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Watson helps high schools teach the war

BY JOANNE PARK

As high school educators across the country struggle with how to "teach" the war in Iraq, about 5,000 teachers have found an answer in a curriculum devised at Brown's Watson Institute for International Studies.

The Choices for the 21st Century Education Program provides students with the opportunity to reassess traditional views of historic decisions, such as those made by the U.S. government during the Vietnam War.

"We want students to look at their role in the world ... putting the students within a period of history," said Susan Graseck, director of the Choices Program and senior fellow at the Watson Institute.

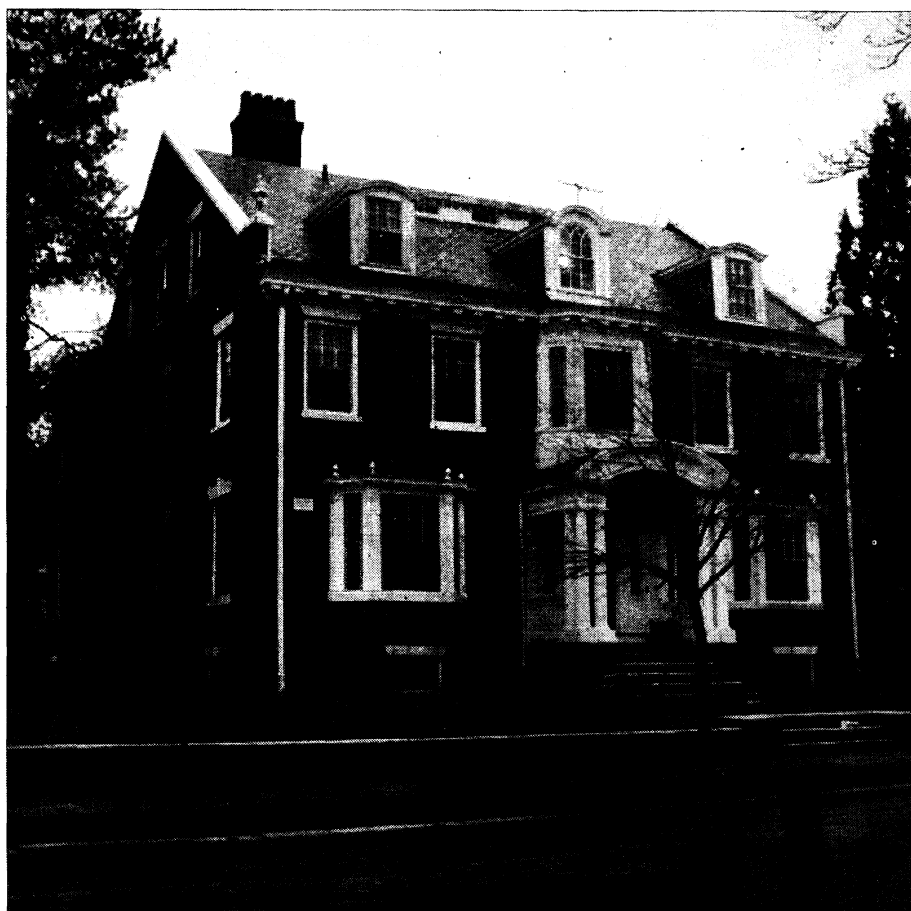
The history of the Choices Program stretches back to 1988, when Brown educators worked with members of the U.S. Senate in foreign policy research. The program started as an attempt to assess public attitudes toward the Soviet Union and the nuclear crisis, Graseck said. From there, it grew to encompass issues ranging from Indian independence to Weimar Germany.

Today over 5,000 high schools integrate the Choices Program into their classrooms, presenting students with pressing questions ranging from the decision to drop atomic bombs over Japan to the current administration's actions in Iraq. Less publicized questions, such as Russia's future in the post-Soviet era and U.S. immigration and trade policy, are also highlighted by the Choices Program.

The average curriculum consists of teachers' and students' booklets that provide background information about a historic crossroads and the options available at the time to the U.S. government. Cartoons, excerpts from texts and charts are provided to better assist the students in placing the events within a specific context. After viewing the various options, students are asked to make their own decisions.

Sarah Fox, curriculum writer for the Choices Program, said the process of

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Juliette Wallack / Herald

C.H. Merriman House on Cooke Street is the future home of Brown's provost.

U. buys \$1.3 mil. house for provost

BY JULIETTE WALLACK

The University has purchased the C.H. Merriman House at 37 Cooke St. for \$1.295 million. The single-family residence will serve as the official home of the provost, said Mark Nickel, director of the Brown News Service.

In addition to nine bedrooms and 7,355 square feet of living space, the three-floor, brick exterior house features five fireplaces and a sunroom, according to public documents. Built in 1909, the house has been on the market since Aug. 16, 2002, and originally had a list price of \$1.595 million, the documents state.

Nickel said the University purchased the house with the plan of making it the permanent residence for "all provosts from now on."

The Corporation authorized the purchase, he said, and "the University has been looking for a residence that would meet the needs." Those needs include proximity to campus and the room to host certain gatherings and events, he said.

Brown currently uses the president's official residence, 55 Power St., as a place to hold certain gatherings for faculty and students.

"The provost's residence would work in somewhat the same way," Nickel said.

The University plans some minor renovations, Nickel said, but he said he wasn't sure what the price tag of those improvements would be. Current Provost Robert Zimmer "should be moving in sometime this summer," Nickel said.

For Oliver Bennett, the University's purchase of 37 Cooke St. means he will be one of Zimmer's new neighbors.

Bennett, who moved into his current residence two years ago, said he's not concerned about Brown buying the property next to him.

He doesn't have a problem with the house serving as both a home for the provost and as a place for University gatherings, he said.

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Oxfam at Brown raises over \$8K through Collegiate Click Drive

BY CARLA BLUMENKRANZ

Oxfam at Brown raised over \$8,000 for loans to needy families through the Oxfam America Collegiate Click Drive, possibly with some controversial assistance.

Brown came in second to Buena Vista University in the national competition, which challenges students and alumni to generate the most donations on behalf of their school by clicking on Oxfam's "Poverty Fighters" Web site.

The site's advertisers contribute 25 cents to Oxfam's drive for each click, funding "micro-loans" to help poor families worldwide start businesses, said Eric Noble '05, president of Oxfam at Brown. The second annual drive

began Feb. 16 and ended March 28.

Oxfam at Buena Vista edged out Brown by about \$50, winning national publicity and a \$1,000 reward, Noble said. But, Brown's second-place finish was also a success, he said, raising more than twice what Brown donated last year and beating out about 250 other schools.

Noble estimated that, at Brown, about 400 students visited the Web site twice each day for the full duration of the six-week-long drive. He attributed this tremendous support to increased publicity, including slips placed throughout the computer cluster and

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Photo courtesy of Ben Petrosky

Laura Rothenberg '04 dies over break of cystic fibrosis; friends remember her as "exceptional"

BY LISA MANDLE

When friends remember Laura Rothenberg '04, the word "exceptional" comes up repeatedly. Described as exceptionally brave, exceptionally strong and exceptionally caring, Rothenberg possessed a remarkable knack for drawing people together, creating a web of people connected with a common love for her, friends said.

Diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when she was three days old, Rothenberg, 22, died March 21 from chronic rejection of a lung transplant complicated by infection, her father told the New York Times.

Though Rothenberg struggled with cystic fibrosis and the resulting "laundry list of health problems, she was always a person beyond the illness," recalls friend Ben Petrosky '03. "Cystic fibrosis wasn't her," he said.

"Laura accomplished more in her 22 short years than most people accomplish in a lifetime," said Kathleen Forcier '03.

Rothenberg left Brown during her sophomore year to

await a lung transplant, but when the transplant did not go as well as hoped, she spent much of her junior year too sick to return, Forcier said.

But she was always willing to talk about it, Petrosky said.

Rothenberg shared her experience with cystic fibrosis with her friends and with the public. She recorded her award-winning audio diary, "My So-Called Lungs," as part of a documentary series called "Radio Diaries." It broadcast on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" in August 2002.

"Breathing for a Living," Rothenberg's memoir, will be published by Hyperion Books in July. She started the memoir for a creative nonfiction class at Brown. And from the first draft to the final page proofs, she made sure the book was hers, Petrosky said.

Rothenberg had a "seize the day mentality," Petrosky

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WEATHER

TODAY

High 38
Low 23
light snow/wind

TUESDAY

High 42
Low 30
mostly sunny

WEDNESDAY

High 50
Low 41
partly cloudy

THURSDAY

High 47
Low 47
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CALENDAR

LECTURE — "Military Transnationalism: The Root and Branches of Militarization," Catherine Lutz, University of North Carolina. Joukowsky Forum, Watson Institute, noon.

SEMINAR — "Internet Infrastructure for Efficient Overlays," John Jannotti, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Lubrano Conference Room, CIT, noon.

COLLOQUIUM — "Towards a Quantitative Unifying Theory of Biological Structure, Function and Organization," Geoffrey West, Los Alamos National Laboratory. Room 168, Barus & Holley, 4:30 p.m.

FORUM — "Sexual Orientation Issues in the Workplace," for graduate students. Room 201, Faunce House, 5 p.m.

