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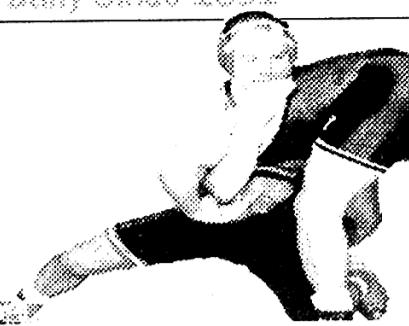
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Courtesy of Debbie Kim

BROWN STUDENTS at a Breaks Project this month, working with Frontier Housing in Kentucky.

Students spend winter vacations performing community service through Breaks Project

By Beth Satkin
Herald Staff Writer

While most of their classmates were relaxing at home, several Brown students spent their winter vacations immersed in community service projects held across the country through the Breaks Project program.

Run through the Swearer Center for Public Service, the Breaks Project is a series of week-long community service projects during which groups of student volunteers work collaboratively to address specific community needs.

"For students who might not be involved with other Swearer Center Programs, Breaks Projects are an entry point into community service," said Swearer Center staff member Ari Matusiak.

The Breaks Project was started in the mid-1970s by a

group of Brown students who wanted to partake in community service projects during school vacations. At its inception, the Project was not housed by any University department, but it was taken over by the Swearer Center after its formation in the 1980s.

A wide range of projects are offered, from building homes with Habitat for Humanity and staffing soup kitchens to experiencing the way of life of a self-contained farm community.

While most projects are located in the Northeast, some are as far away as Kentucky, Chicago, and Honduras.

"It pretty much runs the gamut," Matusiak said. "Some of the projects have a long history, and others come and go depending on the year."

According to Matusiak, the amount of funding available determines the number of projects that will run on any given

year. Fund-raising is organized by a student coordinator along with a board of students, which also relies on contributions from Breaks Project alumni.

Scholarships are available for those who need financial assistance, but students are generally expected to pay their own way, Matusiak said. Housing, transportation, and site fees vary from project to project, with an average of between \$130 and \$150 per student.

"It's a very interesting project that makes people consider how valuable it is to do short-term community service," said Milena Ivanova '02, a student coordinator.

"Students can really see how much the community benefits from their project," she added.

Amy Welton '01 spent five days during Winter Break

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By Jackie DeLamatre
Herald Staff Writer

William Burke, also known as "the Shakespeare Guy," was found guilty by a jury on Dec. 15 of resisting arrest and not guilty by judgment acquittal of disorderly conduct and willful trespass on Brown property by the Rhode Island Superior Court.

The Thayer Street performer was arrested on March 25 by Brown University Police Officer Kevin Pepere. While reading "Henry V," he allegedly attracted a crowd that "inhibited the flow of pedestrian traffic in front of the Brown Bookstore," and then "refused to move and became combative with police by swinging his arms," according to a Brown University Police and Security

(BUPS) crime report.

Pepere, who incurred some criticism from witnesses for using "the arm bar takedown maneuver" that he learned in training, stressed that Burke was "not found innocent on any charges."

"I think justice has been served," Pepere said. "My job is to serve and protect and I did my job."

The court "dismissed the trespassing charge because they couldn't tell if he was on Brown property," Pepere said.

"It was an issue of proximity," said Damaris Castillo-Lopes, coordinator of special services for BUPS. "Because of jurisdiction and measuring issues, [Burke] was not convicted."

Pepere said Burke was not convicted of disorderly conduct

because it was "my word against his."

Two other witnesses to the event offered their word in court, however. Greg Bilton '02 offered to testify when he ran into Burke, who returned to College Hill to perform again last semester.

Bilton said that court was "a pretty new experience."

"I went in thinking it would be laid back and it was pretty intense," he said. "The prosecution was relentless."

They were "trying to discredit me," he said.

When the prosecutor, Craig Montecalvo, found out that Bilton was a political science major, he accused him of being there just "for experience," he said.

According to Bilton, testifying also became stressful when

News Service, said that the thefts were not noticed until routine bookkeeping was done after the former manager was gone.

"Whenever there's a changeover of senior management, they do an audit," Nickel said. "That's when problems were discovered."

According to the report of the Providence County Grand Jury, Caswell's arrest was the result of "a joint investigation by the Brown University Police Department and the [Rhode Island] Department of the Attorney General."

Nickel said that Caswell was first hired as a temporary employee of the computer store, working as a sales assistant and doing miscellaneous payroll

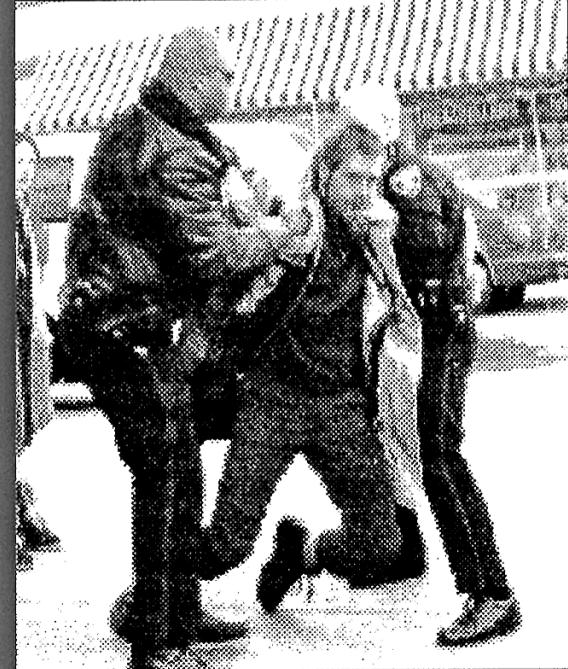
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'Shakespeare Guy' guilty of resisting arrest; other charges dropped



File Photo

WILLIAM BURKE, the "Shakespeare Guy," being arrested in front of the Brown Bookstore last March. Burke was subdued by police after he resisted arrest.

the prosecution tried to make him "second guess" his account of the event because the case rested on details that occurred over a year earlier.

Bilton said he expected to be quizzed on Burke's exact position in regard to the trespassing charge, but instead he was questioned about what Burke did to resist arrest.

The defense "was trying to say that he was on a manhole cover so he was not on Brown property, but that never came up with me," Bilton said.

"The prosecutor said that I couldn't really see so he never asked me where he was standing," he said. "I think resisting arrest was the big one."

"It was pretty much what the prosecution was trying to

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Weather

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High 22		Low 12	
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Graphics By Ted Wu

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LECTURE — "The Primary Care Approach to Insomnia," Richard Millman, M.D., Sayles 1, Memorial Hospital, Noon.

TOURS — Nightingale-Brown House. John Nicholas Brown Center, 357 Benefit St., 1 p.m.

JUMAH PRAYER SERVICES — Brown Muslim Student Center, Champlin Hall Basement, 1:15 p.m.

LECTURE — "A Measured Quietude: Contemporary Irish Drawings," John Kindness, a participating artist. List Art Center, Bell Gallery, 6 p.m.

CONVOCATION — Omar Tomas Bell, Black History Month keynote speaker, Room 101, Salomon Center, 7 p.m.

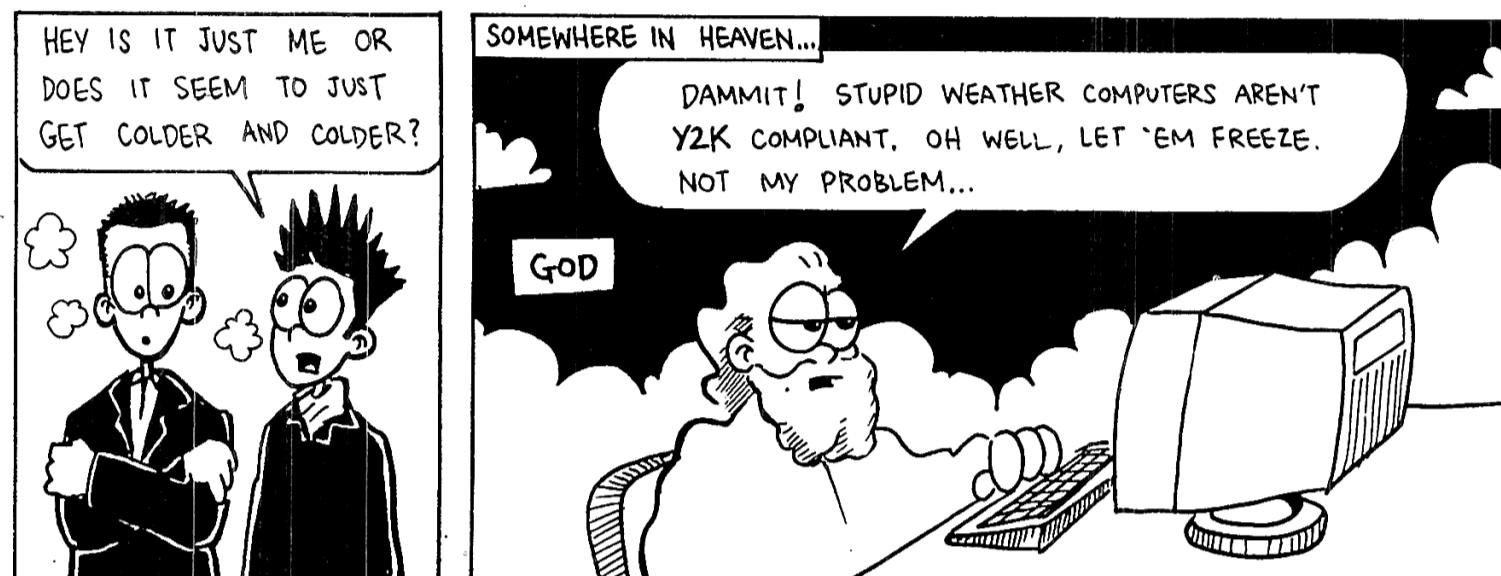
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After six years, Faces Records becomes latest Thayer St. store to close its doors

By Juan Nunez
Herald Staff Writer

After providing a decidedly quirky music selection to the Brown community for six years, Faces Records, located at the corner of Thayer and Angell streets, is going out of business.

"It was an ongoing condition of being successful in a very competitive business," said the owner, a former tax lawyer who would not provide his name for publication. "We were not making enough money to support the partners in the venture."

"We consider ourselves fortunate, we survived six years. Fifty percent of startup businesses close within six months of opening, and 80 percent close within a year," he said.

"We couldn't put our families through any more low income," the owner said. "This is absolutely the right time to go."

