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U. aims to spur 'knowledge economy' in R.I.

BY BEN SCHRECKINGER

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Brown University Community Council heard reports on the University's role in bringing a "knowledgebased economy" to Rhode Island and Brown's progress in internationalization yesterday.

Provost David Kertzer '69 P'95 P'98 also discussed the University's progress on implementing the recommendations of the 2006 report of the University Steering Committee on Slavery and Justice.

Richard Spies, executive vice president for planning and senior adviser to President Ruth Simmons, spoke on Brown's involvement in Rhode Island's economy, which suffers from one of the nations highest foreclosure rates and one of its highest unemployment rates.

"Our success really is closely linked to the success of the community we live in."

Spies said he sees a role for the University in developing a "knowledge-based economy" in Rhode Island. "There isn't really an economic focus in the city or — for the most part — in the state," he said.

A proposed medical education facility could be "both a symbolic and a substantive cornerstone of an economic strategy in the Jewelry District," where the University has already invested in property, Spies

Highway construction that will ultimately relocate the junction of I-95 and I-195 downtown represents

an economic opportunity, he said. The area opened up by the "Iway "project, as the relocation is known, could be designated a "knowledge district," Spies said.

"Nobody's quite sure exactly what that means yet," he said, but one feature of the district would be zoning to promote high-tech and other similar businesses.

In response to a question about the role of the humanities in Brown's

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Fate of two old houses up in the air

BY ANNE SIMONS

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Plans to sell two historic Universityowned houses on Angell Street are "up in the air" following the Corporation's decision in February to scrap plans for a giant brain sciences building, said Mike McCormick, assistant vice president of planning, design and construction.

The final word on the sale is pending the outcome of an internal investigation into the possibility of accommodating the need for a new brain sciences facility elsewhere on campus, McCormick said. Those findings will be presented to the Corporation at its next meeting in May, when a more definite decision will be made, he said.

Plans to sell the houses — at 127 and 129 Angell St. — are "essentially on hold until we finish" the investigation process, McCormick

"No decisions have been made





Herald file photo

The University has postponed its sale of two historic houses on Angell Street for \$10 each.

yet," he said. "It could be many years" before the University is ready to move the houses, he added.

The Angell Street properties currently occupy the location previously chosen for a proposed "Mind Brain Behavior" building. The University hoped to preserve the houses, rather than knocking them down, by selling them to owners who were willing to move them elsewhere on the East Side. In order to attract buyers, the houses themselves were put on the market for \$10 apiece, and Brown promised up to \$1 million to defray moving

Ninety parties expressed interest in buying one of the houses, McCormick said, of whom nine submitted serious proposals. Brown worked with the city and the Providence Preservation Society to cull two specific proposals from the nine, he said.

If it proves feasible to house the

brain science programs elsewhere, the University may keep the houses and rent them as student housing, McCormick said.

There is no plan to use the two buildings to house academic departments or offices, he said, because building codes are much stricter for offices than for residences and the buildings would require extensive and expensive renovations to bring

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Profs' small discovery has large effects

BY RACHEL STARR

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brown scientists were recently key members of a team whose work led to the isolation of a single top quark, the smallest fundamental particle of matter. The research, which involved smashing tiny particles together repeatedly, took place at the Fermi National Accelerator Lab, the location of the Tevatron collider — the world's highest-energy particle collider.

The top quark was "one of the key things that was missing" from the Standard Model of particle physics, said Associate Professor of Physics Meenakshi Narain, who spent years working on the research that ultimately produced the discovery. The isolation of the top quark might be the "last step" on the road to observing the Higgs boson, which is believed to generate mass, she said.

"It was one of those nagging things," Narain said.

The research, which was published in Physical Review Letters earlier this month. was written collaboratively by two teams of scientists that had previously competed to produce the discovery — DZero **Experiment and Collider Detector** at Fermilab.

David Cutts, professor of physics, was one of the original members of the DZero Experiment. Collaboration is very important because the Tevatron "is a very large piece of equipment — it's very complex," Cutts said.

Narain joined the DZero collaboration as a post-doctoral researcher and was involved in the discovery

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For sophomore, the story's in the food

BY MONIQUE VERNON

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Emma Buck '11 has always been interested in food, but it wasn't until she took BIOL 0190H: "Plants, Food, and People" that she realized it could be a field of study.

Using cuisine "as a lens for different issues," Buck has declared an independent concentration in gastroanthropology, the study of the relationship between the evolution of cultures and their dietary practices.

Buck said food illuminates topics of nutrition, health, history and cultural development.

"A lot of political and economic issues come at play as to why a person eats," she said.

It all started with her work on a farm in Ireland, Buck said. The ability to be self-sufficient in the production of food inspired her to further explore how food and people connect.

During her freshman vear, Buck took BIOL 0190H, taught by Professor of Biology Peter Heywood. The course

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further stimulated her interests, and after reading an article about the environment, food and sustainability, Buck said she saw her path "laid out"

Heywood has signed on to be her advisor and to support her work. "I was interested in the subject," he said, adding that he would "like to think that" his class helped inspire Buck to follow her passion.

"One of the reasons I was so excited that it is all here," Buck said. Currently, her courses include ECON 1530: "Health, Hunger and the Household in Developing Countries" and ARCH 0770: "Food and Drink in Classical Antiquity."

She has already taken a range of other courses for the concentration, including BIOL 0030: "Principles of Nutrition," AMCV 0190J: "Old Salts and Sacred Cod: Culture and Environment in New England Fisheries" and HMAN 1970A: "Eating Cultures: Food and Society."

In the future, other classes she said

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Emma Buck '11 cooks up an independent concentration in food and culture.





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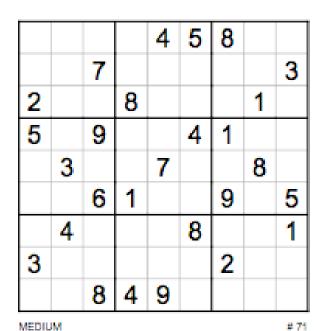
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Budding gastroanthropologist forges own path

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she plans to take include one on hunter-gatherer adaptations and another on ethnographic anthropology.

Buck's family and friends "were not surprised" when she revealed she was concentrating in gastroanthropology. She has always had an interest in the culinary arts and shopping for food, she said, and the concentration brings together many of her interdisciplinary interests. She had otherwise planned to concentrate either in Literary Arts or American Civilization.

Colleen McDonald '12 is a fellow concentrator in gastroanthropology. Along with Buck and other prospective concentrators, she is trying to establish a Department Undergraduate Group. Her track will focus on "nutrition, food psychology, and sociology," she said

McDonald said she has always been captivated by food, but after

taking a food anthropology course at Yale, discovered that there was a legitimate, "research-intensive" aspect to food studies.

"I think it is a fascinating understudied field," McDonald said.

Buck's interest in food and its production extends beyond her studies to her extracurricular activities. She is an editor of the Sustainable Food Initiative's Ripe calendar, has a gardening education fellowship and sells cheese at the Farmers' Market held on Wriston Quadrangle.

