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Scurvy rages on campus; death count rises to four

BY BLUEBEARD GABLONSKY

Scurvy, the most common cause of death before 1700, is back with a vengeance on Brown's campus, with four students dead and over a dozen others paying dearly for their aversion to fresh fruit and vegetables. Their symptoms include loose teeth, decayed fingernails and adoption of the "frog position" characteristic of scurvy sufferers.

Caused by a lack of vitamin C or ascorbic acid, scurvy is most common among artificially fed infants and the mentally retarded. However, college students who fail to make healthy choices in their school cafeterias may also fall victim to the disease, said Dr. Edward Wheeler, director of Health Services.

The onset of scurvy is usually abrupt, beginning with severe pain in an arm or leg, and progressing until the slightest

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Cooper Nelson brings peace to the Middle East

BY CORGAN GLENDEL

University Chaplain Janet Cooper Nelson emerged from months of secret negotiations yesterday to announce a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

After a non-denominational prayer for peace and understanding, Cooper Nelson addressed Palestinian leader Yassir Arafat and Israeli leader Ariel Sharon, asking them to put aside their differences. Insider sources close to the negotiations said that the key factor in bringing the two sides to agreement was Cooper Nelson's insightful quoting of Maya Angelou.

Cooper Nelson, reached in her hotel in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where the summit took place, was characteristically modest. "I came prepared with several pertinent passages. Once I had Arafat and Sharon in the same room, it was merely a matter of letting Ms. Angelou do her work," she said.

The inside source said "Arafat's already rheumy eyes filled with tears as Cooper Nelson's low, soothing voice calmed the conflict with heart-wrenching passages from 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.'" Even the normally militant Sharon was seen quietly speaking along to Cooper Nelson's words.

At Cooper Nelson's urging, Sharon accepted an invitation to wear Arafat's trademark kaffiyeh, while Arafat ceremoniously placed Sharon's yarmulke on his head. According to Cooper Nelson, the two leaders finally understood "what it means to walk a mile in another man's religious head covering." Together, the three danced a rousing "hora for peace" before retiring

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SIMMONS BREAKS ANKLE IN MTV MISHAP; UNIVERSITY CRIPPLED

President's Spring Break turns into spring compound fracture, hangover

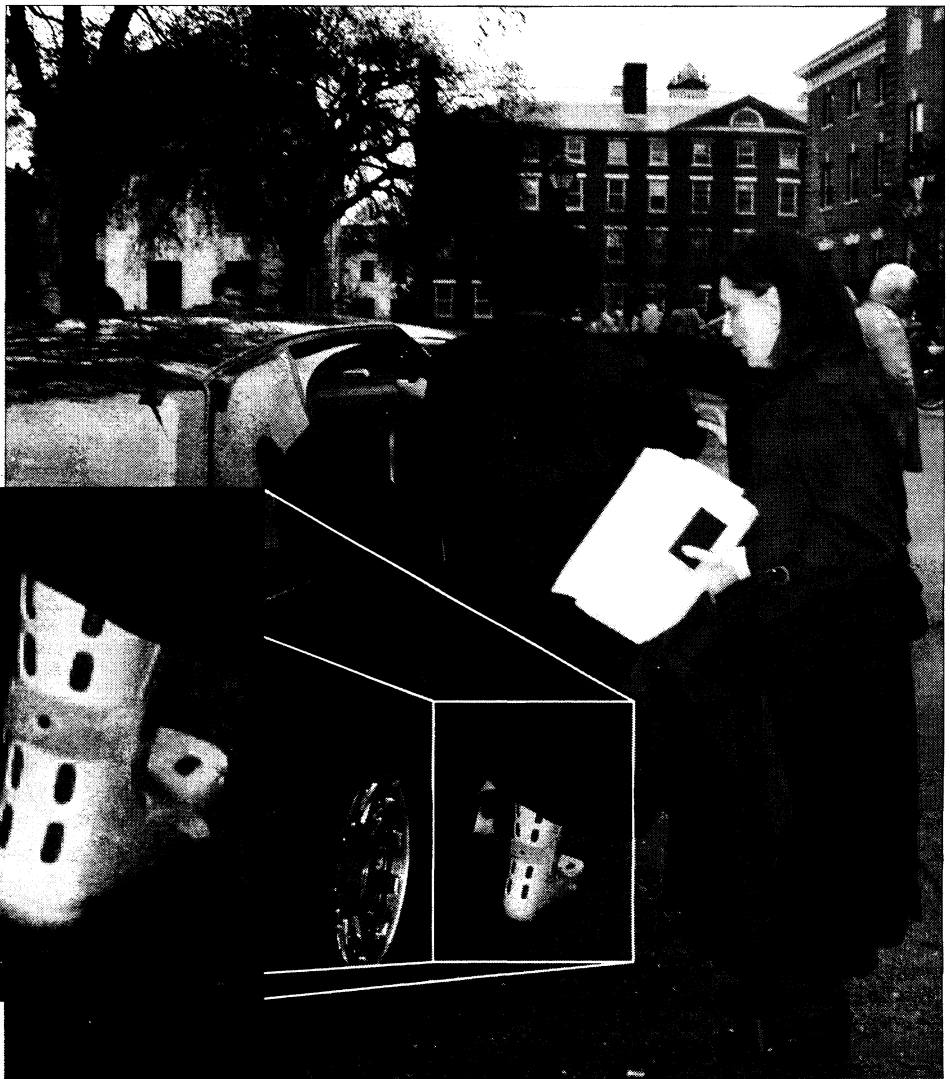
BY MANUEL FEID

Splurging on a weeklong jaunt to Miami seemed like a great idea to President Ruth Simmons and three other University administrators. But with tequila flowing like water at an MTV-sponsored bash Friday night, the University president's hard partying caught up with her — she returned to Providence with a "massive hangover" and a broken leg, she told The Herald on Monday.

"I still have no idea how it happened," Simmons chuckled. "I didn't realize I'd broken anything until I woke up the next day."

After a long day in the sun doing body shots with Dean of the College Paul Armstrong, Simmons "was spiraling out of control," said Tiffany, a junior at Arizona State University who declined to give

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Racey Starr / Herald

Although security guards tried their best to shield a broken Ruth Simmons from the public eye, a photographer managed to capture this stirring image of the president.

New UCS Committee Committee 'dangerously efficient,' Feliz says

BY ESME AMERGIN

At its meeting Monday night, the Undergraduate Council of Students voted to create a Committee Committee, which will oversee the creation and management of UCS subcommittees and joint committees on which UCS members serve.

Over the past few years, UCS' decision-making process has become "dangerously efficient," said UCS President Allen Feliz '03.

"The way UCS is organized now, we can't effectively serve as a liaison between the student body and the administration," Feliz said. "There just isn't enough red tape."

Council members discussed several instances when it made decisions on somewhat important issues after mere weeks of debate. This semester alone, the Council passed resolutions opposing the formation of a new residential life oversight committee and the addition of pluses and minuses to the grading system, and discussed affirmative action and the future of the Underground.

Opposing the new residential life

committee was "just the sort of mistake we're creating (the Committee Committee) to prevent," said UCS Communications Chair Joel Payne '05.

Payne said he barely remembers voting on the residential life committee, which UCS debated at its March 19 meeting. He said he has "no idea" how the Council arrived at a decision so quickly and in retrospect questioned the wisdom of the vote. "I mean, it's a committee, for God's sake," Payne said. "We love committees!"

In the future, the Council will have to wait at least a month for the Committee Committee to review decisions regarding committee formation. The Committee Committee will also help UCS manage general debate by creating a new committee for each issue.

Dean for Campus Life Margaret Jablonski welcomed the Council's decision. "I think a Committee Committee is a great idea," she said. "With an additional layer of administrative gridlock, there's much less danger of UCS actually doing anything."

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Underground to reopen with a new direction: fetish

BY SONNY VAG

After an unsuccessful attempt to reopen the Underground as a 21-and-over only establishment, the bar's managers and the Office of Student Life have decided to take the pub in a new direction, as a fetish club.

Underground General Manager Ally Dickie '03 said the bar's new direction largely came about after persistent and successful lobbying by BASESL, the Brown Alliance of Students Espousing Sadomasochistic Lifestyles.

"Frankly, we had to do something," Dickie said, referring to the Underground's low turnout after its reopening. "Even Zox only drew a crowd of three. Fetish seemed the way to go."

The needs of students of all fetishistic backgrounds have long been ignored on this campus, said BASESL Co-President Manfred Wilbertson '05. "It seems like everyone has a safe space but us," he told The Herald.

Members of PURAIC, Plushies United to Raise Awareness and Initiate Change, agreed with the points put forth by BASESL and signed a 20-signature petition circulated

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high 42
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WEATHER

TODAY



High 42
Low 33
pm snow showers

WEDNESDAY



High 50
Low 39
partly cloudy

THURSDAY



High 53
Low 39
few showers

FRIDAY



High 60
Low 38
showers.

GRAPHICS BY TED WU

CALENDAR

LECTURE — Prof. Morone takes historic deep breath. Salomon 101, 10:30 a.m.