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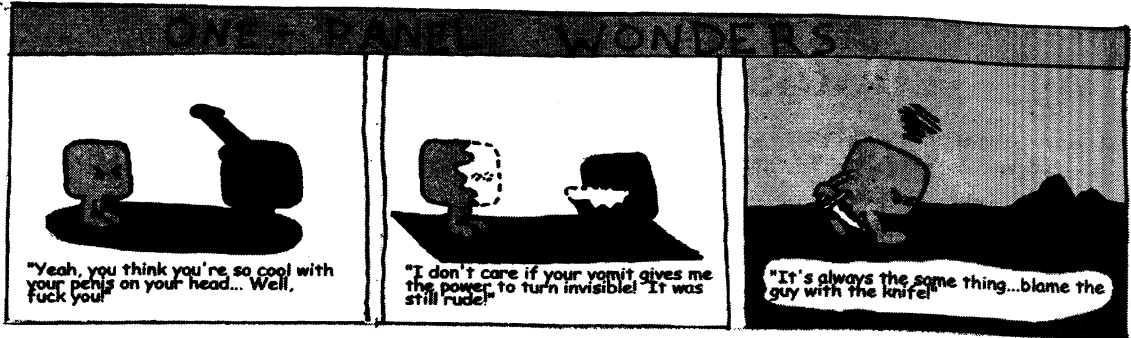
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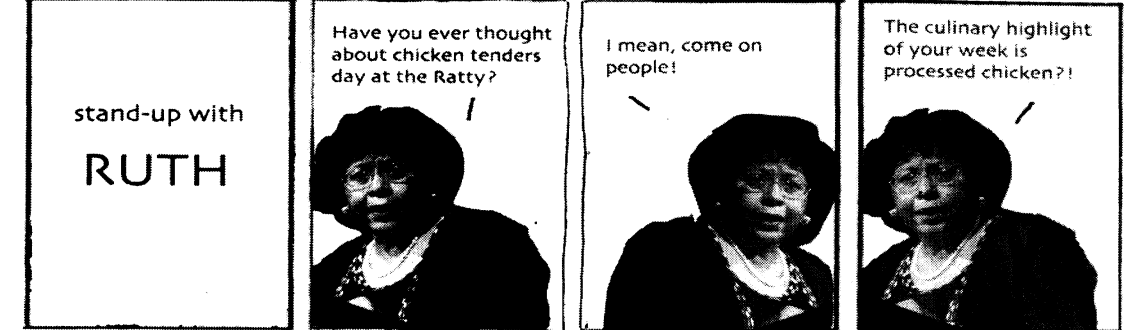
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METRO

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BEAN sponsors first of monthly community potlucks

BY ALLISON LOMBARDO

Sophomore Noah Fulmer's plan — to unite Brown and Providence's environmental communities through monthly potluck dinners — came to him in a dream.

"Sometimes when you're just about to fall asleep your mind runs into these ideas you just never think of," Fulmer said.

The resulting monthly community potluck, held for the first time on March 1, is sponsored by the Brown Environmental Action Network, an umbrella organization for various environmental campaigns on campus.

Fulmer and his team began planning the first potluck at the beginning of the semester, contacting various groups on campus and in Providence, advertising around the city and pre-cooking food.

Robin Averbeck '06, an environmental studies concentrator, said the event was "similar to the vegan Thanksgiving," complete with good food, good music and lots of sharing. The night allowed "those not involved with specific organizations to express their ideas and views," Averbeck said.

About 50 people attended the first potluck, mostly Brown students, Fulmer said.

But some University of Rhode Island students and a

local family that had just moved to town also attended. Averbeck noted how difficult it can be to contact large organizations and to get the information to the right people, including Providence residents.

Fulmer said he was surprised at the number of people who attended the first dinner. Word has traveled as far as Wesleyan University, as well as to other Providence environmental organizations. Representatives from these organizations will attend the next dinner on April 5, he said.

At the dinner, the Jeremiah String Band provided entertainment, stopping for a few minutes so people could speak about their work with various campaigns and groups.

Fulmer said "there's just something about a potluck" that encourages people to intermingle and chat.

Novem Auyeung '05, an environmental studies concentrator, said the goal of the potluck was "to get communication going between the community and Brown," something she said students don't often get to do.

Auyeung said students should "come for the food, if not the environmental issues, and to get to know others at Brown and in the community."

Fulmer, who, unlike his co-organizers, is not an envi-

BEAN: just the facts

What: BEAN's vegetarian community potluck dinner

When: 5:30-7:30 p.m., first Saturday of each month

Where: Urban Environmental Lab, 135 Angell Street

ronmental studies concentrator, said Brown students welcomed community members and engaged in positive interaction with them.

"Hopefully this will be a foundation for greater coordination in the future," Fulmer said. He said he hopes to get students from outside the environmental studies program involved.

Fulmer said he hopes students will continue to engage with community members and local environmental issues, and that eating and sharing can help bridge the "huge disconnect between Brown and the community."

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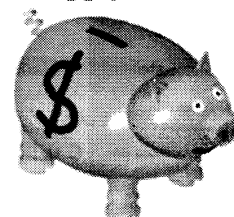
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drafting a curriculum involves consulting Brown professors, gathering the latest scholarship on an issue and drafting an outline that is later revised according to teacher input.

"We're kind of a conduit ... We take what we have here in the scholarly world and make it appropriate for 16-year-olds," Fox said.

Fox said the Choices Program is intended to supplement the traditional learning experience, especially as constantly changing world events render textbooks obsolete and unsuitable for debate. The flexibility the Choices Program has in quickly assembling education material affords students the opportunity to review only the latest, most up-to-date information, Fox said.

"When Sept. 11 happened, within a week we went around to researchers to form questions that allowed teachers to frame questions to students," Graseck said. The program for the Sept. 11 attacks, released on the Choices Program Web site by February 2002, included asking students the definition of a terrorist and engaging them with questions that led them to formulate their personal opinions of events, having viewed a significant portion of the general picture.

Graseck said the Choices Program differs from textbook learning in that it allows the students to realize the different

options available at the time. "We try to get students to realize that, wait a minute, there are choices made here. ... Most textbooks don't highlight that there were many other options," Graseck said.

"We try to get students to form opinions, after they've realized that there's a logic behind another perspective, that there's a rationale to it," Andrew Blackadar, the curriculum editor, said.

Another goal of the Choices Program is to integrate disciplines other than history into the learning experience. "What we try to do is bring a multidisciplinary approach, such as studying artwork during the Weimar Republic," Blackadar said. "Kids find that interesting and, since they like to argue, it can spark debates that go beyond a plain historical narrative."

The Choices Program also encourages students to contact state representatives and officials, allowing the students to become active in civil engagement, Graseck said.

Currently, Choices Program staff members are involved in constructing new curricula about South Africa. With a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Choices Program is also attempting to focus more extensively on world history topics, for which there is a high demand among high school teachers.

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Rothenberg

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said. After the first snow sophomore year, she was the one rounding everyone up to have a snowball fight, he said.

"She really wanted to be at Brown. It was hard for her to leave," said Abby Logan '03, Rothenberg's junior year roommate.

At Children's Hospital Boston, Rothenberg knew everybody at the hospital and if somebody passed the room without saying hello, they would hear about it, said friend Emily Meyers '03. Usually the oldest patient there, Rothenberg was a leader and source of support for all of the

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kids on the floor, Meyers said, adding that Rothenberg loved to knit and made a doll for a girl with diabetes so that she could keep track of where she had insulin shots.

Rothenberg "wasn't afraid to take anyone in under her umbrella of friendship," Petrosky said. "It was contagious."

"She did everything her way, right to the very end. It was amazing to watch and be a part of," Logan said.

A gathering for people who knew Rothenberg will be held today at 7 p.m. in the Sarah Doyle Women's Center lounge.

A memorial service, which Rothenberg helped plan, will be held April 12 at 11 a.m. at the Angel Orensanz Foundation Center for the Arts in New York City. Rothenberg wanted over 1,000 people to attend, Forcier said. Friends are making 1,000 paper cranes to release from nets at the service.

"My So-Called Lungs" can be heard on NPR's Web site. "Breathing for a Living" is available for preorder on Amazon.com.

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Oxfam

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sponsorship on the Jolt. "We also got a big push from the CS department," he added. "A lot of CS students kind of took it under their wing."

Some students have alleged that contributions from CS concentrators included programming all the computers in the Center for Information Technology to click twice a day, every day.

Noble told The Herald he is aware of the allegations, but does not know if they are true.

"I don't know what to say about the CIT thing," Noble said, adding that he prefers to focus

on the drive's success in raising money for micro-loans.

Micro-loans, which consist of about \$25, go to poor families without enough money to receive a loan from a traditional bank. These funds are often enough to start a successful small business, Noble said.

"It doesn't take a whole lot of money or resources to get people started," Noble said. Brown's contribution of about \$8,000 will serve about 320 families worldwide, most in developing countries, he said.

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House

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When he and his family moved into the College Hill area, "we knew what we were getting into" with regard to Brown and its institutional zone.

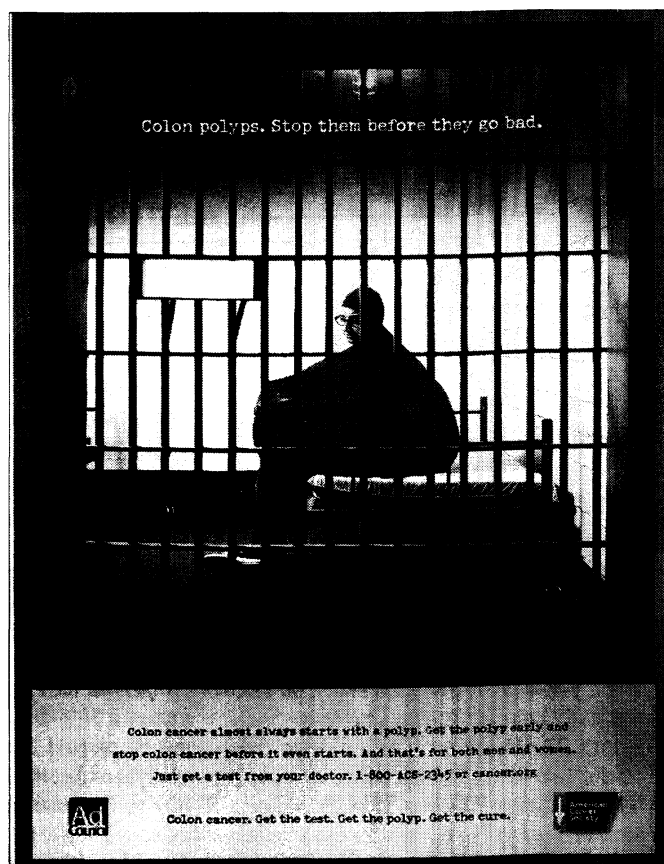
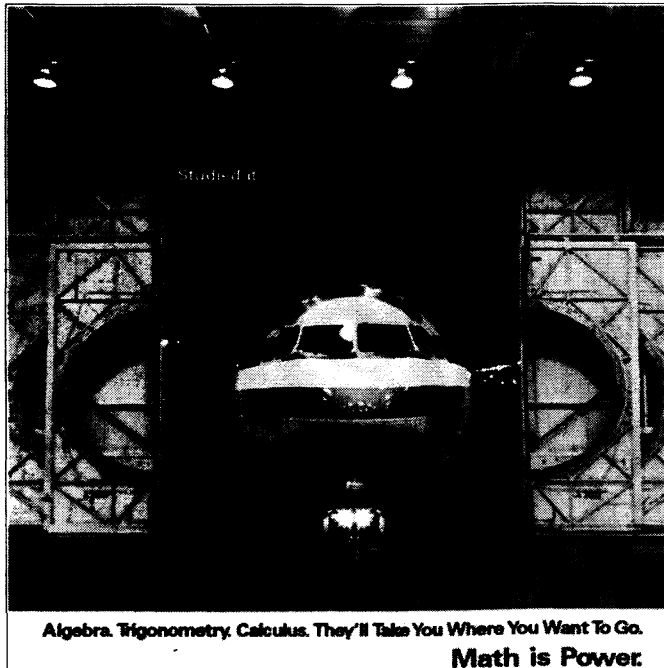
Bennett said the previous owner of 37 Cooke St. was based in Boston and bought the house with the intent of "fixing it up," but never lived there full-time.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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Med. students learn where they'll spend next 3 to 7 years

On March 20, medical students around the country discovered where they had been matched for residency. Called Match Day, this nationwide event marks the day when each student learns where he or she will spend the next three to seven years.