Buck is not the only person at Brown fascinated by the relationship between food and people. Though no independent concentration can be exactly duplicated, other students are pursuing a similar path, according to Jonathan Mitchell '09, an independent concentration program coordinator at the Curricular Resource Center.

The justification for each concentration has to be different, he said,

adding that "the proposal should be personal."

Buck said a fair number of faculty members are also interested in the topic. And a group of students is trying to establish a Food Studies Departmental Undergraduate Group to "bring resources together that can benefit other concentrations," she said.

A number of Group Independent Study Projects exist to address related topics, including one about sustainable agriculture and another on disordered eating. Though there are not many undergraduate gastroanthropology programs, the study is more prevalent among grad students, Buck said.

After graduating from Brown, Buck said she would be interested in attending culinary school or managing her own farm, though she said she is not yet certain of her future plans.

She has many possibilities, she said, because gastroanthropology is "a really emerging field."

'Knowledge-based' economy would help R.I.

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economic plan for the city, Spies said "knowledge-based" did not refer exclusively to scientific industries. He cited Providence's comparative advantage in design — provided by the Rhode Island School of Design — as an example of another component of such an economy.

President Ruth Simmons said Gov. Donald Carcieri '65 had written her to encourage an expansion of the University's engineering program for the sake of the state's economy.

Later, Vice President for International Affairs David Kennedy '76 provided the Council with an overview of the University's continuing efforts to broaden Brown's global outlook.

Kennedy, who is also serving as interim director of the Watson Institute for International Studies, said Brown should concern itself with "understanding the extent to which ... we pursue and ought to be pursuing internationalization at home."

In some regards, he said, internationalization is "not something that involves traveling here or traveling there, but something in our own minds and our own hearts."

In that vein, Kennedy said he

had identified curricular gaps, in academic fields like public health and in world regions like South Asia, where the University should strengthen its global purview.

Kennedy also talked about his desire to provide a greater variety of educational experiences abroad, such as "more internships" and "more intensive language programs."

Professor of Medical Science Chi-Ming Hai, a member of the Council, told Kennedy he knew of several graduate departments that had discouraged international students from applying for financial reasons.

"I'm not sure if Brown's getting more internationalized or less," Hai said, adding that the University appears to be "opening doors on one side, closing doors on the other."

"It takes money," Kennedy responded. "You just have to keep opening the doors."



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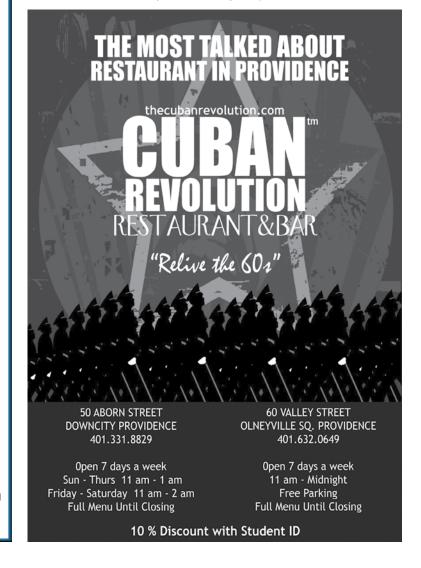
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"Our success really is closely linked to the success of the community we live in." — Richard Spies, executive VP for planning

Brown signs agreements with Chinese university

BY KRISTINA FAZZALARO

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The University finalized two memorandums of understanding with the Chinese University of Hong Kong last week, suggesting future collaboration.

The two memorandums — legal documents describing an agreement between parties in which they agree to work together on projects in the future — focused on graduate study abroad opportunities and a new Chinese language exchange program.

"Academic synergy has to be the primary focus of collaborations," said Vasuki Nesiah, director of International Affairs, which generally takes the lead in forming official agreements between Brown and foreign universities.

Brown has signed a total of four memorandums with CUHK over the past several years. A partnership has existed between the two schools since November 2006, when the first CUHK delegation arrived in Providence for discussion

In June 2007, a group of Brown professors and administrators visited CUHK to pursue this relationship. Assistant Provost Shelley Stephenson, who has a background in Chinese film and literature, said she first got involved in the project then.

After many talks back and forth, the original two agreements were finalized. The first was an umbrella agreement covering the basics of the collaborations between the two universities, and the second went into more detail concerning undergraduate study abroad and educational opportunities.

The agreements signed last week offered more detailed information concerning study abroad and educational prospects for graduate students and a new foreign language opportunity for those studying Mandarin.

The Chinese language exchange program promises to be very beneficial to Brown students, especially since Mandarin classes have been in high demand over the last couple of years, Stephenson said.

Associate Professor of History Kerry Smith was in contact with Professor Gladys Tang, chair of the department for Linguistic and Modern Languages at CUHK, Smith told The Herald in an e-mail. The two discussed bringing graduates of the department's new master's program to teach in Brown's Department of East Asian Studies.

"Students enrolled in Mandarin language courses will benefit both from exposure to a highly motivated native speaking instructor and from the increased programmatic capacity a new teacher will represent," Smith wrote.

Smith added that, due to the increased interest in Mandarin, the Chinese program at Brown is understaffed.

In addition, Brown's staff will be given the chance to learn new methods and instructional frameworks from the visiting instructors "through team-teaching and departmental forums, and ongoing discussions with our counterparts at CUHK," he wrote.

According to Stephenson, Brown is hoping to set up other programs with CUHK in the future. These may include a faculty exchange program and a summer study abroad program. Students from Brown and CUHK would spend three to four weeks in Providence studying a particular field of interest. The same group would then go to CUHK and study the same material, Stephenson said.

The relationship between Brown and CUHK was made possible partly because the universities have a common donor, according to Stephenson. This donor — a Brown alum's family — has had good experiences at both universities and would like to see them collaborate, she said.

Faculty members were also supportive of this collaboration, she said, especially of pursuing a graduate student exchange program.

In the future, Brown will continue to pursue relationships with foreign universities to benefit both students and professors as it did with CUHK, Stephenson said.

U. struggles to get Angell Street houses off its hands

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them up to code.

Brown has notified the two prospective buyers that a decision has been delayed until May, McCormick said, and the parties were understanding.

"Everybody understands, given the economy, it's much harder to move forward," he said.

The University realizes that if the delay is too long, it will lose its current buyers and will have to begin the process again, McCormick said, but the University's long-term plans still involve moving the houses at

some point

Relocating the Urban Environmental Lab — another historic building on Angell Street that was granted a temporary reprieve by the Corporation's decision — is also still a possibility, he said.

The University would eventually like to put a large new building in the place of the two houses and the UEL, he said, and to relocate the historic houses to the perimeter of College Hill.

"We're not moving the houses this summer, but everything else is still very much up in the air," Mc-Cormick said.



Quinn Savit / Herald Nick Horton '04 (right) and fellow alums screened their documentary, "Stronger Than Their Walls," Tuesday.