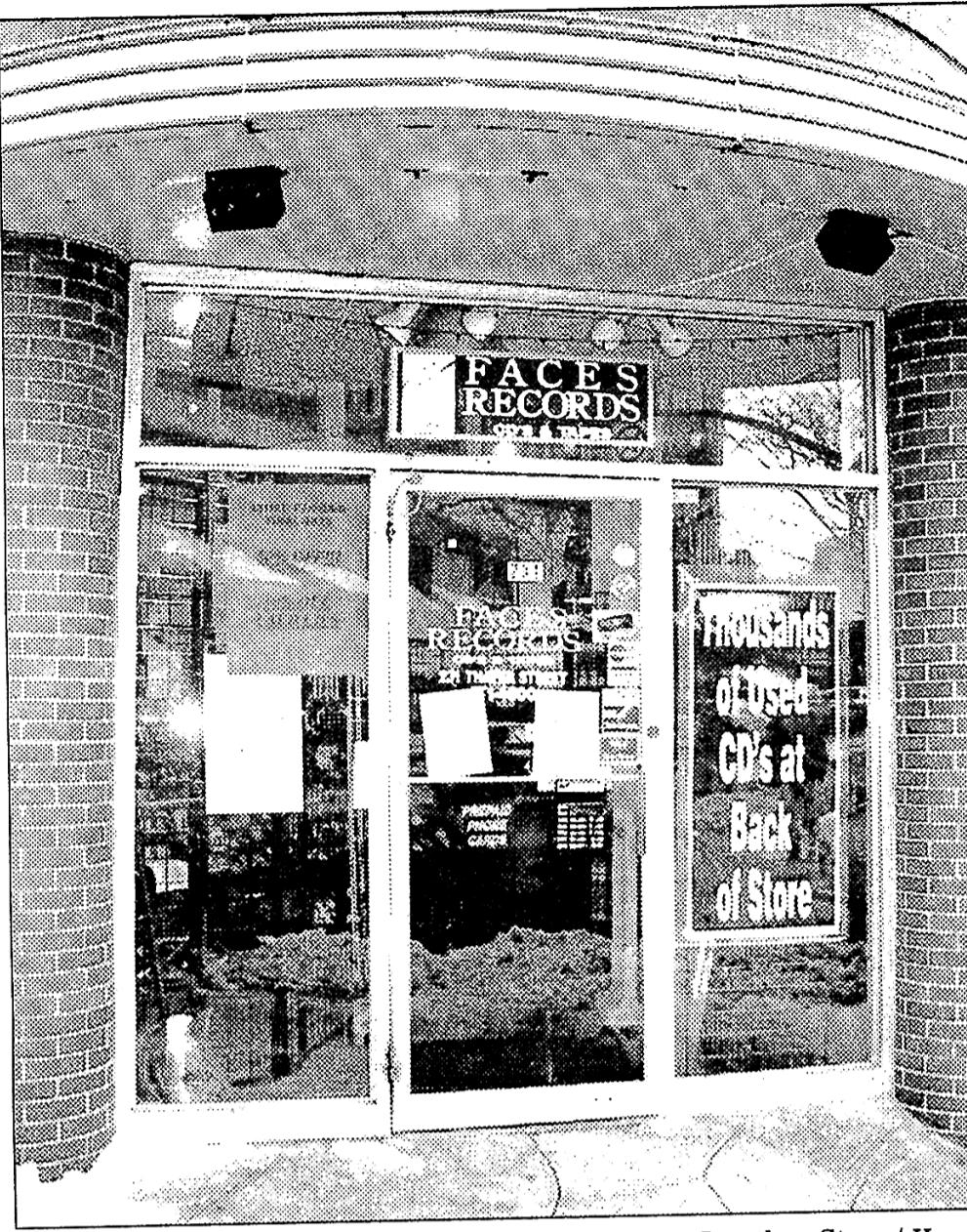
Though the opening of the Providence Place Mall is frequently associated with the demise of smaller businesses, the owner of Faces Records said he never considered the mall as competition. "Offbeat smaller chains are willing to try new things, which larger chains don't necessarily do. We have service, selection, and a strange inventory."

The store will be going out of business permanently, and its owner said he is not sure what is to come. "I'm not exactly sure [what I'm going to do now]. ... Onto the third career, I guess."

The owner said he attributed the disappearance of smaller music shops to the current tendency within the industry for companies to merge. "It's like large whales being swallowed by larger whales," he said. In the long run, he predicts this will result in higher prices for a smaller selection.

Other businesses on Thayer Street have not been affected unfavorably by the emergence of the mall.

"After more than 15 years, we're coming into our own," said Chris Zingg, owner of In Your



Jonathan Stern / Herald

FACES RECORDS, famous for blaring music on the corner of Thayer and Angell streets, sold old and new CDs since 1994.

Ear records. "We're doing well, but some [businesses] have had hard times," he said. "I noticed less people on Thayer doing Christmas shopping this year."

"It's been fine. The week that the mall opened our sales were up, but we didn't know what to expect," said Carol Graham of Oop! "We had a successful Christmas."

Brian Povar, a co-worker of Graham's, noted that Oop! has also opened up a location in Providence Place. "We're at the mall, and we do as well there because we're different," he said. "We sell the whole Oop! experience."

"Any business that really defines itself as different will survive," Zingg said. "That's why we're still here."

"Smaller businesses cater to the needs of individuals, needs

that corporations cannot perceive," he added.

However, the last five years have brought a significant number of closings to Thayer Street.

An Urban Outfitters planned for the lot between CVS and Hole in the Wall cleared Bo's Taco Shack, EG Photo, Siam Square, and Hot Pockets from their locales early last year. EG Photo has since relocated to the New Pembroke complex.

After eight and a half years, Siam Square, a Thai restaurant, relocated to East Providence, though it planned to return to Thayer as soon as it was possible.

Hot Pockets closed, at least temporarily, after a 10-year stay.

In February 1995, Peaberry's coffee shop went out of business, only to have its assets bought out by the Cafe La France chain.

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Holmes will retire to Puerto Rico in Aug.

The vice president of administration, who came to Brown over nine years ago, presided over an array of projects during his tenure.

By Michael Dickman
Herald Staff Writer

Walter Holmes, vice president of administration, has announced that he will leave Brown at the end of August after serving in his position for more than nine years.

Holmes is resigning so that he and his wife can relocate to Puerto Rico where they have long wanted to live, according to

residence halls and the accreditation of the Department of Police and Security.

"I worked with Walter in state government back in Massachusetts during the mid-1980s, and he was the best manager in state government," Reaves said in an e-mail. "His performance here at Brown has been of the same caliber, and I don't hesitate to say that he has been a truly outstanding man-

"His performance here at Brown has been of the same [high] caliber, and I don't hesitate to say that he has been a truly outstanding manager at Brown."

Donald Reaves, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration

a statement from Donald Reaves, executive vice president for finance and administration and Holmes's immediate superior. Holmes indicated his desire to retire two years ago, but President Gordon Gee and Reaves encouraged him to stay.

"We resisted Walter's wishes then and we continued to do so as long as possible," Reaves said in the statement. "The pull of family and a new home, however, have become too strong, and with deep regret, we have accepted his decision to leave Brown."

As vice president of administration, Holmes was responsible for "housing, dining, public safety, human resources, EEO [Equal Employment Office], Bookstore, Graphic Services," and managing the campus, according to the statement.

"I think that I've done a lot of things and hopefully I've made Brown a better place since I came here," Holmes said.

Reaves highlighted the renovation of two-thirds of Brown's

ager at Brown."

One project Holmes says he is proud of is the creation of the Bear's Lair. The campus recreation and social facility was the result of a joint program with the Undergraduate Council of Students.

Holmes described his experience as both challenging and rewarding.

"[The job was] challenging in that there were a lot of complex issues, and rewarding in that you get to work with a great bunch of people, a great faculty, and a great student body," Holmes said.

The University will soon initiate a search to replace Holmes, and Reaves said he hopes to "get the best candidate on board as soon as possible," preferably by March or April.

"But we know that in order to get the best candidate, we need to take our time," Reaves added. "In the end, we plan to take as long as is needed to get the right person."

Seven arrested at U. Conn. following disturbance call

CAMPUS WATCH

By Matthew Cabeen
The Daily Campus (U. Connecticut)

(U-WIRE) STORRS, Conn. — On November 12, a call to police reporting a disturbance in Buckley North dormitory on the University of Connecticut campus sparked a police investigation that eventually led to seven arrests between Dec. 20 and 28.

Stephen Hogan, Buckley North's fifth-floor resident assistant, was arrested on Dec. 20 on several charges, including possession of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell and criminal attempt to possess methamphetamine.

The investigation led to several other arrests in connection with the case.

Jason Malin, Robert Hayden and Joseph McCarthy, who allegedly attempted to purchase the methamphetamines and were upset that they had not received real drugs, have also been arrested.

They allegedly held Hogan in his dorm room, demanding their money back.

This caused the disturbance that led to the police investigation. All three were charged with second-degree unlawful restraint.

"Police initially responded to the Buckley dorm for a reported disturbance," said Maj. Ronald Blicher of

Hogan had received the drugs from his sister ... an exotic dancer who was trying to acquire money for breast augmentation surgery.

incident], the two were expelled [from the fraternity]."

Blicher noted that the items identified on campus that were purported to be methamphetamine were actually over-the-counter medications.

Cassie Hogan and Mooney were arrested in Rhode Island on Dec. 28. "Both of the individuals waived the extradition," Blicher said. They were brought to Connecticut and charged with conspiracy to sell methamphetamines.

The university has seen an increase in narcotics cases recently, Blicher added.

In November, four other UConn students were arrested or charged with possession of Ecstasy.

University Police. "During the course of the investigation, police became aware of the causes of the disturbance."

The investigation revealed that Hogan had received the drugs from his sister, Cassie Hogan, of Pascoag, R.I., an exotic dancer who was trying to acquire money for breast augmentation surgery.

She and her fiance, Joseph Mooney, also of Pascoag, were planning to deliver \$13,000 worth of ecstasy to Jeffrey Petrello, another UConn student, who was a Delta Chi fraternity brother along with Stephen Hogan.

Petrello was then going to sell the drugs, netting approximately \$2,000 for Hogan.

"They were both inactive members last semester," said Patrick Burke, president of the Delta Chi fraternity. "When we found out about [the

incident], the two were expelled [from the fraternity]."

Breaks

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working with Habitat for Humanity in Paterson, N.J. Welton had previously been involved in other Swearer Center programs, including the Kids Project, in which Brown students become mentors to local fourth grade students.

"I met a lot of new people that I probably wouldn't have met otherwise at Brown," Welton said. "I was really glad I picked Habitat, because I felt like I was helping people who really needed help with their homes."

Deborah Kim '01 spent part of her winter vacation in Kentucky, building homes through Frontier Housing, a program similar to Habitat for Humanity. "I had never done this kind of community service project before," Kim said, "but one of my close friends had done it, and he loved it."

"Kentucky is a whole other culture in America, which I had no familiarity with," Kim said. "It was very eye-opening."

"I thought it was a great experience," she said. "There's nothing like doing manual labor alongside other people."

Breaks Projects run during winter and spring vacations. Interested students can obtain applications at the Swearer Center.



Courtesy of Amy Welton

ETHAN BABCOCK '01 paints a wall for Habitat for Humanity in Paterson, N.J. as part of a Breaks Project.

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Shakespeare

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et me on," he added.

Bilton said the prosecutor asked him whether he had ever seen anyone be arrested before."

Bilton expressed frustration at not being able to protest the officer's use of force because it was legally legitimate. "I wish I could've said that it was not necessary to use violence," he aid, "but it was not my place."

BUPS defended Pepere's actions adamantly.

"Officer Pepere did not use excessive force," Castillo-
poses said. "There were a lot of letters and articles insinuating that."

Though trying at times, Bilton said the trial was informative and in some ways, disillusionsing.

"It was definitely a neat experience to see how the system worked," he said. "It seemed like the state had the upper hand."

Burke's first trial was scheduled for July 23 but was postponed, according to court documents.

The trial, which was originally going to be held in district court, was transferred to superior court at Burke's request, according to Jim Martin of the R.I. Attorney General's Public Information Office.

Burke's private attorney, William J. Murphy, did not return phone calls from The Herald.

Caswell

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duties.

At the time, he was on probation, serving an eight-year suspended sentence for a crime similar to that which he would soon commit against Brown.

The attorney general's office said that Caswell entered a plea of nolo contendere in October 1994 to charges in connection with the embezzlement of funds from the Quiddnessett Country Club in North Kingstown, R.I. He was sentenced to two years home confinement and an eight-year suspended sentence with probation.

The University did not know about Caswell's criminal record when he was hired, Nickel said.

"The University doesn't typically run criminal checks," Nickel said. "It hires so many employees in a year."

Caswell was promoted to lead sales consultant in July 1997 and became manager in March 1998, Nickel said.

