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## Cadets receive water survival training

By WILL CROSS  
Staff Reporter

UT ROTC cadets recently underwent water survival training as part of their military education, including jumping blindfolded into the Aquatic Center's pool.

A bystander nodded to one of his friends and said, "Look over there...on the diving board. That guy is blindfolding those people and pushing them into the deep-end!"

It is true. People were blindfolded, and they were led off of the diving board into the water. However, these were not acts of hazing or harassment. This training, administered to most Army personnel at least once in their military career, is completed annually in the Spartan Battalion.

Over the course of the training, cadets attended five classes: 25-yard swim, waterproofing the rucksack, equipment discharge, trouser inflation float and unexpected entry.

Cadet (CDT) Kiwoong Kim administered the first class, the 25-yard swim, which seemed to be the easiest task. Nonetheless, cadets found that swimming, the basic building block behind all periods of instruction concerning water survival, was not so simple when wearing full battle dress uniform (BDUs) and carrying a rifle.

Once the cadets were comfortable swimming "Army style," CDT Eric Hambrecht taught the cadets how to waterproof their equipment by only using a military-issued poncho. Next, CDT Randy Garcia taught them how to properly escape from their equipment while underwater.



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An ROTC cadet dives off the end of the diving board during the unexpected entry part of the water survival training.

During the trouser inflation float class, CDT Bert Smith instructed cadets in how to use their trousers as life jackets. He informed the cadets to tie the legs of the trousers together, and to place their heads into the loop formed from the tied legs with the knot behind their

necks. Then, the cadets were instructed to hold the waistline of the pants underwater while they splashed water into the pants. This action forced air into the legs around the cadets' necks forming a floatation device.

Lastly, cadets faced the

dreaded unexpected entry. In this phase of training, CDT Steve Chadwick briefed cadets how to properly enter the water during darkness from an unknown height. Following the briefing, the cadets were blindfolded and led off of the diving board.

CDT Cheri Forsman summed up the days events by saying, "All in all, the training was a major success. The weak and strong swimmers alike received worthwhile instruction covering the basics of combat water survival training."

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## Students participate in global awareness programs

By CHRISTINA AGOSTO &  
USHA NANKANI  
Staff Reporters

Two weeks ago, freshmen participated in the annual Model United Nations and Global Village simulations. The two simulations are a part of the Global Issues class, which is a requirement of freshmen enrollment.

In the simulations, each class is assigned a country and must learn that country's culture and traditions in order to effectively represent it in the simulations.

The Model United Nations was held Friday, Sept. 22, throughout the campus. In many classes, students had been preparing for the

event since the first or second week of school.

For this simulation, each class was divided into two sections. The students were then given nine different topics to prepare to debate. Among the topics prepared for the students were issues involving women's rights, safe water, landmines and the International Court. Select faculty members prepared informational packets for the students in the previous semester.

As an added resource to the students, students in their sophomore, junior and senior year of study

acted as United Nations mentors. These volunteers attended special training sessions to learn how to assist the freshmen participating in the simulations.



The following Wednesday, Sept. 26, the students participated in the Global Village simulation at Bob Martinez Sports Center. There, the students had a chance to show-

case their assigned country's food, culture, and traditions, as well as interact with other countries and trade and negotiate. Each class was given a table to decorate and money and goods to trade per its nation's wealth and gross national product.

The Global Village involved 45 countries including the United States, Ireland, Zimbabwe and Portugal and others.

The students were encouraged to role-play and take on the attributes of the citizens from their assigned countries.

There were many creative approaches to showing the cultural diversity of the countries represented. The group who represented the country of Morocco had one student perform the traditional belly

dancing, while the group who represented Ireland showed their national pride by dying their hair the colors of the Irish flag—green, white and orange. The United States group posted two students at the entrance of their table dressed in military fatigues.

Most students reacted positively to the Global Village simulation, but were less enthused by the Model United Nations simulation. Some complained that not all classes were required to put in as much effort in the activity. Many professors made the project a part of the students' grades and freed up class time for working on it, while others spent considerably less time and did not include the simulation as part of the students' grade.