The medical students at Brown assembled in Andrews Dining Hall at noon, where they received white envelopes that held the location of their future residencies. "This is probably the most exciting day in medical school for people," said Tyler Berzin, M.D. '03 who was looking for a supportive and highly academic environment in his choice of schools.

Other students said they selected their schools based on location. Many looked to move to big cities, such as New York and Boston, while others wanted something a little closer to home. Most said they were grateful just to be matched given the current economy, which makes jobs hard to come by.

After everyone received their envelopes, the students milled about, almost all of them on their cell phones. Many cried and said they could not describe their feelings. "It's amazing. You work your whole life for residency," said Eileen Yu, M.D. '03.

But all are focused on the undertaking that lies ahead of them. "We're here to take care of patients and train for our careers," said Mark Zonfrillo, M.D. '03.

According to the National Resident Matching Program, approximately 31,000 students compete for 23,000 residency positions each year. This March marked an all-time high of residency positions, as well as a record-breaking number of matches.

The process of applying to a residency is a complicated one. Early in their fourth year, the students apply to their chosen hospitals. The hospitals then review the applicants' credentials and decide whom they wish to interview. After going through multiple interviews, both the students and hospitals rank their top choices. In other words, all hospitals list the students they want for each residency, while all students list the hospitals where they would most like to be placed.

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—Dana Ayoub



Kerry Miller / Herald

Foreign Affairs Correspondent Andrea Mitchell received this year's Welles Hangen Award for Distinguished Journalism.

Chief NBC correspondent says Iraq war leaves Americans ambivalent

BY JULIETTE WALLACK

The war in Iraq has left the American public "very ambivalent and fractured," said Chief NBC Foreign Affairs Correspondent Andrea Mitchell during a lecture Sunday that ranged in topic from journalists' role in the war to America's responsibility as a superpower.

Mitchell, the first speaker in the lecture series "A Time of Great Consequence," co-sponsored by Brown and the Providence Journal, received the Welles Hangen Award for Distinguished Journalism.

Although 24-hour news networks and the Internet have made this the first "real-time war," it is premature to be writing the history of this conflict, Mitchell said.

Mitchell said journalists embedded with troops in Iraq have a "role in the first ground war being covered in real time." But that role is being defined by the need to be unbiased while living among and being protected by Coalition troops, she said.

Mitchell questioned how America reached a point

where "France is the enemy" and Britain and the United States are isolated from the rest of the world. And, she said, the diplomatic miscommunications with Turkey left Coalition forces with no option of opening a northern front in Iraq, which changed the way the war has been fought thus far.

There "is a sense that no matter how victorious we are (in Iraq), we have to mend some fences" with other countries such as France and Turkey, Mitchell said, and in addition to considering the result of the war, "we should look at the outcome diplomatically."

Although diplomatic issues and the war in general carry "some long-term risk to American dominance," opposing voices in the government have "largely been silent," she said. Compared to the months before the Persian Gulf War 12 years ago, there "has not been a vigorous debate" in Congress.

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The result is that "we are waging our first preventive or pre-emptive war," she said.

"It is clear that we are pursuing this policy virtually without real congressional debate," Mitchell said.

The lack of debate in government could be a result of Sept. 11, 2001, Mitchell hypothesized, which has led both politicians and members of the press to have a "self-censoring effect."

Sept. 11 changed reporters in every media, she said, and "just as those in government have refocused their decision-making," journalists were affected. Even "innocuous cable channels — they are trying to do a good job of covering serious issues."

Now, she said, journalists in Iraq are taking terrible risks, but even here at home, Mitchell said she is finding it difficult to "penetrate" government and get a larger picture of the war. She said the loyalty among President George W. Bush's administration presents a chal-

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lenge to journalists, and the daily briefings given at Centcom and at the White House provide little information.

Mitchell's award, given in memory of journalist Welles Hangen '49, holds particular significance this year, when about 700 journalists are embedded with troops in the Middle East. Hangen was executed by enemy forces in 1970 while covering the Vietnam War.

The lecture was the first of the 23rd annual series, which President Ruth Simmons said in her introductory remarks has historically engendered "the kind of civil discourse" that academic institutions have the responsibility to foster.

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high school. I also played on a select team, so I was pretty much skating seven days a week.

Have you played on any regional teams in your career?

I actually played on the U.S. under-22 national team this past summer. We played Canada in a three-game series in Lake Placid, N.Y. That was

unbelievable. I've grown up in the National Development Program, which is basically a series of camps run to develop future U.S. players, but it was my first time actually wearing a U.S. jersey. There was a bunch of big time Olympians on the team, so it was a thrill being with them.

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Hatfield

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spot. If Gary Payton and Sam Cassell can learn to live in harmony in Milwaukee, look for the Bucks to take that final spot.

What does it all mean you ask? Let me make like "The Swami" '77 and tell you what is going to happen. In the West, the Spurs are just too hot right now. The Mavs have the high powered offense necessary to go far, but their defense is not

tough enough for playoff basketball. The Lakers are, well, the Lakers, and may pose the greatest threat to the Spurs. The East will come down to a battle between the Pistons and 76ers, with Philly coming out on top because of Allen Iverson's will to win. You heard it here first folks — A.I. gets his first title in six games.

Chris Hatfield '06 hails from Salem, N.H. and will one day be referred to in a Herald column with his nickname and graduation year.

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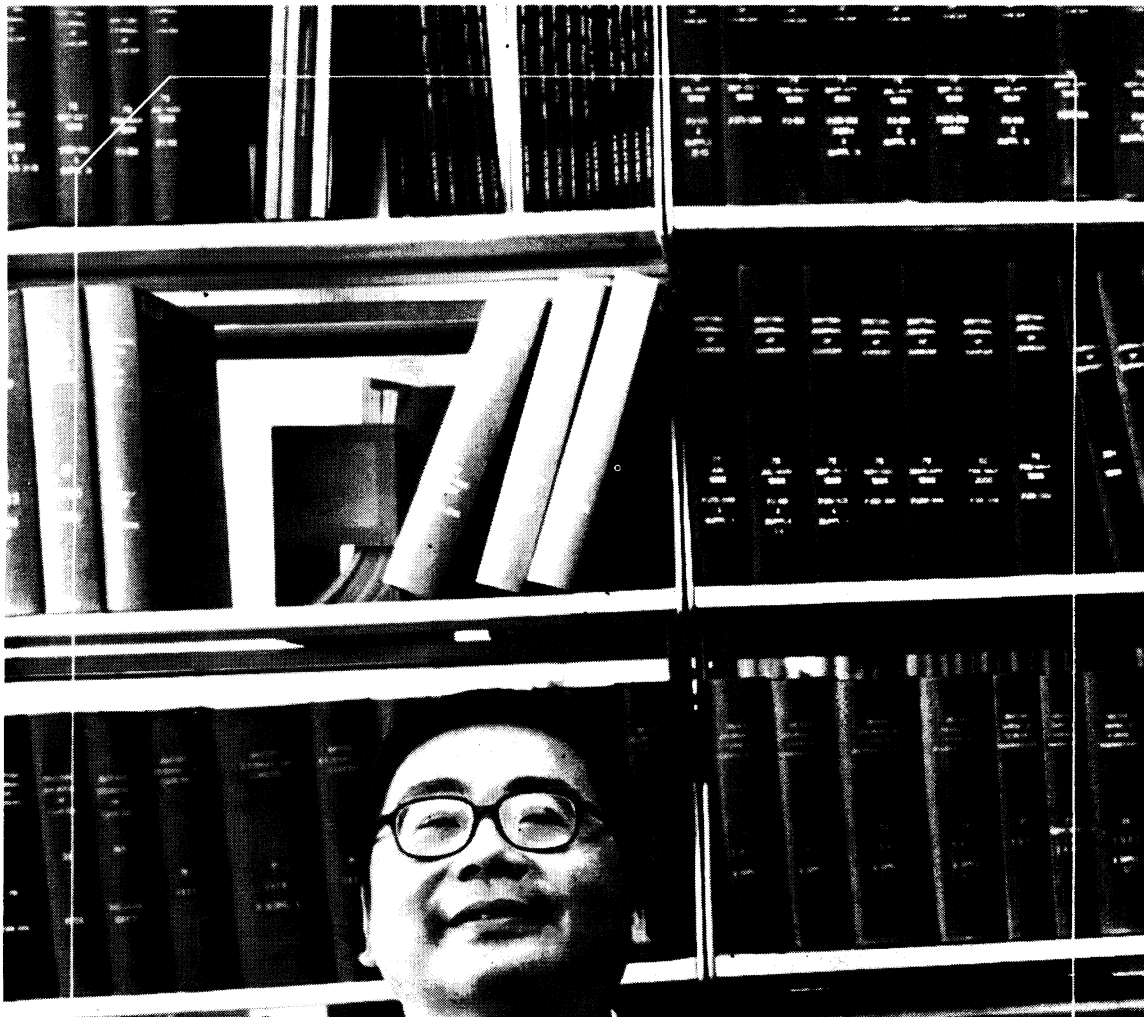
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After losing 16 seniors — over half of the team — last spring, the Bears had looked forward to a challenging season, while UConn had expected to upset Brown's lead. However, with strong newcomers and experienced veteran riders, the girls once again dominated Region 1.