The Crimes

According to the complaint filed against him in Superior Court, Caswell committed the crimes on a number of different occasions during his employment.

The complaint lists the serial numbers of 28 different computers that he is accused of stealing, saying that for each he "did embezzle or

fraudulently convert to his own use said property which came into his possession and under his care and charge by virtue of his acting in said capacity," and "did intentionally and without claim of right, and with the intent to permanently deprive Brown University of possession, took, concealed, retained and transferred possession of [the] computer."

It goes on to accuse him of stealing "computers and computer equipment other than the computers charged in counts three through 20" sometime between the beginning of April 1997 and the end of December 1998.

In addition, Caswell is charged with stealing at least \$500 in cash and altering computer store records to conceal his crimes.

At his arraignment on Dec. 10, he was assigned a public defender, and Judge Edward Clifton set his bail at \$200,000.

Caswell was remanded to the state Adult Correctional Institution on Dec. 18 "for want of bail," according to court records.

A pre-trial conference is now scheduled for Caswell on Feb. 8.

Fortunately for the computer store, Brown will be reimbursed for the value of the stolen computers, Nickel said.

"The University has insurance for contingencies like this, to cover the losses," he said.

Because Williams is charged with a felony, he will face an indictment hearing later in February when the next grand jury convenes at the New Hampshire Superior Court.

Dartmouth student charged with arson

Damien Williams is the fourth person to be charged in the early December fraternity fire.

CAMPUS WATCH

By Mark Bubriski
The Dartmouth (Dartmouth College)

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. — Damien Williams '01 was arrested Wednesday on one count of Class A felony arson for his alleged involvement with a fire at Chi Gamma Epsilon fraternity on Dec. 9, 1999.

He is the fourth student to be arrested in connection with the fire, and the only one to be charged with arson.

Williams was arraigned in Lebanon District Court Wednesday. The court scheduled a probable cause hearing for Feb. 2.

Hanover Police Detective Lt. Frank Moran said it is rare that probable cause is not found when an arrest warrant has been issued.

Because Williams is charged with a felony, he will face an indictment hearing later in February when the next grand jury convenes at the New Hampshire Superior Court.

Ross Fenderson '00 was arrested directly following the incident at Chi Gam in December, and two other

Dartmouth students were arrested earlier this month. All three were charged with criminal trespassing.

The four students allegedly broke into the fraternity. Citronella oil was then poured on a table and ignited, causing approximately \$6,400 primarily in smoke damage.

Since the incident, Williams, of Effort, Penn., has been out of the state of New Hampshire. He was arrested Wednesday in accordance with an agreement made with the police and his attorney, Moran said.

The arson charge carries a penalty of up to \$4,000 in fines and up to 15 years in the state prison. Moran said there is also the potential for a judge to include restitution for damages.

The three other students involved — Fenderson, David O. Lopez '02 and Brandon Purcell '00 — were scheduled to be arraigned on one count of criminal trespassing on Jan. 25, but all three chose to continue their arraignment until their trials on April 5, in a sense, though not technically, pleading not guilty.

Fenderson, Lopez and Purcell, if convicted, face up to a year in the House of Corrections, up to \$2,000 in fines, and restitution for damages.

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Wireless ethernet access available at Dartmouth

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. — Dartmouth students who own laptops are now able to access the World Wide Web, search the Online Library and check their BlitzMail accounts via a wireless Ethernet connection, according to Kiewit Computing Services.

To pick up the Ethernet signal, students need to have internal attachments for iBook computers, which are available at Kiewit for \$89. If they own other laptop models, they need to buy roughly \$170 Personal Computer cards through other sales outlets.

When combined with the software that comes with them, the PC cards pick up the Ethernet signals once inserted into a laptop.

Although few students who wish to access the wireless Ethernet currently own the appropriate technology, they soon will be able to borrow PC cards — which are compatible with laptops other than the iBook — from Baker Reserves, according to Director of Technical Services Punch Taylor.

"I suspect that sometime in February they'll be available," he said. "I'm thinking of about five or six cards."

For the time being, Baker Reserves is the only site that will loan the cards.

"They're the only place that we're thinking about right now. They have the mechanisms set

up to administer loans," Taylor explained.

Access points were recently installed in Baker Tower, Baker Reserve Corridor, Cook Auditorium, the Great Hall in the Thayer School, the first floors of Kiewit and the Collis Student Center, all of Sudikoff and part of the Green. The access points, which broadcast Ethernet signals, will allow approximately 25 computers to log into the Dartmouth network within one area.

According to Taylor, the decision to offer the wireless service coincided with a drop in its market price.

"The technology really just became affordable and more reliable," he said.

Indeed, the service is becoming increasingly widespread, with Princeton and Carnegie Mellon Universities employing limited wireless programs.

Wireless access speed is compatible with that of a standard connection. But as with cellular phones, the wireless connection can be disturbed by moving objects outside or the number of users in the vicinity of an access point.

Taylor said that a wireless system does come with certain drawbacks.

"Right now," he said, "there's no control on access, so anyone in the world can walk into Baker Reserves and use our access and hack."

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U. Penn responds to allegations of research protocol violations

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA

— University of Pennsylvania President Judith Rodin acknowledged Wednesday that the federal government's recent allegations of research protocol violations by Penn's Institute for Human Gene Therapy are serious and demand investigation.

"At this point, we believe the allegations of the FDA are strong and merit consideration," Rodin said in an interview Wednesday.

Rodin would not comment on how the study's 18 alleged procedural violations could have been committed at Penn's Institute, which until now was considered one of the best in the world. The allegations include not fully disclosing to patients the risks involved with the study, including patients who were ineligible to participate and failing to tell the FDA about setbacks that could have caused the agency to halt the study.

Penn has an internal Institutional Review Board, which approves all human research trials before they begin, and Rodin would not say how the alleged violations could have been committed with this check system in place.

"We have every reason to believe and expect that the review process was complete," she said.

An external institutional review committee — which Rodin requested last week in response to the U.S. Food and Drug

Administration's decision to place a moratorium on all gene therapy studies at Penn — will be in place by Monday at the latest, she said.

Rodin said the University is taking the FDA findings "very seriously" and that Penn has been cooperating with the FDA and other agencies in their investigations.

Provost Robert Barchi is currently in the process of appointing outside experts to the committee, which will advise Rodin on the IHGT's procedures for conducting gene therapy studies and give her information on how to proceed in the future with gene therapy research at Penn.

The panel will consist of five or six scientists and investigators not associated with the University, Rodin said, and will attempt to conclude its review in the shortest time possible.

"We're going to ask them to work quickly," she said, adding that the committee will be expected to complete its work in six to eight weeks.

Professor Emeritus of Infectious Diseases Nicholas Kefalides, who serves as executive chairman of all of the University's Institutional Review Boards, said he did not know of any other case in the past 30 years in which outside experts had been called in to review research conducted by Penn.

"It is obvious that if the University decides to review the gene therapy process, there has

to be a committee of experts, non-biased individuals, to advise the president accordingly," Kefalides said.

Several other professors said yesterday that they supported Rodin's decision to have a group of outside experts look into the IHGT's practices, noting that people not affiliated with Penn would provide an unbiased view of the situation.

"I think it is an excellent idea," Chief of Neuroradiology Robert Grossman said. "Sometimes it is much easier for individuals outside an institution to investigate these issues."

The FDA halted all Penn gene therapy studies last week after citing "numerous serious deficiencies" in the Institute's oversight and monitoring of the clinical trial in which Gelsinger was enrolled. In their two-page letter, the agency wrote that similar deficiencies in other studies could expose patients to a "significant and unreasonable risk."

Rodin said the IHGT would be responsible for responding to the FDA's findings, adding that she did not know when the response would be made.

A spokeswoman for the FDA said yesterday that the agency did not set any deadline by which the IHGT must respond, but that the studies would be allowed to start again only "when we have assurance that the trials are in accordance with FDA regulations."

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Super Bowl XXXIV: Rams vs. Titans

Weather pushes practice sessions indoors

ATLANTA (AP) — All that was missing were the sleds, the dogs and the snow. The white stuff might be coming tonight.

Super Bowl Week in Atlanta has featured shivering players, complaining coaches, icy winds and heat blowers on the practice field. If the weather forecasters are right, a snowstorm might be in the offing, too.

Did anyone say Iditarod?

"It's disappointing that you can be in a situation where you are preparing for the biggest game of the year that you don't have ideal situations," Rams coach Dick Vermeil said on a blustery Wednesday morning, when the wind-chill factor hit minus-8. "But that is how it is and we will handle it."

Later in the day, after practicing outside at the Falcons' training complex, Vermeil wasn't any more thrilled about the conditions.

"It's ridiculous," Vermeil said. "But there's nothing you can do about it except try to survive."

St. Louis practiced in winter jackets, gloves, thermal underwear, wool caps and thermal neck and face warmers. Equipment manager Todd Hewitt rented six

heat blowers, stationing them at the end of the practice field. Between drills, most players huddled around the blowers like moths drawn to light.

The Titans wish they had the same opportunity at the morning media session. Held in a tent outside their luxury hotel — the Titans already had occupied the indoor banquet facilities, making them unusable — the players froze due to an inadequate heating system.

Defensive lineman Mike Jones had his arms pulled deep inside a sweatshirt as he tried to keep icicles from forming on him.

"I'm freezing," Jones said. "They've got me over here by the door, actually a slit in the tent. They need to have some rookies over here. The Rams are inside? See, we're the stepchild, we get no love."

Both teams got more attention and some relief when NFL said today it would make the Georgia Dome available for Friday's practices. And a dozen more heaters were employed this morning in the Titans' tent, making it toasty.

"I got a cold Tuesday," said Titans GM Floyd Reese. "Our

scoring offense in league history. Warner joined the elite company of Dan Marino as the only NFL quarterbacks with 40 or more touchdown passes in a year.

Warner was elevated to starter only because Trent Green, a \$16 million free agent acquisition, wrecked his knee in the preseason.

Then he began wrecking defenses.

"I've never been around a player that has matured as quickly," coach Dick Vermeil said. "I don't think it has ever been done as quickly as Kurt Warner has done it. He's no fluke."

"I think players like Kurt Warner better appreciate their opportunities and are more like-

guys will have pneumonia by the time it's all over with."

"We'll get it fixed. This is just another one of those bumps in the road. We just keep trucking."

There won't be much trucking in the area if it snows; Atlanta was practically incapacitated by an ice storm last weekend.

Thursday's practices weren't moved into the Dome, even though both teams asked. There was a little matter of spectacle over sport.

Vermeil wanted to practice inside, and the Dome is the only such facility in the area. But he was informed by the league that it wasn't a possibility before Friday for the Rams or the Titans, who are working out at Georgia Tech.

"All they told us," he said, "is there's 2,000 people decorating the dance floor."

But today, the league said both teams would work out in the Georgia Dome on Friday.

This is not the first time the Super Bowl hasn't had super weather. Of course, most of the other instances occurred in places such as Pontiac, Mich., and Minneapolis.

ly to take advantage of those opportunities if they are gifted enough to do it."

Warner is. And the Rams, who also have a solid defense to go with all that offensive talent, have had a magical season.

"I thought a long time ago we had the people here to get to this point, but a lot of things had to happen throughout the season," Warner said. "Obviously, at the time it wasn't very realistic to think that I'd be the starter in the Super Bowl. Going in and them questioning whether I was capable of being the backup and if I had the experience to be the backup ... I didn't think about it much at the time."

And now. Well, McNair vs. Warner doesn't sound so odd.

NFL Picks

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Bruce and Az-Zahir Hakim, while the two-pronged attack of Faulk has been successful in gaining yardage along the ground and with short throwing plays.