# Being brave to stay free

EDITORIAL

As Americans, we have certain unalienable rights. It's what makes us the land of the free. We can worship freely, speak freely, write freely and live freely within the bounds of our relatively lax laws compared to those of some countries where everything the public receives is censored. For example, the Chinese government restricts what movies come into the country, even the UK's media is controlled by the government. Would we put up with such measures? No. We are Americans and expect those rights.

In our time of crisis, though, it seems that Americans are willing to give up these rights. Indeed, it is because our government isn't a constant watchdog, in part, that these acts of terrorism could happen on our own soil and through our own commercial airlines, and it is an invaluable lesson. However, in our state of fear and of war, Americans want to give up many of those freedoms on which our country is based. For example, a majority of Americans would allow their phones to be tapped without reasonable cause. This may seem like a way to deter terrorist networks, but think about the implications: the government could listen to everything you say across a phone line. Would you tell your friend that you fudged numbers on your income tax? Or even express negative opinions about a new legislation or current White House government? Would you feel at ease voicing these opinions? Then comes the inevitable question: what will the government do with this information? Would they report you to the IRS? Mark on your file that you express anti-Republican or anti-Democratic sentiments? We could have another McCarthy era, which occurred near the start of the Cold War where a Salem witch trial like atmosphere overran Hollywood and New York to try and determine who might be involved with the Communist Party. We don't need that again; it is un-American.

Many Americans would now like pilots to carry guns on commercial aircraft. Certainly this would have deterred terrorists on those hijacked planes, but how will you feel now knowing that your pilot is carrying a firearm? You might feel safer, but there also might be a threat that someone is going to get that gun away from him or that maybe this pilot isn't in the best frame of mind to be carrying a gun. Guns equal fear. Do we need that extra-added element on airplanes?

According to a recent CNN.com article, transportation officials are considering installing face recognition systems in airports that scan faces of those in the terminals. If a suspected terrorist is recognized by such factors as the bridge of the nose, angle of the chin and size of the mouth, a silent alarm will ring and the passenger will be questioned. This means that we will have, on top of camera security, our faces being scrutinized every time we walk into an airport. What if we are wrongly matched? It's already happened in Ybor where the technology is currently being used. Experts admit that the technology is not perfect, and while it could deter terrorists, it could wrongly implicate people. Do we want someone to be able to do this to us?

We need to keep our heads clear and not pass legislation that fits our current war climate but will be oppressive in the future. Yes, terrorism slipped through the cracks of our government, but we wouldn't be the same America today if those rights hadn't existed. We wouldn't be a country strong enough to get up and keep going in the face of terror and horrific acts against our own people. It's what makes America the land of the free. Let's be the home of those brave enough to keep it free.



## When high school can haunt

COLUMN

When I graduated high school, I thought I would never see most of the people I had known for the past four years ever again.

Boy, was I wrong.



By  
SARAH  
MORGAN

Out of a graduating class of a little over 100, only two of us were headed to UT. Myself, obviously, and a guy I had a few classes with but never spoke to. After a semester, he withdrew, leaving me to carry on as the one and only member of

my graduating class here.

Then this semester rolled around. I came back to campus early to get things done for O-Team, the newspaper and other activities. After working in the Student Union for most of a day, I made my way back to good ol' Smiley Hall.

Upon reaching the end of the sidewalk that leads from the Student Union to Plant Hall, I saw him. I had to stop and breathe. I turned to my friend who was walking beside me and explained the situation.

We went to high school together. Me being the unpopular scary girl—a title imposed by those who decided not to get to know me—I stayed away from the popular kids and, in turn, they left me the hell alone as well. Then came junior year.

My Catholic high school required every student to take a religion class, and if memory serves, junior year's class was entitled "Death and Dying." I always sat in the back or to the side in class. I figured I wouldn't be noticed there. And I wasn't. Then one day, one of the popular girls was talking too much in class and needed to be moved. Guess who took her seat? Yep. So there I was, out of my element, in the middle of the room, surrounded by popular people. I knew all their names; they knew me as the unpopular scary girl.