SUPPORT GROUP — “Holy crap, that was me on the Brown homepage!” Chaplain’s Office, Faunce House, noon.

PANEL DISCUSSION — “Let’s all Give our Prepared Statements and not really Debate at All,” professors from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Brown. Salomon Center, 4 p.m.

PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE — “Let’s Piss Off Someone Else,” George W. Bush. North Korea, 6:17 p.m.

LECTURE — “Goddammit, We’re Fucked,” Thomas Biersteker, director, Watson Institute for International Studies. Sayles Hall, 7:30 p.m.

INFORMATION SESSION — “27 combinations of Gate items that add up to \$3.80.” The Gate, 8 p.m.

FILM — “Booing for Columbine,” Michael Moore. Metcalf Auditorium, 8 p.m.

SEMINAR — “The rarely seen link between ethnocentric communities in impoverished suburban areas, mitochondria’s presumed heritage from a subsumed prehistoric organism, William Wordsworth’s personal memoirs and the proliferation of red-black trees in modern computer science applications; or, You Too Can Write a Thesis,” Timothy Mayer GS. Sarah Doyle Women’s Center, 9 p.m.

LIVE COVERAGE — Absolutely nothing happening in United States, rest of world countries other than Iraq. CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, 12 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.

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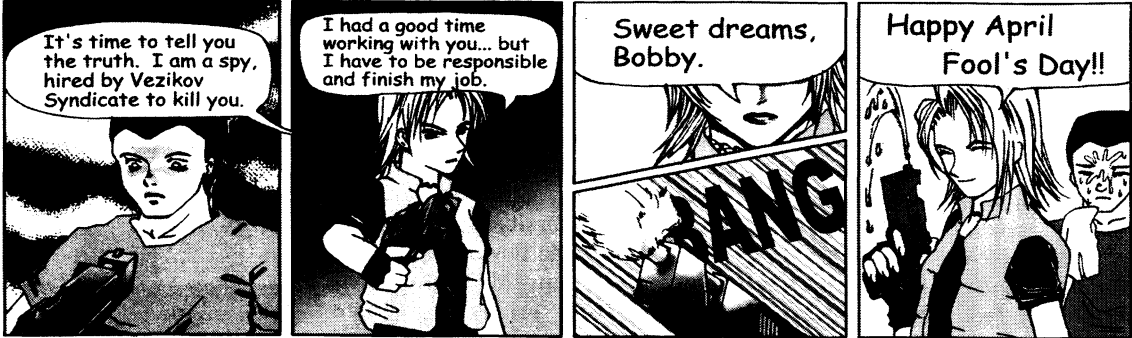
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Coup de Grace Andy Hull and Will Newman



My Best Effort Grace Farris



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THE RATTY

LUNCH — Pig knuckles, tree fungus, reindeer steak, inago, ika sashimi, cabeza de cabrito, kangaroo, hachi no ko, fugu, nopales, basashi, chocolate-coated mealworms, raw duck embryo

DINNER — deep-fried grasshoppers, scorpions, fried bull's testicles, curried crocodile, live shrimp sushi, peach pie, peach pie, peach pie, peach pie, peach pie, peach pie

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METRO

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Cicilline not gay or Jewish; still Italian

BY EÁRENDUR SÚRION

At a hastily organized press conference Monday evening, Providence Mayor David Cicilline '83 confirmed allegations that he is neither gay nor Jewish, and that he lied about his background for votes.

"I am still Italian, and that should count for something," he told reporters.

Rumors began to swirl after Cicilline was seen exiting the Foxy Lady with a female dancer late Sunday night.

Cicilline, who was thought to be the first openly gay mayor of a major city, claimed he only intended to escort the woman home, but declined to explain Sunday night why he had been at the club in the first place.

"I've struggled with my heterosexuality for a long time, and I'm sorry my 'coming out' had to happen like this," Cicilline said Monday. "I only hope the voters continue to judge me by my record, not my personal life or sexual orientation."

But critics of Cicilline claim he dodged responsibility for the more serious charge that he pretended to be gay to secure votes in liberal East Side neighborhoods, including Brown.

"He can apologize all he wants, but the fact is, he lied to voters, and they'll remember that at the next election," said Darrell West, director of the Taubman Center for Public Policy, who is designing a series of polls to study the issue.

Cicilline surprised many by confirming long-circulating rumors that he is also not Jewish.

"I guess the game's up. I've been a staunch Roman Catholic all my life," he said.

"I remember at Brown I always went to Mass with David and his girlfriend," said James Lippitt '83, Cicilline's junior-year roommate. "He had a lot of us confused when he walked out of a campaign meeting, came out to us and said he'd discovered a distant Jewish relative."

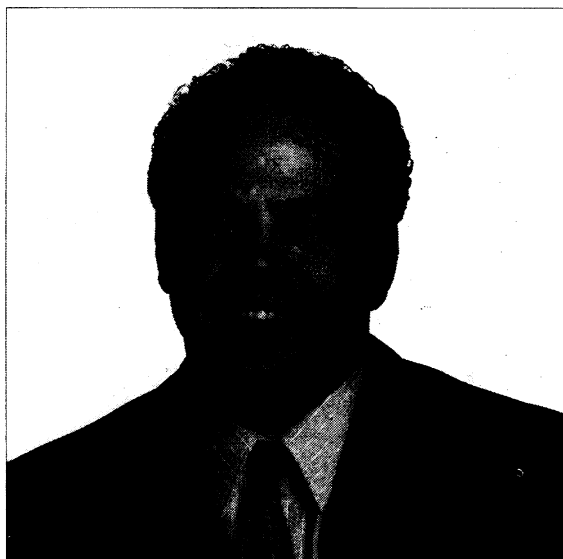
At the press conference, the mayor said he continued to support the LGBT and Jewish communities, but finally needed to be open about his identity. "I am sorry I lied, but I am still the man you voted for. I am still committed to Providence. We will still get taxes from Brown!"

Granted political asylum in Macedonia after escaping from prison, former Providence mayor Vincent Cianci told The Herald he plans to "take over the seat I once had. Cicilline obviously can't keep his mouth shut long enough."

The Westboro Baptist Church, which had planned to protest Cicilline on April 5, announced shortly after the press conference it would focus its efforts on Intermezzo's Sunday Drag Brunch.

Co-President of Brown's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance Allison Rosendahl '04 said she was disappointed by the mayor's actions and hopes candidates in future elections do not take advantage of Brown's liberal environment.

"Just because you're a Brown grad and you know Brown's a pretty open place, doesn't mean you can lie about who you are. You can't win that way — errr, at least you won't get reelected that way," she said.



Ruth Simmons / Herald

David Cicilline '83 lied about his religious affiliation and sexual orientation to win Brown votes.



Wilt Pierce / Herald

Talbots will move into the space vacated by Clarkes flower shop.

New Talbots store arrives on Thayer Street; female students rejoice

BY LILA GAMWICH

Move over Gap and Urban Outfitters, a new clothier is moving to Thayer. Talbots, a company that has been providing stylish, comfortable and reasonably-priced garments for the mature woman for decades, will soon open its doors on College Hill.

Brown students told The Herald they can't wait to shop in the new boutique, which will open in the building that formerly housed Clarkes Flower Shop.

"I really don't think there are enough places nearby where I can buy sensible, modestly-cut khaki pants," said Heather Beacon '05. "Plus, their sweater sets are fabu."

Beacon said she often browses the store's online catalog and enjoys the selection of pastel prints, from "light riviera blue" to "wild orchid." But she said she's never been bold enough to order an item without trying it on first.

"It's just so tricky," she told The Herald. "I mean, they have 'Misses,' 'Petites' and 'Woman.' I just don't know where I fit."

Beacon won't have to wonder any longer.

Tracy Billard '03 also said she's excited about the prospect of having a Talbots in the neighborhood.

"Talbots is just a class act, there's no butts about it," she said.

Billard noted a fashion faux pas that runs rampantly through the Brown female student body.

"So, you come here, you're 18, cute, used to wearing those tight dark denim flare jeans and all, and then it all goes downhill," she explained.

But Billard said many students don't adjust their wardrobes to accommodate their changing body types.

She knows from experience.

"The summer after freshmen year, I thought I could still pull off these uber-short shorts I had bought at Old Navy when I was a junior in high school," she said. "Wow. That was a mistake."

Billard told The Herald she made the switch to culottes shortly thereafter and has never looked back.

Nancy Heiffer '04 echoed Billard's sentiments, saying she had had a similar experience with swimwear.

"My family went on vacation to Barbados and I was stuck with my skimpy tankini, despite my post-Brown 20 lb. weight gain," Heiffer said. "It was a traumatizing experience; I don't really like to talk about it."

But she said Talbots provided a sensible, comfortable alternative.

"I found a lovely floral print one-piece, complete with scoop neck, high back, tank straps, a tummy-control panel and soft-cup bra," Heiffer said. "There was even a gauzey cover-up that help me conceal a budding varicose vein."

Students aren't the only one's raving about a new Talbots — Mayor David Cicilline '83 said he is "psyched" and thinks the store will help attract more shoppers to Thayer.

"Besides," he added, "where else can you get a pique tee for \$28?"