Alums' film takes on probation law

BY DAN ALEXANDER

STAFF WRITER

It was more than two years ago that Phillip Jackson, 43, was charged with simple assault. He was alleged to have hit a 17-year-old who neighbors said had yelled racial slurs at Jackson's young children. But a witness who saw Jackson confront the teenager said Jackson didn't touch him.

The charge was dismissed, and

Jackson was never put on trial for the incident. But because he was on probation, he was put behind bars for seven years anyway.

During a screening of the documentary "Stronger Than Their Walls" in List 120 last night, just over 25 students watched film of Jackson saying that he was a changed man from when he committed the crime that — more than 20 years ago —

put him in jail in the first place and, later, on probation. He said he has become more responsible since he became a father.

But because of a law that allows judges to send people to jail for violating probation if they are charged with a new crime, Jackson sees his children under twice a week now,

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"Seven years? For yelling at someone?"

— Phillip Jackson, subject of the documentary, "Stronger Than Their Walls"

Alums' film documents plight of those under legal probation

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even though the assault charge was ultimately thrown out. Rhode Island is one of only three states in the nation, along with Alabama and South Dakota, to have such a law.

Four Brown alums working at the Rhode Island Family Life Center, a non-profit organization that works with and advocates for ex-inmates, began creating the film about a year ago.

"I thought that the documentary would be the best way to bring the pretty compelling ideology of the problem to people who were more distant from the issue," said Nick Horton '04, a policy researcher at the Family Life Center.

Julia Liu '06, Jon Mahone '99 and Keith Heyward '07 all worked on the film with Horton.

According to Horton, who is also a co-producer and co-director of the film, one in every 26 Rhode Islanders is on probation.

"Huge parts of communities are on probation, so that combined with the very low standards for re-sentencing someone, is kind of a perfect storm for creating due process violations,"

In addition to Jackson's and other personal accounts, the film details efforts, led by State Representative David Segal, D-Dist. 2, and the Family Life Center, to advance legislation called the "Justice and Innocence Bill," which would take away judges' ability to put people on probation in jail without a new conviction.

In Rhode Island, when people on probation are charged with a crime, they are given two options: to plead "no contest" and accept a deal that could put them behind bars or to have a hearing, the film explains.

Jackson, who is the film's central figure, maintained his innocence and refused to accept a deal that would have put him behind bars for two years. He opted for a judge's hear-

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not need to find guilt beyond a reasonable doubt to put someone on probation back in jail. The law only requires the judge be "reasonably satisfied" that the defendant violated his or her pledge to "preserve the peace and be of good behavior," according to the film.

It's very rare that a judge will rule in favor of the person on probation, a public defender named John Hardiman says in the film. "It's like driving a bike up a mountain. It's really hard to overcome."

Jackson didn't win his hearing, and the judge sent him back to prison for seven more years.

"Seven years. For yelling at someone?" Jackson said.

Jackson's complaints are echoed by two others — sent to jail by the law — whose stories the film high-

The film also chronicles the roadblocks Segal's and the Family Life Center's bill has faced. One of its

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strongest opponents is State Attorney General Patrick Lynch '87.

During June 2008 State Senate hearings that are shown in the film, a member of Lynch's office argued that someone on probation can still be a danger — and can still be sent to jail — even if he or she is not found guilty of an additional crime.

"Probation violations aren't based on the new charge, they're based on the old charge," Lynch's representative said at the hearing.

Lynch's office could not be reached for comment.

In the organization's first try two years ago, the bill passed the General Assembly but not the Senate. Last year, it passed both houses, but Gov. Donald Carcieri '65 vetoed it.

Segal, who attended the screening, told The Herald afterward that he is confident the bill he sponsored will become a law this year. But he said it is largely dependent on whether the bill can pass early in session, so that the legislature will have enough

time to override Carcieri's expected

According to Segal, the speaker of the house and committee leaders said they would discuss the bill early in the legislative year.

In the meantime, Segal and Horton are trying to garner support from the public. Horton said the documentary had been screened seven times before last night, and he thought Brown would be a good place for an eighth screening.

Brown students "are really interested in criminal justice and prison reform issues," he said.

Scott Turcotte '11 signed up for the Family Life Center's mailing list after the screening and said he would like to go down to the State House to support the bill.

"I thought it was really tragic," Turcotte said. "I'd love to get in-

Until the bill passes — or until his seven years are up - Jackson will remain in prison.



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On a tiny frontier, profs push the boundary

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of the top quark, and the anti-top quark in 1995.

DZero and the CDF have been studying the top quark's properties and production mode ever since, Narain said, adding that this month's discovery is "like a dream come true" after 14 years of experimentation.

"Particle physics is just a very exciting time right now," said Monica Pangilinan GS, a Brown Ph.D. student who is currently on site at Fermilab conducting research. "We're closing in on this window of where the Higgs should be, if it exists."

Pangilinan, who is writing her thesis on the "observation of this rare production mode" of the single top quark, has been closely involved in both the observation and the analysis taking place at the Tevatron, Narain said.

Pangilinan and the rest of the DZero physicists had to analyze billions of collisions in order to find just hundreds that matched the production modes for which they were looking. As part of the analysis, Pangilinan "developed this technique to extract a very small signal from a huge background" Narain said.

The Tevatron fires protons and anti-protons at each other every 396 nanoseconds, but "industry can't support" keeping data about each collision as there is not enough computer space. Narain said.

One of Pangilinan's hardest jobs has been helping to determine which collisions are interesting to the researchers and which to ignore, Narain added.

The analysis would have taken about 1.5 million days if it had run on a single computer, Pangilinan said, adding that the weeks leading up to the publication were "very intense."

Still, neither Narain nor Pangilinan have any intention of stopping now. They are hoping to work with the Large Hadron Collider, located on the Switzerald-France border, which is scheduled to resume operations this fall and one of whose primary purposes will be to isolate the elusive Higgs boson.

"I think I'd like to look for the Higgs," Pangilinan said.

"I personally think there's someing beyond the Higgs," Narain. said, adding that "something new has to show up" with energies as high as those at the Large Hardron Collider.

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A professor explains "tone" in a one-minute lecture called "Writing Tips."

Try not to fall asleep — these are short

Small school expands use She includes two discussion quesof 'one-minute lectures'

BY LUISA ROBLEDO

STAFF WRITER

San Juan College has found a new way to keep students from dozing off while learning — make them one minute long.

The small Farmington, N.M. community college is pioneering the for-credit use of what they call "micro-lectures," extremely short videos that distill a topic into its most fundamental ideas. The online lectures are used in conjunction with assignments and individual projects that allow students to become more active learners and discover topics on their own.

"Learners don't want to be drawn into a long lecture," said Michelle Meeks, an adjunct faculty member at San Juan. "It allows me to be more succinct in my teaching."

Meeks teaches an online class on academic reading. She prepares a micro-lecture on a different topic each week, condensing what would normally be an hour and a half of material into about 60 seconds.

