lives, the justices said in a pair of 5-4 rulings that upheld the three-strikes law.

And states may require former sex criminals to have their names, addresses and photographs posted on the Internet, even if they are no longer dangerous and their crimes took place long ago, the court said in another pair of rulings that upheld Megan's laws.

Those who believe these laws are unfair should take their complaints to the state legislatures that passed them, not to the federal courts, said Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, a former Arizona legislator.

"We do not sit as a 'superlegislature' to second-guess these policy choices," she said, speaking for a 5-4 majority.

Three of the decisions overturned liberal rulings by federal judges in California and New York that had put limits on these laws. The fourth affirmed a ruling by a California state court that brushed aside a challenge to the three-strikes law as cruel and unusual punishment.

The 1993 murder of 12-year-old Klaas by Richard Allen Davis, a paroled kidnapper, galvanized public support to scrap a policy of leniency toward repeat offenders, the court noted.

Davis served only half of a 16-year sentence. Had he served the full sentence, "he would still have been in prison on the day that Polly Klaas was kidnapped," Justice O'Connor said.

A year later, California's voters and the state Legislature passed versions of the three strikes law with the intent of keeping "serious" and "violent" criminals behind bars. Since then, 25 states and the federal government adopted similar measures.

These laws "effected a sea change in criminal sentencing through the Nation (and) targeted the class of offenders who pose the greatest threat to public safety: career criminals," O'Connor said.

But California's law had an unusual quirk. It allowed prosecutors to charge a minor offense as a serious felony if the criminal had other convictions on his record.

In 1995, Leandro Andrade, an army veteran and a heroin addict, was arrested for shoplifting five videotapes valued at \$84.70 from a K-Mart in Ontario, Calif. Two weeks later, he went to a different K-Mart in Montclair and stole four videotapes. And again, he was caught before the leaving the parking lot.

He pleaded guilty to the petty thefts. But prosecutors in San Bernardino County noted that he had two burglary convictions in 1982 and convictions for selling marijuana in 1988 and 1990.

Under California's law, the two petty thefts could be charged as a third and fourth strike against Andrade, and the 37-year old was sentenced to 50 years in prison.

Last year, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said this sentence-life in prison for petty theft was grossly disproportionate to his crime and therefore, was cruel and unusual punishment.

Judge Richard Paez, a Clinton appointee to the 9th Circuit, said the decision did not strike down the three-strikes law, but only limited its use in the "unusual circumstances" of a petty theft that triggered the life term.

State officials say 344 inmates are serving long prisons for a third strike that was a petty theft.

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Democrats blast Bush's stance toward North Korea

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — Democrats in Congress roared their disapproval of President Bush's North Korea policy Wednesday, warning that North Korea poses a more imminent threat to U.S. interests than does Iraq and urging the president to "get off the sidelines" to avert a foreign-policy disaster.

Administration officials insisted they were continuing to seek a diplomatic solution to the crisis and had in no way accepted the inevitability of a nuclear-armed North Korea.

In Seoul, the new South Korean national security adviser confirmed reports that he met secretly last month in Beijing with a North Korean official to discuss ways to resolve the crisis over the isolated communist state's nuclear program. South Korea has been urging the Bush administration to open direct talks with North Korea.

"Nobody is speaking about war at this time," Ra Jong Yil, the national security adviser to the week-old government of Roh Moo Hyun, said in an interview Wednesday. "There is still cause for optimism. The fact is that all the parties, North Korea included, think it is desirable to have a peaceful solution."

However, war jitters shook Capitol Hill as U.S. Air Force bombers began heading toward the Pacific island of Guam. The

deployment was ordered before North Korea intercepted a U.S. reconnaissance plane over the Sea of Japan last weekend, an incident that experts said could easily have triggered a military exchange.

The United States "should be reluctant to add fuel to the fire at the moment" and should work with the South Koreans and Japan before deploying weapons, said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Administration officials described the deployment as "not aggressive" but rather "a prudent measure to bolster our defensive posture as a deterrent."

Top Democratic lawmakers and a chorus of foreign-policy experts urged the administration to rethink its refusal to hold direct talks with North Korea.

"We have repeatedly urged the administration to get off the sidelines and face up to the developing crisis," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "Unfortunately ... the White House continues to sit back and watch, playing down the threat, and apparently playing for time. But time is not on our side."

A senior State Department official rejected the criticism.

"Those who suggest we are not paying enough attention to it are just wrong," the official said,

adding that some of the Democrats who have criticized the administration for being willing to go it alone on Iraq were bashing the president for his efforts to forge a multilateral coalition with Asian allies to confront North Korea.

Republicans were largely silent. However, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind., suggested that the United States should "have at least a conversation (with the North Koreans) when we find out what they want."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer denied reports in the Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post quoting Capitol Hill sources as saying that the administration has concluded it probably cannot prevent North Korea from reprocessing its spent plutonium and is now focused on managing the consequences, including preventing sale of weapons-grade nuclear material to rogue states or terrorists.

"The position of the United States, along with our allies in the region, is just the opposite: that it is important to make certain that there is a denuclearized peninsula," Fleischer said. "And that's why we're working so hard on this, and why we have called directly and publicly for North Korea to dismantle its nuclear programs."

FBI investigates 12 linked to top al-Qaida leader

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — The FBI has launched intensive investigations into at least 12 suspected terrorists living in the United States whose names were found in the possession of top al-Qaida leader Khalid Shaikh Mohammed after his arrest five days ago, federal law enforcement officials said Wednesday.

Officials said they were particularly concerned that operatives connected to Mohammed could be in the country planning terrorist attacks that the FBI believes may be imminent. Such operatives may just be awaiting a "go" signal, or the onset of war with Iraq, the officials said.

The FBI said in an intelligence bulletin Wednesday that Mohammed's arrest last Saturday in Pakistan could prompt a series

of retaliatory terrorist attacks in the United States as well.

"The FBI assesses that the capture of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed deals a severe long-term blow to al-Qaida's ability to plan and carry out attacks against the United States," said the confidential weekly bulletin, which was sent to 18,000 state and local law enforcement agencies.

"However, in the short-term, the apprehension may accelerate execution of any operational planning already under way, as operatives seek to carry out attacks before the information obtained through Mohammed's capture can be used to undermine operational security," the bulletin said.

Mohammed is considered to be one of the world's most dangerous terrorists because of his orchestra-

tion of terror plots around the world during the past 10 years, including the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and other conspiracies in the United States. At the time of his predawn arrest at a safe house in Rawalpindi, the al-Qaida operations chief was believed to be overseeing several planned attacks within the United States, authorities have said.

Mohammed's arrest, along with a top al-Qaida paymaster, prompted a flurry of CIA and FBI activity after computers, computer disks, cell phones and other electronic gear were found in his possession. Those items contained a trove of information about al-Qaida, including names and locations, U.S. officials said.