But lost in the shuffle is the fact that St. Louis' defense was ranked first in the league against the run. They did it without big names as well. The Bills may have Bruce Smith, the Vikings may have John Randle, but up front, the Rams have Kevin Carter and Grant Wistrom (who?). In addition, the linebackers are anchored in the middle by London Fletcher, a no-name with a cool name.

The Rams lucked out with their opponent for this Sunday, because Tennessee is in no position to exploit the Rams' lone weakness, the secondary. Steve McNair's gimmick is the run game. In addition to being able to scramble out of trouble, McNair occasionally runs ground plays designed specifically for him. But as for an air attack, McNair is only average among his quarterback brethren. With Yancey Thigpen still listed as questionable, the Titans will be hard pressed to consistently throw more than 15 or 20 yards downfield.

Now, McNair's running game is a threat in and of itself. Last week, he complemented 100 passing yards with 93 on the ground, but St. Louis' run defense will be lining up against him this week. Whether McNair keeps the ball or hands off to Eddie George, the Titans won't be able to muster much of a rushing game.

The same is not true for the Rams. Tennessee has been bolstered by the impressive play of Jevon Kearse lately, but the rest of the front seven do not compose one of the league's top defensive corps. In the secondary, though Anthony Dorsett makes a great story, being the first son of a

Super Bowl starter to start in his own Super Bowl, the Titans' defensive backs are much to be afraid of.

Examining the intangibles, the game will be played in the Georgia Dome. The indoor turf surface will resemble the St. Louis' Trans World Dome, but while the Rams went undefeated at home this year, they have been vulnerable on the road, even in domes, like in Detroit where they lost to the Lions on Nov. 7. Tennessee doesn't seem to have much to gain or lose from the venue, since they squeaked by Buffalo at home but decisively defeated the Jaguars in Florida.

One final note is that earlier in the season, when these two teams met on Oct. 31, Tennessee was victorious by a 24-21 score. However, that win doesn't mean much, since St. Louis has done nothing but improve since then and will have something this Sunday which they didn't have in October: a win over a team with a winning record. After gaining postseason experience against the Vikings and Bucs, St. Louis will be the team to beat on Sunday.

Now for the pick: There are numerous betting opportunities for Sunday's game. In addition to the usual point spread and over/under, you can bet on whether Kurt Warner's first pass will be complete (-\$165) or if the last scoring play of the game will be a safety by the Titans (40-1 against). After last year's Super Bowl fiasco, Vegas is even offering a chance to wager on a player being arrested on solicitation charges the night before the game (Latest line is 550-1 against).

But for me, the only bet that matters is St. Louis by 7. So, I'll take the Rams to win outright and cover the spread, thus putting the capstone on what has been a miracle season. Who knows? Maybe I'll even be correct this time.

Enjoy the game. Go Rams!

Quarterbacks

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"On opening day, Coach Fisher said that we needed 35 points and we're going to throw the football and we expect to get over 300 yards passing," Steckel said. "That was one game when we asked him to do it and we scored 36 and he threw for over 300 yards."

Those are routine numbers for the Rams and Warner. Before this season, however, St. Louis was a pro football wasteland and Warner was almost totally unknown.

After this season, the Rams were 13-3, NFC West champions, and had the third-highest



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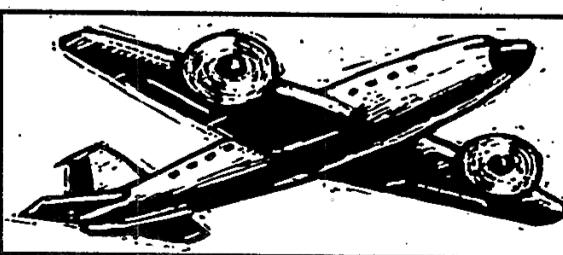
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Patriots and Jets agree on deal to bring Belichick to New England

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Bill Belichick was hired today as coach of the Patriots after New England gave the New York Jets a first-round draft pick to let the former defensive coordinator out of his contract.

Belichick, defensive coordinator in New England before leaving with Bill Parcells for the Jets, became free to negotiate with the Patriots following a deal today in which the Jets acquired New England's No. 1 draft pick this year, a fourth-rounder in 2001 and seventh-rounder in 2002.

The Jets gave the Patriots a No. 5 in 2001 and a No. 7 in 2002.

Belichick was 37-45 as coach of the Cleveland Browns from 1991-95. But he resigned one day after he was appointed coach of the New York Jets on Jan. 4, starting a legal battle with the team over whether he could work elsewhere.

Today's news was another bizarre twist in a story that has taken many since Patriots owner Robert Kraft had a falling out with coach Bill Parcells during

the team's run to the 1997 Super Bowl, leading to Parcells' departure and sending not one, but two teams into flux.

Belichick was New England's defensive coordinator when they won the AFC championship but he for a deal that would make him heir to the Jets' head coaching job when Parcells stepped down. But when Parcells retired after this season, Belichick decided he didn't want the job after all.

He resigned in a bizarre news conference just a day after being given the job. When the Jets wouldn't let him out of his contract, he filed a grievance with NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and, when that didn't work, a federal lawsuit.

But Belichick was rebuffed on both fronts.

The Patriots continued to interview prospective coaches, in recent days zeroing in on Jacksonville defensive coordinator Dom Capers. The former Carolina Panthers head coach had a four-hour interview with New England owner Robert Kraft on Wednesday.

They will be led by Lingamfelter, who is now ranked 12th in the country. Also wrestling well are the seniors DiRubbo, Almeida, McDonald, and Powell.

This stretch of the season is an important one for the Bears, who seem to be healing at the right time. DiRubbo, Rittger and Powell have all fought nagging injuries all season, but are healthy now. Their opponents this weekend will be the Syracuse Orangemen and 13th-ranked Lehigh University. Come out and watch your Bears on Friday and Saturday nights.

Grapplers

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enth ranked University of Illinois. The Bears dropped the first match to the Illini by a count of 31-6. DiRubbo and Lingamfelter accounted for the Bears' scoring, with Lingamfelter defeating fourth-ranked John Lockhart. In the next match, the Bears fell to Ohio State by a count of 26-15. DiRubbo, Almeida, and Lingamfelter recorded wins.

Brown will now have four consecutive home matches.

The Patriots also had interviewed Tom Donahoe, the former director of player personnel for the Pittsburgh Steelers and a Capers friend, to be their general manager. But they want Belichick to be both coach and GM — one factor that reportedly made the job more enticing to him than the Jets job he turned down.

It's an interesting turnabout for a team that saw Parcells walk after a Super Bowl year because the Patriots wouldn't let him pick his players. Instead, Kraft gave that job to vice president of player personnel Bobby Grier and hired Pete Carroll as

coach.

Meanwhile, the Jets had to give up four draft choices to get Parcells out of the final year of his New England contract.

The Patriots got worse in each of Carroll's three years. The defending AFC champions went 10-6 in his first season, 9-7 in his second and finished 8-8 and in fifth place in the division in his third.

Carroll was fired the day after the season, with two years left on his contract. But before the Patriots could get permission to talk to Belichick, Parcells resigned and Belichick was auto-

matically made head coach there.

But Belichick decided he didn't want the job — saying that he had misgivings about his future considering the team was in the process of being sold.

When Tagliabue said Belichick was stuck with the Jets, he filed an antitrust lawsuit. But that failed on Tuesday when a federal judge refused to free Belichick to negotiate with other NFL teams, saying he had created his own problem.

That forced the two teams back to bargaining.

Herald Sports Staff Super Bowl Picks

Mike Rubin: Rams 27, Titans 19. In a game of coaches' eyes, Vermiel's tears beat Fisher's shades.

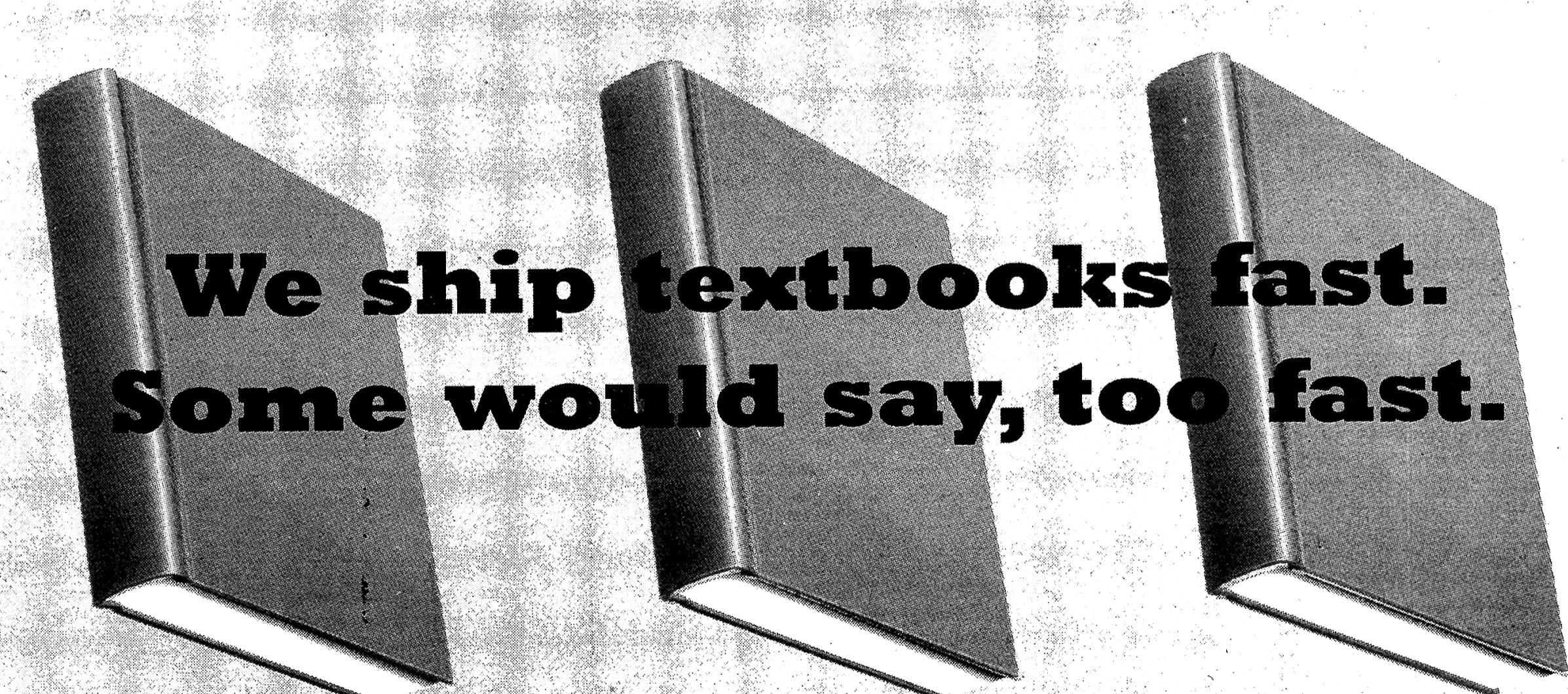
Ben Gould: Rams 33, Titans 23. Kurt, Marshall, and Isaac cannot be contained by anybody the Titans have. Plus, I want to see Dick Vermiel crying when he hoists the Vince Lombardi Trophy after the game.

Jack Shamshoian: Rams 20, Titans 16. Tennessee is going to jump out to an early lead, but St. Louis will overcome it, using their passing attack against the inexperienced Titans secondary.

Matthew Stroup: Rams 34, Titans 21. Marshall Faulk is good.

Evan Sussman: Rams 28, Titans 13. The Rams' offense outshines the Titans' offense, while the defenses play evenly.