Cianci makes jailbreak, escapes to Macedonia

BY HEREDITARY MARCILLE

Former Providence mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci made a break from a federal prison in Fort Dix, N.J., Saturday and evaded authorities for hours before being granted political asylum in Macedonia, prison officials announced. Last December, Cianci's prison term was relocated to New Jersey from an Ohio prison that was deemed "too tough" for the former mayor.

Cianci's escape was not discovered until Monday night when prison guards grew suspicious after noticing his toupee had not moved from the corner of the cell in three days. Upon moving the toupee, guards discovered a hole and the silver spoon Cianci apparently used to dig it. Investigators followed the tunnel that eventually led to the prison's main sewer line and emptied into the lake in Princeton. The remains of Cianci's prison garb were found on the Princeton campus.

Son of former mob boss John Gotti, John "Junior" Gotti, was Cianci's cellmate and the primary witness to the jailbreak. Gotti was only able to mumble incoherently about fireplace logs before collapsing from head trauma when questioned by investigators.

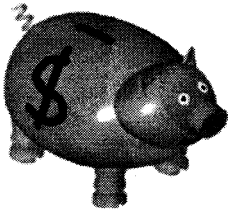
Macedonian officials said Cianci fled to the county via a hot air balloon. People from New York to Paris reported sightings of Buddy's giant face

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campus-wide demanding the bar be converted into a fetish club.

"We had floated the idea of a concert venue and coffee house, but nothing seemed to stick," Dickie said. "We had to listen to what the students wanted — and it was fetish."

She said the bar will alternate themes, hosting everything from "Geisha Night," geared toward white-bread New England boys, to "Barnyard animal Xxxtravaganza," for students hailing from the Midwest, to "String Pullin' Fun," for those who enjoy untying the string bows on the fronts of ladies' shirts.

"We had to listen to what the students wanted — and it was fetish."

"We want everyone to feel welcome," she said.

President of the Undergraduate Council of Students Allen Feliz '03 applauded the Underground managers and relevant administrators for their "transparent and democratic solution."

He added that he hopes to visit the newly-converted club for its grand opening, a PURAIC-sponsored event that will feature a guest appearance by the Brown Bear.

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The Council voted 9-7 to create the committee after nearly four hours of intense debate, with several members expressing concern that consolidating committee creation and oversight in

the hands of one committee would not be enough. Rahim Kurji '05 argued passionately for the simultaneous creation of a "Committee Committee Advisory Committee," a body composed of faculty and UCS representatives that would oversee the actions of the newly formed committee.

Cooper Nel.

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for the evening.

Hailed by U.N. Secretary General Kofi Anan as "historic, monumental and downright genius," the new peace agreement will take effect immediately and already has experts buzzing about its potential success.

Embattled Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein declared the Cooper Nelson agreement to be "another example of Western imperialism," while at the same time declaring his willingness to "don a cowboy hat if George W. Bush would only walk a mile in my quirky Soviet-era beret."

Cooper Nelson is currently on her way to Des Moines, where high level Iraqi leaders are set to meet with members of the Bush administration to discuss an end to hostilities. Cooper Nelson said the Iraq situation will require a

whole new level of literary wisdom and hinted that some choice nuggets of Jewel might be in the mix.

"Maya Angelou may have worked for Israel-Palestine, but to negotiate a truce between two warring nations, well, we need to bring out the big guns," Cooper Nelson said. "No pun intended."

While details of the agreement have yet to be released, the impact of the agreement has already been felt. Engin Akarli, professor of history, said, "The Cooper Nelson agreement has already changed the face of the modern Middle East. Arabs and Jews are copulating in the streets of Jerusalem."

The demand for Cooper Nelson's negotiating prowess has already gone through the roof. "She could very well end up being the Jimmy Carter of the new millennium," said John Negroponte, U.S. ambassador to the U.N.

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her last name. "I've been doing shots since middle school, but I totally couldn't keep up."

Meanwhile, Laura Freid, executive vice president for public affairs and University relations, was partying it up with Simmons' executive assistant David Greene and their new friends Mariah Carey and Tyrese.

Greene said Carey said he was "hot" and invited him back to her swanky hotel suite. But Greene, a registered nurse and massage therapist, stayed behind to tend to Simmons.

Simmons said, while Freid and Armstrong enjoyed another night on the town, Greene stayed behind to care for his ailing chief. Greene "tenderly" bandaged the injured ankle with cool towels while offering frequent updates on the status of negotiations with library workers, she said.

"David gives the best foot mas-

sages," Simmons said of Greene. "He's truly the most valuable asset of this university."

Back at Brown, administrators were devastated. "I know Ruth has always had a 'work hard, play hard' mentality, but I didn't know she was the MTV type," said Provost Robert Zimmer.

Zimmer also expressed disappointment that he had not been invited to Miami. "I'm planning to throw some phat partays at my mansion this summer," he said. "After this, maybe I'll rethink the guest list."

Brown News Service Director Mark Nickel, who was also not invited on the trip, issued the following statement: "The University community expresses its sympathy for President Ruth J. Simmons in her time of distress. University offices will remain open pending further notice. The Office of Student Life and the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life will provide support for the Brown community."

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IN BRIEF

Iraqi child manages to listen to BSR

With a sandstorm swirling around him, 9-year-old Naji al-Khalid fiddled with the dial on his transistor radio Monday, hearing only static until he came upon 88.1 FM. "I was desperate to hear any news of the war," al-Khalid said in broken English, "and what a relief it was to hear Brown Student Radio instead of Saddam Hussein's propaganda. Of course, BSR only broadcasts from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Eastern Time, which is 3 a.m. to 10 a.m. here, but I'd much rather listen to alternative college programming than watch my siblings die of hunger." Al-Khalid added that he hopes to purchase a more powerful radio soon to get better reception. "If only I could live in peaceful Providence, R.I., I am sure I could pick up BSR crisp and clear," he said.

University seen asking for change on Thayer St.

Several witnesses reported seeing Brown University asking Thayer Street passersby for any spare change they might be able to procure Monday. "Excuse me, sir? Do you have a quarter? My endowment's really low," the University said to one Johnny Rocket's patron. "I swear, I won't use it on drugs or anything. I'll just use it to provide the many services that I currently lag behind peer institutions in providing to my students, faculty, and staff," it added.

U. buys \$1.5 mil. house for Ted Turner

As part of the University's continued fund-raising efforts, Brown purchased the L.S. Smith house in East Providence at a cost of \$1.495 million, according to documents obtained by The Herald. "This is just an attempt to show friends of this fine institution that yes, we care," said Richard Spies, executive vice president for planning. "We'd also care a lot more if Turner would stop bitching about AOL-Time Warner and start slipping a few greenbacks our way," he added.

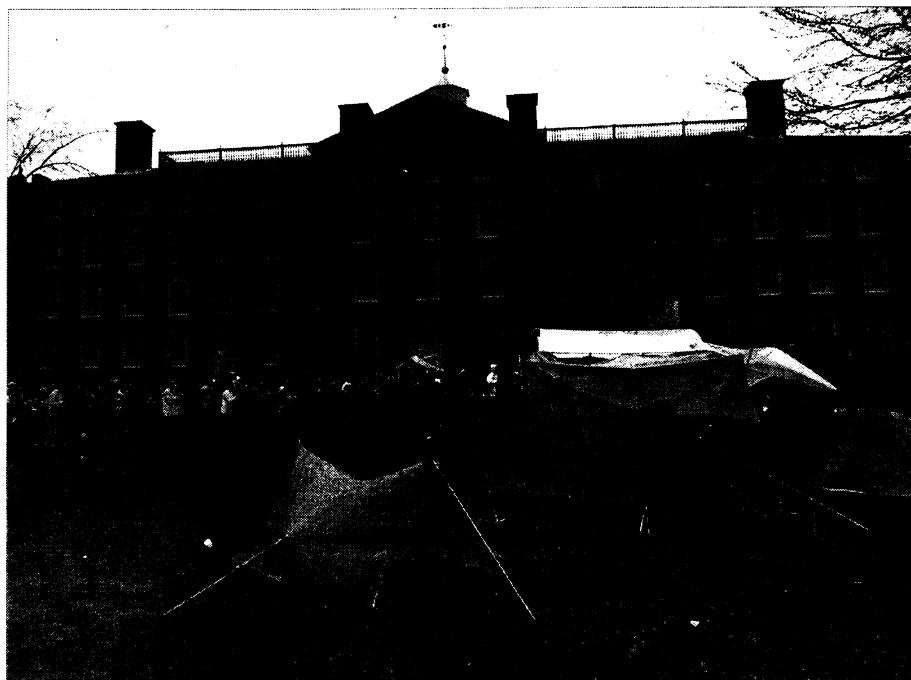
First-year proud of Daily Jolt background color change

Tony Sheets '06 took pride in switching the background color of his personalized Daily Jolt homepage Monday, as the informative Web site took on a crimson hue on his monitor. "I never thought the Jolt would be this cool, but it turns out the option was right there under 'customization,'" he said. "I feel so validated as an individual human being now," he added. Sheets said he plans to take additional customization actions soon, such as choosing to eliminate information on the page that appears by default.