"It's becoming apparent that whatever was retrieved from (Mohammed's) safehouse is already yielding important results," said one federal law enforcement official, noting that the data indicated that Mohammed used his computers and cell phones to communicate with al-Qaida associates in potentially scores of cells around the world, including in the United States. Federal authorities said the dozen or so men already had been the subject of some kind of FBI scrutiny, including possible surveillance.

But their apparent connections to Mohammed has ratcheted up the FBI's interest in them enormously in recent days, several federal law enforcement officials said, adding that some could be detained "imminently." One FBI agent noted that in the aftermath of Sept. 11, many people were detained at length simply because their telephone numbers or names were linked even peripherally to one or more of the 19 hijackers.

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Students protest against war with Iraq

CHICAGO (Washington Post) — J.S. Irick, shivering in only his underwear, chained himself to a flag pole and smeared his body with red paint to represent blood. Scores flung themselves on the student union floor to dramatize the innocent Iraqis they say will die if the U.S. invades that country. More than 1,000 others skipped classes and trekked through several inches of snow Wednesday afternoon for an anti-war "teach-in" at the University of Chicago's Rockefeller chapel.

The acts of defiance on this campus were part of a coast-to-coast effort in which thousands of high school and college students cut class, read poetry, performed skits and played loud rock music in an effort to halt what they view as an irrational march toward war in Iraq.

More than 300 high schools and colleges participated in the protest, characterized as a national student strike. Thousands of students in Britain, Sweden, Spain and Australia rallied in solidarity with their counterparts in America, who wanted to highlight the effects of war on domestic issues, including on education, health care and the economy.

Many, like Irick, argued that spending billions to wage war will result in senseless deaths and do little to enhance America's security. "I like feeling and sleeping safe as much as anyone else," said Irick, 21, a junior computer science major. "But what we're doing isn't helping that. I'm just trying to get people thinking."

Officially called the "Books Not

Bombs" protest, the effort was coordinated by the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition, which includes 15 student groups that joined forces after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Unlike anti-war rallies last month in Washington and Europe that drew hundreds of thousands in a single place, this event was intentionally more diffused, with small events at participating colleges and high schools.

Events at UCLA, the University of Colorado and the University of Wisconsin drew more than 1,000, according to school officials. Others drew sparse crowds. The University of Texas at Austin, for instance, had 100 people attend. A protest at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas drew about 25 to 30 at one time. Fewer than expected turned out at U.C. Berkeley, where about 500 students marched all over campus and made demands upon Berkeley's administration.

"Every university around the country went into their rallies with a demand for their administration," said junior Amanda Crater. "Ours was that the chancellor take an antiwar stance and at least give attention to our voices, because all over the world right now, protesters are just being ignored by the president."

Regardless of numbers, however, the message was that a war with Iraq has few positives.

"The money for the war is being taken from domestic priorities," said Shaunda Wage, 23, who organized a rally at the University of Missouri-Kansas City that drew about 150 people.

Events at UCLA, the University of Colorado and the University of Wisconsin drew more than 1,000

"Our governor just announced a huge cut for public schools and tuition is going up next year."

At Evanston Township High School north of Chicago about 1,000 teen-agers circled the 3,600-pupil school in a march that lasted for one class period.

In the Washington area, about 800 students attended a sit-in at Northwestern High in Hyattsville, Md. Principal William Ritter said students wanted to walk out, but changed their plan when he allowed them to use the auditorium. Another 200 students rallied at Howard University. "I have a test in Shakespeare," sighed Goldie Patrick, 20, a junior who skipped class in the name of peace. Organizers said the majority of those at the rally had cut class.

A demonstration at the University of Maryland-College Park drew 300. And students at Washington's American University wrote letters to President Bush, stuffing the envelopes with rice to urge his administration to feed, not bomb, Iraq. "This is a pre-emptive strike against a threat that still hasn't materialized," said AU sophomore Jared Hall, 19, who wrote Bush a letter.



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At CBS, the accent thickens

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — Now we know why it took CBS News so long to get Dan Rather's interview with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein on the air last week. He scored the interview on Monday but it wasn't on the air, on "60 Minutes II," until Wednesday because in addition to the headache of finding three trusted translators to comb over Saddam's responses, Central Casting had to find someone who could read the translation in a flawless faux Arabic accent.

"CBS News employed three independent and respected Arabic translators to provide a 100 percent accurate translation of the interview," the network news division said Wednesday in a statement.

"A fourth such translator recorded the actual audio in a voice compatible with the piece."

According to a CBS News spokeswoman, "a voice compatible with the piece" means "a person who spoke Arabic who was speaking."

If you were among the 17 million who watched Saddam Hussein during the "60 Minutes II" interview last Wednesday, the dulcet tones you heard were those of Steve Winfield, a Screen Actors Guild member, translator and interpreter.

Winfield, according to the Web site Fabulous Voices, also does sessions in Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese and German. Plus he has "directed translation projects" in myriad languages, including Chinese, Japanese,

Punjabi, Hungarian, Swedish, Russian and Czech.

The CBS News spokeswoman said she did not know what Winfield's native tongue is. The Los Angeles Times, which broke the story Wednesday, reported that when Winfield spoke to a reporter this week he did so "with a seemingly everyday North American accent." The person who returned a phone call placed late Wednesday to reach Winfield said The TV Column would have to speak to him directly about his first language. We had not been able to do so at press time.

In its statement, CBS News said that the "60 Minutes II" report "was in complete compliance with CBS News Standards." Yeah, and how scary is that? I'm going to do the rest of this column in a British accent, it'll

make me sound smarter.

Executives at other networks were more blase about the faux accent development. "The general consensus in the industry was it was pretty dumb, but it's not a game-over kind of error," said one.

Setting aside the whole fake accent issue, we were curious about why one of the Three Trusted Translators who had actually translated Saddam's comments, and who presumably also spoke Arabic, wasn't used to voice the translation. The CBS News rep said she did not know.

Ditto when asked why this fourth translator, who we can only assume had a much nicer voice than any of the Three Trusted Translators, was not simply brought into the Three Trusted Translators fold.