The girls travel to UConn next week for Regionals, in which those who "pointed out" of their division and into a higher one during the season, compete individually. The top two in each division at Regionals qualify for Zones, where they fight for a bid to Nationals. On April 12, the girls will also compete as a team at Zones, when they travel to Stoneleigh-Burnham in Western Massachusetts.

Competing against three other teams, they must capture either first or second place in order to qualify for Nationals, where they took third last year.

Sarah Staveley-O'Carroll '03 is a member of the women's equestrian team.



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Powell warns Syria, Iran

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — In strong and accusatory language, Secretary of State Colin Powell called on Syria and Iran on Sunday night to stop supporting terrorists. He warned that Syria's leadership "faces a critical choice" and will be held responsible for help it gives to the government of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Powell became the second Cabinet secretary in three days to warn the two countries, considered by the United States to be state sponsors of terrorism. On Friday, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld charged that Syria is shipping military supplies across its border to Iraq, calling the move a hostile act.

"Syria can continue direct support for terrorist groups and the dying regime of Saddam Hussein, or it can embark on a different and more hopeful course," Powell said in an address to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. "Either way, Syria bears responsibility for its choices and for the consequences."

While President Bush named Iran to his "axis of evil" last year, Powell called on other countries that have closer relations with the country to pressure Tehran to withdraw its sponsorship of such groups as Hezbollah, a principal foe of Israel.

"It is now time that the entire community step up and insist that Iran end its support for terrorists," Powell told AIPAC, the country's most influential pro-Israel lobby.

Drawing a distinction favored by Bush between the Iranian leadership and activist citizens, he said the administration would "continue to support the aspirations of the Iranian people to improve their lives and live in peace and security with their neighbors."

The more aggressive language used by Powell and Rumsfeld suggests a greater determination by the administration to play a role in the Middle East beyond Iraq, whose government Bush has pledged to remove by force. Powell's comments drew a standing ovation from his audience, but are likely to worry Arabs in the region already nervous about U.S. assertiveness.

Powell, who was twice greeted with cheers before he began to speak, drew another standing ovation when he said terrorism against Israel must end. He heard a far less enthusiastic response when he discussed his expectation that Israel must make significant concessions to the Palestinians.

Some in the audience applauded and others booed when he quoted Bush's statement that "settlement activity in the occupied territories must end." Scattered hisses rose from general silence when Powell said the Jewish state "must take steps to ease the suffering of Palestinians and diminish the daily humiliation of life under occupation."

U.S., British troops flush out Iraqi paramilitaries in three cities

WITH U.S. FORCES IN IRAQ (L.A. Times) — U.S. and British troops flushed out paramilitary fighters street by street in three cities of central and southern Iraq on Sunday as warplanes hammered the Republican Guard surrounding Baghdad and American soldiers inched to within sight of Karbala, a gateway to the capital.

An American military helicopter crashed in the south, killing three Marines and injuring another, the Pentagon said. A military spokesman said the UH-1 Iroquois helicopter, known as a Huey, went down for undetermined reasons just after sunset near a military base and was not under hostile fire.

Elsewhere on the 11th day of the war, U.S.-led forces foiled an apparent suicide-bombing attempt near Najaf, about 90 miles south of Baghdad, and mounted urban firefights against paramilitary forces in Najaf and Nasiriyah, as well as in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, to defeat irregular forces who have ambushed and harassed them.

During an overnight raid into southern Basra, British commandos reportedly killed several Iraqi officers. One British Royal Marine was killed in the operation, code-named after the fictional British secret agent James Bond. And on the northern front, airstrikes forced Iraqi troops to pull back into Kirkuk and Mosul.

In Baghdad, bombs and missiles struck a residential area late Sunday, causing more civilian casualties, according to the Arab satellite news station Al-Jazeera. There was no immediate confirmation of the report.

At a news conference in the capital, Hazim Lal Rawi, an Iraqi military spokesman, said the U.S.-British invasion of Iraq and their attacks on Baghdad had generated a wave of volunteers from other Arab countries wanting to help fight the allies.

The move toward Karbala, by the 2nd Brigade of the U.S. 3rd Infantry Division, repositioned American units closer to Karbala Gap, a choke point between Lake Razzaza and the Euphrates River, as allied forces paused to let bombs and missiles pound three divisions of the Republican Guard standing between them and Baghdad.

U.S. and British fighter jets bombed the Medina, Baghdad and Hamurabi divisions of the Republican Guard more than 500 times, a U.S. Air Force spokesman said.

As the bombs fell, artillery units struck Karbala itself, a Shiite Muslim holy city of about 549,000, throughout the afternoon and launched rockets that arced across the pale blue sky.

Columns of smoke rose on the outskirts of the city.

Infantry units clearing a route into Karbala encountered white flags raised over outlying settlements and scores of surrendering soldiers and refugees, holding their hands over their heads.

The 3rd Infantry moved to within a half-mile of the city. An estimated 1,000 to 1,400 paramilitary forces were holed up inside, along with a few elements of the Medina Division, according to a U.S. intelligence captain.

Infantry commanders expected fighting in Karbala to be intense.

Col. Michael Linnington, commander of the 3rd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division, said allied air attacks had "degraded" the Medina Division to about 50 percent of its strength.

But other intelligence estimates put Medina at 70 percent strength.

In central Iraq, the 101st Airborne encountered what appeared to be a car carrying suicide bombers Sunday on the outskirts of Najaf, another Shiite Muslim holy city, this one with 563,000 residents.

Four U.S. soldiers had been killed the day before at a checkpoint near Najaf when an Iraqi officer in a taxi motioned for help, then blew himself up, along with the car.

During Sunday's encounter, a car approached a U.S. checkpoint along a road outside the city. This time, airborne commanders said, American troops spotted three armed men inside and called in a mortar attack.

One round destroyed the car and killed the men.

To protect supply and communication lines for the 3rd Infantry at Karbala, two infantry brigades of the 101st Airborne mounted a street-to-street sweep in the outskirts of Najaf. Linnington said the brigades took several hundred Iraqis into custody, captured caches of small arms and sealed off the city.

Linnington said the two 101st brigades, numbering about 8,000 men, planned to strike at the Iraqi irregulars sporadically, quickly and efficiently, but avoid going deeply into the city to engage in protracted street fights.

At the city of Nasiriyah, a city southeast of Najaf, U.S. Marines were reportedly engaged in heavy fighting against paramilitary groups for much of the day.

The Marines attacked what appeared to be a complex for irregular troops in the center of the town, according to accounts from reporters traveling with the units.

Cobra helicopters and an A-10 anti-tank aircraft aided their advance into Nasiriyah, the reports said, and they captured buildings used by Iraq's 11th Infantry Division, as well as large caches of weapons.

U.S. commanders warned that the risk of chemical or biological attack increased as troops moved closer to the Iraqi capital.

"They (the Iraqis) have made the logical leap beyond, 'Will we use chemical weapons?'" one officer said Sunday. "They're now saying, 'How and where will we use them?'"

Bomber attacks Israeli cafe leaving more than 50 injured

NETANYA, Israel (L.A. Times) — A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up Sunday near the unguarded entrance to a crowded cafe in this seaside city, injuring more than 50 people. But police said the sight of an Israeli soldier emerging from the cafe apparently deterred the bomber from entering, averting a larger catastrophe.

The militant group Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack and called it a "gift to the heroic people of Iraq." The blast — the first suicide attack inside Israel since the start of the U.S.-led war in Iraq, and the first since a bus bombing in the northern city of Haifa killed 17 people 3 1/2 weeks ago — shattered windows, overturned outdoor tables and sent shrapnel flying in all directions, witnesses said.

"It was a huge explosion," said 32-year-old Zohar Bat Sharon, who was seated inside the cafe with her husband and 1-year-old son, Maayan. "Pieces of glass and flesh fell into my baby's carriage — my husband snatched up the baby, and I found myself in the hospital."

The infant was unhurt; his mother was treated for shock. Hospital officials said 56 people suffered injuries ranging from minor cuts to serious wounds. A soldier who was one of about a dozen troops in the vicinity when the blast hit was reported to be in critical condition with abdominal injuries and a shrapnel wound to the neck.

Witnesses said that just before 1 p.m. the Cafe London, a popular hangout at the center of an open-air mall and

promenade in the heart of Netanya, was packed with customers enjoying a sunny Sunday.

District Police Chief Avi Biran said an Israeli soldier in uniform emerged from the cafe just as the bomber approached the entrance.

"Maybe he panicked and so he blew himself up outside," Biran said. "If he had blown himself up inside, it would have been worse."

Indoors, the strength of the blast would have been magnified by the confined space, probably causing many more casualties, officials said. Israeli media quoted police sources as saying the bomb was a relatively small one, containing about 6 pounds of explosives but studded with nails and small pieces of metal.

David Baker, an aide to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, called the bombing a "brutal reminder of the cruelty of Palestinian terrorism." The Palestinian Authority, whose new prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, is expected to form a government in coming weeks and will be under heavy pressure to halt such attacks, also condemned the bombing.

Islamic militant groups, though, are already seeking to capitalize on anger in the Arab world over the war in Iraq. Islamic Jihad leader Ramadan Abdullah Shallah, who is based in Damascus, Syria, told the Arabic-language satellite channel Al-Jazeera that the bombing had been intended as

a gesture of solidarity with Iraq as well as a blow on behalf of Palestinians.

Israel had been on high alert against potential attacks Sunday, a historically volatile day of protest by Palestinian citizens of Israel known as Land Day. It has been an annual observance since 1976, when six Palestinians were killed in a protest against Israeli confiscation of Arab land.

Land Day demonstrations were held in several predominantly Arab towns inside Israel, but the protests were generally peaceful.

Israel also has been on edge since the start of hostilities in Iraq, although fear of a missile attack by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has diminished since the early days of the fighting.