Ratty food apparently not good enough for pigs after all

Despite earlier reports published in The Herald, farm pigs do not enjoy scraps leftover from food preparation at the Ratty, sources said Monday. "Them pigs

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Tonya Harding / Herald

The communist conga linedancers set up prep tents on the Main Green last week.

U. Young Communist League stages Dance Dance Revolution

BY LINWÉ TÁRALÓM

In a bloodless coup, Brown's chapter of the Young Communist League has staged what they termed a "Dance Dance Revolution" against the Undergraduate Council of Students, President George W. Bush, his war against Iraq and world order in general.

YCL member Aaron Margolese-Malin '03 said the revolution was an inevitable response to the inequitable distribution of joy, a common side effect of dancing.

"You look in the newspapers and all you can see is sadness," Margolese-Malin said. "I thought, what if you made it possible for people all over the world to dance in defiance of the capitalist establishment that oppresses them?"

YCL leader Hazel Willis '03.5 said jitterbugs and conga lines seemed a natural response to the Shock and Awe bombing tactics employed by the U. S. military to

depose Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

"When I get stressed out, I just want to dance," she said, "and I guess a lot of other Brown students feel that way, since the first conga line of the revolution drew a huge crowd."

The conga line, which was held in protest outside University Hall, drew more than 1,000 students and entrenched the YCL's power, Willis said.

Willis said YCL member Bo Lenin '05 volunteered last semester to agitate against the establishment and underwent a rigorous training regimen that included lessons about eating tasteless foods and living in faceless, "Soviet-style" concrete monstrosities like Grad Center.

Lenin said he now dances at various points around campus at least once a day.

Spare change gleaned from apprecia-

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Monthly UFS publication The Stockpot wins Pulitzer

The Stockpot, a monthly publication produced by University Food Services, recently trumped the Boston Globe and New York Times for a Pulitzer Prize, journalism's most prestigious award.

UFS Director Gretchen Willis said The Stockpot received the award for its comprehensive coverage of nutritional issues, including the introduction of an Italian Servery in the Ratty, larger cups in the V-dub and preview articles about the upcoming cereal taste test.

"It was quite a shock," Willis said of the honor. "Sure, we have extensive coverage, and an earnest desire to expose the truth, but we're a monthly publication. Dailies usually get the Pulitzers."

Willis also credited The Stockpot's embedded reporters, who have provided real-time pictures of food preparation.

Members of the Brown student body however, were less surprised. Many noted that The Stockpot is quickly surpassing The Herald and The College Hill Independent as the most popular campus publication.

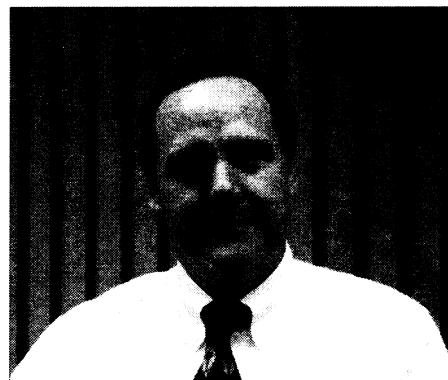
"Well, the Indy's just schizophrenic," said Ian Hurl '05. "And The Herald's always been a sensationalist rag. Not to mention they run the same three stories every day."

"The Stockpot's the only reliable news source on this campus," said Celine Franzia '06.

Willis said she's also noticed The Stockpot's rising reputation.

"More and more, I see distribution stands full of unread Heralds and Indys," she said, "while reams of Stockpots litter the dining hall tables."

—Bliss Wandle

What did you do over Spring Break, administrator?**John Noonan**
VP Facilities Management

"Ever wonder how many pies you can bake in a week? Let me tell you: 12,483. I rushed home at 5 p.m. on March 21 because I knew my wife, Loretta, had spent the past seven months kneading the softest dough and harvesting bushel after bushel of fresh, supple peaches. Peach pie is my favorite. The first tasty pastry was ready for the oven at 5:10. When the smell of freshly baked peach pie enveloped me I knew the next week would be a nonstop orgy of olfactory pleasure. Loretta said I was crazy to spend a week baking peach pies, but I guess she's never heard of caffeine pills. Or the power of a dream — to be able to swim in my very own Olympic swimming pool filled with freshly baked peach pie."

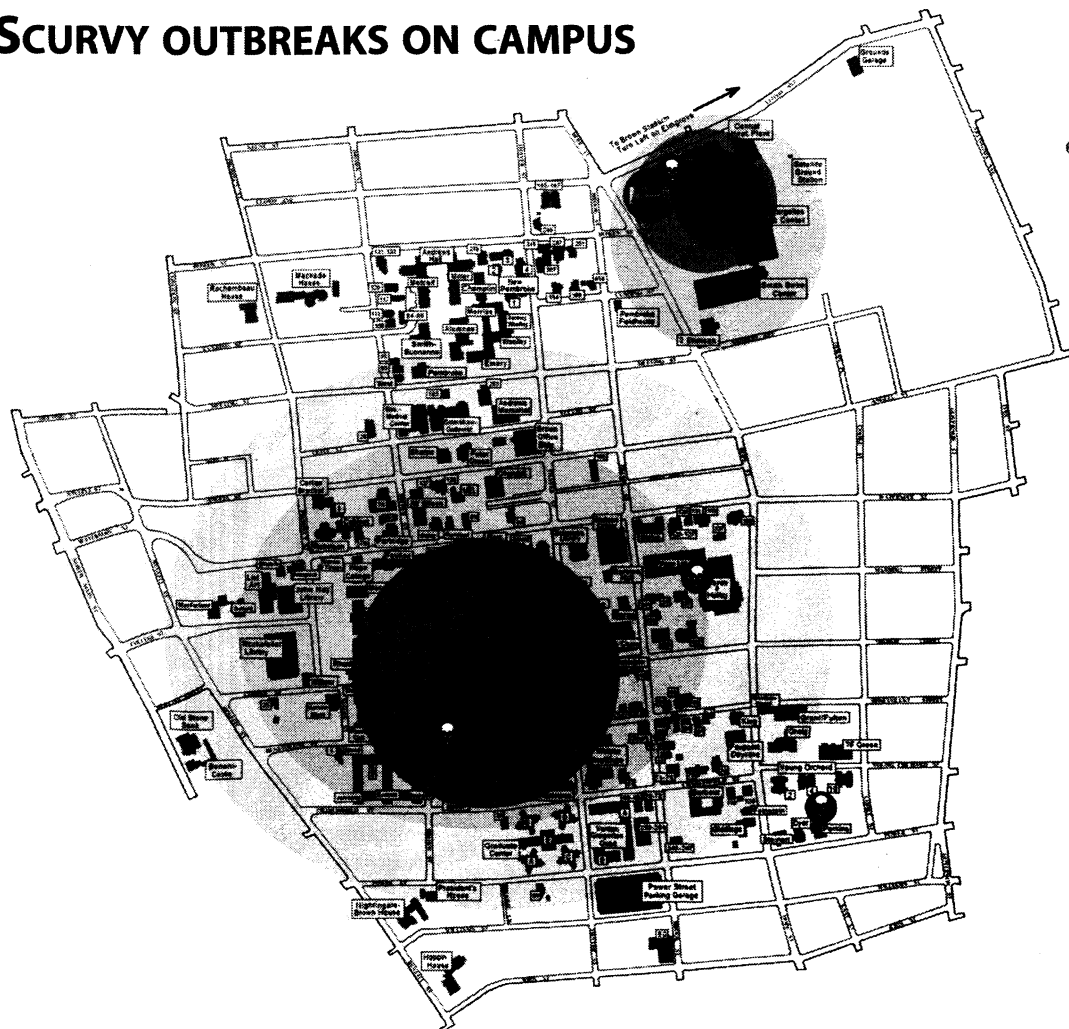
**Jean Joyce-Brady**
Director of Student Life

"Well, it was unforgettable; I'll tell you that much. You never forget your first time. I was nervous, oh boy, was I nervous. I can still feel my chest tingling under the orange day glo of my vest. She looked at me with those big brown doe eyes as if to say, 'Well?' And at first, all I could do was stare. Then I snapped out of it and got off a clean shot right between the shoulder blades with my trusty .410 Lefever double-barrel. That baby's going right up here on my office wall. The rest of the week, well, I wasn't quite so lucky, though I did snag a couple wild boars, some squirrels, and an armadillo. An experience like that, well, let's just say it changes a person."

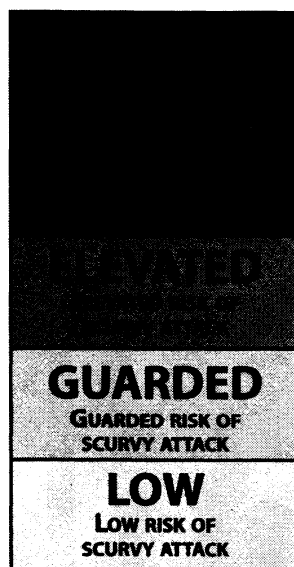
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Associate Dean of the Faculty

"J. Lo. Hot tub. Naked. These are the words that come to mind when I look back to the week-long bacchanal that was Spring Break. Crossgrove laughed when I proposed installing a hidden grotto in the Dean of the Faculty's office in University Hall, but last week, it paid off. Oh boy, did it pay off. One minute I'm giving a few celebrities — I won't tell you it was Ben Affleck, Lopez and Reese Witherspoon — the grand tour, and the next we're all partying under the waterfall behind Fennell's desk. I hardly need to mention that Affleck can't hold his liquor, but who could have guessed that Witherspoon could drink three increasingly unstable Marines under the table? Cruel Intentions indeed!"