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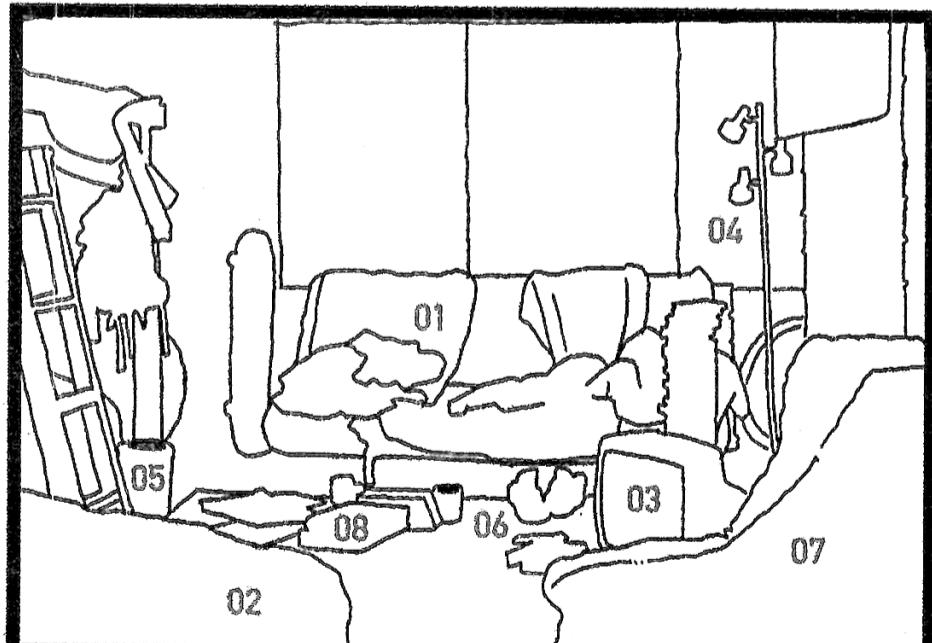
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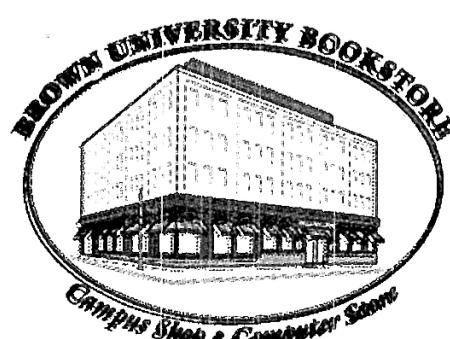
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Elian's father alleges bribes by relatives

MIAMI (AP) — Elian Gonzalez's father told U.S. immigration officials that his Miami relatives offered him millions of dollars, a house and a car to join the 6-year-old boy in the United States, according to court papers filed Thursday.

"I could go there with all my family and would be taken care and could have a job if I wanted to work, but with the money offered I would not need to do so," the father said. "That's when I hung up the telephone."

The U.S. government filed the papers in response to a lawsuit filed by the boy's Miami relatives, who are challenging an order that Elian be sent back to live with his father in Cuba.

In its 400-page response, the government argued that the federal courts have no right to intervene and that allowing Elian to stay could "seriously prejudice the ability of the U.S. government to help parents in the United States recover their children taken to foreign countries."

The next hearing in the case is set for the week of March 6, although the judge in the case could issue a ruling sooner.

The dispute over Elian's fate began two months ago, after he was found clinging to an inner tube in the Atlantic. His mother and 10 other people fleeing Cuba for Florida died after their boat capsized.

The boy's Cuban grandmothers have been in the United States for the past week to appeal for his return. They had a tearful, tense reunion with the boy in Florida on Wednesday, and on Thursday they renewed their efforts on Capitol Hill.

The court papers reflect some of the dominant themes of the debate: The families in Cuba and Florida each say the other side is lying and being manipulated by political forces.

Lazaro Gonzalez, a great-uncle who has temporary custody of the boy in Miami, told immigration officials that he spoke to Elian's father by telephone two or three days before the boy was even found. Lazaro Gonzalez said Elian's father asked him to protect Elian "by whatever means available" but eventually changed his tune and asked for Elian to come back.

"We all think he's under pressure from the government, because of his change in sentiment, and I'm amazed about this," Lazaro Gonzalez said.

President Clinton proposes \$350 million tax cut to Congress in his final State of the Union

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton proposed a \$350 billion tax cut, big spending increases for schools and health care and photo ID licenses for handgun purchases Thursday night as he offered the final agenda of his presidency. "The state of our union is the strongest it has ever been," he boasted.

At the start of an election-year, Clinton rebuked Congress in his last State of the Union address and called for action. "For too long this Congress has been standing still on some of our most pressing national priorities," he chided.

The president noted that next month the United States will achieve the longest period of economic growth in the nation's history, and called on Americans to "set great goals."

The president offered a litany of initiatives, many of them sure to be rewritten or ignored by Congress. His tax cut proposals were intended primarily to promote educational opportunities and expand health insurance and child care for lower- and middle-income Americans. The initiatives included relief from the "marriage penalty" — an idea first championed by Republicans — and a new program of retirement savings accounts.

Most of the proposals were released in advance but the White House withheld Clinton's gun licensing measure until the last minute to build suspense. Similar to a plan offered by Vice President Al Gore, it would require handgun purchasers to

first obtain a state license showing they have passed a background check and a gun safety requirement, such as a training course or an exam.

States could choose not to participate in the program. The National Rifle Association dismissed the plan as pointless and unworkable.

"Every state in this country already requires hunters and automobile drivers to have a license. I think they ought to do the same thing for handgun purchases," Clinton said. "I hope you'll help me pass that in this Congress."

Clinton called for passage of a patients' bill of rights to strengthen consumer protection, gun-safety legislation, campaign finance reform, an increase in the minimum wage and votes on long-stalled judicial nominations.

Republicans ridiculed Clinton's proposals but did not rule out working with him on such issues as education and health care. "If we enacted all the new programs the president has talked about, we'd spend just about the entire surplus on bigger and more expensive government," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Clinton was greeted by applause and handshakes by Republicans and Democrats alike as he made his way into the House chamber to address a joint session of Congress. His wife, Hillary, and their daughter, Chelsea, home from college, were in the audience. His speech turned out to be his longest State of the Union



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PRESIDENT CLINTON, Vice President Al Gore, and House Speaker Dennis Hastert at last night's State of the Union.

address: 89 minutes, besting his 1995 record of 81 minutes. By one count, he was interrupted by applause 128 times, most of it from Democrats.

More than an hour into his speech, Clinton flubbed a line meant to credit Gore with helping making communities more "livable." Instead, Clinton said "liberal" — not once but twice. The audience — Gore included — guffawed.

Five days before the New Hampshire primary, Clinton

seized the chance to boost Gore in his race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Six times, Clinton made references to the vice president. Clinton also recognized another candidate: the first lady, running for the U.S. Senate seat in New York.

Many of Clinton's proposals were repackaged from earlier years and, in some cases resubmitted with spending figures double or triple the original amount.

Detroit officer takes own life after casino losses

DETROIT (AP) — After losing thousands of dollars in a day of gambling at Detroit's brand-new casinos, off-duty police Sgt. Solomon Bell tried one last high-stakes hand of blackjack.

He lost.

The decorated officer abruptly stood up from the table, cried out "Noooooo!" drew his gun and put a bullet in his head as other gamblers scrambled for safety.

The death — believed to be the first suicide inside a U.S. gambling hall — has highlighted concerns about casino gambling in a city pinning much of its hopes for revival on three new casinos.

"I predicted this is the kind of problem we would face because of the addictiveness of gambling," said City Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey.

Bell's death on Wednesday was shocking to people who knew him. They said the 38-year-old officer was a jovial fellow with few visible problems — gambling or otherwise.

He joined the Oak Park force about 12 years ago and rose from uniformed patrol officer to investigator, sergeant and patrol supervisor. His service record was unblemished.

In 1988 and 1990, he got merit awards for arrests in stolen-vehicle cases, said Bob Bauer, the department's deputy director.

"I just describe him as a good guy," Bauer said.

Away from his \$63,675-a-year job, the unmarried Bell kept mostly to himself and took meticulous care of his house in nearby Southfield. He owned a 1995 Cadillac Seville and liked to roller skate.

Co-workers said they knew he occasionally gambled, but never saw signs of a prob-

Then, on his day off, authorities said he lost \$15,000 to \$20,000 at the MGM Grand Detroit Casino, which opened in July, and the 6-week-old MotorCity Casino.

At MotorCity, spokesman Jack Barthwell said, Bell tried various blackjack tables in the high-stakes VIP room before losing roughly \$4,000 on a single hand at a \$100-minimum game.

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Bell then pulled his gun and fired a shot into his temple so abruptly the few players and about 20 casino workers on the fourth floor had no time to intervene, Barthwell said.

As his body lay on the floor near the table, gamblers on lower floors continued playing. The VIP room where Bell died reopened five hours later.

"We felt it was important to get it opened and return things to normal," Barthwell said.

On Thursday, a 37-year Detroit firefighter threatened to kill himself at the MGM Grand Detroit while playing blackjack. Police, alerted by the dealer, took the man into custody for treatment at a crisis center.

City Councilwoman Kay Everett said the suicide should not cast a pall over the

casinos. "One person deciding to have their own demise should not be the demise of the casino. That's ludicrous," Everett said.

Carol O'Hare, executive director of the Nevada Council on Problem Gambling, said she knows of no previous suicide committed inside a U.S. casino, though there have been suicides associated with gambling halls.

In August, a German tourist jumped to his death from the roof of the nine-story Resorts Atlantic City parking garage in New Jersey, making him the third suicide at a casino building there in eight days. A gambler who lost \$87,000 at the tables jumped off a Trump Plaza roof, and a Caesars Atlantic City Hotel Casino dealer leaped from the casino's parking garage.

The National Council on Problem Gambling, citing various studies, said one in five pathological gamblers attempts suicide. A 1998 Harvard Medical School study estimated that 1.6 percent of adults in the United States and Canada had experienced pathological gambling at some point in their lives.

"Short of someone leaving a note that 'The reason I killed myself is ...,' there's a lot of armchair detective work to determine what chain of events caused someone to do that," O'Hare said. "Frequently, what you have is things playing together. Many times you have drinking problems or marital problems."

A third temporary casino is expected to open in Detroit this spring. Larger, permanent casinos with hotel rooms, showrooms and other amenities are expected to open by 2004.

German party discloses millions more held in secret Swiss bank accounts

BERLIN (AP) — The sum of secret campaign funds involved in the scandal around Germany's Christian Democrats grew dramatically Thursday, after a state party branch said it had diverted more than twice as much money than previously known to Swiss bank accounts.

The revelation by Roland Koch, governor of Hesse, focused the German conservatives' scandal even more on the southern state and the money it sent abroad — apparently to avoid tougher German party finance laws in the 1980s.

Koch said at a news conference in Wiesbaden that the party had diverted more than \$9.5 million to Swiss bank accounts in 1983 — more than twice the roughly \$4 million previously known.

Between 1986 and 1997, Koch said \$4.25 million was taken from the secret accounts — but where that money is now is not known, he said.

Meanwhile, federal lawmakers decided Thursday that former Chancellor Helmut Kohl won't be called anytime soon to testify before a parliamentary investigating committee. The head of the committee even raised the possibility Kohl may never get to testify about whether secret donations led to influence peddling in his government.

"So long as Helmut Kohl isn't ready to reveal the origin of money that went into secret accounts, we see no reason to hear him," Volker Neumann, the Social Democrat lawmaker who chairs the parliament committee, told Phoenix television.

"It is quite possible that we will get at the information about who gave (Kohl) the money from others," he said.

Kohl has refused the demands of those within

his own party to say who gave the Christian Democrats up to \$1 million in off-the-books money he has admitted receiving. His pledge to remain silent on the issue has fueled suspicions the secret donations were to buy favors during his

16 years in power that ended with his election defeat in 1998.