Each lecture begins with an overview of the topic. Meeks then presents students with a list of "key terms" they are expected to learn on their own.

"I encourage them to go forward and Google these terms, see what they can find and come back and complete the exercise," she said.

Meeks concludes her lectures by recommending strategies for students to continue learning the topics.

tions with each lecture, and students must often conduct outside research to respond.

One of the benefits of microlectures is that "students can watch the lecture three or four times," Meeks said.

Richard Fiske, one of Meeks' students, wrote in an e-mail to The Herald that the reading class was his first class to use micro-lecture. But, so far, Meeks has done a good job implementing the new technique,

"It's kind of a great jump start," Fiske wrote in his e-mail, "but a little more would be nice."

According to Meeks, getting caught up in the one-minute limit is not a good idea. But three minutes is usually more than enough to get her point across, she said.

The micro-lectures "give you all the information you need to know," Shannon Boettler, another of Meeks' students, wrote in an e-mail to The Herald. "But they're short enough that it is easy to stay focused and pay attention the whole time."

Boettler, who works and participates in a community theater in addition to taking online and classroombased courses, described herself as "a busy girl." Micro-lectures have "made life easier," she wrote.

Meeks is not the only faculty member in San Juan who uses microlectures. Chris Baade, an assistant professor of mathematics at San Juan, is in the process of creating them for her beginning and intermediate

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Med schools question drug company ties

BY ALEXANDRA ULMER

STAFF WRITER

Medical students at both Harvard and Brown are concerned about the ethical implications of current policies regarding the institutional influence of the pharmaceutical industry. Since Harvard Medical School received a grade of F in the American Medical Student Association's report on faculty conflict of interest last October, a group of students and faculty has mobilized to challenge the university's policy on ties to prescription drug companies, the New York Times reported March 2.

"Harvard Medical School is one of many schools facing this problem," and, as of now, the university is "not adequately addressing it," said Arnold Relman, professor emeritus at Harvard Med.

"Medicine should serve public interest and not corporate interest," said Relman, the former editor of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Under Harvard's current policy, faculty members must disclose to students which drug companies, if any, employ them for consulting and research. But Relman said it is unethical for professors to accept payment for their services to outside corporations.

"I don't consider industry to be evil — they're not Satan," Relman said. "But they have different imperatives. We're talking about millions and millions of dollars."

Professors employed by drug companies may have an incentive to misrepresent medications, Relman said, possibly leading to misinformed doctors who prescribe unnecessary treatments. In the long term, this may lead to increased health care costs and a loss of public confidence.

Ali Qureshi, vice president of Harvard Medical School's class of 2012, said the university is "on par with other medical schools" in terms of its conflict of interest

policies. But, he added, the Student Council Advisory Board has recently created a Conflict of Interest Representative to increase dialogue about the issue.

Qureshi has never personally felt the influence of drug companies on his studies, he said, and explained that, by its nature, Harvard draws prominent professors who are also recruited by major drug companies. Harvard's power in controlling conflicts of interest is restrained because it does not own the hospitals where its faculty and students work, Qureshi added.

But the controversy has created a "healthy debate" on campus, Qureshi said, adding that while student views on the issue varied, all are "supportive of having a healthy conflict of interest policy."

Harvard Medical School's policy on conflicts of interest is quite strict when compared to other schools, said David Cameron, as-

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Fighting endowment losses, top schools face cuts

BY ELLEN CUSHING

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

After reporting double-digit endowment losses during the recession, colleges and universities - even elite ones — are outlining specific strategies for slashing their bud-

Some schools are bracing themselves for even deeper cuts than they anticipated just months ago.

In a Feb. 24 statement to the community, Yale President Richard Levin announced a revised budget for the university — which is projecting a 25 percent loss for this fiscal year — and a 7.5 percent reduction in the salaries and benefits of all nonfaculty staff, up from a 5 percent reduction announced in December.

The university plans to lay off as many as 300 employees, the Yale Daily News reported March 2.

Levin also called for a 7.5 percent cut in non-salary expenditures, up from 5 percent cut and a salary freeze for university employees making over \$75,000 a year.

In the statement, Levin explained

that worsening economic conditions had led administrators to re-evaluate earlier cost-cutting plans.

"The mounting evidence suggesting a prolonged recession has caused us to recognize that we need to take a more aggressive approach to budget reductions for the coming fiscal year," Levin said in the statement.

Dartmouth announced last month that it would be laying off 60 employees and decreasing wages for another 28. Seventy employees have already accepted buyouts, and the university implemented a 10 percent cut and a hiring freeze last fall, according to media and university reports. A Feb. 9 statement from President James Wright announced a freeze on most salaries and wages and budget reduction of \$72 million over the next two years.

Cornell President David Skorton issued a statement on March 6 that discussed the school's worsening financial situation and outlined a dramatically expanded budgetreduction strategy.

"The size of Cornell's required

budget reductions has grown in recent weeks, reflecting diminished investment performance and other factors dictated by the realities of the marketplace," he said.

Skorton's letter also included a 15 percent cut in endowment spending this year, with even larger reductions planned for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. The university — which is facing a \$230 million budget deficit — also plans to sell up to \$500 million in taxable bonds and cut its budget by \$60 million. The letter announced a "voluntary retirement" program, and the Cornell Daily Sun reported Monday that the school has laid off 35 employees this fiscal year so far, with more layoffs expected to come.

Stanford University has also been forced to make larger sacrifices than previously anticipated. Last week, Provost John Etchemendy reported that the university — which now estimates an endowment loss as high as 30 percent — would be cutting its budget by \$100 million over one

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"This is the American propensity to reduce everything to sound bites."

— Andries Van Dam, professor of computer science

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sociate director of public affairs and media relations at Harvard Medical School.

"We require our researchers to disclose financial interests," Cameron said. "Depending on the nature of the disclosure, we have some very firm boundaries on what a researcher can and cannot do."

Harvard Medical School is currently conducting a comprehensive policy review, Cameron said. The "lack of language on conflict of interests in areas that are specific to a clinical setting" is a focus of the review, he said.

Policy is also being revised at Brown's Alpert Medical School, which is aiming to limit all conflicts of interest in teaching, Associate Dean of Medicine Philip Gruppuso said, explaining that pharmaceutical marketing is expected to be banned on campus under the new policy. He said the policy will be implemented before the end of the year.

"I think it is very clear that there will be support," for limiting the intervention of drug companies at the medical school, Gruppuso said. "More recently, people have recognized what a problem" it has created at medical schools in general, he added.

This policy change will require all lecturers to disclose their affiliation with drug companies at the start of each semester and aims to develop curriculum on the influence of the pharmaceutical industry on medical care, according to Gruppuso.

The student group "Brown Pharmaceutical Policy Task Force" acted as the catalyst for this change by submitting recommendations to Dean Gruppuso.

"I converted their recommendations into an action plan," Gruppuso said. "We wanted this to be

student-led.