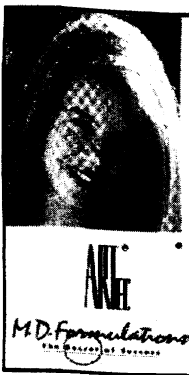
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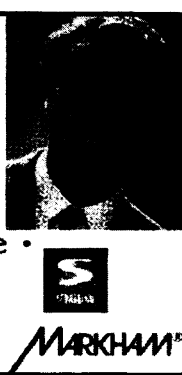
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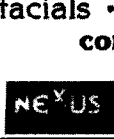
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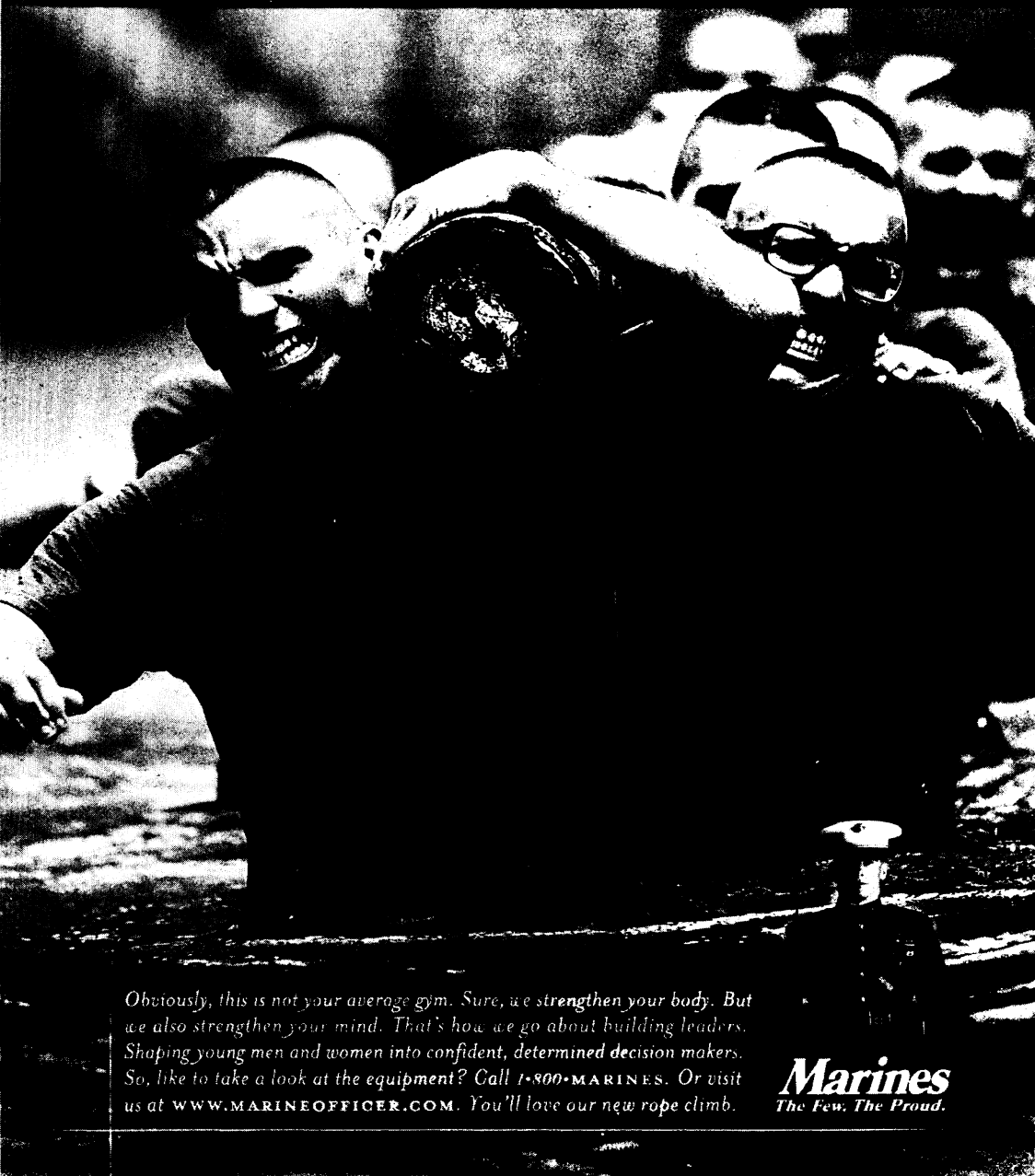
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Poets deliver antiwar anthology to Congress

WASHINGTON (Baltimore Sun) — One of them came from the wilderness of Washington state, where he lives in a wooden house he built with his own hands. The other came from the lush forests of Hawaii, where all he can see from his home are the trees and the sea. Both of them left their peaceful, quiet lives and traveled here to the nation's capital to hand-deliver the most poetic protestation of war in Iraq to date.

Sam Hamill, of Port Townsend, Wash., and W.S. Merwin, of Hawaii, two of the country's most esteemed poets, arrived at the Longworth House Office Building on Capitol Hill late Wednesday morning to present members of Congress with an anthology of more than 13,000 anti-war poems.

The poems are the result of a grassroots e-mail campaign Hamill launched six weeks ago to rally poets — both established and aspiring — to speak out against military action in Iraq. The poems contained in the anthology come from Hamill's Web site, www.poetsagainstthewar.com, and include works by many of the country's most renowned poets: Rita Dove, Adrienne Rich, Lawrence Ferlinghetti and U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins, to name a few.

In front of an audience of about three dozen, including members of Congress and the media, Hamill and Merwin, joined by poet Terry Tempest Williams, spoke strongly and eloquently about what they see as their role as poets: giving a voice to those opposed to the war. They did not wear buttons, wave banners or shout slogans. Instead, they delivered their message in the language they know best.

The highlight of the short presentation came from Merwin, a distinguished looking man with snow-white hair and watery blue eyes, who read a poem he wrote one night while lying in bed, listening to the wind and the heavy breathing of his dog. Lying there, he wondered about "The frogs in office devising their massacre. ... What part of me could they have come from?"

Wednesday's presentation marked the culmination of Hamill's e-mail campaign, one

that began the day after he received an invitation from Laura Bush to a Feb. 12 literary symposium at the White House. Called "Poetry and the American Voice," the first lady's event was supposed to join together all of the nation's leading poets to talk literature and sip tea. What she didn't realize was that their voices, for the most part, are angry.

When Hamill, a former Marine turned Zen Buddhist, opened his invitation, he said he was "overcome by a kind of nausea." So he sent an e-mail to several poet-friends asking them to write about their objection to the war and bring their work to the White House. When Bush heard about this plan, she postponed the event — indefinitely.

Hamill launched his Web site, which was filled with more than 2,000 poems in just a few days. He declared Feb. 12 a national day of poetry against the war, calling for contributors to the Web site to organize readings across the country. Since then, Hamill has been living out of a suitcase and sleeping just three to four hours a night, traveling around the country to rally his fellow bards against the war.

Wednesday morning was the last stop on Hamill's campaign trail, and perhaps the most important. Poetry, after all, isn't heard often in the halls of Congress, and according to several of the representatives, it brings a powerful message.

"The words of these poets are piercing enough to cut through some of the Washingtonese, or language of policy, and address the fundamentals," said Rep. Marcy Kaptur, an Ohio Democrat, who hosted the event with Democrat Reps. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio and Jim McDermott of Washington state. "They're giving us a very sober message, one that needs to be heard."

After the presentation to Congress, Hamill, 60, and Merwin, 75, took a short walk over to the Capitol Building while their "handlers," or media coordinators, furiously made cell phone calls to schedule the remainder of the day.

All the poets wanted was some lunch.

"I barely have time for a meal these days," said Hamill.

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Suicide bomber strikes Israeli bus

HAIFA, Israel (L.A. Times) — A bus filled with students was rumbling through these seaside streets Wednesday afternoon when a suicide bomber climbed aboard, settled into a back seat and set off an explosive belt packed tight with shrapnel. The blast killed at least 16 people, including the bomber, and wounded 55.