Netanya, 20 miles north of Tel Aviv, lies in the narrowest part of Israel's "waist," where the West Bank skirts closest to the coastal plain. Islamic Jihad said the attacker who carried out Sunday's bombing was from the Palestinian town of Tulkarm, which lies seven miles from Netanya, across the "green line" that separates Israel from the West Bank.

Three people were killed and 76 wounded in a suicide bombing last May in Netanya's main market.

Netanya was also the scene last March of what remains the single worst suicide bombing of the 2 1/2-year-old conflict with the Palestinians — an attack on a Passover Seder in a ballroom at the Park Hotel, on the city's waterfront.

Marines promise aid in exchange for information

CENTRAL IRAQ (L.A. Times) — In the middle of the main street of a desperately poor town, Marine Capt. Aaron Robertson on Sunday offered the curious crowd a deal: Help us root out President Saddam Hussein's hit squads, and the United States will bring you electricity, clean water, food and medical care.

"I'm a man of my word," Robertson told a skeptical town leader as the crowd pressed forward. "From God's mouth to mine: We are here to help you. We won't leave you stranded."

Marines on Sunday began moving into towns and villages and, in a new attempt to win over the people, pledged needed aid if Iraqis identify members of paramilitary groups that have harassed and ambushed U.S. forces.

"Our goal is to win their hearts and minds and let them know we're here to protect them," said Lt. Col. Geff Cooper, a sheriff's deputy for California's San Bernardino County and commander of a reserve infantry battalion. "We're not just going to blow through town and then leave them to the Baath Party."

On Saturday, Cooper's troops descended on the rocky, litter-strewn streets of the town, encircled the ruling Baath Party headquarters and took dozens of loyalists prisoner. Several

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hundred weapons — including many Chinese- and Russian-made assault rifles — were seized and dumped into the nearby river.

As Cooper's caravan, protected by Marines with 50-caliber machine guns, rolled down the street Sunday, residents shouted out their needs. Children and adults flocked into the street through doors set in cracked and crumbling adobe buildings.

"We have children and babies here, but no doctors. We need help," one man said. Many began shouting the Arabic word for electricity. Saddam's retreating forces had disabled the town's power plant, leaving it with no lights or water.

"We need our lights. When it is dark there are many thieves, and we have no security," pleaded one man, who identified himself as a teacher but was afraid to give his name.

Robertson, an intelligence officer, pledged that the electricity would be restored and that doctors, nurses and dentists would be arriving soon. In exchange, he said, "we need your help in removing the people who have been hurting you."

As the mostly youthful crowd shouted support, several older men, speaking to Robertson through a Marine interpreter, an Iraqi American enlisted man, offered to provide information and were taken away.

Like many places in this agricultural belt, this town of roughly 20,000 has suffered. From its looks — pools of fetid water, garbage in alleys and large numbers of dirty, ragged children — the Baghdad government has done little. For security purposes, the Marine Corps asked journalists not to identify the town.

Firms jump at Iraq rebuilding pact as opening for future

(L.A. Times) — Contractors naturally think big.

Bechtel Group Inc. is working on a \$1.7 billion aluminum smelter in Bahrain. Parsons Corp. is building a city for 200,000 in the Arabian desert. Fluor Corp. has a \$1.3 billion agreement to develop oil fields in Kazakhstan.

For these behemoths, a \$600 million deal is hardly worth breaking a sweat over. Yet when the U.S. Agency for International Development asked the three California companies if they wanted to bid on a project on the other side of the world, all of them jumped at the chance to write proposals on a tight deadline.

The reason: No one wanted to miss out on the chance to be the first to rebuild Iraq. As the corporate giants well know, the \$600 million is merely the initial installment of what promises to be a much, much bigger sum.

"A \$600 million contract could easily turn into a couple of billion," said Charles Tiefer, a former deputy general counsel of the House of Representatives. "Pretty soon, it would be real money."

The contract, moreover, is "cost-plus-fee." The contractor is reimbursed for his bills by the government, plus a set profit.

"Every sane contractor regards 'cost-plus-fee' contracts as bonanzas," said Tiefer, a professor of government contract law at the University of Baltimore. "They can't lose, since they're guaranteed their costs."

There are also intangible reasons a contractor would want to get this first contract, which will be awarded this week. The first contractors on the ground will have the best access to facilities, interpreters and transportation — crucial things for operating in postwar Iraq.

"Once you're there, if you've done well, that does give you a leg up," said Allan Burman, a consultant and former administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy.

The bidding has been beset by controversy ever since its existence was revealed three weeks ago.

Foreign companies and their governments were incensed they weren't allowed to bid. Procurement experts wondered if USAID, which is used to giving relatively small grants, would be overwhelmed by administering billions in contracts. Critics said the bidding was cloaked in unusual secrecy — something they found particularly worrisome given the strong ties of most of the bidders to the Republican Party and the Bush administration.

"The usual standard is full and open competition," said Steven Schooner, co-director of the government procurement law program at George Washington University. "When the government operates in secret, people assume it has something to hide."

The list of things that USAID expects the construction contractor to do is detailed and comprehensive, a significant part of an effort by the United States to win the endorsement of 24 million Iraqis by giving them a new and improved country. Among them:

- Reconstruct, repair, rehabilitate and upgrade more than 2,000 miles of roads, 100 bridges and 600 miles of irrigation or drainage canals;
- Rehabilitate one "referral" hospital in each major city and as many as 100 general hospitals throughout the country;
- Repair 6,000 school buildings;
- Get the railway system rolling again;
- Repair and maintain five airports and the port of Umm Qsar;
- Repair 45 urban water systems while establishing environmentally sound solid-waste disposal;
- Rehabilitate 10 electrical generating plants and up to 110 substations.

The scale of the work astonishes experts who have examined the plans.

"We are embarking on a very aggressive effort, both figuratively and literally, at nation-building far, far bigger than anything we have seen since the Marshall Plan," said Steven Kelman, a professor of public management at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Great Britain seeks zones to host refugees

LONDON (Washington Post) — The Cabinet secretary in charge of Britain's domestic security said Sunday that he wanted to streamline procedures for extraditing accused terrorists to the United States and was pressing for regional "zones of protection" to keep refugees from flooding into Britain and Europe in the aftermath of the war in Iraq.

Home Secretary David Blunkett also said in an interview that British security services had stepped up surveillance of pro-Iraqi activists but had gathered no evidence suggesting that they or members of the al-Qaida terrorist network were readying attacks against Britain. Nor, he said, have they discovered intensified recruiting of young Muslims to fight for Iraq or al-Qaida.

"It is impossible to provide an absolute guarantee," said Blunkett, who is a member of Prime Minister Tony Blair's war Cabinet and whose powers are similar to those of Attorney General John D. Ashcroft and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge combined. "But from the knowledge I have, I do not believe that there is a heightened danger."

Britain is holding two major terrorist suspects pending extradition to the United States. Khalid Fawwaz, accused of playing a pivotal role in the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, has been held for almost four years; Abu Doha, also known as Amar Makhulif, has been detained for nearly two years for his

alleged role in organizing bombing plots during the millennium celebrations.

British judges have ruled in both cases that the defendants should be extradited, but each suspect has made several legal appeals.

Blunkett, who was to travel to Washington on Monday, said Britain's extradition laws were "outdated and arcane." In addition to reviewing the extradition treaty with Ashcroft this week, Blunkett said he has introduced legislation to overhaul the process.

"There's no good in having a good extradition arrangement with another country if your own internal process is so cumbersome and slow you can't actually implement it," he said. "I'm not challenging the right to judicial review, I'm merely challenging the number of times it should be available in any one case."

Similarly, Blunkett said he wants to restrict appeals by immigrants who fail to receive political asylum. Despite the government's attempts to crack down, applications for political asylum last year rose to a record 110,700 — a number Blunkett called "deeply unsatisfactory." Yet experts say it is only a fraction of the total number of illegal immigrants sneaking into Britain each year. Refugee groups have predicted a flood of hundreds of thousands more refugees from Iraq, especially if the war there is prolonged.

Blunkett said Britain supported efforts to establish refugee camps and so-called

protective zones in Jordan and other countries bordering Iraq "to ensure that when people come out of Iraq they can be placed and looked after rather than ... immediately picked up by traffickers and organized across the world."

"It isn't our job to house permanently people who have been displaced," he said, "it's our job to keep them safe and make sure they can return."

Blunkett also said the government would begin expelling failed asylum seekers from Afghanistan next month.

Although a member of the left-of-center Labor Party and a self-declared social democrat, Blunkett has come under the same kind of attacks from civil libertarians that Ashcroft, a conservative Republican, has received in the United States. Blunkett has championed a set of laws that have extended the government's powers to hold indefinitely foreign nationals suspected of terrorism. Privacy International, a civil liberties group here, recently presented him with a special "Big Brother award."

Blunkett argues that social democrats need to convince constituents of their commitment to public safety, or they will be swept out of office by parties to their right. He has also fended off critics from the right, who have attacked the government for being soft on illegal immigrants. Of human rights groups, including Amnesty International, he said, "I merely ask them to reserve their fire for (countries) where people are

being put to death and tortured."

Blunkett said he had no trouble finding common cause with the Bush administration despite its right-of-center views. "It is possible to agree on an objective and disagree on other issues," he said.

But he stressed that his beliefs on two issues could clash with the administration: resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and strengthening the United Nations. Both goals, he said, serve the security interests of Britain and the United States. Referring to the Arab and greater Muslim world, he said, "After the conflict is over, we must demonstrate that we understand the fears and concerns of other people, their insecurity and instability." Such action, he added, "increases our own safety and security. It takes away the *raison d'être* for international terrorism and rallies those who otherwise would be at best ambivalent about what we do and what we say."

Earlier Sunday, Robin Cook, a former Cabinet member who resigned to protest the war, called for British forces to be brought home from Iraq "before more of them are killed." The bodies of the first 10 British servicemen killed in the conflict were flown home Saturday in a solemn ceremony at a Royal Air Force base. Writing in the Sunday Mirror, Cook, who was once foreign secretary, also said that a new strategy of laying siege to Baghdad would cause great civilian suffering: "There is no

College official warns teachers against war discussions

(L.A. Times) — A California community college administrator has warned instructors against discussing the Iraq war in class unless it is directly related to the subject they are teaching — a message that some faculty members called the latest in a series of attacks on academic freedom.