However, Gruppuso added that, according to a survey result, "Those of us in the administration are more uniformly concerned than the population of students," he said

Joelle Karlik '08 MD '12, the student leader of the Task Force, said while she thinks this new policy is a "step in the right direction," disclosures by lecturers do not erase influence on their teaching.

"Once money is accepted, there is that possibility for influence," she said.

The administration has been supportive of student recommendations, Karlik said, but has focused more on limiting pharmaceutical companies' influence on students and less on their influence on professors and hospitals.

"We're not going to get rid of influence in our education without removing industry influence on the greater community as well."

Ivies cut budgets to fight large endowment losses

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year, instead of the two-year time frame announced in January.

Princeton is also seeing significant reductions to its budget. Administrators plan to cut the school's operating budget by \$82 million in the next fiscal year, according to a March 5 article in the Daily Princetonian. The university also plans to borrow \$1 billion to limit spending out of its endowment, which is projected to decrease by

At the same time, however, Princeton has increased its commitment to student aid, increasing its financial aid budget by \$8 million, or 13 percent, according to the Daily Princetonian

article.

Princeton is not alone in this regard: In his letter, Levin stressed that Yale will maintain its financial aid programs, and Penn has launched a number of initiatives aimed at improving aid.

In a letter to the Penn community, President Amy Gutmann announced a \$17.6 million increase to its financial aid budget and the university's lowest tuition increase in more than 40 years.

"With the mounting financial stress that many of our students and families are experiencing right now, we feel a responsibility to relieve some of their pressure," the statement said.

College experiments with pithy, 60-second lectures

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algebra classes.

Baade will spend her summer creating micro-lectures to supplement face-to-face interactions with students. Each lecture will include both instruction from Baade and practice problems.

"If students miss class, they'll have something to view and catch up," Baade said. "They can also view it before they come to class or use them to review for placement exams."

Micro-lectures cannot replace classroom interaction, Baade said. Her remedial-level students generally "need a little more assistance." Micro-lectures are a "huge back-up plan," she said.

Micro-lectures are not new in the education scene. Ten years ago, the University of Pennsylvania started using them to tell students about "interesting bits of research," and videos were targeted towards students interested in pursuing topics beyond the scope of a course, said Dennis DeTurck, the dean of the school's College of Arts and Sciences. Each semester, professors would "distill information" to only the most important facts and create 60-second lectures to be presented outside the classroom.

"It's interesting to see what you leave out," DeTurck said. "Sometimes you have to leave out stuff that makes you sad to leave out."

David Penrose, manager of online services and the senior instructional designer at San Juan, said the current generation of students was one of "net learners" making the online lectures a good tool for independent study.

Another idea San Juan administrators had, Penrose said, was "to find a learning system that would use smart phones — cell phones that had video and that consumed little air time."

Hour-long lectures tend to make learning more passive, Penrose said, but micro-lectures force students "to be more specific on what they are learning." The assignments are also just as important as the microlectures, he said.

Andries van Dam, a professor of computer science at Brown, is skeptical of micro-lectures. He said the concepts he addresses in his class are too complex to reduce to 60 seconds.

"This is the American propensity to reduce everything to sound bites," van Dam said. But micro-lectures might be effective as a tool for reviewing concepts mastered in class, he said.

Sandra Tracy, San Juan's dean of the School of Extended Learning, said micro-lectures have been a success. They are being used by multiple programs at the college, including the college's safety program, archaeology, English and cultural heritage classes, she said.

"It entices students to learn more about a topic," Tracy said. "And it is easy for them to get the essential bits of information."



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SPORTS VEDNESDAY

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Standout Bears pull down Ivy, national honors

SPORTS STAFF REPORTS

After a banner weekend, Brown's lacrosse teams cleaned up on the awards circuit.

On the men's side, goalie Jordan Burke '09 was named the Ivy League Player of the Week, New England Player of the Week and LAXnews National Collegiate Player of the Week for making 20 saves in a 9-8 victory over No. 13 UMass-Amherst on Saturday. Burke, a quad-captain, made five saves in the fourth quarter, including three in the final 27 seconds of the game to repel the Minutemen.

Burke leads the Ivy League with 12.6 saves per game and stands second with a .589 save percentage. Last season, he was named the Ivy League Player of the Year and selected as a second team All-American. He is a candidate for the 2009 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award for achievement both on and off the field.

Two Bears were named to the Ivy League Honor Roll. Midfielder Reade Seligmann '09 was recognized for recording his first career hat trick against the Minutemen, and midfielder Rob Schlesinger '12 scored the first two goals of

his career — including the game

For the women, attacker Jesse Nunn '09 was named the Ivy League Offensive Player of the Week for scoring four goals and adding an assist in a 12-8 victory over Harvard on Saturday. She added three ground balls, a draw control and caused a turnover in the Bears' first win over the Crimson since 2004.

Despite missing the two previous games due to injury, Nunn leads the Bears with 10 goals and two assists, four points higher than the next leading scorer.

Val Sherry '09 made the Ivy League Honor Roll for her defense. She caused three turnovers — a game high — and added three ground balls and a draw control. She clamped down on Harvard's second-highest scorer, Kaitlin Martin, who scored her only two goals of the game on free position shots.

Two Brown athletes were recognized for their seasons. Men's basketball center Matt Mullery '10, previously announced as a first team All-Ivy selection, was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division I All-District 13 Second Team.



Justin Coleman / Herald File Photo Matt Mullery '10 was selected to the Division I All-District 13 Second Team.

Mullery blocked 59 shots to set a single-season school record. His career total of 115 blocked shots is second in school history to Alai Nuualiitia's '03 total of 119 established in 2003.

Mullery placed among the league leaders in several categories this season. He led the Ivy League in field goal percentage with .606, finished fourth in both scoring, and rebounding, with 16.1 per game and 6.5 per

game, respectively, 15th in assists with 2.0 per game and seventh in minutes, with 33.1 per game.

Defenseman Jeff Buvinow '12 was named to the ECAC Hockey All-Rookie team. He had already been named to the All-Ivy Second Team after posting three goals and 14 assists to finish second on the team in scoring. His 17 points were the third-highest total in school history for a freshman defenseman.

World Baseball Joke

I hate the World Baseball Classic. Between the inaugural one in 2006 and this year's equally lame edition, I've watched about 20-25 innings, tops. That might not be significant to

Major League Baseball, which hopes to use the WBC to help grow the sport, except that I'm a huge baseball fan. If I'm not watch-



Tom Trudeau Tru Story

ing, who is? If I'm not interested, who

Fresh off the 2008 Olympics, where a United States swimmer and USA basketball captivated a nation, why don't Americans seem to care? Even if Red Sox fans can get past having to root for Derek Jeter, or Mets fans can applaud Jimmy Rollins, or Yankee fans can cheer for David Wright and Dustin Pedroia, it doesn't seem that anyone in the States is really into it.

How can any self-respecting MLB fan take it seriously? The best players aren't allowed to play, because teams (understandably) don't want their million-dollar assets getting hurt in games that are meaningless to the 2009 baseball season.