SCURVY OUTBREAKS ON CAMPUS



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Scurvy

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movements become uncomfortable. It is at this point that the body adopts the "frog position," with abducted thighs and flexed knees reminiscent of the posture of a frog. Other symptoms include loosening of teeth and emotional changes.

"There's just no alleviation for it," said Jeb Berman '05, who said he has lost several teeth and felt more "emotional" since he was diagnosed with scurvy last week. "I thought Norwalk was bad, but this is ridiculous."

In the final stages of the disease, symptoms may include jaundice, neuropathy and convulsions, Wheeler said.

Proper feeding is crucial to prevention and treatment of scurvy, with liberal quantities of Vitamin C increasing the rate of recovery, according to Wheeler.

University Food Services is currently scrambling to assemble a "Scurvy Server" at the Ratty and V-dub, featuring Vitamin C-rich foods such as oranges, spinach and Indian gooseberries.

Other components of treatment include cold towel rubs twice each day and a "gentle massage" two or three times each week, Wheeler said.

"Yeah, you're going to have to take care of that yourselves, you filthy kids," said Gretchen Willis, director of Food Services. "I've got enough on my hands with the pig uprising."

YCL

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tive will go to support the YCL's efforts and tear down capitalist institutions around Providence and the world, Willis said.

With the beginning of the war, as well as a widening gap worldwide between the rich and poor, Lenin said his financial choices now feel even more appropriate.

"How could I even think of having clean clothes when Iraqi children don't even have clean drinking water?" he said.

Fowler said it is important to remember that not only Iraqi children suffer under the anti-dancing status quo.

"Palestinian, Guamanian, inner-city American and Rwandan children don't have access to dancing either," she said.

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gone done and got all anorexic again," an anonymous source told The Herald. "You know, they say them pigs is smart. I'd say so. Them pigs can tell the difference 'tween food from the Ratty and the V-dub, even though they say it's all the same." The pigs are also reportedly forming a society that vaguely represents communism, and certain farm animals are taking on identities similar to those of famous Russian leaders, sources say.

Student blocks "Jewz Newz" from inbox

After months of receiving informative, helpful updates on events and opportunities for Brown's Jewish community via email, Alison Errico '06 finally activated a filter in her Eudora reader to block further messages with the subject "Jewz Newz." "It really did sound like they had a lot of cool stuff going on, but I just couldn't spend any more time reading those colorful announcements," Errico said. "I didn't have the heart to tell Abby Berenson I wanted to unsubscribe, so I just had to put in that filter."

Simmons calls for invasion of New Haven; Yalies to be liberated by New Curriculum

In an address to the University at 10:15 last night, President Ruth Simmons told students to gear up for war against the regime of Richard Levin, Yale University president. "On my orders, coalition forces have begun striking selected targets of academic importance to undermine Richard Levin's ability to impose a core curriculum," she said, waving her cane with fervor. Asserting that she meant no harm against innocent civilians, she added, "We come to Yale with respect for its students and their great civilization. We will defend our freedom. And we will bring freedom to others." Simmons said a "coalition of the willing" has been established to bring freedom of course selection to the port city, including Florida State University, Arizona State University and California State University at Chico.

EC11 drops 127 students, citing weak market

In a surprise announcement yesterday, the Department of Economics declared that 127 students currently registered for Economics 11: "Principles of Economics" would be dropped from the course. The Department cited continuing weakness in the financial sector as the reasons for the cuts. "We simply can't have 400 students graduating every year expecting to be investment bankers," said Professor of Economics Walter Paterson. "Those jobs just aren't out there anymore. The last thing we need is another Business Economics major working the night shift at Jiffy Lube." The course's professor was not surprised by the move. "This is a lean economy," said Professor of Economics George Borts, "and when you have 50 students showing up for a class when 200 are registered, you know you have some dead weight."

U. jumps on freedom bandwagon, renames French Studies department

BY MAURICETTE TAWALLA-GENE

University officials announced yesterday the Department of French studies will be renamed the Department of freedom studies, showing solidarity with the anti-French sentiment sweeping the country.

"We feel as though this is an appropriate way to express support for the American troops abroad," said Pierre Saint-Amand, former chairman of the department. In the official announcement yesterday, the University named David Segal, 1st Ward City Councilman, the new chair of freedom studies.

"I'm absolutely thrilled to be able to bring freedom to every student at this University," Segal said. "It's about time that we realize that the French are simply not worth recognizing."

Segal, who will retain his position as councilman while he chairs the department, said he plans to introduce a resolution at next week's City Council meeting condemning the French.

"I've just about had it with this city's welcoming attitude. It's about time we get a little bit more xenophobia going around," Segal said.

On campus, the name change was greeted with resounding approval.

Freedom studies concentrator Melissa Stark '03 said

she was proud to see Brown recognize symbolically that diplomatic relations with France are a waste of time.

"I just don't see why we even bothered with them," she said. "They eat diets full of cream and eggs and butter. I think this is a great way for us to show them that low-fat, low-carb diets are the way to go."

She said she is hoping the department will begin to offer classes that will instill the value of freedom and meaningfulness of xenophobic nationalism in students of all races.

"This is a great opportunity for us to make sure that America is victorious in both the war and world domination. By refocusing this department, we're training the country's future leaders to take America's domination to

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Tech House, Games House subjects of MTV reality shows

BY DAISY DUQUESNE

The crazy stunts and secret hazing rituals of Tech House will be paired with the strong sisterhood and out-of-control sweetheart dances of Games House in the next installments of MTV's "Fraternity Life" and "Sorority Life," which will air over the summer.

All 20 episodes of each show, which follow a group of pledges vying for spots in the house of their choice, have already been filmed. Members of both houses signed nondisclosure agreements with MTV until after the show has aired, but Games House member Eileen Koven '04 promised all the drama of the last two installments of the series.

"We've got this, like, love-hate relationship with Tech House. I mean, last year we sprayed silly string all over their gaming hub, but whenever we play 'Future Wars,' we always pretend they're the Class 3 Love-Bots," Koven said.

Promotional footage released by MTV hints at escalating prank wars, a drunken run-in with the Providence Police and a surprise romance between the heads of the two houses that threatens to disrupt the pledge process.

"This is the wildest, sexiest MTV series yet," said network spokesperson Wendy Mallow. "We knew Tech House and Games House would live up to their reputations."

But the show's taping wasn't without controversy. University administrators forced two members of Tech House to leave campus after an incident involving a stapler, a wireless ethernet hub and a reprogrammed Teddy Ruxpin doll.

Mallow said the incident was "too hot for cable," but would be featured in its entirety on the "Fraternity Life: Uncut" DVD.

"I didn't know you could do that with a talking bear," said Tech House member R.J. Scot McKenzie '03.

Spring Weekend rep issues formal apology

BY TODO GAMGEE

In a formal statement released to the Brown community yesterday, the Brown Concert Agency representative responsible for booking this year's Spring Weekend bands apologized for the anachronistic nature of the musical lineup. The representative, homeschooled throughout his high school years by his parents, professors of cultural studies at top-ranked Rice University, had been under the mistaken impression that we were still living in the year 1996.

"I didn't understand the lack of enthusiasm after the bands were announced," the representative, who requested anonymity, stated. "I mean, come on — 'One Headlight?' That song is the 'Mo Money, Mo Problems' of radio-friendly alterna-rock."

Far from the thrilled response he had expected, the announcement of the Wallflowers as Saturday's headliners prompted befuddled reactions across campus, and became a subject of spirited (albeit one-sided) debates that stretched from the Faunce House game room to the Daily Jolt.

Ryan O'Malley '05, who first caught wind of the lineup while lingering over a late Ratty supper, described his reaction as "dumbfounded." The Gender Studies concentrator from Dubuque, Iowa

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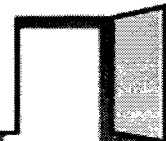
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**Cianci**

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floating through the sky, reports which until now had been classified as mass hallucinations.

Upon arrival in Macedonia, Cianci was granted political asylum by the country's prime minister in return for exclusive rights to his famous marinara sauce.

"Have no fear — proceeds from the sale of my marinara sauce will still go toward my scholarship fund," Cianci said in a statement issued from the country's capital. "The scholarship is there because rich kids don't need me. Smart kids don't need me. But you know who needs me? The ones in the middle. And my being in Macedonia doesn't change that."

After his escape, a poll conducted by Professor of Political Science Darrell West showed Cianci's approval rating increased to 185 percent.

The former mayor left a statement in his former prison cell saying he plans to return to Providence by the next election. "Hell, I obviously found my way out of the country and I can get myself back in again," he wrote.