Then, one day, the guy who sat in front of me turned around and made conversation with yours truly. Though taken aback, I reciprocated the chitchat and we came to talk about relationships. He told me about his girlfriend, and I told him about my boyfriend. The conversations were short, sweet and to the point.

A few weeks later, he turned around and told me he dispelled an evil rumor floating around school that I was a devil-worshipping, animal-sacrificing lesbian bitch. Impres-

sive title, eh? Funny how this all came from people who didn't even know me. The cool kids ignored me, so I didn't quite know how to react when one of them spoke to me, let alone acted kindly toward me.

Senior year came and went and I thought I had seen the last of high school-mates that I would rather never see again. I saw the rumor-dispeller at a mutual friend's house once or twice after graduation, though.

With the newfound freedom of being all alone at UT, I stretched my wings and found the real me. I joined organizations, I met new people, I enjoyed school. High school was in the past, and I attempted to squash any conversations about the topic at every opportunity.

But then I saw him. He was getting into a car parked in front of admissions. He was with a girl. I could only hope it was his younger sister, and she had planned to

become a Spartan, not he. Turns out, he was the one coming to this school.

I told myself I should avoid all contact with this individual on the

off chance that we had an opportunity to interact; not be mean, necessarily, just try to avoid any and all contact. But we ran into each other, and can I tell you: not only did he remember me, but he actually came over and said hi. Talk about being thrown for a loop! I didn't quite know how to react, but the whole thing was such a blur that it doesn't matter.

I went home that night and thought about the situation. He transferred here, most likely by himself and is stuck with a roommate he doesn't know. Coming to college is enough of a tough situation, let alone transferring halfway through. So I'll be nice. Smile, wave, maybe get a cup of coffee. Sounds simple enough.

Then he presents me with the same, only he got to do it before I did. He asks me when we're going to hang out. I utter some dumb reply. I haven't seen him since, which is odd, because he has a class next door to mine two days a week. And now I'm finally comfortable with someone who knew me when I was a dork attending UT. As much as I may want to think of this as my turf, it isn't. Anyone who wants to has the chance to come here. It shouldn't matter if he knew me when I was that unpopular scary girl in the back of the class. One the best things about starting college is the blank slate you get where you can do your own writing.

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# The Cards on the Table

## The abscense of Friday night football

COLUMN

By NIKI CONSTANTINO  
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As if on cue, the first week of October has brought with it the crisp, cold snap and the hint of fall in the air. Up north, this means orange and brown leaves drifting down from kaleidoscope trees and crackling underneath your footsteps. The scent of fires and pumpkin pie permeates the air. It's the season of apple cider, arts and crafts, pumpkin carving and trick or treating. Florida lacks most of these traditional elements of the season. However, not much of a lesser icon of fall still arrives, the football season. What would the months of September through January be without the all-time great American sport? And yet, UT is without it.

I migrated to Tampa from Sherwood High School in Maryland where every Friday night was spent rallying around our county's male youths. It was a big deal—our school was Division 4A state champions three consecutive years. The students and parents were (and still are) proud, loyal attendants every Friday night, even if we were deathly ill and standing in

a hail storm—they played and we cheered. What a shock for me, showing up at the annual pool party thrown for freshmen at the beginning of the semester, and casually asking someone when the football team practiced.

"We don't have a football team," she said with this exasperated look on her face. I couldn't believe it hadn't occurred to me to ask when I was visiting the school. I just assumed. No football team! What did these people do on their Friday nights, then? What's with the sports program?

What do we watch at Homecoming? Soccer—perhaps one of the most bizarre things I've seen was the Homecoming court proceeding down the track during halftime. I've gotten used to it, I suppose. But I know I'm not the only one who feels a void around this time of year, when our stadium's field consists of soccer nets instead of field goals.

I've heard that McKay was in fact built solely with the football team in mind (note the sturdy cinder block walls, no carpet on the floors, and the overall dungeon, musty appearance), what better place to house a bunch of beer guzzling, weight benching, lugs?