The carnage in this scenic port town was the first successful terror attack in two months within Israel's borders. Among the passengers slain aboard the number 37 were high school students, soldiers and Avigail Leitner, a 14-year-old U.S. citizen. At least two 13-year-old children were killed, and a witness said he saw a pregnant woman dead in the wreckage.

The bomber was identified as Mahmoud Hamdan Kawasme, a 20-year-old from the West Bank city of Hebron. In an Arabic letter that was tightly folded to survive the blast, Kawasme said the destruction of the World Trade Center was foretold in the Quran, the sacred text of Islam. The letter extolled the "miracles of the Quran," and urged readers to pass the news. "A sort of will, if you like," Israeli foreign ministry spokesman Jonathan Peled said.

The blast drew the immediate rage of Israeli officials, who blamed the Palestinian Authority for failing to stop terror actions.

Among Israelis, Tuesday's bloodshed was held out as proof that the recent pause in suicide attacks was thanks to deft military and intelligence work — not for lack of effort on the part of violent Palestinian factions. During the past two months, security forces have foiled 57 strikes, Peled said.

Palestinian leaders quickly repudiated the slaughter of

innocent commuters. The United States, Britain, the United Nations and the European Union also decried the attack. By late Thursday morning, none of the Palestinian factions had taken responsibility for the suicide strike, although Hamas and Islamic Jihad praised the bombing.

"We will continue our resistance to the occupation," Hamas spokesman Abdel Aziz Rantisi said. "Whenever they escalate their campaign against innocent people they should expect a reaction."

This secular seaside town is known for the relatively amicable coexistence of its Arab and Jewish residents — and a Christian Arab driver was sitting behind the wheel when the explosion roared through the bus. "I opened my eyes and saw the entire bus devastated," said a bleary eyed Marwan Damouni from his hospital bed. "People lying on the floor. Blood."

Leon Sokolosky awoke from his midday nap when the building quaked and the front windows crashed in shards to the floor. A 76-year-old retiree, Sokolosky lives alone in a small apartment overlooking the scene of the explosion. Jolted awake, he fumbled groggily downstairs to the curb and began first aid on a wounded man, until the chaos and carnage turned his stomach.

"I came back upstairs and cried like a boy," he said later. His stiff shoes crunching over broken glass, he watched forlornly from his wrecked porch as rescue workers clambered over the twisted steel skeleton below. His hands were stuffed into his pockets; his blue eyes watery. "How could anybody do such a thing? It hurts me, it hurts me, it hurts me."

Lawmaker proposes capping university tuition increases

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — Seeking to corral the rising costs of higher education, an influential House Republican on Wednesday proposed capping tuition and fee increases at twice the rate of inflation.

Colleges and universities that break the limit would be warned by the federal government and, after a one-year grace period, would face sanctions including a possible cutoff of federal aid.

Rep. Howard P. "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., who chairs a House panel that oversees higher education, drew up the plan.

McKeon, a quiet conservative who is ordinarily a critic of new government regulations, said Congress should take a radical step to address a problem that existing federal aid programs have failed to solve.

"We've talked and we've talked and we've talked, and college costs keep going up," he said in a brief interview.

In the past decade, average tuition and fees at four-year colleges and universities jumped about 75 percent — to \$18,273 a year for private institutions and

\$4,081 a year for public institutions in the 2002-03 school year — according to The College Board.

Even when adjusted for inflation, the College Board found, the increases were still about 38 percent.

Democrats were skeptical about the proposal, senior Republicans withheld judgment, and some higher education groups quickly mobilized against it.

McKeon said he plans to formally introduce the College Affordability in Higher Education Act within the next two weeks. As chairman of the House subcommittee on 21st century competitiveness, he is positioned to push the bill in congressional debates.

Critics, led by university and college trade groups, denounced the proposal as an attempt to impose price controls.

"It is a very heavy-handed federal effort to deal with the problem," said Terry Hartle, senior vice president of the American Council on Education, which represents 1,800 public and private colleges and universities.

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will only be released if the university's appeal is rejected.

Brown graduate employees voted in Dec. 2001 on whether to unionize. The NLRB has impounded the results of that election as well.

"Once the National NLRB decision comes back, AWC will again make sure that accurate information is getting to graduate students about what happens next in the union saga at Brown. Until then, we are in a holding pattern," said Jennifer Anderson GS, a spokesperson for At What Cost?, a graduate student group opposed to unionization at Brown.

A new development in the debate over graduate student unionization has been the tax status of graduate students if they change their titles from "students" to "employees." The Office of the Provost at Penn has issued pamphlets to graduate students informing them that, under current law, the rate graduate students now pay in city wage tax could double.

"By choosing to become 'employees with paychecks' rather than 'students with stipends,' graduate students could become liable for the full amount of Philadelphia's wage tax that every other worker in the city pays, including unionized graduate students at Temple University," the flyer said.

Pro-unionization graduate students and employees at Penn do not see any truth behind this argument.

"It's a threat," Kempner told the Daily Pennsylvanian. "We're already employees."

Penn currently has no student-led anti-unionization movement on campus. Members of At What Cost? do not see how such an outcome is likely.

"We already, as graduate students, pay state and federal taxes on our income, but I don't see any reason why those taxes should increase if graduate students formed a union here," Anderson said.

At Yale, graduate and university employees are currently in the fourth day of a five-day strike that has attracted much attention nationwide.

Graduate students at Yale have learned something of a lesson from the outcomes of movements at Columbia, Brown and Penn. According to the Graduate Employees and Students

Organization, the pro-union graduate students would like to see unionization occur by way of a card count, as opposed to the secret-ballot elections conducted at Yale's peer institutions.

Under the card-count method, GESO has demanded that Yale recognize the organization as the students' bargaining agent if a majority of the students it seeks to represent sign union cards without an NLRB-supervised election.

"We're going for anything that would be a fair process. What we're worried about is the prospect of having an election and then having the ballots locked up for years, especially because President (Richard) Levin said that he would appeal all the way to the Supreme Court if such an election was held. We'd be looking at six, seven years of court battles, which would ultimately be unfair," said Anita Seth, spokesperson for GESO.

"We feel like having an election where the results would not be honored is not something we'd be looking for," Seth said.

Yale does not support the card-count method of unionization, saying it denies the protection otherwise granted from a secret ballot from coercion or intimidation and that it also curtails debate on the issue, Conroy said.

"Like other private universities, Yale does not believe that unionization of graduate student teachers or research assistants is in the best interest of students or higher education," said Thomas Conroy, a Yale spokesperson.

GESO filed suit against Yale last week on charges of intimidation, surveillance and unfair interrogations on the part of the university's anti-union administration.

Seth said she, like many other graduate students across campuses, did not see how unionization could possibly increase the taxes paid by graduate students and employees.

"I think that's a bogus issue that the admin puts out. We're already taxed as employees here when we become graduate students. In the years that we teach and are paid as teachers, we pay whatever state and local taxes apply to normal employees," she said.