The Christian Democrats criticized the decision not to call Kohl as one of the committee's first witnesses, saying it proved the investigation was nothing more than a partisan witch hunt.

"Their aim is obvious — to misuse the investigating committee as a tribunal against the Christian

Democrats," said Andreas Schmidt, the senior Christian Democrat lawmaker on the committee.

The conservatives had suggested Kohl and other senior members of his government be called first to testify, and Kohl himself has demanded to be heard as soon as possible.

On Thursday, the committee approved a schedule of nine witnesses it will call in the coming months, beginning Mar. 16 with Horst Weyrauch, a former tax adviser to the Christian Democrats and allegedly the key person overseeing secret money flowing into the party under Kohl.

The Greens party, the junior partner in the governing coalition, called on the Christian Democrats to take the issue into their own hands and move forward with legal action against Kohl to compel him to reveal the names.

"As long as they fail to do that, they hinder the clearing up," lawmakers Hans-Christian Stroebel and Claudia Roth, both members of the investigating committee, said in a statement.

Earlier this week, the Christian Democrats said they would not take any legal steps to compel Kohl to name names, at least for now.

THE NATION

Blix gets formal approval to head new Iraq inspection agency

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Kofi Annan officially appointed Hans Blix to head the new U.N. weapons inspection team on Thursday, a day after the Security Council gave its informal approval to the Swede.

In a statement, Annan said he had received the council's formal approval in a letter Thursday and that he expected Blix to start his new post as soon as possible. Blix was traveling in Antarctica but was expected back in Stockholm in the first week of February.

The retired chief of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency has a near-thankless job ahead of him as executive chairman of the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission.

The new agency, known by its acronym UNMOVIC, was created by the Security Council in December to replace the first weapons inspection agency for Iraq, the U.N. Special Commission.

The commission pulled out of Iraq ahead of U.S. and British airstrikes in December 1998 and was barred from returning.

One of Blix's first tasks will be to create a work program, and then draw up a list of key remaining questions about Iraq's disarmament that Baghdad must answer before the council would consider suspending sanctions.

Both are sure to be subject to intense political dispute within the 15-member council, which was deadlocked for a year on creating the arms agency and then stymied for a month in trying to find someone to head it.

The United States and Britain are sure to demand more from Iraq on the disarmament list than Baghdad's key allies on the council, Russia China and France, who have been pressing to have sanctions lifted altogether.

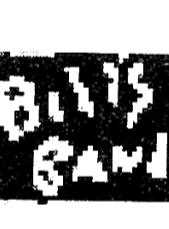
Blix, a former Swedish foreign minister, was director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency from 1981 until he retired in 1997.

The IAEA worked with the Special Commission in ridding Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction, as called for by U.N. resolutions that ended the 1991 Gulf War.

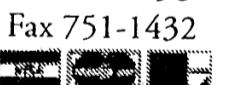
On Thursday, Iraq said it still had misgivings about the resolution that created UNMOVIC. "The matter is more complicated than the issue of Blix or the naming of a new commission," a deputy foreign minister, Nizar Hamdoon, told the French-sponsored, Arabic-language Radio Monte Carlo.

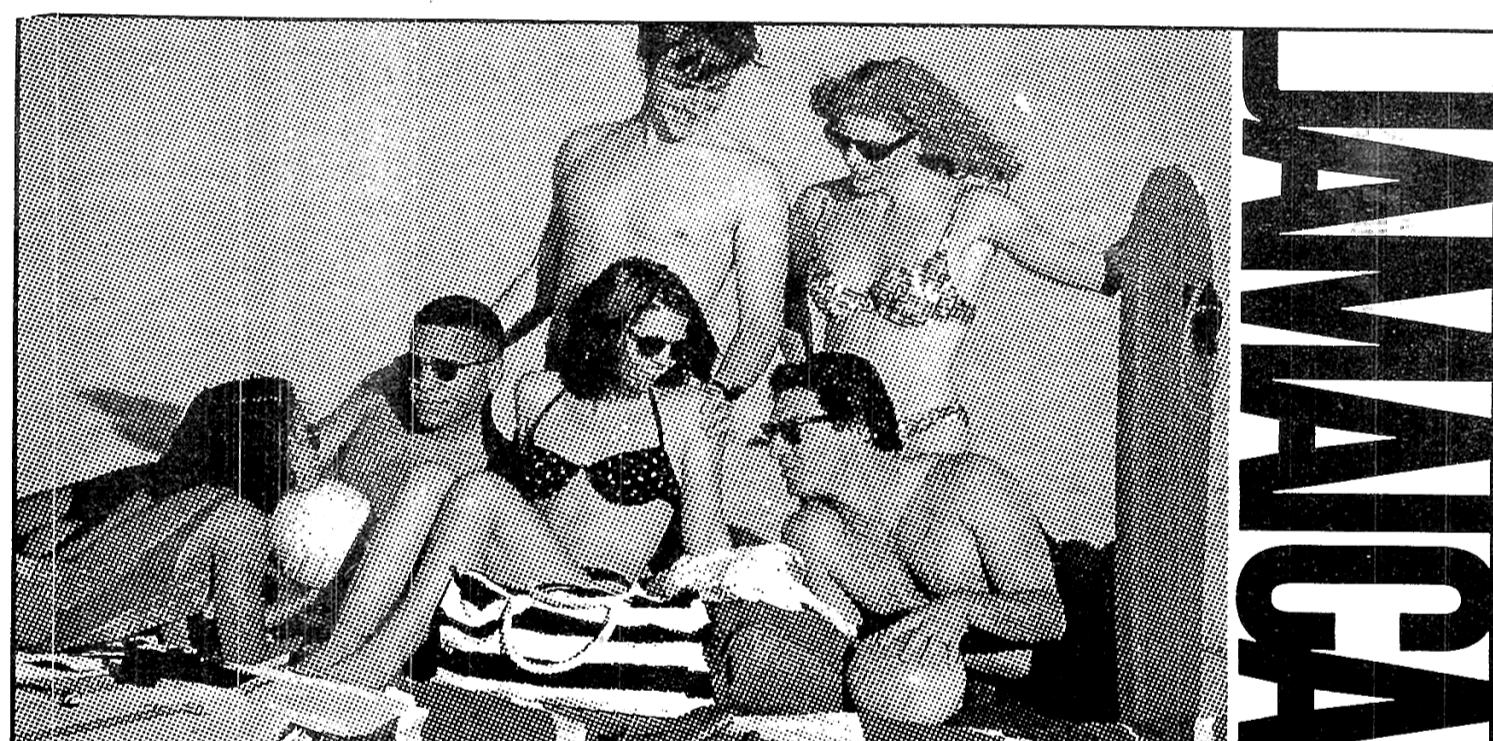
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Ethnic Albanians accuse U.S. soldiers of brutality

VITINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Lulzim Ukshini says he was hanging out with his buddies in Sam's Pizzeria when a grenade exploded in a Serb store across town. He also says the first he heard about the attack was when four U.S. peacekeepers came looking for him.

"They started to beat me nonstop, telling me to admit that I did it," he said. "Then they pulled a knife out and threatened to cut me into pieces."

Ukshini's story of mistreatment at the hands of American soldiers is being echoed by other ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, who tell of beatings, inappropriate body searches of women and daily harassment by U.S. troops.

The allegations come at a time of heightened concern following the rape and murder of an 11-year-old ethnic Albanian girl. U.S. Staff Sgt. Frank J. Ronghi, a weapons squad leader from Fort Bragg, N.C., was charged this month with murder and indecent acts with a child in connection with her death.

Ethnic Albanians say the killing is not their only complaint against the Americans.

Their allegations have prompted an official Army investigation and threaten a breakdown in trust between the U.S. peacekeepers and the citizens they were sent to protect.

U.S. officials declined to dis-

cuss specific allegations because many of the complaints are under investigation.

But the Army acknowledges it has a big problem with community relations in Kosovo.

"These are serious allegations that we do take seriously," Maj. Erik Gunhus, a public affairs officer at Camp Bondsteel, told The Associated Press. "We will investigate and if we find they are true, we will act accordingly. We want to show that no one is above the law."

In a statement issued Sunday, the Army said preliminary findings indicate several U.S. soldiers may have been involved in misconduct, "including improper use of physical force and threats against Kosovar males and inappropriate physical contact with Kosovar females." Gunhus confirmed several soldiers have been transferred out of Vitina in connection with the investigation.

Still, Ukshini and other Vitina residents are skeptical.

"I wouldn't complain to KFOR because it does no good," Ukshini said, using the acronym for the NATO-led peacekeeping force that entered Kosovo in June after a 78-day bombing campaign forced a halt to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's crackdown on ethnic Albanians.

Bradley strategy turns to attack politics

STRATHAM, N.H. (AP) — Bill Bradley, struggling to balance his high-road campaign themes with a need to overtake Al Gore, said Thursday he'd "had it" with his Democratic rival and pushed ahead with a new, more confrontational style.

With polls suggesting Gore has been moving ahead just days before the New Hampshire primary, Bradley indicated the accusations and sharp words he had for the vice president in their debate on Wednesday were no one-night strategy.

"How you run a campaign is how you govern. That was the point I was making and I waited a long time to make it," Bradley said.

"Last night I decided I'd had it and I'm going to call my opponent on what he's been doing," said Bradley. "Making that point several times struck a positive chord in a lot of people who had just been waiting essentially for him to be called out."

Gore's camp said Bradley was showing desperation.

But Bradley, who accused Gore of campaign dishonesty, said he felt comfortable and was getting a good response from voters.

Indeed, 76-year-old Sherry Taylor said, "I think the fact that he showed a little more vitality last night was good." She added, "I felt better about him and I was all set to go for Gore."

On the other hand, Bond Perry, a Bradley supporter, said he liked the candidate's higher energy level but "I didn't like what he did last night. There was, like, desperation."

Gore, addressing employees of a high-tech firm in Manchester on Thursday, said anew that Bradley was turning the campaign negative.

"I don't understand how some-

In addition to the tougher rhetoric, Bradley stepped up his schedule Thursday and there was a new air of urgency surrounding his campaign entourage. He opened the day at one frigid outdoor rally, collected the endorsement of environmental activists at another and rotated through a series of town meetings in a crowded cam-

paign day.

Along the way, he stopped by grocery and convenience stores for chaotic handshaking. At one stop he helped shoppers bag groceries. He bought donuts at another.

His shift in approach had been under discussion internally for days, since Bradley was hampered in Iowa's leadoff caucuses. Surrogates such as Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey have been battering Gore in public, arguing he's been distorting Bradley's record, and have been pushing Bradley in private to become more aggressive.

The risk for Bradley is to his core appeal as the nontraditional politician who is above attack politics.

Even in the midst of the new approach, he said in response to a question that he had occasionally elbowed other players in basketball but added:

"Politics is different. Politics should be something that's higher. Politics should be something that elevates us."

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Diamonds and Coal

A coal to the University for not running criminal background checks on employees who have access to expensive computer equipment. Cashiers at Circuit City have to pass extensive background checks, but the manager of the Brown Computer Store can have a record from here to Tuesday and no one would know.

A cubic zirconium to the Shakespeare Guy's recent conviction on charges of resisting arrest. Since no other charges were held against him, we must wonder whether it was really necessary to arrest him in the first place. We would all resist arrest if we didn't do anything wrong. But, a diamond to Shakespeare.

A diamond to one of the neatest buildings ever built at Brown — Smith-Buonanno Hall. It preserves the century-old exterior while creating a beautiful and distinctive interior. Plus, the basketball key in the common room is just nifty.

A diamond to Black History Month, which kicks off tonight at 7 p.m. in Salomon 101. We hope the entire campus participates in this month-long celebration, and that it carries on beyond Feb. 29.