I've heard a variety of stories as to UT's long lost days of football and what happened. We once had a team, for those of you who don't know.

While playing three years for the women's soccer team, I spent many a spaghetti dinner in the Sword and Shield room in Martinez, gazing upon black and white

photos of what undoubtedly looked like football players in UT jerseys. I've heard that McKay was in fact built solely with the football team in mind (note the sturdy cinder block walls, no carpet on the floors, and the overall dungeon,

musty appearance). What better place to house a bunch of beer guzzling, weight benching lugs? It's also been said that the disappearance of football at UT is due to a disgruntled Buccaneers team, which was receiving less hype than the Spartans. In order to reclaim

publicity and media attention, the owners supposedly bought out the UT football team. But, apparently since then, the relationship between the Bucs and UT hasn't been purely symbiotic, now in favor of the NFL team. In return for allowing use of UT's field during preseason, our university is financially compensated, and we all know that our country club of a school isn't suffering as far as money is concerned. If you're unsure about that, ask any UT parent and they'll show you their aching, lean wallets.

So, unless you're lucky enough to land some Bucs tickets or know someone who's got an endless supply, your access to shoulder pads, 300-pound linebackers, clothes-lining and brute strength aggression is limited to a TV. That's not such a terrible option, which some happily prefer. But, me, I feel an empty space resulting from the stadium lights remaining dark on Friday night, and terms like field goal, sack, fourth quarter, touchdown, blitz unused on Saturday morning in reference to a gathering the night before of what would surely be a raucous occasion of students, celebrating a sport that UT doesn't have.

## Confessions of a Trekkie

COLUMN

I have been told that I am a dork. There may be some truth to this. I enjoy reading. I wear glasses. I earn decent enough grades. And I am a *Star Trek* fan.



By  
JEN  
MILLER

This is an aspect of my personality that I've flaunted because of the stigma against *Star Trek* fans. Non-Trekkies see us as pointy-ear-wearing convention patrons who speak fluent Klingon, know the title and number of each episode and have "Starfleet Academy Graduate" stuck on the back of our cars. While these people do exist, the vast majority of Trekkies don't even come close to this extreme.

I was brought into the *Star Trek* world the same way that most people of our generation have been introduced: through my parents. Even though the original series isn't my favorite, my father liked it, and I watched some episodes with him. I saw the movies, only liking *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home* because it was funny and had whales. It wasn't until the premiere of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* that I was truly hooked, and I tuned in every week without fail. I stopped watching any kind of *Star Trek* show after *The Next Generation* series ended because *Deep Space Nine* and *Voyager* didn't have the same appeal to me. Only since the recent premiere of *Enterprise*, a prequel series starring *Quantum Leap* veteran Scott Bakula, has my zeal been reawakened.

The amazing part is that, out of all the students on this campus, I'm not the only one who is still a fan. When I mentioned in mixed company that I was excited to see the premiere, several others in the group

said they were fans, too, and would be watching on Wednesday night. Even after the episode premiered, I sometimes entered into conversations where it was being discussed.

There is a certain appeal about *Star Trek*. The original series, which aired in the 1960s, was Gene Roddenbury's vision of our future. His show was the first to feature a black woman, Uhura, as a regular character. His *Enterprise*'s commanding crew had members who were of mixed faces: African-American, Asian, Russian, Scottish and, of course, Vulcan. His world was more tolerant. Even though he didn't create a sexist-free society (Captain Kirk seemed to have a new girl, alien or human, in every episode), later series have taken these stances with a female captain on *Voyager* and with men and women mixed equally among the casts. Even though the various crews of *Star Trek* still face inter-species racism and have engaged in wars, there is an element of utopia in Roddenbury's concept of the future.