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of the wealthiest private universities in the country having to freeze salaries," William Tierney, director of its Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis at the University of Southern California, told the Los Angeles Times.

Other wealthy universities are also reducing costs to weather the economic downturn, which includes increased financial need among students and higher costs. Duke University has announced it will cut 50 faculty members, Harvard has instituted a "soft" hiring freeze similar to Stanford's and Dartmouth has suspended new construction projects, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

Brown instituted a hiring freeze in December.

—Sara Perkins

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ion, it sickens me that so many people would deny her the right to do so. Nobody complains when an athlete uses his status to support a "good cause;" rather, it seems athletes are expected to do so. I do not see how this situation is much different, as Smith is choosing to voice an opinion in hopes of making change. That she is free to do so is what I love about this country. God bless America, baby.

Chris Hatfield hails from Salem, N.H. and once protested his high school's decision to serve a different kind of pizza by wearing a black armband during basketball games.

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"We finish decisions at least a week before we mail the letters. We check the letters by hand, match the letters to computer information" and also match addresses on the letters to the addresses labeled on envelopes to ensure that there are no switched letters," Goldberger said.

Brown does use an online system where students can check the progress of their application's status at any time by using a password, Goldberger said.

"I think the Web is the answer as opposed to e-mail," he said. The password system is set up so that other people are not able to access the Web site, and students cannot confuse their application with that of other applicants due to the complexity of the password construction, Goldberger said.

He added that workers in Computing and Information Services were very concerned with how the passwords were constructed, and thus the passwords are not made using birth dates or names, which could

"Their logistics have to be more difficult than any place else."

cause confusion among applicants.

To prevent further problems, the Cornell Admission Office is currently working with the Cornell Audit Office and Cornell's Office of Information Technologies to create guidelines and procedures, wrote Griffin-Jones.

There will be some sort of change in the process next year, "whether it is more than one person checking the coding before it is sent, or possibly changing software," Dullea said.

Cornell's various colleges and locations can prove to be troublesome in coordinating the admission process, Goldberger said.

"Their logistics have to be more difficult than any place else," Goldberger said. "It just has to be a nightmare."

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Summers said he sees standardizing purchasing practices among Harvard's schools as "low-hanging fruit" in the quest to reduce operating costs. "Schools at Harvard are always going to decide what books they're going to purchase — but academic freedom for choosing vendors of cement is probably a lot less crucial," he told the Times.

Brown, with only two schools and a smaller size, budget and endowment, maintains purchasing alliances with vendors like paper products supplier Boise Cascade that get the University better prices, Huidekoper said. "There's discussions with institu-

tions locally on how we can do things collaboratively." Brown's medical school prepares its own budgets with oversight from the administration and the Corporation, she said.

"If Brown had a law school and a divinity school and a business school, it would be managed very differently," she said.

Henry sees tough love as the best way to encourage Harvard's schools to fall in line. "As alumni, we tend to think that we are solving all of Harvard's problems by lining up to throw money its way — but the more money we give, the less pressure we put on Harvard to be fiscally responsible," he told the Times.

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W. swimming

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relays, clocking in second in both the 200-meter medley relay and the 800-meter medley relay.

Hoban began the final day of competition with a strong third place finish in the 200-meter backstroke event, followed by first, third and fourth place finishes in the 100-meter freestyle by Daniels, Oeser and McCoy. These four swimmers also won the last event of the day and championships — the 400-meter freestyle relay — with a time of 3:21.74.

In diving, Kristin Duffy '03 set yet another record for Brown by making the finals, the first Brown diver to do so in 10 years. Duffy finished with a score of 429.50 in the 3-meter dive, placing sixth overall.

In spite of the many strong finishes at the championships, the women felt the end result did not live up to their expectations.

Princeton has come away with the Ivy League title every year since 2000. For the five years before that, however, it was Brown every year, and last year

the Bears only lost the title to Princeton by 15 points.

"It was a little disappointing," Daniels said. "Last year we graduated eight seniors, and we had a big freshman class this year, which was tough at first because it's a lot of inexperience. But the underclassmen carried our team at the championships this year. All of them were so fast and dropped so much time, and it was just really amazing."

Though the season is over, Daniels believes that in general it was a successful one.

"The Ivy League has changed a lot, in that swimming has mostly always been between Brown and Princeton, but this year a lot of other teams have gotten better. And it's almost a good thing, because it sets new challenges for us to be a better team than we've had to be in the past," Daniels said.

"We really came together as a team. In my three years as a part of the Brown swim team, I've never felt the team was as strong as it was this year. Maybe we didn't win the Ivies, but we fought pretty damn hard and walked away with a lot of big accomplishments."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

A necessary sacrifice

Students on financial aid were dealt a blow this semester with the notice that the loan component of aid packages will increase next year. For many families already struggling during hard economic times, the prospect of paying off an additional \$1,000 or \$500 in the near future is unwelcome. There's something unsettling about the idea of a billion-dollar institution expecting students on aid to shoulder its financial burdens. And yet, the University's decision is not unreasonable.

The Office of Financial Aid — partly due to the implementation of need-blind admission — is facing a several million-dollar deficit for the upcoming year. Although the move to need-blind admission should be applauded as a long-overdue step toward increasing socioeconomic diversity at Brown, the policy, coupled with the lagging economy and President Simmons' Initiatives for Academic Enrichment, has left the financial aid office strapped for cash. Yet simply saying "cut somewhere else," is not a workable solution.

The loan increases come at a time of cuts across the University, and taking these cuts out of context is misleading. The University is not the enemy, on an evil rampage targeted at students on financial aid. There are simply too few resources to go around. As Director of Financial Aid Michael Bartini told The Herald, no one wants to cut grants, but the money has to come from somewhere. Upping loans seems the most logical course of action.

Although, in the past, the University increased loan rates annually, it has not done so for the last four years to keep up with rises in tuition. Even with the upcoming increase — \$1,000 for most students and \$500 for those in the lowest income bracket — loan rates will not be as high as they were four years ago.

If loans were being increased by an unreasonable amount, students would be justified in demanding cuts in other areas. But \$500 to \$1,000 is not asking too much. And, if the cost is unworkable for some students, the financial aid office is not as inflexible as many student activist groups suggest. Packages are often adjusted to take into account special and unexpected circumstances.

Although the decision to increase loans should not become a slippery slope, where the University repeatedly turns to students on aid to balance the budget, it's a sensible solution to pressing financial concerns.