Thumbs

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age senior citizen's thumbs.

It has been widely reported that Steinbrenner has been giving Wells the so-called "silent treatment" for the past week, during which he has refused to speak to or even acknowledge Wells. The thumb war clearly indicates a change in manner for Steinbrenner that has surprised some members of the Yankees.

"His strategy with me was to take underhanded jabs at me through the New York papers," said Derek Jeter, the Yankees shortstop who was derided by Steinbrenner weeks ago for a lack of focus during the 2002 season. "A thumb war is the classic example of direct confrontation, so this is a bit shocking. We're all a little shocked, to be honest."

"George has actually never spoken to me in all of my eight years here," said Mariano Rivera, who has been a dominant closer during all of the Yankees' World Series runs. "He's more reclusive than you might think. A thumb war is a big step for him."

Some in the organization initially had worries that a thumb war might affect Wells' ability to perform on the mound by giving him blisters or straining tendons.

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"The guy got smashed and then pitched a perfect game — I can't wait to see what he'll do with this."

*Sports staff writer Hideki Matsui had the article translated for him by "Fat Pussy Toad" Hideki Irabu.***Jock itch**

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old Birkenstock sandals. Symptoms of the disease include scaly rashes all over the body, intense itching and an uncontrollable desire to listen to John Madden. For students concerned about contracting the virus, Health Services suggested sleeping naked, putting on your socks before your underwear, bathing with milk of magnesia, bloodletting and, most importantly, consuming excessive amounts of fiber.

"Don't be a hero and try to treat yourself," said Director of Health Services Dr. Edward Wheeler. "I've seen some self-medicated cases gone wrong, and it ain't pretty."

Earlier today, the Athletic Department sent out a letter of apology to the fans.

"We are trying our best to work through this and we are all itching to get back out on the fields next fall," Roach said.

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Superdome will add a third net, play with two balls and create a new triangular-shaped court in the hopes of a faster paced game and increased scoring. "This really puts a crimp in our 2-3 zone," said Syracuse head coach Jim Boenheim.

Women's water polo slapped with probation for using water wings

Despite the women's water polo team's best efforts to keep afloat, the NCAA cracked down on its use of water wings in league competition. The squad was put on super secret double probation for the remainder of the season due to its unruly behavior. Not only will the Lady Bears be forced to play without their biggest asset, they will also have to forfeit their ten victories this season.

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expressed exasperation over the invited acts. "I mean, the last time I heard 'Fifth Avenue Heartache,' my favorite movie was 'The English Patient' and I'd just dropped all my lawnmowing money on a 14.4 modem. That totally ruined my Pizza Rustica."

The representative acknowledged the community backlash, but stated that he had written it off as disappointment over his failure to obtain Chumbawamba.

"I mean, I think people don't realize how hard it is to get a big name like that. I even considered Fastball as a possibility, but they fill stadiums every day that are twice the size of Brown." Another possible Spring Weekend band, Semisonic, was unavailable due to a previously scheduled performance at a Pawtucket bar mitzvah.

The inter-decade mix-up was finally brought to light when the BCA rep got in an argument with a fellow Emery Hall resident. "He was telling me about all these bands I'd never heard of, like

"Coolplay" and "60 Cent". I was confused. I suggested that the chances people had heard of those obscure bands were about equal to the likelihood of the police ever catching the Unabomber. That's when he sat me down for a little talk."

The BCA representative has resolved to not repeat the same mistake for next year's lineup. "I can safely say that next year's Spring Weekend will be the best ever. We're already in talks with the Baha Men and Sisqo. Have you heard of those guys? They're really da bomb."

Freedom

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another level," she said.

Brown's administration is the first to make such a patriotic move, said Mark Nickel, director of the Brown News Service. But, he said, Yale University, Buena Vista University and Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., have all expressed interest in adopting freedom studies' new curriculum.

That curriculum has been completely reworked by Segal and the department undergraduate group, Nickel said.

The courses that will be offered next year include FS/HI 130: "The American Revolution and the French Betrayal" and FS/PL164: "French Philosophers Exposed: Why Voltaire, Foucault, and Rousseau Are Wrong."

Stark said there are 13 freedom studies concentrators now, but she anticipates that number will grow as personal freedom becomes more en vogue.

"I think that the current focus on rights and democracy is really making freedom more of a popular culture thing," Stark said. "The exotification of dictatorships and general anti-patriotism has got to end, and France is where that trend started."

Sam Alexander '05, who is currently a comparative literature concentrator, said he plans on switching to freedom studies as

soon as he finds an adviser.

"I'm so excited to be able to study why America is truly superior," Alexander said, and he said it's about time Americans realize the invalidity of the country of France.

"Any country that fell to the Nazis is simply not worth our time," Alexander said. "I'm sick of having to help them out, and it's about time we cut the apron strings."

He said Brown's decision to obliterate French studies and replace it with freedom studies is an effective way to show solidarity with the federal government. He said he's looking forward to his French class becoming a Freedomese class, in which he will have the opportunity to memorize the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Magna Carta and the Gettysburg Address and learn various slurs and insults to use against the French.

In an attempt to maintain patriotic consistency, Segal and the University have both asked the Thayer Street Au Bon Pain to either change its name to "G.I. Joe's Burger and Grill" or vacate the premises. A spokesman for the company said the franchise will most likely opt to simply close the storefront and focus its energies in expanding the Cambridge store, which is right across from Harvard Yard.

"We just think that our diplo-

matic failures will be more appreciated by the students there," the spokesman said.

Also, University Food Services announced that it will stop serving French's Mustard in its bottles in the V-Dub, citing concerns that students will begin to resent the French influence over their dining choices.

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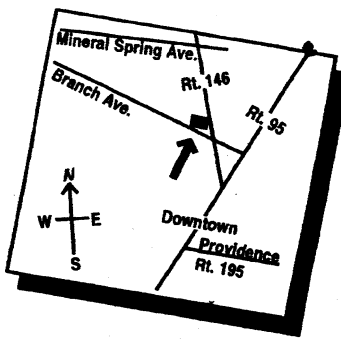
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Now is the time

At a time when we are faced with unprecedented challenges, when the risk of action as well as the potential good has never been graver, we must stand together as a community to fight for our ideals. We can — and must — make a difference.

We are young. We are powerful. And we are determined. No longer will gross injustice reign supreme while the ideals we espouse are neglected and trodden upon. As the future of our generation, of the nation, and indeed, of the world, we have a duty to wage war for what we know is right. We are who we are, which both curses and elevates us. We must speak for the mute, hear for the deaf and see for the blind.

The guilty deserve to be punished and the innocent deserve to be exonerated. The mighty fist of justice, guided by our strength and unity, will exert its wrath on those who threaten to undermine all that we stand for. With increased awareness and carefully-coordinated community action, we can accomplish our goals. As individuals we are small, but as a well-oiled machine we can forge ahead as a steam engine plows through wiry cheatgrass.

We must strike now while the iron is hot, or prepare ourselves for the inevitable paralysis of the sum of our parts.

Don't let this chance slip away.

Like sand through the hourglass, these are the days of our lives.

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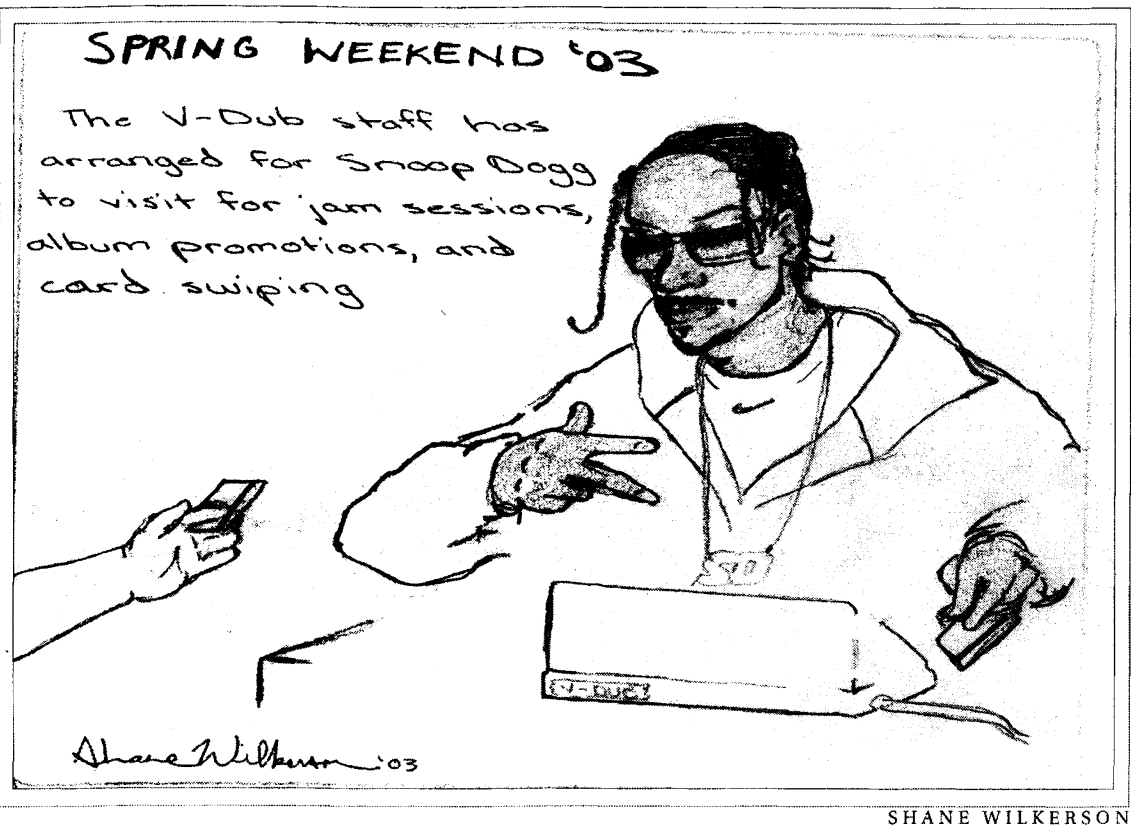
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LETTERS

Herald should print more stuff for me to get self-righteously offended about

To the Editor:

I want desperately to be offended by something in The Herald. Nothing gets my juices flowing in the morning like a good 'ole race controversy.