The stars who do play in the tournament aren't even close to playing at their peak level. With only about a week of spring training under their belt by the time the WBC started, the tournament will be over by the time most of the participating players are even close to regular season form. Anything can happen in a small sample size of only nine innings, but what are the odds that Team USA would get mercy-ruled, as it did 11-1 on Saturday by Puerto Rico, if Jake

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Equestrian rides to regular season finale victory

The equestrian team won by six points at Johnson and Wales in Rehoboth, Mass., in its regular season finale on Saturday.

The Bears won their region by 36 points to clinch a trip to the Zone 1 Championship, while Liz Giliberti '10 sealed her season-long pursuit of the Cacchione Cup. As the top rider in her region, she has earned a trip to Nationals.

Giliberti and Elise Fishelson '11 each placed second in their respective classes of the Open Fences, while Katy Eng '11 won the Novice Fences.

Giliberti added a victory in the Open Flat. Dakota Gruener '11 and Leona Rosenblum '09 placed first and second, respectively, in their classes of the Intermediate Flat, while Eng pinned first in the Novice Flat.

Cate Berger '11 and Rebecca de Sa '09 both took blue ribbons in their respective classes of the Walk Trot division.

The Bears will travel to the Mystic Valley Hunt Club, Connecticut College's home base, in Glades Ferry, Conn., for the Region 1 Championship on March 28.

— Sports Staff Reports

W. water polo moves up, looks ahead

SPORTS STAFF REPORTS

The women's water polo team went 2-1 in a tripleheader in upstate New York Saturday to run its record this season to 11-5, but they dropped the conference opener.

The Bears beat Colorado College, 13-4, and knocked off the New York Athletic Club, 15-10, for the second time this season, but they dropped their Collegiate Water Polo Association Northern Division opener to No. 13 Harwick, 13-10.

Lauren Presant '10 led the way with 18 goals on the weekend and was named the CWPA Northern Division Player of the Week. After notching three goals, three steals, an assist and an ejection drawn against Colorado College, she tallied seven goals, three assists, a steal and an ejection drawn against NYAC and exploded against Hartwick for eight of Brown's 10 goals.

Brown's day began in Utica, N.Y. with the victory over Colorado College. Sarah Glick '10 matched Presant with three goals, while Katherine Stanton '11 and Bethany Kwoka '12 added two goals apiece and Rita Bullwinkel '11 made four steals. Misa Scharfen '12 posted three saves in three quarters of action.

The Bears then moved on to Oneonta, N.Y., where they cruised

to victory over NYAC. Glick filled the stat sheet with four goals, four assists and five steals, and Scharfen made five saves in her first career start.

Notable individual performances still shone through in the 13-10 loss to Hartwick. Glick notched two goals and six assists, while Stanton chipped in with an assist and three steals. Goalie Stephanie Laing '10, playing her first full game of the day, made 15 saves.

The Bears will be busy over spring break, playing 11 games over nine days in California, including the San Diego and Bakersfield Invitationals.



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Trudeau '09: Baseball Classic good for sponsors, not fans

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Peavy is throwing the ball the way he does in mid-July?

And what about this double elimination nonsense? In a game where randomness rules and a team full of theoretical minor leaguers would still win 33 percent of the time, the best teams face first-round exits because of one bloop single or a bad call.

Yet the 2009 WBC is pulling in higher ratings, bigger crowds and more sponsorship dollars than the 2006 tournament. The TV ratings in Japan for the Japan-Korea game were higher than the Beijing Olympics or any sports event since the 2006 WBC finals, which featured Japan and Cuba. Even in the United States, a Friday U.S.-Venezuela game was more watched than the Celtics-Cavs game on ESPN. Meanwhile, in addition to higher sponsorship revenue, the number of sponsors for the WBC more than doubled at a time when professional sports have been losing sponsors in droves.

This is why if you're a fan of baseball, you have to be a fan of this joke of a baseball tournament, even if you don't ever plan on following it. It's hard to deny that it's good for the business of baseball. As the game grows more internationally, combined with the chance for a world-wide amateur draft in the near future, it's easy to see how the game itself could produce more stars and enhance the quality of play. There's even talk of expanding the tournament from 16 to 24 teams in 2013, which would expose even more countries to the game and further promote Major League Baseball.

So you can feel good about rooting against Jeter, Sox fans, and you can be happy that Pedroia hurt himself in the batting cages, Yankee fans, because with every out Team USA makes, the greater the chances that a country that does actually care will win. Unlike the US, where most people remain oblivious to the tournament's existence, it will give other countries a legitimate source of happiness and pride while further promoting a beautiful game internationally.

World Baseball Classic — you are far from classic. Your meaningless results are like glorified Spring Training games. I hate you and probably always will. But as long as you keep making my favorite sport healthier, you can stay.

Tom Trudeau '09 is bitter because two Yankees got hurt playing in the '09 WBC already.

Guard play is key for Cal in NCAA opener

BY STEVE YANDA

WASHINGTON POST

The Stanford basketball squad Mike Montgomery oversaw in 2001 was anchored by two imposing post players who often gave the Cardinal a decisive advantage on the boards and in half-court sets. Jason and Jarron Collins — 7 feet and 6 feet 11, respectively — led Stanford to the region final, where it fell to Maryland by 14 points. Montgomery was known in those days for his ability to coach big men.

Eight years later, Montgomery guides a California team dependent upon the play of its guards. The Golden Bears rank No. 1 in the nation in three-point shooting, and now Montgomery is heralded for his ability to coach those who man the perimeter.

"That's always been his trademark ability," said Eric Reveno, who was an assistant under Montgomery for seven seasons at Stanford. "adjusting his style to the talent that he has."

California will play Maryland (20-13) on Thursday in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Kansas City, Mo. The Terrapins are an interesting matchup for the Golden Bears, Montgomery said, because of the teams' similarities.

Out of necessity, California (22-

10) operates a guard-oriented lineup that prefers to score in transition. But whereas Maryland is adept at creating its transition opportunities via high-pressure defensive schemes that produce turnovers, the Golden Bears are more risk-averse.

"They want to get the ball back, but they're willing to be patient and disciplined," said Reveno, now the head coach at Portland, which lost to California by 20 on Dec. 28. "The risk, for them, is not worth it. They're not out there trapping or anything like that. They'll force you to miss and then spread the floor after a rebound."

Those responsibilities — to force the miss, to grab the rebound and then to spread the floor — fall on the shoulders of a trio of guards vital to California's success. Jerome Randle, a hyperactive 5-10 point guard, orchestrates the furious runs. Though Randle (18.4 points per game) cannot always shake his shoot-first instinct, Montgomery lauded his improved understanding of how to get his teammates involved in the flow of the offense.

Randle's 4.9 assists per game do not overshadow his 46.8 percent three-point shooting, but it's a step toward the type of balance his coach seeks.