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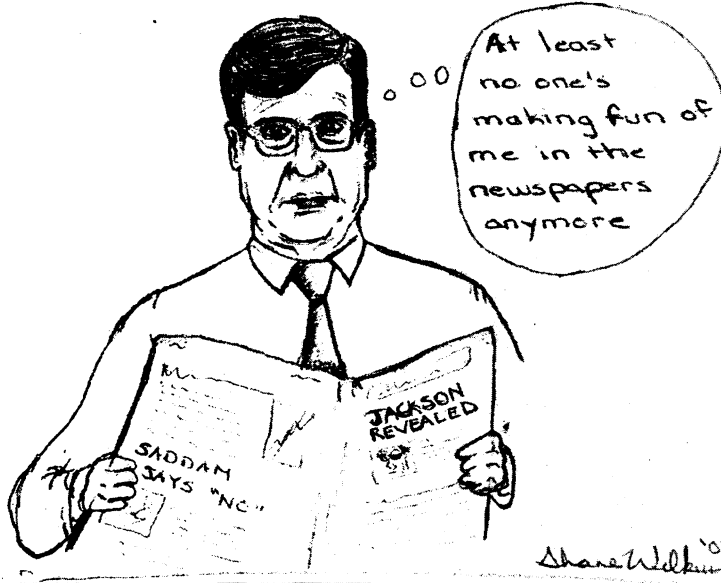
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LETTERS

Herald's call for a walkout is admirable, if slightly premature

To the Editor:

Although The Herald's call for a walkout on Wednesday ("Stand up and walk out," March 5) was indeed in concert with students and workers across the country, Brown's antiwar group, Students Against War in Iraq, chose not to call for a walkout yesterday.

Instead, SAWI feels a "walkout-for-peace" on the morning after bombing in Iraq begins will be the most effective and logical use of this action. The "Day X" walkout will be another coordinated national effort to display the emotional disruption war causes and the international disaster it represents. In recognition of and in solidarity with Iraqi students who will be unable to attend school that day, I'll leave class at 11:30 am. As violence against Iraq escalates, so must my tactics of peaceful dissent.

I admire the editorial board's endorsement of a walkout yesterday and hope it continues through the beginning of official conflict.

Emma Rebhorn '06
 Students Against War in Iraq
 March 5

Interfering with smokers' rights is immoral

To the Editor:

Smoking does not fit in the category of other social problems like AIDS and murder (Nick Bayard, "National crisis under the radar," March 5). The reason is that cigarette companies are producing a legal product, bought only by those consumers who choose to buy it. No smoker today can reasonably claim that he or she is unaware of the health risks associated with smoking. Those who continue smoking do so in spite of the risks,

because they find quitting too difficult or they enjoy the way smoking makes them feel. All parties involved in the transaction are there by choice. Second-hand smoke is the only real problem smoking causes to a third party. However, the plethora of smoke-free establishments makes it easy for non-smoking adults to avoid smokers. So children of smokers are the only people who are actually forced to breathe second-hand smoke. Therefore, the only reasonable action anyone can take against smokers or tobacco companies are efforts to reduce or eliminate children's exposure to second-hand smoke. Any other action is unreasonable interference in a free transaction.

Stefan Love '06
 March 5

Revision of Underground policies is well thought out

To the Editor:

Many of the arguments covered in Tuesday's article, "No smoking when Underground reopens," (March 4) are an attempt by opponents of the new policy to cloud the air with a little smoke of their own. I think it's widely agreed that the issue at hand has nothing to do with the smoking ban or creating an undergrad social center, as many have claimed. What's at stake is an accessible venue where underage students can score cheap booze without fear of repercussion. Though most undergrads believe drinking underage to be nothing abhorrent, it is nonetheless illegal. Thus, the decision to revise its former policies is both a prudent and responsible thing to do.

The argument that barring underage drinkers from the Underground will drive them to unsafe downtown bars is probably true. But it is not the University's responsibility to provide a safe venue for breaking the law nor is it responsible for the safety of those who chose to do so.

Justin Lock '04
 March 4

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OPINIONS

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When pacifists are bad for peace

Global doves are ugly pigeons in disguise

I HAVE A LOT OF THINGS I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK GOD about, like what makes the popping sound when I crack my neck, where do babies come from and what exactly is nougat? But this week's pressing question is, why on Earth isn't Saddam Hussein disarming? Doesn't he realize that before he gets a chance to fry in the sizzling Iraqi summer he could be frying in the sizzling pits of Hell? Saddam certainly has a clue, but he certainly isn't acting like it. And my bet is that it's because the peace-loving countries of the world are operating perfectly in tandem with Pentagon hawks to ensure that Saddam doesn't disarm and that war is inevitable. I'll explain.



NATE GORALNIK
COLUMNIST

Bush claims he doesn't want war, but he seems to be doing everything he possibly can to make sure that Saddam will never ruin his plans for war by doing what the United Nations has asked of him. First Bush said Iraq had to disarm. Now he says Saddam has to step down from power. First Iraq had to destroy its illegal missiles. Now Bush says they're just "the tip of the iceberg" and plans on going to war anyway.

With Bush essentially telling Saddam that there's no way to avoid war, what incentive does he have to fully disarm, especially if his weapons might come in handy against the Americans? He has no incentive, and in his thirst for war, that's just how Bush wants it. A sudden Iraqi rush to compliance with U.N. arms inspectors is the last thing Bush wants complicating his war plans in the Middle East.

But we have to think clearly about why, then, Saddam is bothering to disarm at all. Saddam knows he'll never change Bush's mind, but his decision to destroy Iraq's Al Samoud 2 missiles suggests that he thinks he can benefit by making a few spotty gestures of disarmament. Why? Because the coalition that fought Gulf War I is so determined to stop Gulf War II that it refuses to make an ultimatum forcing Saddam to strictly comply with U.N. inspectors. Saddam knows that he can keep the VX gas half full and still rely on countries like France and Germany to cheer that it's half empty.

Indeed, despite what he professes, Bush doesn't care whether Saddam does or doesn't disarm. He just wants war. And despite what they assert, the French don't care either. They just want peace. In short, nobody's giving Saddam a good reason to disarm.

The only hope for pulling the rug from beneath Bush's plans for war is the creation of a rigorous inspection regime backed by stringent deadlines and the threat of military enforcement. But as long as Bush lambasts Saddam for good behavior and the French reward him for bad behavior, no one will ever find a peaceful resolution to Saddam's weapons programs, and soon you'll be awake at night wondering if paying taxes to the Bush administration means you're personally responsible for the murder of Iraqi children and their families.

Bush and Saddam are headed for war faster than a speeding weapon of mass destruction, so it's up to the rest of the world to save the day. If global opponents of war are serious about peace, they need to prove to Washington and Baghdad that they mean business about disarmament. France, Germany and Russia need to stop rewarding Iraq for spotty compliance and give Iraq a firm bottom line that will convince both Baghdad and Washington that they are truly willing to go to war to enforce Resolution 1441. If Saddam is not fully disarming within a few weeks, these countries should pledge military support for a U.S. invasion.

We're witnessing a moment in which the pacifists are bad for peace, and the clock is ticking. More is at stake here than Bush's credibility, American imperialism or France's moral superiority. Soon, the American could be murdering more innocent people than were killed on Sept. 11, 2001.

Soon, America could find itself isolated by former allies who refuse to support its foreign policies. Soon, the entire world could be turned upside down. Who knows how many lives could be crushed beneath its weight?