There is also the keen attraction to outer space. Even though we have had men and women on the moon and flying around space at a regular frequency, this was a novel idea when the original series premiered. Space is our modern frontier, so the possibilities are endless. *Star Trek*, much like the *Star Wars* movies, explores these possibilities while still keeping elements of our society so that the shows aren't so foreign and futuristic that we can't relate. For example, Captain Picard of *The Next Generation* is a fan of 1940s detective novels. The crew of his *Enterprise* regularly have poker games. It projects what elements of our culture will evolve and what will stay the same.

I hope that *Enterprise* will keep my *Star Trek* interest alive. I might be labeled different things for being a fan, but I like seeing someone else's view of the future, one that, even though rife with conflict, presents a promising course for the human species.



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I thought your September 21 edition was well-done, especially Joe Sansonetti's column on propaganda, Niki Costantino's column on religion, and Jen Miller's piece on popular songs deemed too sensitive for current public broadcasting.

With or without realizing it, you offered a way to make sense of the recent terrorist attacks by addressing the important triangulation of media (Sansonetti), religion (Costantino), and culture (Miller) as it occurs so often in our American (and indeed global) society.

Somewhere within this trian-

gulation lies the myriad sources of meaning and ritual through which most people nowadays construct their worldviews and the philosophies that sustain them during tough times. To address these processes through the broad environments of media, religion, and culture, as you do, seems a very worthy enterprise and the kind of journalism that rises above mere fact-by-fact reporting.

Nice work!

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# Bush secretly authorizes money to Afghan rebels

From STEVEN THOMMA & JUAN TOMAYO

President Bush has secretly authorized increased financial aid to Afghan rebels so that they can buy Russian military equipment to intensify their fight against the ruling Taliban regime, Knight Ridder has learned.

Senior administration officials said the President approved the stepped-up assistance last week but declined to specify how much money was involved.

The administration expects that the rebels of the United Front will assist an expanded CIA operation aimed at locating terrorist leader Osama bin Laden, whom the U.S. believes masterminded the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

The Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, told reporters Sunday that bin Laden was in a secure and secret location in what the Taliban calls the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, and that the regime was awaiting U.S. evidence of bin Laden's involvement before opening negotiations.

"He is under our control," Zaeef told reporters in the Pakistan capital of Islamabad. "Wherever he is, he's in a secret place but that doesn't mean that he is out of the control of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. He's in a place which cannot be located by anyone."

The United Front has been asking for direct U.S. military aid since at least 1997 and has been re-

ceiving a small amount of non-lethal assistance, such as communications equipment since 1998.

A U.S. official who confirmed the expanded aid said it did not make sense to give the rebels U.S. weapons because they are now equipped and trained almost exclusively on military equipment from the former Soviet Union.

In addition to the increased financial aid, the President has authorized the CIA and other agencies to support a broad-based political opposition to the Taliban focused on former Afghan King Mohammed Zahir Shah, 86, who has been living in exile in Rome.

One potential leader of the coalition, Gen. Amin Wardak, who fought Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in the 1980s, met Saturday with administration officials at the White House, then flew to Rome to confer with the king.

Wardak, who has a residence in Islamabad, is popular with the government of Pakistan, which the administration considers crucial to helping maintain stability in the region while trying to undermine the Taliban.

In yet a third line of attack on the Taliban, officials said Sunday night that the CIA has identified some 700 Afghan tribal chiefs to target with offers of money and food in exchange for breaking with the ruling regime.

After two years of famine and economic mismanagement in Afghanistan, analysts believe some of the chiefs could be willing to break with the Taliban for the right inducements.

Fewer than half a dozen of them are believed to be fully supportive of the Taliban alliance with bin Laden, a Saudi.

Finally, a senior official said, the CIA has been authorized

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to add 700 officers to support its counter-terrorism efforts.

U.S. officials on Sunday flatly rejected a call from the Taliban for negotiations over the fate of bin Laden.

"The president has said we're not negotiating," White House Chief of Staff Andy Card said during an appearance on the Fox News Sunday program.

"We've told the Taliban government what they should be doing. They've got to turn not only Osama bin Laden over but all of the operatives of the al Qaida organization. They've got to stop being a haven where terrorists can train."