A diamond to Walter Holmes as he retires from his job at Brown. We sure hope that we will have done enough by the time we're 48 to retire. To Puerto Rico, no less. We wish him luck.

A diamond to the mid-year and transfer students who joined our campus this week. We hope your transition to snowy, freezing Providence was relatively simple and that your years at Brown will be happy and successful.

A coal to temperature control in Brown dorms. It seems impossible to find a comfortable middle zone between hypothermia and heat stroke. Anything Facilities Management could do about this would be greatly appreciated.

A cubic zirconium to President Bill Clinton's last State of the Union address. It was a lovely collection of lofty goals and grand ideals, topped off with a dramatic recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and 19 standing ovations. But clocking in at one hour and 29 minutes is absolutely ridiculous. Wrap. It. UP.

A coal to University Food Services (UFS) for not letting people go off meal plan in the middle of the year. Even though we can cut down to fewer meals per week, it's still a huge expense that we shouldn't be forced to bear. Grr.

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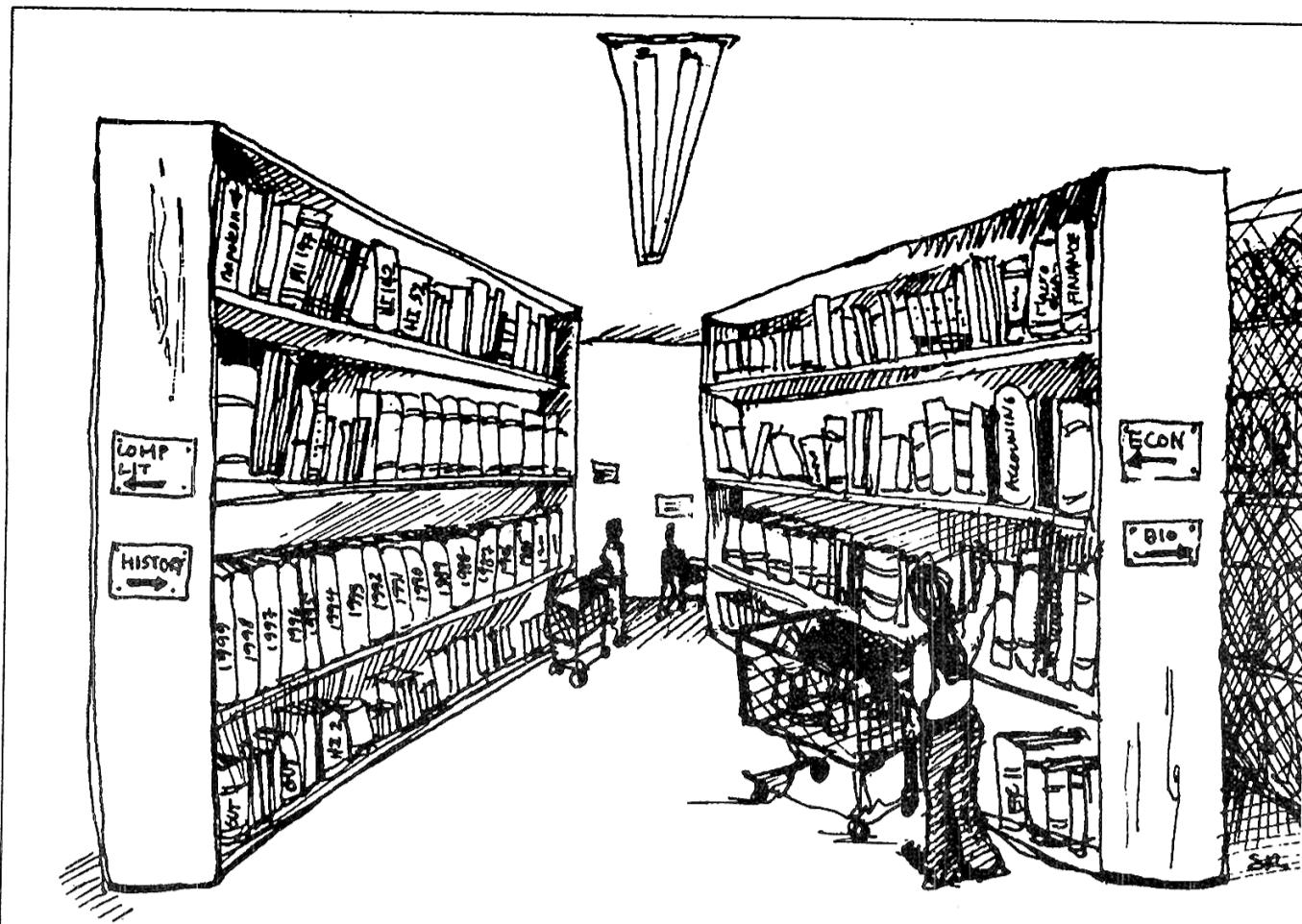
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The Y2K computer bug is dead. Did anyone notice?

What we can learn from this crisis

Happy New Year! Welcome to the Brown of the 21st century, which looks suspiciously like the Brown of the late 20th century. I hope your New Year's Eve was festive. It was a global celebration, carried live from around the world by CNN. But now, the historic day is over, and we are all back to our normal lives. We are doing what we did for most



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of the late 20th century: watching the Tampa Bay Buccaneers lose football games.

But wait a minute. Before we get too comfortable, let me ask a question: what happened? What happened to Armageddon? Last summer, the front cover of "Time" warned us of the coming Y2K disaster: power would be cut off, planes would fall out of the sky, money would disappear from savings accounts, nuclear missiles would rain down from New York to Moscow. People around the world withdrew their savings, went into bunkers, and hoarded canned goods and fuel. No less an authority than the American Red Cross warned us to prepare for the New Year as we would for a severe winter storm. When Jan. 1 finally came, what happened?

The answer, of course, is nothing. Except for Boris Yeltsin's unrelated resignation, CNN's global coverage reported nothing of consequence. Banks recorded no major glitches, and the economy remains strong. Rome and Bethlehem and New York still stand, having escaped terrorist destruction. The new year came with no major problems and only a few minor inconveniences. There are two possible explanations. One, either international reprogramming efforts were successful, or two, the problem was overblown to begin with.

The consensus among experts seems to be the latter. Many countries, such as

Italy, made almost no effort to prepare for potential Y2K glitches. Yet these nations experienced no more major problems than the United States, which developed task forces and practiced contingency plans for the possible crisis.

So it seems that the promised difficulties of the Y2K computer bug never arrived. But where is the collective sigh of relief, the sense that a bullet has been dodged? In the past twenty-seven days, the benign results of the Y2K bug have received very little news coverage, very little attention in everyday conversation. People braced for an apocalypse, then went back to their daily business. The Bucs lost 11-6.

This reaction is both surprising and disheartening. Disasters and inconveniences great and small have been avoided, but no one seems to have noticed. No one is grateful for the preparations that were taken, and no one is angry about the unnecessary Y2K hype that consumed the late 1990s. Did anyone learn anything from the debacle?

I certainly hope that we have. As a starting point for discussion, I offer three things that I have gained from the watching the events leading up to Jan. 1. Read them, think about them, discuss them. Propose your own lessons. We have all lived through an important event in human history, and we have a duty to understand it.

The first lesson is the easiest. Throughout human history, thousands have predicted that the end of the world was imminent. They have been wrong every time. Many religious groups, often Christians, predicted that the end of the world would come with the year 2000. But these people forgot that Jesus himself said that no man could know the hour of

his return. The lesson here is to be skeptical of sure predictions of the future: remember that the sun came up on January 1, and January 2, and even on January 3.

Second, remember how the problem started in the first place. In the early days of programming, memory was at a premium. To save space, programmers represented the year with two digits, forgetting or ignoring that the computer would fail to recognize that 00 comes after 99. Even though problems were not as serious as initially feared, Y2K remains a monument to human shortsightedness and lack of perspective. The programmers solved one problem, but created a larger one. Remember this example the next time you face a problem to solve.

Third, consider the response of government and business to the possible crisis throughout the late 1990s. As I mentioned, many nations and businesses made no preparations at all. Given the lack of a Y2K disaster, were they right? No. They were lucky.

The body's immune system offers an analogy in crisis management. Would you

rather get slightly ill with every passing virus? Or would you rather stay perfectly healthy, only to drop dead when a real threat comes along? It is better to prepare for nothing than to be caught off guard by an apocalypse, and the government's Y2K task force prepared well.

We don't have to panic with every crisis on the horizon, but we must sensibly consider the problem and possible solutions. The Y2K computer crisis did little damage, but there are other problems on the horizon which threaten true catastrophes: emerging diseases, environmental destruction, chemical weapons, overpopulation. We must prepare for these as we move through the twenty-first century.

George Santayana said that those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it. This lesson applies just as well to recent history as to ancient. If we forget the lessons of Y2K, we may be condemned to hear the same hype in 2999. But if we remember, we can apply this knowledge to solving the problems of a new millennium. There may be hope for all of us. Even for a certain football team from Tampa Bay.



IVONE KIM / Herald

Send Elian Gonzalez home already

Why Republicans and Democrats are both wrong

I must part ideological company with my Republican brethren today and say



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Elian Gonzalez should return to Cuba and live with his father. Besides, chances are twenty-five years from now Elian will find himself again floating across the Atlantic Ocean, this time voluntarily. When this date arrives, Republicans can say "Told you so!" This victory, I propose, will prove much sweeter.

There are two camps fighting this issue out. On one side, we have Cuban Americans, including some relatives of Elian speaking for his mother, who they say gave her life bringing Elian to America, and Republicans, among them presidential candidates John McCain and George W. Bush, and Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Jesse Helms. They say Elian would prosper most on American soil, living with his relatives. On the other side, we have his father Juan Miguel, his maternal grandparents, Fidel Castro (representing Cuba), INS boss Doris Meissner, and Democrats who will probably endorse her judgment. They say Elian would

prosper most on Cuban soil, living with his dad and more immediate family. Fifty-six percent of Americans polled believed Elian should return to Cuba, according to Time.

Both camps are confusing two questions: 1) Where will Elian prosper most? 2) Where does Elian belong? The first question requires some descriptive analysis—Elian will prosper more here (or there) for reasons T, U, and V (or X, Y, and Z). The second question requires some normative analysis—Elian should live here (or there) for these reasons...

The first question, however, is irrelevant. That being said, Republicans are right and Democrats are wrong. Elian would prosper more in America. But so what? So would every other Cuban child. So would every Kenyan child. Where Elian might prosper most has no logical bearing on where Elian belongs.

Especially this time, for I doubt this particular "ought—is gap" even should be bridged.