If you could please fail to cover a new week that celebrates someone's culture in a way that suits my exact tastes, that would work.

Or you could print something about the grading system without mentioning my personal statistics about grade inflation. I'm very bored playing Snood or computer Beirut alone in my room every night during the time I usually set aside for angry letter-writing to The Herald.

Marc Hannigan GS
 March 31

Coverage of acne-prone self-conscious Georgians week right on target

To the Editor:

When I was at Brown 20 years ago, I never thought I'd see the day when self-conscious, acne-prone Georgians would have their day in the sun. Thank you for your coverage of Acne-prone Self-Conscious Georgians Week.

Although the turnout was small (I was the organizer and only non-fictional participant) I still enjoyed the discussion panel, where a childhood friend made fun of my acne and I stood up for

myself despite the defeatist attitude of my Georgian father.

In spite of the fact that you mangled a quote from my dermatologist (she said "Sam needs less chocolate and more love" not vice versa), you managed to highlight what I and many others consider to be the important virtues of a culture whose history has often been silenced.

Sam Swifton '83
 March 31

This was an actual letter we received

To the Editor:

The bear claw logo is used by many schools. When Brown uses it, I feel that the University's deserved scholastic reputation is sacrificed to an all-too-common logo.

I encourage Brown to advertise its uniqueness as a center for thought and creativity by adopting a bear logo that avoids all the pitfalls of other bear logos: namely the snarling, rabid bear and the bear claw.

I offer you my bear logo as one more in keeping with the reputation of Brown as a center for serious, scholarly studies, but a place where there is room for humor and humanity. Finally, a bear logo such as mine offers the possibility of a marketing opportunity for the University.



John Turner

And, sadly,
 the bear
 logo

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OPINIONS

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I Can Solve the Middle East crisis

A completely uninformed but well-intentioned first-year offers the easy answers

PEOPLE HAVE A LOT TO SAY ABOUT THE Middle East. But what many people do not know is that every day, thousands of people die over there (<http://www.middleeast.com/deaths/people.html>). Something needs to be done. Middle East leaders may not know this, but the solutions to the problem are very clear. They must be. After all, I was able to figure them out in between PS11 and a cappella try-outs.



NEW WILLMAN
MY COMIC IS FUNNY

All the terrorists should stop bombing people

This seems to me to be the first step toward peace. If people's guts are flying everywhere, then people won't be in the mood for peace. You know what I mean? It's like when your friends are smoking up, and you weren't going to, but then you feel left out, so you do it too. Except the weed ... is bombs!

You're probably saying, "How can I spread the word that bombing isn't cool?" It will take more than a "Just Say No" campaign. Instead, SAT, Students Against Terrorism, has been sponsoring Teach-Ins about bombing, and table slipping at the Ratty. If table slipping can go on a

Will Newman '04 thinks that incoming first-years should be warmly welcomed to the University — and then shot.

world-scale (not to mention placing stickers damn near everywhere), we can get the message out that bombing has to stop.

America should stop being involved in the Middle East.

We should tell our ambassador to the Middle East that he's doing such a bad job, that not only is he fired, but that we're not even hiring another one. No one likes listening to him, and we can't expect the Middle East people to listen to his replacement. America has done such a bad job. I bet you didn't know this, but America funded lots of the people they don't like now. America gave Saddam Hussein

tons of money, so it's America's own fault that he is spending it on killing his own people. That basically proves that we have to stop messing around in the Middle East.

I have a solution, however. We should just make everything more expensive. So, yeah, Saddam will have lots of money, but it will buy fewer things, so he will really be less rich than he used to be. I learned that trick in Econ 11.

If you have ever read Immanuel Kant's Critique of Pure Reason (PL26 Course Packet, pages 35-40), you know that Kant said that you can't just use people. Well, if we try to increase our strength in the Middle East, we're just using people. You know that Bush is all about making money. Did you know

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that when he was in business, he made lots of money — for himself? Well, he did. So he'll probably just make more money in the Middle East.

America should become more involved in the Middle East.

Our sanctions have killed babies (<http://www.fightsanctions.com/propaganda/facts.html>). It isn't right that we don't give medicine to children who need it. Or give jobs to people who need them. What if your older brother had lots of medicine and jobs and you had none? That would be mean, right? Well what if your brother was 250 million people (like the USA)? That would be downright horrible. Think about it.

Someone in my unit is from the Middle East. I looked at his Middle East passport, and his cell phone has his area code 953 (the Middle East area code). He's faced a lot of discrimination, and it's up to the government to set up community, which means get rid of the racism. They can do this by hiring more Minority Peer Counselors. My MPC, Josie, really is amazing.

Muslims and Jews Should Flip A Coin (NOT AN AMERICAN ONE) to Decide Which Of Them Are Evil

So everyone keeps saying that both Israel and Palestinians are terrorists. They may have to agree to disagree. But since so many people have died, they have to blame it on someone. So either Israel has brutally occupied Palestinian land or Palestinian extremists refuse to recognize Jewish authority. The coin flip should take place at the U.N. building and they should not let the coin hit the ground. Terrorists can replace that coin with another coin, or they could do what Batman did to Two-Face in Batman Forever (I will not say what in case the terrorists have not seen the movie!). Instead, the Secretary General will catch it and flip it on his palm. Israel gets to flip, Palestinians get to call.

I know that President Bush will not listen to these easy and clear paths to peace. He just cares about money and power. It is up to us, the students, to insist on it, to chant until we cannot be ignored. Then, and only then, will there be peace in the Middle East.

The lowdown on the Showdown

Wolf Blitzer is one hot mo-fo.

LATELY I'VE BEEN WATCHING CABLE news Iraq coverage more often than the girls on MTV's Sorority House question the true intentions of their pledge class. What drives this mini-obsession? It's not the interviews with half-crazed ex-generals. It's the anchors. And their correspondents.

For a long time, I thought that the most under-appreciated man with a beard was our very own Dean Paul Armstrong. But I was wrong. It's Wolf Blitzer. Mark my words. Wolf Blitzer will do for the beard what former New York Met Todd Zeile did for the goatee, what Jose at the Ratty did for maroon UFS polo tees, and what Sanders Kleinfeld has done for going commando. This man has redefined sex appeal for men above 60. Even though he hasn't slept since the sniper shootings, he's not even stationed inside Iraq, and his job consists of recapping uncertain, conflicting accounts of week-old happenings he pathetically insists on referring to as "evolving situations," he is, hands down, my favorite correspondent.

Wolf is not the only cable news personality who has become a friend and teacher. Aaron Brown is another favorite of mine. When it comes to being completely reassuring and totally frightening at the same time, he's the cable news equivalent of the

dad from Seventh Heaven.

And then there's Geraldo Rivera, who has almost no redeeming qualities. I do admire his large mustache. It's not one of those pussy mustaches. It's a nice, big, Belgian explorer raping Africa of its riches mustache. Indeed, it's a shame that he was not

born a train robber in the 1880s, because he has perfected that 1880s adventurer look. He's about to be thrown out of Iraq for drawing a map in the sand with his foot of important

troop movements. Rivera puts the casual in casualties. Mustache aside, he's definitely not someone to trust.

Here's the part where I think I'm going out on a limb by letting everyone know that I have masturbated to Paula Zahn. It's true, of course, but at this point, jerking off to Zahn gives me about the same level of physical stimulation as a mosquito bite while I'm sleeping. Which is why I've reluctantly switched to Christiane Amanpour — twice in one day, and I imagined us inside one of Hussein's palaces. I bet Amanpour puts out. She's got that "older, mysterious, cat-owning, I teach middle school boys their first lessons about sex and love" look to her. But somehow, I trust her more than I trust Geraldo. I think it's the British accent. You could say "The love between man and beast is the greatest emotion one can feel" in an English accent and I would agree.

So, no matter who you admire, know this: Paula Zahn does not respond favorably to letters asking if you can send your own "inspectors" to her dressing room.