Card and other administration officials reacted to the assertion Sunday by the Taliban that it now knows where bin Laden is and that

he is under Taliban "control."

A week ago, the Taliban said it could not locate bin Laden to deliver a request that he voluntarily leave the country. Sunday, Zaeef said bin Laden has not replied to the request, but that he wouldn't be forced into U.S. hands either, at least not without proof of his complicity.

Noting U.S. threats to attack unless the Taliban meets its demands, Zaeef insisted the United States first present evidence. That "might change things," he said.

"They are thinking of direct attacks," he said. "We are thinking of negotiation. They have provided no evidence, but they want the man."

Zaeef's words raised hope among some. "If it's a serious offer, negotiations should not be rejected by the U.S. This should definitely be pursued - before the first bullet comes out," said Syed Kabier Ali Wasti, president of the moderate Pakistani Muslim League.

But the United States and allies said the demand for evidence and negotiations was all talk.

"It was just a few days ago that they said they didn't know where he was," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said on NBC's "Meet the Press" program. "So I have no reason to believe anything a Taliban representative would say."

Nearly three weeks after terrorists believed linked to bin Laden attacked the United States, Attorney General John Ashcroft warned that more could be coming.

"We believe there are others who may be in the country who would have plans," Ashcroft said on CBS's "Face The Nation."

"There is a very serious threat of additional problems now," Ashcroft said.

Americans already appear prepared for the likelihood of further tragedy. In a new poll for Time magazine, 81 percent of Americans said they believed another terrorist attack is very likely or somewhat likely in the next year; 76 percent said they thought the likely vehicle of attack would be a car bomb or truck bomb.

Administration officials also acknowledged Sunday that military retaliation for the terrorist attack Sept. 11 could have consequences in the United States and abroad.

"There are substantial risks of terrorism still in the United States, and as we as a nation respond to what's happened to us, those risks may in fact go up," Ashcroft said on CNN.

Rumsfeld said that in weighing how to react, U.S. officials must be careful not to foment unrest in Islamic countries that have pledged to assist the fight against terrorism, such as Pakistan and Jordan.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said the evidence against bin Laden is compelling. "I have seen absolutely powerful and incontrovertible evidence of his link to the events of the 11th of September," Blair said in a British television interview.

*(Thomma reported from Washington. Tamayo of the Miami Herald reported from Islamabad. Also contributing: Lenny Savino, Tony Pugh, Drew Brown of the Macon Telegraph and Mark McDonald of the San Jose Mercury News.)*




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## Hijack suspect wired money to bin Laden associate, feds say

From STAFF REPORTS  
*Knight Ridder Newspapers*

Federal investigators have discovered that Mohamed Atta, the suicide hijacker believed to have piloted the first jetliner into the World Trade Center, wired several thousand dollars to a top associate of Osama bin Laden three days before the deadly attack.

Investigators say the transactions provided them with a direct financial link between Atta, considered a leader of the Sept. 11 attacks, and Mustafa Ahmad, a longtime bin Laden ally believed to have helped fund the terrorists.

Two other men identified as hijackers—Marwan Al-Shehhi and Waleed Alshehri—also wired money back from the United States to the United Arab Emirates. Investigators believe the money was left over from funds they received to finance the hijackings.

"The wire transfers have been like fingerprints at a crime scene," said a federal investigator familiar with the money trail who asked not to be identified by name. "It's a very promising lead."

Separately, senior officials in the United Arab Emirates said that three of the identified hijackers each wired \$5,000 to an unidentified Saudi man in the United Arab Emirates. The man, who landed in the United Arab Emirates in June from neighboring Qatar, left for Karachi, Pakistan, with the \$15,000 on Sept. 11.

It's not clear if that man, who was not identified by authorities in the United Arab Emirates,

was Ahmad, the known bin Laden associate.

Since the terrorist attacks, federal investigators have been serving subpoenas on South Florida financial institutions looking for the hijackers' bank accounts. The FBI has also collected electronic cash transfer records from Western Union outlets in Maryland, where Atta sent the money.