Nate Goralnik '06 should obviously rule the world.

Close your minds and open your mouths

Group work and sections produce more indigestion than insight

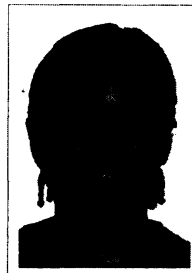
IT HAS BECOME FASHIONABLE IN THE WORLD OF education to promote collaboration among students in the classroom. Working in pairs or small groups and having open discussions are seen as new and exciting breakthroughs compared to the traditional style of lecture-based teaching. This is of course the case in those rare institutions where the students in the class consist of world-class scholars, Pulitzer-prize winners and Jedi knights, while the teachers are bored, unprepared underachievers. For everywhere else, let me set the record straight on group work.

Group work combines the two things most odious to students: active participation and communication with the other students in the class. This first stipulation causes trouble because it requires a certain level of attention and motivation that in my case is usually escorted by a choice of fine wines and a box of Cheez-Its. Having to converse with other students in the class about academic subjects imposes a number of physical demands, such as getting up and rearranging the chairs. This stress is compounded with the emotional strain of maintaining a countenance of polite interestedness while suppressing the urge to extend one's right hand Darth Vader-style and use the force to seize the talking student mid-sentence with the same grip that cuts off the famous apology that promotes Captain Piatt to Admiral in a matter of seconds.

Even on less violent days, group work is the mark of how little of anything of use we really know. For

example, in all the German courses I've taken here at Brown, the two words most feared by all the students are "Wolf Biermann." This has nothing to do with the fact that students also shudder at the phrase "Partner-Arbeit," which translates roughly into "stare blankly at the person sitting next to you." During Partner-Arbeit two students ask each other awkwardly phrased questions from their text books. It is here that students come to realize the fruitlessness of their devoted language studies. After one year of German at Brown, a student is able to say, "The overhead projector is not the electric socket," but she cannot say, "I just think that if Socrates was so smart, he would have made someone else drink the poison."

If first-years could say this in German, they would then be able to claim that what they've learned in German reflects their abilities in other courses. Because this astute comment on the ancient Greek philosopher is precisely the kind of remark students make on a regular basis in discussion sections, the college version of group work. I have heard professors talk up section as an invigorating and crucial college experience similar to the way admissions office tour guides describe eating at the Ratty. The difference is that Mohegan succotash, though utterly unappetizing, does not purport to have done the reading, while making unsubstantiated claims about a text, using words such as "problematize," "dialectic," and "metadiscourse." I don't mean to imply that my fellow students have nothing interesting and insightful to say. I simply mean to point out that if they do, they certainly don't say it in section. Oh well. Pass me the Cheez-Its. And a corkscrew.



KATE GUBATA
HOW VERY

Kate Gubata '03 believes section should count toward work study.

A lesson in hope

The true beauty of religion is often lost because of those who abuse it

AS PEOPLE CAME OUT OF THE CHURCH, IN families, in larger groups, united by a shared experience, I was reminded of the beauty and power of religion. While the power is more easily remembered, manifested in the acts of desperation and hate around the world, sometimes it is too easy to discount the unity and the hope that faith imparts.

Too often, lately, churches have accrued to themselves images of extremism and single-mindedness. When looking for some entity to blame, religion has come into the spotlight as the most available, the most immediate and the most likely cause of so many of the world's bloodiest problems. "It's all due to the religious extremists," we say, "there's nothing that can be done about that." And so this phenomenon becomes an excuse both for apathy and for ignorance.

Strangely, a dichotomy in religious perspectives seems to spring from the conflicts. Some are inclined to become more religious, turning to their spiritual communities for permission to feel one way or another, claiming the religious road as an anesthesia for empathy. Others cast off religion entirely, recognizing only the harm it can do and refusing to perceive deeper possibilities. In the midst of these reactions, religion and hope seem at odds, very far removed from one another. The width of this schism hadn't struck me until I happened across a Catholic church yesterday and experienced a moment that closed the divide.

Hesitating a little to go in and disrupt the community, but wanting very much to spend a few min-

utes in the sanctuary, my friends and I entered. Struck by the beauty of the church, we wandered toward the altar, absorbing the stained glass and the paintings.

We had paused in front of a niche in which stood a stature of the Virgin Mary, when a woman greeted us and asked if we knew who the statue represented. She went on to explain that the woman was the Lady of Fatima, a representation of one specific appearance of the Virgin Mary in Portugal.

The service had been conducted in Portuguese, and she told us how much she and her family appreciated the sense of community and stability that they found in this church after they left Brazil. At the same time, she hastened to assure us that masses in English were held on both Saturday and Sunday and that we would be more than welcome to come.

Her obvious joy in her celebration and her immediate welcome of us reminded me of the way religion is meant to be. This is the source of pride and hope and life that people speak about and pray for and believe in. Those brief moments in the church revealed a truth that some believe is lost forever. Religion is not just the absolute belief of suicide bombers, not just the Zionists who cannot believe that Palestinians have rights, not just the hate-filled speech of the Pat Robertsons of the world.

This one woman, in a small church in a small corner of the northeastern United States is a representative of what may even be a majority — people who live and love and work and believe without desiring to hate. Religion is still an extant force for good in the world, a force that extends beyond any conflict.



HANNE EISENFELD
CAST OFF THIS
TATTERED COAT

Hanne Eisenfeld '06 thanks the woman at the church for her hospitality and humanity.

SPORTS THURSDAY

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Politics on the playing field

"FOR SOME TIME NOW, THE INEQUALITIES that are embedded in the American system have bothered me. As they are becoming progressively worse and it is clear that the government's priorities are not bettering the quality of life for all of its

people, but rather expanding its own power, I can no longer, in good conscience, salute the flag."

This is the first paragraph of a statement from Toni Smith, a senior on Manhattanville College's Division III women's basketball team. The

statement refers to Smith's protest of the impending war in Iraq by refusing to face the American flag during the national anthem before her games. The rest of her 250-word statement bashes the press, the president and those who do not approve of her actions. Her protest has caused quite a stir of late, and it raises a question of the appropriateness of politics in sport.

This is not the first time an athlete has used his or her position to take a stand. Muhammad Ali refused to be drafted into the army back in 1967 to serve in Vietnam. As a result, he lost his title and was banned from boxing. After three-and-a-half years, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that as a Muslim, his religious beliefs exempted him from the draft.

After coming in first and third, respectively, in the 200-meter dash in the 1968 Olympics, Tommie Smith and John Carlos each put one fist in the air to symbolize power and unity in black America. They were expelled from the Olympics by the USOC immediately afterwards.

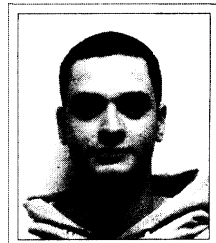
In 1996, Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf was suspended indefinitely for refusing to stand during the national anthem for more than 60 games. Abdul-Rauf believed that Islam and nationalism do not mix. After two days, he reached a compromise with the NBA, saying he would stand but would offer a prayer for those who were suffering during the anthem.