In a memo mailed to department deans at Irvine Valley College on Thursday, Vice President of Instruction Dennis White wrote that while he understood the depth of opinions held by instructors both in favor of and against the war, discussing those views in class would be "professionally inappropriate if it cannot be demonstrated to this office that such discussions are directly related to the approved course materials."

White could not be reached for comment on Sunday. But college President Glenn Roquemore said the memo was "not a ban" and that the college respects the faculty's academic-freedom rights.

Though Roquemore didn't rule out any disciplinary action, the memo "doesn't say you're going to be disciplined and thrown out of your job," he said. "The memo has little effect, it's certainly not official, and it's subject to further debate."

Roquemore said White acted after receiving reports from college counselors and others that at least three students, including one with a fiancé in the military overseas, became distraught after professors expressed antiwar opinions in their classes. He said he would conduct an investigation to determine the facts in each case.

Pentagon expresses doubt that Saddam, sons are alive

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — Senior Pentagon officials expressed new skepticism Sunday that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and his sons survived a strike designed to kill them on the opening day of the war.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, appearing on morning TV talk shows, all but challenged Saddam to show himself and prove that he is still alive after the U.S. bombarded a bunker in Baghdad where the Iraqi leader and his sons were thought to be sheltering.

"We have not seen their leadership since" that March 20 attack, Rumsfeld said. "Where is Saddam Hussein? Where is Qusai, where is Uday — his sons? They're not talking."

His comments, and similar remarks by Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, came as another U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that no new evidence has emerged to indicate whether Saddam and his sons were killed or injured, or escaped unharmed. It is in the Pentagon's interest to spread doubt about the stability of the Iraqi regime.

However, intelligence officials took note of at least one intriguing sign: Iraq's defense minister appeared on Iraqi television last week accompanied by a man believed to be Saddam's longtime bodyguard.

"It's worthy of note," the official said. "Here's a guy who's always seen with Saddam. You always see him in the videos."

U.S. officials wonder why

the bodyguard would stray from Saddam at a moment when the Iraqi leader presumably would be concerned about coup attempts and his personal security.

Rumsfeld described the bodyguard's appearance as "interesting." "It may be an indication that Saddam Hussein is not moving around much," he said.

A TV appearance Sunday by Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations, Mohammed Douri, did little to scuttle speculation about Saddam's well-being.

Asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" whether Saddam was alive, Douri hesitated before saying: "I think that he is alive, of course, because we saw him several times on the TV."

Douri was referring to televised appearances by Saddam, including one just hours after the initial attack.

U.S. officials have said those appearances could have been taped earlier and do not prove he survived.

Speaking from New York, Douri suggested that the regime could outlast the death of Saddam or his sons. "It is not a question of one person or two persons," he said.

CIA officials remain convinced that Saddam and his two grown sons were in the Dora Farms compound struck by cruise missiles and bunker-busting bombs in the opening salvo of the war.

Rumsfeld also suggested Sunday that some members of Saddam's family, and members of other Iraqi leaders' families, may have fled to Syria.

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U.S. Imposes sanctions after N. Korean missile sale

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — The Bush administration, attempting to squeeze North Korea and the buyers of its military hardware, will impose economic sanctions on a Pakistani company accused of purchasing missiles from the Pyongyang government, officials said Sunday.

In targeting the A.Q. Khan Nuclear Research Institute along with the North Korean firm that reportedly delivered the Nodong missiles, the administration is also delivering a warning to Pakistan, whose help is deemed essential to the battle against the al-Qaida terror network.

One official described a significant debate within the administration about the wisdom of sanctioning the Pakistani government of President Pervez Musharraf while the two countries conduct joint operations in search of Osama bin Laden and his lieutenants.

As it is, Musharraf faces strong opposition at home for his support of the United States, seen by many Muslims as a hostile foe for waging war to overthrow the Iraqi government of President Saddam

Hussein.

The administration in the end chose not to sanction the Pakistani government. Officials said Musharraf was credited for cooperating in the counter-terrorism fight, as well as for his repeated insistence in recent months that Pakistan has halted all military cooperation with North Korea. The missiles were delivered last summer.

"Everybody agreed that, in terms of the penalties you impose, none of the penalties should have an impact on Operation Enduring Freedom," an administration official said, referring to the U.S. campaign in neighboring Afghanistan. "That was a no-brainer."

The Khan institute is home to Pakistan's nuclear program, but separate from the government. Secretary of State Colin Powell notified Musharraf last week of the sanctions, which prohibit Khan from doing business with the U.S. government or American companies for two years.

The same rules apply to the North Korean entity that sold the missiles, Changgwang Sinjong Corp., sanctioned

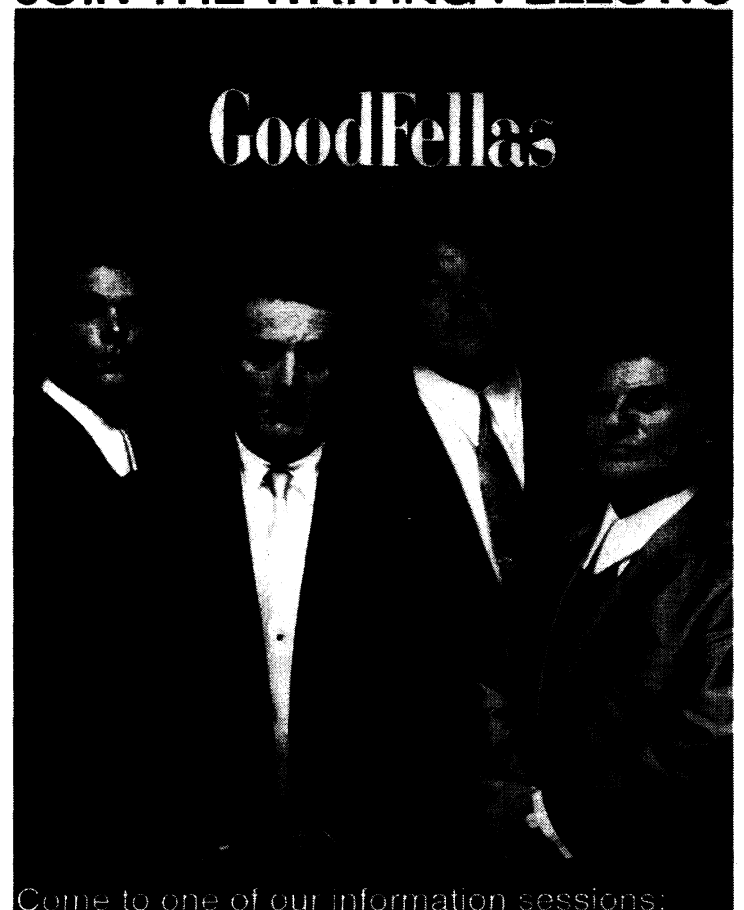
most recently in August for selling missile components to Yemen. Because the firm is tightly controlled by the Pyongyang government headed by Kim Jong Il, the sanctions also apply to the North Korean government.

In fact, the weight of the sanctions is principally symbolic, officials said, because neither the Khan laboratories nor North Korea do business in the United States. Yet the move is meant to carry a message at a time when the Bush administration is seeking to isolate Pyongyang.

"We want to make clear to people that buying weapons from North Korea has a direct and negative impact on the security of the United States," said one official.

The missile sanctions are the administration's latest response in a period of escalating hostility between the Pyongyang government and Washington. Convinced that North Korea is increasingly determined to develop nuclear weapons in defiance of international demands, U.S. authorities have been unable to halt Pyongyang's progress.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Damage control

The new provost's residence is a very nice acquisition, planned to the last dollar and purchased with impeccable timing to take advantage of the local housing market. Yet the University forgot one detail when it added its latest real estate gem — public relations.

Members of the University community, area residents and certainly politicians will note the irony of an institution crying poverty when pressed for money by the city, then purchasing a nine-bedroom mansion weeks later.

Brown has an obvious and airtight response — the funds earmarked for the house were set aside far in advance, and have no connection whatsoever to today's economic situation or the current budget.

But many will fail to make this connection on their own, and simply see a supposedly poor university buying a decidedly ostentatious house. The Herald received several letters decrying the purchase of pricey new chairs in the Rock, and the occasional grumbling can be heard as students pass the unfinished fountain outside Faunce and wonder why their loans increased.

The finances are more complicated than these criticisms make them out to be, though the sentiments expressed are legitimate. By making what financial information that can be made public readily available, or perhaps even bombarding angry Providence residents and Brunonians with justifications for seemingly non-essential purchases, the University could avoid repeating some of its recent battles. Such communication would not be an apology, but a blitz of information designed to demonstrate the University's side of the story.

Cash-strapped has many definitions. Make that clear. Then the only ignorance displayed by the University's critics will be willful.

A life short but full

Laura Rothenberg's visible and courageous struggle with cystic fibrosis came to an end last week, but she will not soon be forgotten. Born with a condition that she knew would shorten her life, Rothenberg chose to live every moment fully, sharing her struggle openly with family, friends and even the public.

Those who knew Rothenberg can continue to live by her example, to not "sacrifice some of today for tomorrow," as Louella Hill wrote in a Herald guest column. For everyone else, Rothenberg will be immortalized through her public contributions to awareness about cystic fibrosis.

The Brown community should feel honored that Rothenberg, who knew she had a limited time on this earth, decided to share some of it with us.