Last week, President George W. Bush froze the U.S. assets of 27 organizations and individuals that he said had terrorist links. One of the people on the list was Shayk Saiid, also known as Mustafa Muhammad Ahmad.

On Sept. 8, Atta sent two separate wire transfers—approximately \$2,000 each—from retail outlets in Laurel, Md., to Ahmad in the United Arab Emirates, according to federal documents and interviews. The next day, investigators say, Atta boarded a US Airways flight from Baltimore to Boston.

The managers at two Western Union outlets are cooperating with FBI agents, who have seized records of the transactions. The outlets are a grocery store and a Mail Box Etc. located within 1.5 miles of the Valencia Hotel in Laurel, where the hijackers are alleged to have stayed.

"They (FBI agents) did go into our store in Laurel, Md., and our franchisee there is cooperating with the FBI in any way he can," said Rich Halibrand, a spokesman for Mail Box Etc. on Baltimore Avenue.

A spokesman for a Giant Food store on Fairlawn Street, also in Laurel, said the FBI has asked the company not to discuss the details

surrounding the investigation.

Peter Gulotta Jr., the FBI spokesman in Baltimore, said he could not comment on the investigation.

Atta's wire transfers, investigators say, have followed a pattern: several hijackers emptied their bank accounts right before the attacks.

In other developments Monday, two Virginia residents who were charged with providing false documentation to some of the

crashed into the north World Trade Center tower.

Ahmed Saleh Alghamdi obtained a Virginia identification card the same day. He was aboard the United Airlines plane that flew into the south tower. Both men used false addresses to obtain the identification cards.

The paperwork was notarized by Galicia, who worked as a secretary in a private law office in Falls Church, authorities said.

In Sarajevo, Bosnian authorities announced the arrests of several people suspected of links to global terrorism, including two who were found with box cutters near Sarajevo's airport.

The arrests were made by Bosnian police and by SFOR, the NATO-led peacekeeping force deployed in Bosnia following the 1992-95 war.

SFOR troops arrested four people on Sept. 25 and 26 in the Sarajevo suburb of Ilidza, SFOR spokesman Capt. Daryl Morrell. He did not release further details, but Bosnian television said Sunday night that two of the four were foreign citizens and the others were Bosnians.

More than 500 people are now in U.S. custody as part of the investigation, including 145 of whom are being detained on immigration violations.

The U.S. government claimed a victory in its international campaign against terrorism with the

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hijackers appeared in court Monday.

Luis Martinez-Flores, a 28-year-old El Salvadoran immigrant from Falls Church, Va., was charged with helping get residency cards for Hani Hanjour and Khalid Almihdhar - two of the men accused of flying an American Airlines plane into the Pentagon.

Federal officials Monday also revealed the arrest of Kenys A. Galicia, who is accused of notarizing documents used to obtain Virginia identification cards for two other men who flew planes into the World Trade Center towers.

According to the FBI's affidavit, Abdulaziz Alomari obtained a Virginia identification card on Aug. 2. Alomari was aboard American Airlines Flight 11, which

apprehension of a Syrian hijacker in a 1986 terrorist plot that involved a Pan Am flight in Pakistan and ended with 22 deaths, including two Americans.

Zayd Hassan Abd Al Latif Masud Al Safarini was arrested Friday by U.S. authorities in Pakistan and transported to Anchorage for a Monday federal court appearance before flying to Washington, D.C., where he will stand trial on a 126-count U.S. indictment in the 1986 hijacking.

Safarini and three others commandeered a 747 with 379 people aboard en route from Bombay to New York. The plane landed in Karachi, Pakistan, where a 17-hour siege ended with a hail of gunfire and a series of grenade explosions inside the cockpit. Safarini was convicted of the hijacking in Pakistan and served 14 years in prison there.

President George W. Bush said that while Safarini is not connected to Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect behind the Sept. 11 attacks, his arrest signals progress in U.S. efforts to root out terrorist organizations around the world.