While I may not agree with how Smith is making her protest, she certainly has every right to make such a statement, thanks to the First Amendment. Yet most of the American population does not seem to be privy to this information. In a poll commissioned by ESPN, 47 percent of American adults think Smith should not be allowed to stay on the team during her protest and 36 percent think she should be suspended.

I find it easy to believe only 22 percent of those polled supported Smith's actions. While her position as a college basketball player gives Smith the platform to have a protest be heard, it may have been better for her to choose another way to show her objections to our situation with Iraq. By turning her back on the flag, Smith is rejecting a symbol of the very freedom which allows her to make such a statement. This is why so many take offense to Smith's actions. At risk of getting lynched by most of the Brown population, I cannot agree more. She could have gotten the same point across simply by wearing an armband or writing a message on her shoes.

While I wholeheartedly disagree with how Smith has chosen to voice her opin-

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CHRIS HATFIELD
OUT OF LEFT FIELD



Swimmer Elizabeth Daniels '04 maintained her season-long undefeated streak in individual events at the Ivy League Championships for women's swimming and diving.

W. swimming takes third at Ivy Championships

BY JINHEE CHUNG

The women's swimming and diving team traveled to Princeton last Saturday to compete in the Ivy League Championships. Despite strong performances in individual and relay events, the Bears came away in third place with 600.5 points, behind Princeton — the defending champions — and Harvard. The Tigers claimed their fourth consecutive women's swimming and diving title.

Brown started off the first day of the championships strong, as the 200-meter freestyle relay team of Liz Daniels '04, Michelle Oeser '06, Inbal Hasbani '03 and Emily McCoy '04 not only

grabbed a first-place finish but also set a new meet record time of 1:32.27. Daniels went on to win the 50-meter freestyle, setting a pool record of 22.75. The Bears finished the night off with another first-place finish in the 400-meter medley relay of Jessica Brown '05, Laura Mosca '03, Oeser and Hasbani.

On the second day, the Bears continued to fight for the title and had a 1-2 sweep in the 100-meter backstroke, with Daniels in first and Brown in close second. Lindsay Hoban '04 followed her teammates in fourth. The women continued their strong performance in the

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Women's tennis rules the court versus Rutgers and Seton Hall

BY BRETT ZARDA

Seton Hall and Rutgers provided little more than target practice for the women's tennis team this past weekend. The Bears raised their overall record to 6-2 following convincing wins of 6-1 and 7-0 against Rutgers and Seton Hall, respectively.

Saturday afternoon Brown hosted Rutgers and set the tone quickly by sweeping the three doubles matches. Rutgers posed no more of a threat in singles, where Brown won five of six matches. The lone loss for the Bears came from Victoria Beck '04 at the number one position.

Beck, who missed the Bears' last match due to illness, looked sluggish but battled hard to split sets. With the dual-meet outcome already determined, a 12-point tiebreaker was played to determine the match. Beck jumped out early in the breaker, earning a match point, but was unable to put the match away.

"I played on Saturday and I just didn't play well at all, and I didn't feel good," Beck said.

Sensing she had not yet fully recovered from her illness, the Bears' number

one player sat out the Sunday singles match against Seton Hall.

"It wasn't really worth it," Beck said. "We were expecting to win pretty convincingly on Sunday, so there wasn't any point in pushing it."

The Bears' performance erased any doubt regarding the joint decision by Beck and Head Coach Norma Taylor to rest the junior leader. Without Beck, the Bears did not miss a beat, sweeping all nine matches against Seton Hall.

Earning victories in singles for the Bears were Yelena Klurfeld '06, Alex Arlak '05, Stephanie Falconi '06, Kimberly Singer '06, Bridget Barbera '04 and Caroline Casey '03.

The Bears will leave Friday for matches this weekend against Old Dominion University and Richmond University. Beck's status is questionable at this point, but she plans to travel with the team in hopes of playing.

The Bears will return home from this weekend's road trip to face Boston College on March 19.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Men's tennis wins two straight

The men's tennis team extended its record to 8-1 overall with victories over Navy (7-0) and St. John's (4-3) at the Pizzitola Sports Center on Sunday.

The Bears swept Navy, with Jamie Cerretani '04 earning a 6-2, 6-0 win at number one, followed by captain Chris Drake '03 dominating at number two (6-1, 6-0). Nick Goldberg '05, Ben Brier '04 and Phil Charm '06 were also victorious in straight sets. Zach Pasanen '06, playing at number three, was the only singles player to need a third set, winning 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

In doubles, Cerretani and Drake came through with an 8-4 win, Pasanen and Kris Goddard '04 teamed for an 8-4 victory and Brier and Charm combined for a 8-3 decision.

Brown featured a different lineup in the St. John's match and opened by capturing the doubles point. Adil Shamasdin '05 and Goldberg earned an 8-3 at first doubles, followed by Charm and Goddard, 8-3 winners at number two, and the rookie pair of Luke Tedaldi '06 and Richard Moss '06 earning an 8-6 victory in the third doubles slot.

Head Coach Jay Harris' team put the match away with victories at first, second and third singles. Drake earned a 6-1, 6-1 win at number one, Cerretani captured a 7-5, 6-3 victory at number two and Shamasdin came through with a hard-fought 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 decision at third singles.

Friedman '03 wins silver medal at ECAC/IFA Fencing Championships

The Brown fencing team placed 10th overall at the 2003 IFA Championships at Boston College on Saturday. The men's squad finished 10th overall with 30 points while the women's team placed 11th with 33 points. The Columbia men's squad placed first overall and the Princeton women's squad took first at the Championship. All-American Paul Friedman '03 captured the silver medal in men's individual saber.

Friedman lost only one bout during the preliminary events to qualify for the individual finals. He rolled through the final round before losing a hard-fought gold-medal match to Tim Hagamen of Harvard.

Brown's men's saber squad, Friedman, Dan Dorsky '05 and Jeremy Adler '06 had a strong day, taking third place behind Harvard and Columbia. Dorsky also qualified for the individual finals in men's saber and finished in 13th place.

On the women's side, Ruth Schneider '06, a Junior Olympic Bronze Medallist, qualified for the individual finals in women's epee, where she finished in 7th place.

Schneider, Sophie Klein '03 and Alessandra Assante '04 put in a strong performance for Brown in the women's team epee event, taking fifth.

Klein also received the Annual Sportsmanship Award in women's epee. Each year at the ECAC Championships, coaches and competitors select one fencer from each weapon who best exemplifies sportsmanship, respect and general courteousness to receive this award.

Other highlights for Brown at the Championships included Sarah Modiano '06 qualifying for the finals in women's foil, before finishing 11th. Maya Holzman '06, competing in her first ECAC Championship, won seven bouts during the women's saber preliminaries and missed qualifying for the finals by just two points.

Brown travels to New York University for the NCAA Northeast Regional Championships on March 8-9.

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