Joined by guards Patrick Christopher and Theo Robertson, Randle heads up the most accurate three-point shooting team in the country. California has connected on 43.4 percent of its three-point attempts.

"I think that's a little bit of a misnomer, in terms of being the top three-point shooting team in the country," Montgomery said. "I think that's statistics. We really got off to a fast start and our percentage was way up, almost uncanny, and then we've kind of come down to earth a little bit the last half of the season. ... We're pretty comfortable with the shots that we're taking because that's what we have to take."

The Golden Bears have to rely on outside shooting because their interior presence, Montgomery said, leaves much to be desired. It's not that California lacks size — starting center Jordan Wilkes stands 7 feet — it's that those big bodies have not yet realized their potential.

Reveno said Wilkes is "not very physical" and that California's inside presence comes, instead, from 6-8 forward Jamal Boykin.

"They don't have a real dominant guy inside," Reveno said, "but they find ways to get around it."

Much as Maryland does, California compensates by asking its guards to venture into the post for rebounds. Christopher (6-5) and Robertson (6-6) each average 3.8 boards per game, nearly as many as Wilkes (4.0).

Montgomery, who is in his first season at California, returned to college basketball after a four-year hiatus, two of which were spent coaching the NBA's Golden State Warriors. He said he didn't necessarily miss coaching at the collegiate level, but the time off might have provided broader perspective.

He understands that he'll have to keep adapting his style, keep finding ways around his team's deficiencies, for at least a little while longer.

"He just wants a solid and balanced team," Reveno said. "It's not like he wants to be small and athletic or big across the board and walking it up the court. His style of play is just like his personality — nothing extreme, just solid and fundamental."



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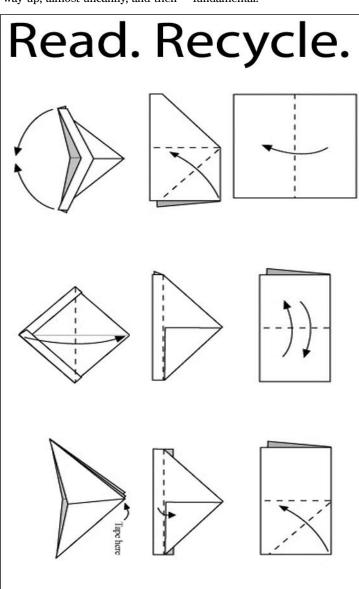
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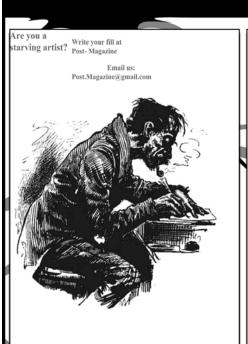
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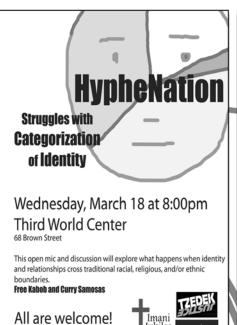
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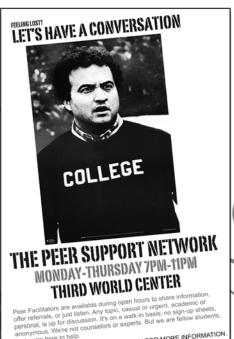
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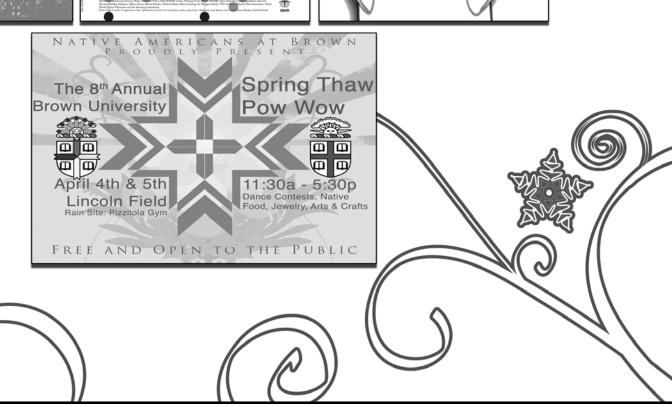
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EDITORIAL

Laying down the law

Recent developments at the Watson Institute for International Affairs have worried some corners of the Brown community. In an effort to strengthen Watson's global governance expertise, interim director and Vice President for International Affairs David Kennedy '76 has brought in scholars whose primary academic focus is law. Some professors suspect that Kennedy is launching a full-scale legal studies program on the sly, particularly after hearing of an abandoned campaign to enable Watson to give tenure independently. Such a program, say the critics, would run the risk of devoting considerable University resources to a bevy of lawyers whose talents and training are better suited to practice or law-school teaching, and who might view a university post as a sinecure to help them avoid competing with America's glut of legal professionals.

These are legitimate concerns. But so far, Kennedy's recruitment decisions have been sound. The lawyers he has brought on board are also accomplished scholars who will enhance Watson's ability to study international issues heavily influenced by legal thought and structures. Furthermore, Brown shouldn't be afraid to increase the legal experience of its faculty in other areas. The law is a crucial element of any social science, helping students and professors to better grasp its interaction with society's many facets and injecting a dose of practicality into the often-airy realms of ivory tower contemplation. Even burgeoning scientists will benefit from basic knowledge of patent law and other subjects, whether they spend their careers in the private sector or in medical academia. And, of course, lawyerly professors are a particular boon to future law students.

When it has weathered the current financial storm, the University should seriously consider amplifying these advantages and expanding its influence by founding a law school. The University's charter obliquely discourages but does not forbid such professional schools, and the medical school has already broken down that barrier. And compared to this latter institution, revived in 1975 and now one of the University's finest assets, a law school would not be capital-intensive. If the time comes for Brown to take that step, departmental legal studies programs could help pave the way for the new institution. Until then, however, legal scholarship should be the preserve of a smattering of professors across various disciplines. Kennedy can be proud of what he has done for Watson and Brown, but he and his successors must be wary of giving momentum to what should be an auxiliary element of Brown's social sciences before plans are in place to fulfill the lawyers' potential as professors in Brown's next great institution.

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A tale of two speakers

BY FATIMA AQEEL

OPINIONS COLUMNIST

Many influential figures have their own dirty laundry. And both John Edwards and John Yoo certainly have theirs.

This may sound like the beginning of a juicy gossip column, and both figures have a questionable past; Edwards cheated on his wife and Yoo was the author of the Bush administration's memos justifying torture. So why did Brown students treat them so differently when they came to lecture here?

As the day of Edwards' speech approached, jokes pertaining to his personal life became all too common among students. I wondered if anyone would actually have the audacity to ask him a direct question about his extramarital affair.

Though it seemed unlikely that this would happen, I couldn't help but think of Yoo's February visit to speak at a Janus Forum debate called, "Are There Universal Human Rights?"

I, for one, found Yoo's speech intellectually stimulating. In it, he addressed some of the controversial ideas that made him so unpopular. I didn't agree with them. But then, I didn't have to. I was simply exposed to a new set of ideas that forced me to consider a point of view different from my own, and that's what being open-minded is about.