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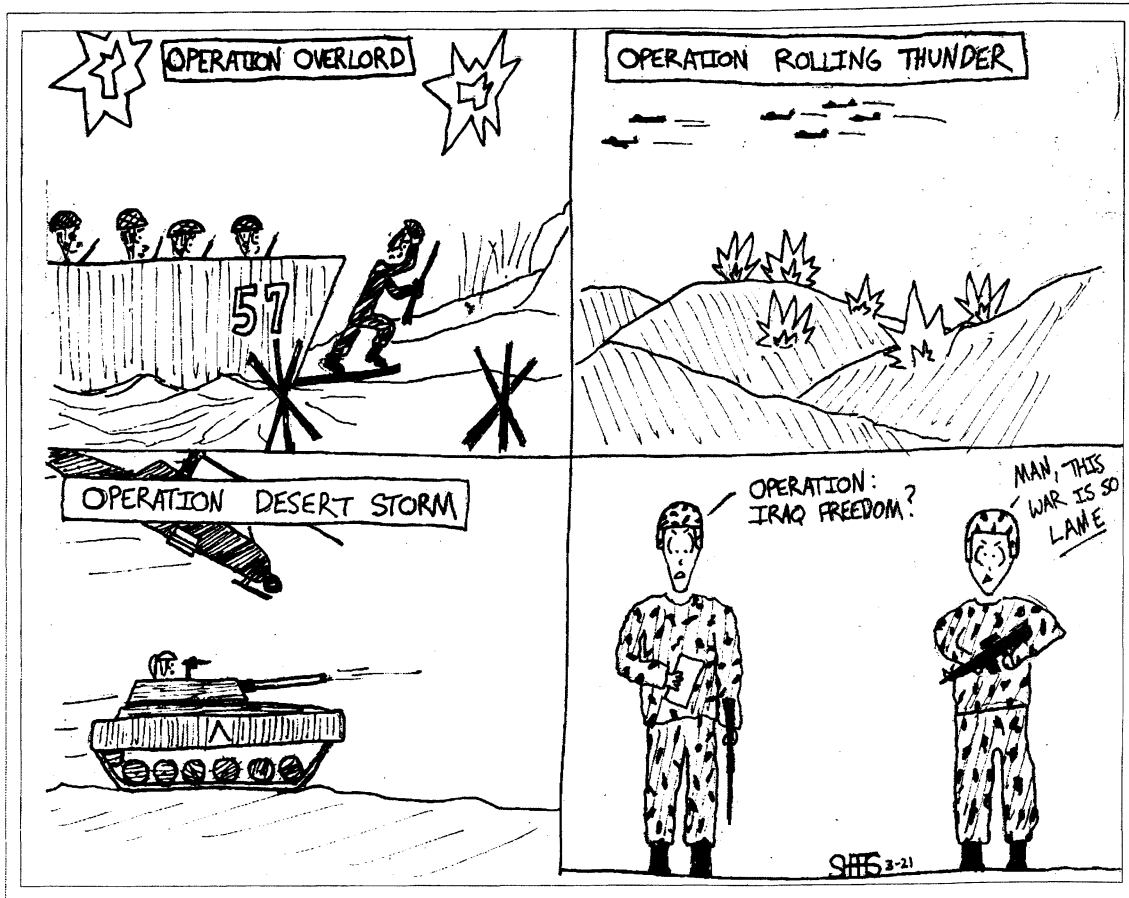
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LETTERS

War walk-out is an embarrassment

To the Editor:

I would like to congratulate the Brown community on its successful "walk-out" of class the Thursday before spring break, demonstrating just how consciously it objects to the United States' policy in Iraq. However, I would like to encourage my fellow students to avoid missing out on an opportunity to display an even stronger show of force. I, for example, rather than going to class on Thursday and then "walking out" halfway through, showed my dissent by not even going to class at all. In fact, I slept through all of my classes that day. In informing my parents of my decision to protest the war by sleeping through class, they were supportive of my choice to utilize a full show of force rather than a "half-ass" walk-out. "You really showed Brown," my mother told me.

Indeed I did, as my professors and the Brown administration received my message loud and clear: War in Iraq is wrong, and I will continue skipping class until the United States adopts a new change in policy. I will cut classes until I can be assured that at least 30 to 40 percent of my \$38,000 tuition has gone to waste. To all of my fellow Brunonians: Let's not stop here. One day of walk-outs cannot possibly fully display our dissent or lack of support for the United States Armed Forces risking their lives in combat for our country each day. Join me in my battle to prove that the protection of American citizens is trivial: Both we and the terrorists can live in "peace." Let's make history

with our antiwar protest! After all, we Ivy League students are such connoisseurs on foreign policy that we certainly do not need to attend class and receive an education.

Marc Lanza '06
March 29

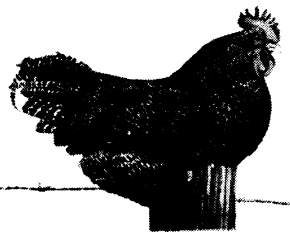
No place at Brown for Beale's xenophobia

To the Editor:

Stephen Beale has crossed all boundaries of acceptable discourse in his most recent column, "The Empire Strikes First" (March 20).

Beale's comments that Western civilization's "life and death struggle with Islam" should start with "addressing the unhealthy levels of Muslim immigration pouring in Europe," and that "Conservatives seek to conserve Christendom," are pure expressions of xenophobia and racism. Furthermore, this is not the first time Beale has expressed these views in The Herald. On Feb. 11, 2002, Beale wrote that America's greatest asset is "our superior culture and Christian civilization." It is time for the Brown community to speak out against these views that would exclude non-Christians from being part of the United States.

Jordan Elpern-Waxman '04
March 21



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Laura's message lives on

Laura Rothenberg's life with cystic fibrosis served as an example for all

GUS WALKED INTO THE ROOM. HE looked under the chair. He sniffed the tip of my shoe. He searched the bed then looked up. "Where is Laura?" he seemed to ask. He had known her since he was a kitten.

"She is gone now," I told him, smoothing down the gray fur that ran along his back. "She is gone."

Next, the bedroom walls, once clothed in brilliant collages of pictures, quotes and cards — a signature of Laura's inhabitation — asked what was missing. They looked blankly at each other, feeling flat and lifeless in her absence.

Laura Rothenberg needs little explanation to the hundreds of people who knew her here at Brown. And to the thousands who probably heard about her, yes, she was that one with cystic fibrosis. She was that coughing girl, that coughing princess, that wonderful soul who stepped into our lives, who knew better than any of us just how precious a day could be. And now, as I told her cat Gus, she has left.

When Laura arrived here as a freshman four years ago, she knew she might not live long enough to complete a degree. But that didn't stop her. It was life and she was thankful to have some

of it. She came to Brown not for where it would take her, not to get good grades, but simply to be here. It was known when Laura was several days old that her lifespan would be limited. It was never dreamed that she would make it to college. But there she was: 18 years old and ready to keep on living.

I met Laura in a stairwell. We haphazardly passed one another and by the end of the day we were good friends because there was little time to waste with her. "You have to tell me now," she would say to withheld secrets. "There's no need to wait for tomorrow" she would say to postponed plans. She knew her time was limited, but I never completely understood.

Life was precious for Laura, but it also was also difficult. Passing just one day was often as significant as passing an entire class. Because of her illness, Laura suffered endlessly. Midnight hospital visits, emergency surgeries, extended hospital stays, a double lung transplant, the aftermath of the transplant, daily medications, diabetes and even simply breathing was work enough. On top of that, Laura fought to be a student like the rest of us. She wanted to play. She wanted to forget that she was different.

To live among people who did not understand her illness was one of Laura's

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hardest struggles. People did not know she was sick. They did not know her face was swollen from steroids. They did not know she "coughed like she was dying" because she was dying. And even many of us who did know she was sick, still couldn't comprehend what it was like for her.

The only moment that Laura had was the moment she was in. Yet the world around her thought differently. I know. For the sake of this paper or that exam, we give up a night of sleep, skimp on that conversation, speed up a slow meal, give up another week. It will all be worth it, we tell ourselves. We just have to do this. Ignore what we're feeling. Just this exam, just this week, this semester, these four years. Laura could never think this way. And to be around this mentality made her feel frustrated and forgotten.

It was a blessing to know Laura. I was

able to hold her dear hand and trace the dark and thin veins which curved like rivers, from her wrist to her finger tips. I got to lie next to her in bed, to hear her explain her side of things. Nonetheless, I still can't figure it out. I don't know how not to sacrifice some of today for tomorrow. I don't know how to not be too busy for what I know is most important. I struggle with these thoughts — and even more now that Laura's warm hand is no longer around.

But I have a memory of Laura and I will save that memory. I will use it to guide me, to remind me to be a better friend, to take better care of myself, to understand why every day is so precious. It's a nice memory that has skinny legs and bright eyes. From a soft corner of my heart it calls out, saying in a raspy voice: Today will never come again.

LOUELLA HILL
GUEST COLUMNIST

Louella Hill '04 lives to grow.

Library reorganization falls short

Despite years of planning, overall of library system amounts to change for change's sake

WE ALL KNOW THE LIBRARIES HERE AT Brown have problems. As a student worker at the Circulation Desk at the SciLi, I've heard patrons voice a range of problems, from lack of heat on the upper floors to the annoying policy that allows only travel mugs into the library. Two concerns resonate with overwhelming frequency: Patrons want more books and journals on the shelves and longer hours on nights and weekends for study and research. On March 20, The Herald ran an article entitled "Change in store for U. libraries," covering the upcoming reorganization of the library system planned by library administration. "Great!" you may think. "Now we'll finally get some more books and some more evening hours." But if you happened to turn a few pages further, you would have noticed a page-long ad provided by the Service Employees International Union Local 134 highlighting the "Problems behind the scenes"

journal, map and piece of music that lands on the shelves goes through these two departments, as staff members catalog them and enter them into the Josiah search database. These are the "behind the scenes" jobs that few patrons see, but that keep the entire machine running. The first move the reorganization will make will be to ship out one-half of this work to an outside agency for cataloging. When the books come back, they will be formatted on a system that does not match with Brown's Josiah, making searches for books even more difficult.



KATE GUBATA
YOU'RE SO VAIN

of the planned reorganization, elucidating specifically the administration's vague and impractical model that calls for a full restructuring of the library system.

The new system involves the complete uprooting of the current staff and pushes staff members into areas of work that do not match their experience and expertise. The departments affected most severely by this change are acquisitions and cataloging. These departments are like the gears of a giant clock. Every book,

has grown cloudier as staff members who have worked only behind the scenes are now standing at the reference and circulation desk trying to help you do a Medline search. Furthermore, while circulation and reference staff currently cover night and weekend hours, most catalogers work a regular weekday schedule and are now being asked to uproot their lives to cover a new schedule that could include a weekday shift of 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. This a sacrifice no worker should have to make; yet again only the staff worker is being expected to make such a sacrifice. Librarians and management level people will not be asked to cover

As far as the longer hours you hoped for are concerned, the ironic twist of this reorganization is that no additional hours are included.

nights and weekends.