After all, if children belong wherever they will prosper most, what about those children born daily to single mothers who, quite literally, are children themselves. Under this principle both camps are operating on, we would never allow some 15 year old girl, unmarried and still learning algebra, and who has absolutely no idea

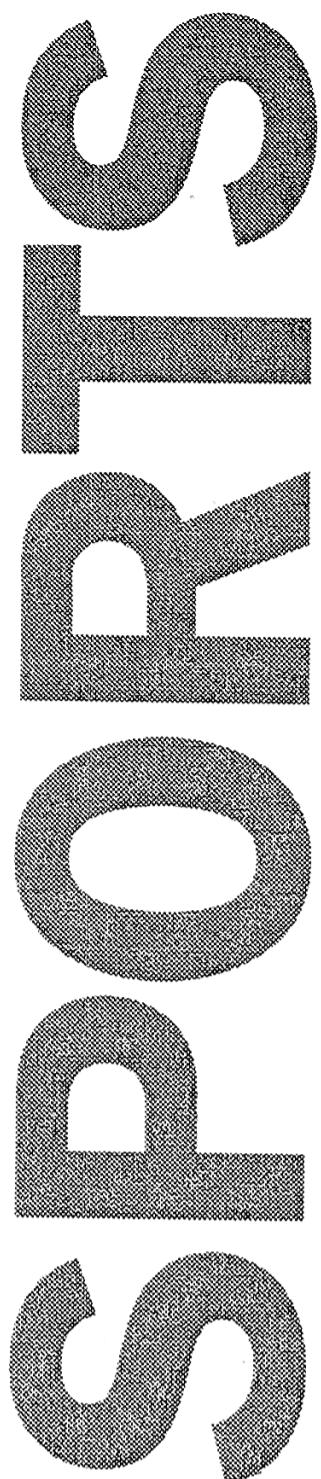
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who daddy is, to keep her newborn baby. We would never allow two parents living in some Tulip, Arkansas trailer park, barely surviving on \$15,000 per year and each working 2 jobs, to keep their newborn. The same goes for parents who discourage educational accomplishment and good manners, and white supremacists, who have children only because the more white people there are the better. Just imagine how many horrible parents there are, parents who cannot provide for their children, much less make them virtuous, educate them, and so forth. These parents

are under our noses daily, but nobody ever suggests removing their children from home. And for two good reasons. First, government does too much already. Putting this principle I criticize into practice would be impossible. Second, parents have rights.

Given their vocal and deep-felt opposition towards Fidel Castro, Republicans apparently feel some moral and logical obligation to keep Elian from Cuba. Such obligations, however, are misconceived. They can still dislike everything Fidel Castro stands for, still believe Cuba stinks, and send Elian there. Just admit this much: wherever Elian might best grow and develop carries no normative weight. We can still believe America offers much more economically, socially, and politically than Cuba. We can still believe central planning does not work. We can still believe socialist states are (necessarily) oppressive states, regularly violating those civil liberties Americans hold dear.

But after all this has been said, we should regrettably admit these particular convictions cannot supersede laws, and cannot supersede this right one father has to parent his child. Just continue making America great (or better)—continue distinguishing America from Cuba, with both words and deeds—and again, we will probably get Elian back. If not, what will America have lost?



Grapplers struggle with injuries, eye homestand

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The Brown wrestling team (3-6) has been riddled with injuries this season, but looks to be healing in time for their upcoming Ivy League matches. The Bears put up three wins against six losses this season but two of those losses have come by a one-point margin. Brown's non-conference schedule features many strong programs from the Midwest, such as Illinois, Ohio State, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

The grapplers returned early from the Christmas holiday, on Dec. 27. After a week's practice, the Bears squad went south to Texas for the Lone Star Duals. Sophomore Bronson Lingamfelter, the standout heavyweight, went undefeated, winning all four of his matches. 149-pounder Jason Mercado '02 continued his solid wrestling, registering a 3-1 record for the

week; and senior Craig Powell made a very successful return from Australia, winning two out of the three matches in which he competed.

Overall, the team had a frus-

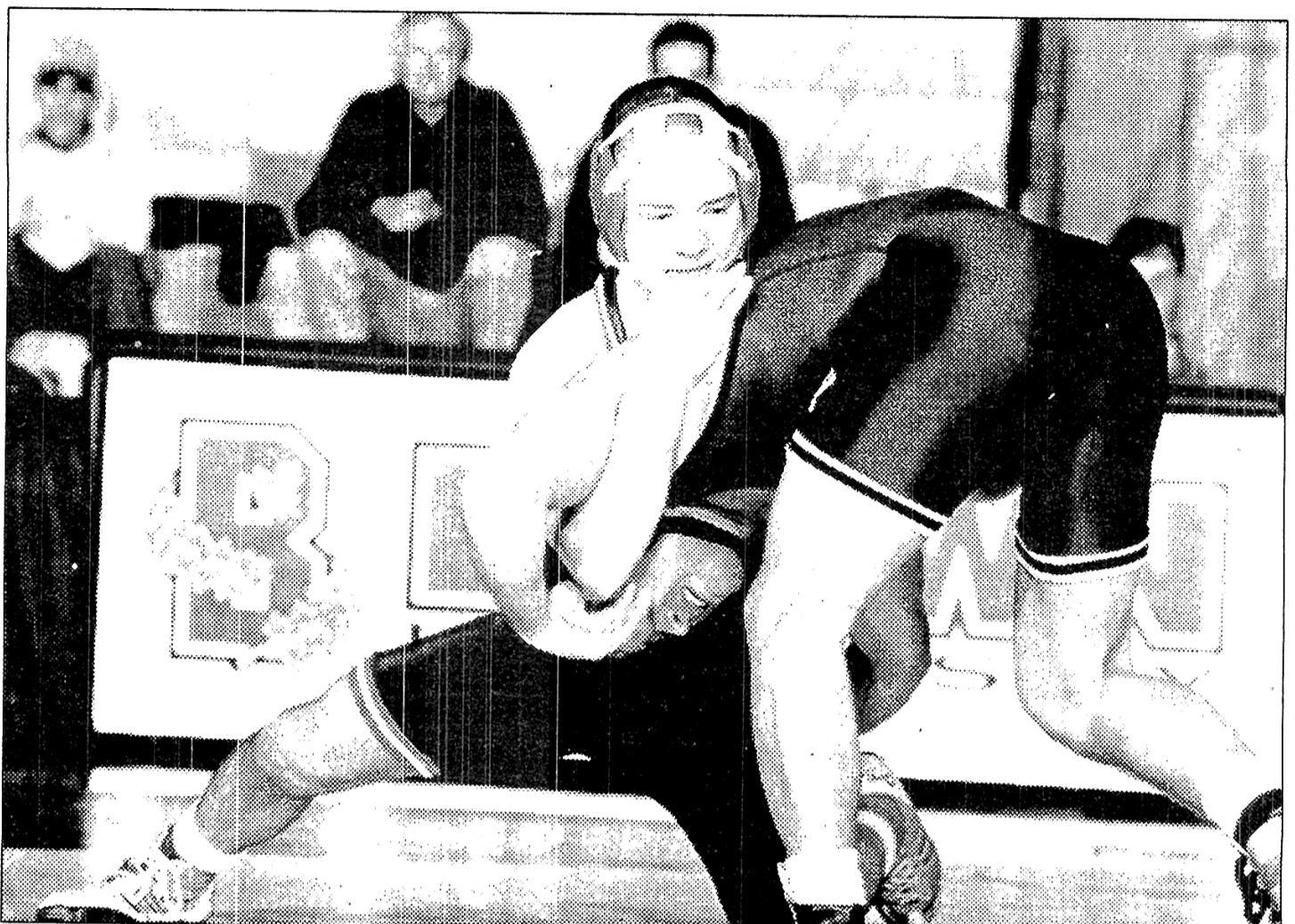
Brad McDonald and Livio DiRubbo combined with Lingamfelter to account for the victories. Afterward, the Bears dropped another close one to Wyoming, by a count of 17-16,

Bears defeated Army 25-7. Wins were recorded by DiRubbo (133lbs), David Dies '03 (141), Mercado (149), Todd Dewitt '00 (157 lbs), McDonald (165), Captain Nick Almeida '00

Powell (197), and Lingamfelter (heavyweight). Almeida recorded an upset victory against Mauric Worthy of Army who is ranked seventh in the country.

In the next match the Bear dominated their opponents from Franklin and Marshall by a 30-1 score. The win was highlighted by victories by Brad Groover '01 (141), Mercado, Chris Ayers '02 (165), Karl Rittger '00 (184), and Lingamfelter.

In the final match, the Tigers of Missouri edged the Bears 21-16. Wins were recorded by DiRubbo, McDonald, Almeida, Ritt-



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ROB ROGERS '02 suffered two defeats when the Bears competed at the Lone Star Duals.

trating meet, losing three out of four matches. They opened with a heartbreaking 20-19 loss to Northwestern. Then, they lost to perennial power Oklahoma by a count of 37-9. Senior Captains

but rebounded to defeat Northern Illinois, 16-15.

Next up for the Bears was a home quad-meet against Army, Franklin and Marshall, and Missouri. In the first match, the

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Scoreboard

Merrimack def. M. Icers, 3-2 (OT)

Trivia

When Major League Baseball announced its All-Century Team, what was the only position with no living representatives?

Yesterday's Answer:

Mark Messier and Steve Yzerman are the only active hockey players with more than 500 career goals.

This Weekend

M. Cagers vs. Yale. Sat., 5 p.m. Pizzitola.

W. Cagers vs. Yale. Sat., 3 p.m.

W. Icers at Niagara. Fri., 7 p.m. and Sat., 3 p.m.

Wrestling vs. Syracuse. Fri., 7 p.m. Pizzitola.

M. Swim at Harvard. Sat., 1 p.m.

Wrestling vs. Lehigh. Sat., 8 p.m. Pizzitola.

Gymnastics vs. Vermont. Sun., 1 p.m.

M. W. Track at Terrier Classic in Boston. Sat.-Sun.

M. W. Squash at Bowdoin. Sat., 1 p.m.

M. W. Swim vs. Penn. Sun., 12 noon. Smith Center.

M. W. Fencing at Vassar with Princeton. Sun., 1 p.m.

W. Skiing at PSC Carnival. Sat.-Sun.

Sports Inside

Herald Sports staff members make their picks on Sunday's Super Bowl matchup.

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Rams and Titans to meet in Super Bowl in Atlanta

Dream seasons for McNair, Warner culminate on Sunday

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Playing the Super Bowl

Final pick of the year: Rams

Now, normally I'm not one to admit that I've been wrong. And when I am wrong, I usually try to make excuses for my mistakes and appeal to certain unknown factors which entered the equation after I had considered my decision. But this time, as I sit with a 118-129-9 record as the 1999 NFL season draws to a close, I will readily state that I was wrong — a lot.

Hopefully, you have taken my advice and not used real money to gamble with my picks. If you have, then I offer you no sympathy. But for those of you who have merely had your pride dented this season, I feel your pain.

Which brings me to my next point: Super Bowl XXXIV, Titans versus Rams, Tennessee versus St. Louis. If the Good Lord can control who wins and loses on the football field, as the likes of Mark Brunell and Randall Cunningham claim He can, He must have had a lot of fun planning this year's edition of the Super Bowl. But on the other hand, if He did control what happens on Sunday afternoons, then Brunell and Cunningham would still be playing this weekend.

I'd like to think that this wacky season, in which the old regime was toppled and the unluckiest of newcomers stepped in to fill the power vacuum, is partially responsible for my sup-par performance.

Just look at what happened: Two 8-8 teams made the playoffs, two others fired their coaches, the Big Three of the NFC were all out of the postseason's first round, and three-quarters of last year's final four didn't even make the postsea-

son. I don't think anybody could have predicted what went down this year.

But, like I said, I won't be making any excuses. Rather, I'll focus my efforts on breaking down the last game of the season. It is a game with little at stake for me except the chance to make my final win-loss deficit an even ten.

Titans versus Rams. The team that needed a miracle to make it this far versus the team whose entire season has been a miracle. And a seven-point spread to boot.

They said the Rams were soft. St. Louis faced two teams with winning records during the regular season. They lost both games.

But then the Rams put on a show during the playoffs, breaking their game against Minnesota wide open and then pulling out an 11-6 victory in a defensive battle against Tampa Bay.

The Rams' postseason performance proves two things. First of all, they can run with the big dogs and in fact, probably are one of the big dogs. But secondly, and I think more importantly, they proved that their defense is capable of winning games in the unlikely event that the offense has an off day.

By now, the names of Kurt Warner, Marshall Faulk, and Isaac Bruce have become household. Warner, and his journey from Northern Iowa State to the Arena League and then NFL Europe before landing in St. Louis, have approached folk hero status. The Rams feature deep threats with

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