It was a pity then that during the ques-

tion-and-answer session, a student asked Yoo a question that seemed needlessly graphic, and not for the purpose of accuracy, but for the purpose of humiliating Yoo in public. It wasn't wrong that the student asked the question that he did, but he didn't have to phrase it in a way that was so blatantly rude.

Furthermore, as Yoo tried to answer the question, he was constantly cut off by the student. Nobody gained anything from that particular incident, least of all Brown's im-

This question was far less explicit than the one that Yoo had been asked, which is an indicator of the difference in the way that the two were regarded. Though it is true that what Edwards was asked about pertained to his personal decisions, as compared to Yoo, who was questioned over his public ones, both incidents are in some way connected to the moral standards that we expect our leaders to uphold.

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Therefore, it was surprising, in a good way, that things went relatively smoothly when Edwards visited Brown. The only time that his extramarital affair was alluded to was when a student asked him if he felt the public should judge politicans according to a more rigorous moral standard than the general public is held to.

shockingly new or even contestable, he was regularly applauded and generally treated much better than the more controversial Yoo.

For Brown students, Edwards is someone who represents our ideals. He spoke about things we already knew, believed in and are convinced of. And we simply applauded him when he did.

Yoo, on the other hand, attempted some-

thing far more daunting. He stood in an auditorium full of people who did not agree with his ideas. He tried to show them a different point of view, and to convince them of the reasons behind some of his policies.

Moreover, at the end of the day, Yoo is a highly accomplished and extremely important figure with a set of viewpoints that we don't hear very often at New England univerities. If in the future he is invited to Brown and he decides he does not want to come again because of the way he was treated last time, it will be our loss and not his.

It has been noted by many before that for all their liberalism and openness, Brown students are somewhat inflexible about their opinions and ideals. They could accept Edwards as a guest because he represented a set of principles that is upheld by the majority, but not Yoo because he didn't.

But, if we are to perpetuate the broadmindedness of this university, we can't scare away everyone that we disagree with. In fact, we need to foster an environment where speakers feel comfortable expressing new and different ideas. This is required not only for the sake of Brown's reputation and image, but also to prevent the community's intellectual stagnation.

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Cutting wisely

BY WILL ALLEN

OPINIONS COLUMNIST

We all know that Brown's financial problems will necessitate certain changes in the future. How these changes will take shape is less apparent. If recent news is any indication, however, the University will trim the budget with staff reductions. As noted in a recent article ("Attrition, layoffs to cut 60 positions," March 6), the University needs to cut spending by up to \$90 million over the next five years in order to achieve a balanced budget by 2014. With these sobering figures in mind, the University has already begun to cut jobs, removing upwards of 30 unfilled positions and laying off almost as many personnel for a total loss of 60 staff positions.

Top administrators have expressed their reluctance to make cuts in three categories — quality of life, education and financial aid. As Ruth Simmons wrote in her "Remarks on the Current Financial Environment:" "Brown's principal purpose is to focus on its academic and research mission and we must continue to do so in this period... we will maintain a strong commitment to support the continued matriculation of students." For this reason, the University will not decrease the size of the faculty. Aside from the need to produce satisfied alums who are willing to donate to Brown later in life, the University must continue

to attract students of the caliber it has been able to in the past. And to continue to attract these students, it must first make the school seem desirable to them, and second make it possible for them to afford to come here. As such, it is reasonable to expect, and consistent with the University's stated plan, that short-term budget cuts will come at the expense of the staff.

It's difficult to imagine that many Brown students are in favor of investing less in any of the three categories unless absolutely necessary, particularly if it means firing The Ocean State is in the second worst economic shape in the country, according to a recent article in the New York Times. Rhode Island's small size may be the culprit in most of its problems. By contrast, Michigan, the worst-off state, has the auto industry to blame. Unfortunately for Rhode Island, bailing out a car company is (long-term concerns for the auto industry aside) much easier than expanding a state's borders.

Symptoms of the Rhode Island's economic collapse are a massive budget deficit relative to its modest population and the second

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staff. We should begrudgingly support the elimination staff jobs insofar as it is critical to meeting budgetary constraints while maintaining quality of life, etc. When Ruth Simmons told the Undergraduate Council of Students that staff cuts were coming, there were no reports of students protesting. And while I am fully in this camp, I think it is important to consider staff cuts in the larger context of Rhode Island.

highest unemployment rate in the nation. Because of Li'l' Rhody's littleness, Brown is one of the state's largest employers. And with only about 700 full-time faculty, it's clear that most of those jobs are staff positions.

As a result, Brown's plummeting endowment affects not only quality of life, education and financial aid for students, but also job security for a significant portion of Rhode Island's working population. It's pos-

sible that Brown may eventually have to lay off many of its staff. Fortunately, we have not yet reached that point.

Given Rhode Island's current situation and Brown's local influence, massive staff layoffs could be very damaging to the state as a whole. Laid-off Brown staff might not be able to find jobs in their home state, pushing the unemployment rate up from 10 percent. Layoffs would likely reduce the state's tax base, increase its unemployment payouts and thereby inflate the budget deficit. Despite Rhode Island's improvement in recent years, its situation seems precarious right now; it could easily enter a process of terminal decline.

At this point, however, I would like to reconsider Brown's priorities. I, like most other Brown students, am not from Rhode Island. Many of us come to Brown in order to be at Brown, and not in order to be in Providence or Rhode Island. We spend our four years here and then, for the most part, we leave; we form no permanent connections to the state, nor do we particularly care about its future. Although this is a somewhat self-centered view, what really matters is our experience at Brown, a notion that the University itself reinforces.

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8 P.M. — Black-Brown Comedy Jam, Hourglass Cafe

TOMORROW, MARCH 19

7 P.M. — "Get Wet: Female Sexual Pleasure, Desire and Orgasms," Wilson 102

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LUNCH — Vegetarian Submarine Sandwich, Vegan Tempeh Fajita, Cornish Pasty

DINNER — Wisconsin Ziti with Four Cheeses, Chipotle Chicken, Baked Stuffed Pollock

LUNCH — Beef Pot Pie, Vegetarian Burrito, Mexican Corn

DINNER — Spicy Herb Baked Chicken, Stir Fry Vegetables with Tofu, Stewed Tomatoes

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Clover and Out - Happy (day after) St. Patrick's Day! Ten 6-letter words are placed Clovers in columns. Sixteen 4-letter words are entered in the four-leaf clovers, starting in the numbered square and then going clockwise. One row reveals how to identify a fake Blarney Stone. (Sorry for the mixup; the wrong puzzle was published yesterday.)



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- B. Baby Ruth company
- C. Fanatic D. Moistens a turkey E. Bounced off the
- walls, in a way Nursery item G. She may be in
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- J. Some annual awards
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(Key Knee)

(Bear, S, and Holly)

The One About Zombies | Kevin Grubb



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