BILL O'REILLY

**BURN THIS
TATTERED COAT**

There are people on this campus who have searched eBay for Anderson Cooper posters.

Are you unsure about the war in Iraq? No clue what's going on?

Don't really care but need an answer when someone asks you what you think?

Try one of these responses, crafted to blurt out no matter where you are or who you're speaking to.

The University of Alabama response:

"I hope the war goes well, because my cousin and my girlfriend are in the war. I'd be mighty sad if she died."

The Brown student activist who's white response:

"Of course I'll protest the war! I'll protest fucking blueberry pancakes if it'll take away how bad I feel about being rich and white."

The highly intelligent sheep response:

"Baaaaa. New doctrine of pre-emption sets a dangerous precedent. Baaa. Neoconservatives have baaaaa wielded undue influence on Bush. Baaaaa."

The Mount Holyoke response:

"This war sucks dick, even though I don't."

The ambivalent masochist's response:

"I'd love to go over to the Persian Gulf so the Iraqi Republican Guard can just screw the smithereens out of my bruised body. Or not. Either way, really."

The talking to Donald Rumsfeld response:

"O.k., o.k., I like the war, and no, I don't want to arm-wrestle you to see who's right."

The "I only know what I read in Adam Stern's columns" response:

"I wonder whether this war will make me more attractive."

SPORTS TUESDAY

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LeBron skips NBA for shot at Ivy title

BY DICK VITALE

At a press conference near his government-subsidized apartment yesterday, high school basketball phenom LeBron James denied rumors that he would attend the University of Pennsylvania next year, claiming his visit to the school was simply the first stop on an Ivy League tour.

The news sent shockwaves through the sports world as James was predicted to be the top pick in the NBA draft in June.

But it generated an earthquake at Brown, which James announced would be his second — and perhaps final — stop.

"I've been doing a lot of thinking," James said. "I mean the money will always be there for me but I hear this may be Professor Barrett Hazeltine's last year at Brown and I really want to take Engin 9 with him."

James also said he was inspired after seeing ESPN announcer Chris Berman '77 amidst a raucous crowd at the Brown vs. University of Pennsylvania basketball game weeks earlier.

"Had I been there, I think Brown would have won," James said. "I think I can make an immediate impact on the team and perhaps we can vie for the Ivy League title next year."

Yet James said he would only attend Brown if the University can guarantee that he will not have to park his \$50,000 Hummer at the Brown Football Stadium. "I want the underground lot, no buts about it," James said.

Harvard, Yale and Princeton have all offered to build a parking garage outside whichever dorm James chooses to live for his freshman year.

A plum parking spot was just one of many demands James made of Brown, which include a suite in Gregorian Quad during his first year and lobster dinner three nights a week at the Ratty.

"We are very excited that LeBron could choose Brown," said President Ruth Simmons. "But we are concerned by the demands he has placed on the University."

If Brown succumbs to his demands, James will play alongside Brown seniors Earl Hunt '03 and Ali Nuualiitia '03 who have both been granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA. The decision is an attempt to promote fairness by the Selection Committee who said they are sick and tired of sending either Princeton or Penn to the NCAA Championships every year to represent the Ivy League and want to give the Bears a fighting chance for the subsequent season.

"We want to spice things up a little. We're tired of those skinny white boys representing the Ivy League and want to prove that the league has ballers as well" said a spokesperson for the NCAA.

Brown Head Coach Glenn Miller said he's thrilled by the possibility of having a player of James' caliber on the team next year.

"I guess all the shipment of bling bling paid off. I would personally like to thank Jacob the Jeweler for all his expertise," Miller said.

Miller, who was being courted to fill the men's basketball vacancy at UCLA, said he will likely stay at Brown for at least another year, but can make no guarantees after that.

Sports staff writer Dick Vitale helped purchase a new Hummer H2 for "King James."

Show time: Cheerleaders fired, replaced by Foxy Lady All-Star Dancers

BY JENNA JAMESON

In a move to bolster spirit at Brown men's basketball games, the Athletic Department has decided to replace the Brown cheerleaders with exotic dancers from Providence's own Foxy Lady. These upstanding young ladies will begin banging out their routines next winter.

"We tried free pizza, rally towels and thunder stix, but nothing seemed to work," said Michael Kohler, the Director of Marketing. "So we had Darrell West conduct a survey and it showed overwhelming support for both scantily-clad women gyrating to music and sports. We just put the two together."

As a result of the change, the cheerleading squad will now be all-female and will help the school comply with the rigorous requirements of Title IX. However, to encourage diversity and avoid discrimination, blondes, brunettes and redheads will all be a part of the final group, and women with real and natural bosoms will be allowed to try out.

"This should definitely help our chances at earning an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament next season," said Luke Ruscoe '06. "What school would

not want to have our cheerleaders on their court?"

One of the many benefits of the change will be that instead of winning a \$500 gift certificate for making a half-court shot, the new prize will be a trip to the infamous "Champagne Room" at the Foxy Lady. In addition, youngsters who compete in the bicycle races will now also be able to earn lap dances for the parents who brought them to the game. Finally, in an effort to keep things classy, the new cheerleaders will offer only partial nudity before 8:30 p.m.

"As a result of the switch, I promise to attend every Brown hoops game next season," said Chris Berman '77. "I may just have a special section for the Foxy Lady girls in my Plays of the Week."

Since the new cheerleaders will require a different kind of music, the Brown Band will fortunately also be replaced. DJ Lefty has volunteered to serve as talent scout and music coordinator for the team, so expect a lot of 50 Cent, Christina Aguilera and Guns 'N Roses at next years' games.

Sports staff writer Jenna Jameson covers the cheerleading team. She can be reached at bigho@browndailyherald.com.



Ansel Adams / Herald

The four highlighted members of intramural champion WNBA All-Stars (above) tested positive for androstenedione and were forced to forfeit their league championship.

Wide world of sports: Water wings, threesome and NY Mets

Intramural champions stripped of crown due to positive drug test

The WNBA All-Stars were forced to forfeit their Intramural 5-on-5 Basketball Championship after four of their eleven players tested positive for androstenedione last week in random drug testing done by Brown's Intramural Program. "Let this be a warning to all those substance abusers who play intramural sports," said Intramural Student Supervisor Derek Llayton '03. "We will hunt you down and bring you to justice."

Mets early favorites to win World Series after 15-2 loss to Cubs

After what can only be described as a stellar opening day performance for the New York Mets, baseball pundits across the country are picking the other team

from the Big Apple to be celebrating in October. Additionally, many in Las Vegas have suspended betting on the Mets to win it all. "Frankly, we're not sure how a team with Ty Wigginton, Rey Sanchez and Roger Cedeño in its line-up can lose," said a representative from the MGM Grand sports book.

NCAA drops team from Final Four, renames championship Ultimate Threesome

In a shocking move Monday morning, the NCAA told the Texas Longhorns they would not be heading to New Orleans this weekend. Instead the NCAA opted to have the three remaining squads play simultaneously on Monday night. The

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Rampant jock itch halts 2003 spring season

BY STEVE GOLDBOND

Last evening Athletic Director David Roach officially canceled the spring sports season. The decision came in light of the horrific outbreak of SAJIS, also known as Severe Acute Jock Itch Syndrome.

"We felt we had little choice in the matter," said Roach, who claims only he and the co-ed naked Frisbee team have not been afflicted by the disease. "I mean after all it is SAJIS."

The disease found its way onto the Brown campus via the sophomore contingent of the Dartmouth baseball team. Apparently during a doubleheader last weekend, the equipment manager of the Dartmouth team accidentally switched athletic supporters with those of the Brown team. After the game, the jockstraps were placed in the laundry and contaminated the entire athletic stockroom, as the disease is highly contagious, unlike regular jock itch.

"We've had to battle a few things before, like tennis elbow and swimmer's ear, and I think we've done a good job keeping those diseases quarantined, but at this point it's too late to stop the spread of SAJIS," Roach added.

This isn't the first time a Brown sport has been canceled due to health concerns. In 1822 the croquet team had its season canceled due to a terrible outbreak of leprosy. At the turn of the 20th century, the golf team forewent the second half of the season because they were unable to clean their dirty balls. The equestrian team had to call off its 1967 season after a few team members became afflicted with the Catherine the Great syndrome.

The airborne disease can also be contracted by the sharing of clothing, especially

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Wells v. "King George" to top card of thumb Wrestlemania

BY HIDEKI MATSUI

In a new and bizarre twist to the David Wells-George Steinbrenner saga, Wells and Steinbrenner have planned a winner-take-all thumb war that aims to, once and for all, end the ongoing feud between player and owner. Citing "a need for closure on this whole debacle," Wells said he is looking forward to the thumb war, after which he can return to focusing on his job as a member of the New York Yankees' starting pitching rotation.

"George and I have had our ups and downs, like most players and owners do, but I think it would be wise to settle our issues now," Wells said in a press conference yesterday. "No journalists, no media — just me and George, throwing down the gauntlet and letting it all hang out."

Though Steinbrenner refused to comment, "he is looking forward to crushing that fat man's thumb," according to a source close to him. The source also described George's thumbs as "remarkably strong," and less brittle than the aver-

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