Let's go back to those two nagging concerns of more books and more hours. Surely this reorganization will address those, even at the price of disrupting the lives of the staff who serve us? Not even close. The outsourcing I referred to will cost \$90,000 a year. That money will come directly out of the University's book-buying fund. While our own collection continues to lag behind those of our peer institutions, the virtual catalog prized by the administration allows patrons to access and order books from other libraries in the Boston Library Consortium. Unfortunately, this neat technological advance has the backhanded effect of opening Brown's libraries to practically anyone in Boston with a library card. It is utterly senseless to conceive of a plan in which students paying a good chunk of cash for all the services provided by their university must now try to track down a book from a public library in Boston.

As far as the longer hours you hoped for are concerned, the ironic twist of this reorganization is that no additional hours are included. Staff will be re-assigned to cover new shifts within the existing hours of the libraries from 8:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. To allow for any possible lengthening of open hours in the libraries in the future, the new job descriptions under the reorganization mandate that staff members "be avail-

able to work all hours that the library is open." Thus, if library hours are extended, staff members must accept shift changes and no new staff will be hired to cover these additional hours.

In fairness to the administration, some of the most common of the patrons' demands, such as a greater inventory of books and journals, represent financial hurdles that the University simply cannot afford to jump at this time. But this just further echoes the message of so many staff members that it's all a question of priorities. Where do the priorities lie for the library administration? Whose needs is this restructuring going to serve?

Not one staff member I interviewed is opposed to change. What staff members oppose is change for the sake of change, abstract visions that fail to resolve concrete problems. This reorganization has been in the works for almost 10 years, yet only now are patrons, the supposed beneficiaries of the new plan, hearing about the impending changes, still presented in the lofty rhetoric of New Age buzzwords. Union members ask that you e-mail President Simmons and demand that the administration present a detailed description of its plan that will demonstrate precisely how it matches the staff members' expertise with the users' needs. A staff person whose position matches her experience is the only way to get users the materials they need. Rhetoric will not get the job done. Plain and simple.

Kate Gubata '03 still likes to be called G-Funk, as far as we know.

SPORTS MONDAY

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2003 NBA playoffs pits West vs. Least

THE END IS NEAR! WELL, AT LEAST THE end of the NBA regular season is near. This season marks the first time in a few years that the Lakers' run to the championship is not a foregone conclusion. Plenty of teams could make runs

to the finals, and you could easily get lost in the hustle and bustle if you have not been keeping a close eye on things for the whole season. The NCAA tournament is going to be over in three weeks, so you are going to have to get your

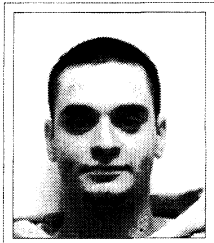
basketball fix from somewhere else. Allow me to prepare you for this time with my NBA playoff preview.

The Western Conference again appears to be much stronger than its Eastern cousin. The Dallas Mavericks have been the class of the NBA the whole year. However, they only lead the San Antonio Spurs, arguably the hottest team in the NBA, by two and a half games as of Sunday. Along with the Sacramento Kings, these three teams seem to make up the class of the West. Behind them, both the Portland Trail Blazers and Minnesota Timberwolves have cooled down after stretches of hot play earlier in the year, but could heat up again.

Behind them, beware the Los Angeles Lakers. After a horrible start, the Lakers have climbed back up to a comfortable seventh position in the West. While Kobe Bryant has carried the team most of the year, it was Mark Madsen's promotion to the starting lineup that has really gotten the Lakers going. The Lakers remain only half a game behind the Utah Jazz for the sixth position. The Jazz have experience, which makes them look like they are a lock for the postseason, regardless of how the Lakers come on. This leaves the Houston Rockets and Phoenix Suns to battle for the final spot. Either team could heat up really fast, but the difference should be which rookie phenom, either Yao Ming or Amare Stoudemire, hits the wall first as far as adjusting to the longer NBA season.

While the East certainly is weaker than the West, the battle for home-court advantage will be much more exciting in this conference. The top six teams are separated by only six and a half games, which should make for an exciting run to the finish. While the Detroit Pistons and New Jersey Nets lead their respective divisions, the Philadelphia 76ers are easily the hottest team in the conference, and are making a strong push. The Indiana Pacers are in a free-fall after dominating the conference for the first half. The Boston Celtics have been playing well since the All-Star break, but have a rookie running the point, which usually doesn't lead to playoff success. The New Orleans Hornets are in position to make a run, but don't hold your breath. The Orlando Magic appears to be locked into the seventh spot, while the Milwaukee Bucks and Washington Wizards are in a virtual tie for the final

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CHRIS HATFIELD
OUT OF LEFT FIELD

Champs again: Equestrian wins region, advances to Zones, with luck Nationals

BY SARAH STAVELEY-O'CARROLL

After a third-place finish at Johnson and Wales on March 22, the equestrian team bounced back for a win at Connecticut College on March 29, the team's last horse show of the season. Despite the pressures of having an incomplete team (many were gone for Spring Break), the Bears used these shows to extend their lead in the region from 19 to 21 points. They ended their regular season with a total of 376 points, beating out the University of Connecticut and Roger Williams University, which tied for second place with 349 points.

Many members of the team held off on their vacations until Saturday afternoon in order to ride at Johnson and Wales. After some disappointing rides, Co-Captain Chelsea Hamilton '03 boosted the team's points by finishing second in her Intermediate Fences class. With only a few points to the team's score sheet, however, the women looked forward to the flat phase, in which they hoped to catch up to Roger Williams and Connecticut College, who had swept the Fences portion.

Alexis Marcuvitz '06 won the team's first blue ribbon of the day in her competitive Open class, while Cindy Willner '04 continued the success by placing first in her Intermediate class. Novice riders Amanda Burden '04 and Katherine Warshaw-Reid '04.5, both of whom have had very suc-

cessful seasons, also helped put the Bears back into the competition, by taking first and second place, respectively. Ariana Arcenas '06 bolstered the Bears' points by taking second place in her Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter class and the Bears were once again contenders for one of the top three spots. After a tense comeback, the women looked on to the last division of the day, Walk/Trot. Rebecca Sills '05, after just learning to ride last semester, proved her mettle by winning her class, while Lauren Rogoff '05 took second, and the girls gave Brown a strong finish for the day.

With a total of 33 points, Bruno tied with Johnson and Wales for third, eight points behind winner Roger Williams and one point behind Connecticut College. Although they had lost some of their lead to Roger Williams, they extended their lead over UConn, their closest rival in the region, by one point.

Still, the girls hoped to have a strong win to complete their successful season. They traveled to Connecticut College last Saturday and achieved exactly that. With an even smaller team than the week before, the women knew each would have to pull more than her weight. They came into the show knowing the odds were stacked against them. However, once again, Marcuvitz began the morning by rallying the team with a first-place finish in a very competitive Open Fences class.

Hamilton also was on a roll, placing first in her Intermediate class and thus pointing into Open, which won her a bid to the individual competition, Regionals, next Saturday. Then, Rachel Roemer '06 won her debut Novice class on an especially difficult horse. Kate Rae '04.5 continued the sweep in Fences by placing first in her Novice class as well.

Bolstered by all of these wins in the jumping phase, the girls looked confidently toward the flat portion of the show, which was traditionally their stronghold. Jackie Bialo '04, Marcuvitz and Kristin McLaughlin '03 all took second place in their Open flat classes, qualifying each of them for Regionals. Then, Willner once again took a blue ribbon for the team, winning her Intermediate flat class. With that win, she pointed into the next higher division, Open, and automatically qualified for Regionals as well. In Novice flat, Warshaw-Reid and Rae repeated their earlier success by both placing second, while Mallory Kass '06 also took the red ribbon in her Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter class. Finally, Joanna Kels '04, who has also had a very impressive season, ended the day by winning her Walk/Trot class, boosting the team into first place with 42 points. UConn came in a close second with 41 points, and Roger Williams took third with

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With women's ice hockey, Thatcher '06 deals with pressure of close losses, high expectations

FRESH FACES

BY ERIC PERLMUTTER

Karen Thatcher '06, a native of Franklin, Mass., is a member of the women's ice hockey team. She was named ECAC Women's Hockey Rookie of the Week for two consecutive weeks in March for her performance in the final two regular season games and in the ECAC quarterfinals against St. Lawrence.

Unfortunately, the team lost to Harvard in the ECAC two weekends ago. Did you expect to push farther?

Going into the season, we knew that the other two top teams, Harvard and Dartmouth, had Olympians on their teams and we did not. We thought that we had a deeper team, and that we had a really good shot at winning the ECACs because of that.

You lost to Harvard twice by one goal during the regular season. How did you approach last weekend's game?

The two games in the season were very close and actually the winning goals in both were pretty controversial. One of them went in off a skate and on the other one, there was just a huge pile in front of the net and the puck somehow went in. So we thought we could keep it close during the ECACs.

What went wrong?

I don't even know what happened. We prepared all week for them and I guess one of the things that may have happened is that we over-prepared. We really tried to break down our game to be ready for them and it just took us away from our game a little too much. The closest we came was within two goals, at 5-3 in the second period. And

then they just took off and that was pretty much it.

Reflect a bit on the year as a whole.

This was pretty much a learning year. It was pretty disappointing for us because we expected to do a lot better than we did. We lost a lot of close games, a lot of one-goal losses. The way the girls said it was that last year they had a lot of bounces go for them and this year every bounce went against us. We didn't get much going our way and it was just an uphill battle from the start, which made for a tough year.

How does it work with U.S. Olympians

coming back and playing in college?

The last two years the U.S. Olympians have been out of the college picture for training. So they all came back this year for their final year of eligibility and they're 25-years-old finishing their college careers. We had a bunch of Olympians in the past, but not this year. It is kind of interesting how that works.

What was the high school hockey scene like?

I actually went to a prep school, so I played in the prep league, which is probably the best girls hockey league in the country in

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The men's ice hockey team's season came to an end last weekend, falling to Cornell, 2-0, in the ECAC Semifinals. Still, Yann Danis '04 was named to the All-Tournament Team.