"He's an example of the wider war on terrorism and what we intend to do," Bush said during an afternoon visit to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is overseeing recovery efforts at the attack sites. "We got him, we brought him into Alaska, and today, the United States of America will charge him with murder."

Safarini has ties to the notorious Abu Nidal terrorist organization, Justice Department officials said.



# Police Beat

Compiled by GORDON IRELAND

Staff Reporter

**Sept. 24**

**Attempted theft of vehicle parked near Scarfone Gallery**

Security received a call concerning a student whose car was damaged during an attempted theft of his car. The victim stated he had parked his car around 3 a.m., Sept. 22 on University Drive near the Scarfone Gallery. When he returned to his car on Sept. 24, he noticed the ignition switch had been tampered with. Nothing was missing from the car, according to the student. He also stated he had left his passenger window down and the car's alarm was not activated.

**Students caught smoking marijuana at the Boat House**

Security responded to the Boat House after receiving a call that students were seen smoking marijuana on the outside deck. Once on the scene, the officer noticed four subjects seated at a table. A glass pipe was on the table. The officer asked the individuals if they were the ones seen smoking on the deck and asked for their UT ID cards. The subjects admitted to smoking the marijuana. The officer then escorted each student individually to his or her room and was granted permission to search it. Three of the four searches yielded negative results. In the fourth room, the officer found one empty bottle of Kahlua and containing approximately 3 oz. of alcohol. The alcohol was disposed of and the glass pipe and two bottles were taken to the security office. The students will go to the Judicial Board for their violations.

**Sept. 27**

**Student's bag stolen from the Computer Center**

A graduate student reported to security that his black book bag apparently had been stolen from the Computer Center while he and a professor talked. The bag was placed on the floor outside one of the rooms. The contents included a Palm Pilot, books for classes, car keys and a business calculator.

**Sept. 28**

**Student's car apparently vandalized in parking garage**

A student contacted security that her vehicle had been damaged. She parked her car on the first floor around 10 p.m. on Sept. 27. She returned to it to retrieve an item from the car at 3 a.m. When she returned to the vehicle on Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m., she was informed by another student that her car's rear driver's side window was broken. The car's convertible top also had a slight cut on the right front side. The next day, the student informed security of other damages she later found: a gash in her tire and a scratch near the windshield on the driver's side. The student was given the non-emergency number to TPD.

**Sept. 29**

**TPD responds to battery on campus**

A TPD officer was dispatched to UT after TPD received a battery call on campus. The TPD officer contacted UT security and found that it had not yet been reported to campus security. A UT officer accompanied the TPD officer to a female student's room. Once there, the two officers questioned the female and asked her to write in her own words what had transpired between her and her boyfriend. The boyfriend had already left campus and could not be given a trespass warning.

## Supreme Court suspends Clinton's law license

By STEVEN THOMMA

*Knight Ridder Newspapers*

Dispensing a new humiliation Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court suspended former President Bill Clinton's right to practice law before it and gave him 40 days to argue why he should not be permanently disbarred from the high court.

Clinton was already unlikely ever to practice law again, especially before the Supreme Court. But the high court's sanction came just as he was beginning to re-emerge from the scandal surrounding the last-minute pardons he issued as he left office. The ruling thus gave one more weighty affirmation to critics who argue that Clinton's character flaws stained his presidency and shadow his place in history.

"It's an official reinforcement of the view that he was lacking in character," said George Edwards,

director of the Center for Presidential Studies at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Clinton's lawyer David Kendall said the former president would argue against disbarment.

The surprise ruling, issued in a brief statement on the first day of the high court's fall term, stems from Clinton's admission that he knowingly gave evasive and misleading answers to conceal an extramarital relationship with one woman, Monica Lewinsky, and from another woman, Paula Jones, suing him for sexual harassment.

Clinton made the admission just before leaving office last January as part of an agreement with the independent counsel investigating him. He agreed to pay a \$25,000 fine and have his license to practice law in his home state of Arkansas suspended for five years.

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bar of this court has been disbarred or suspended from practice of any court of record, or has engaged in conduct unbecoming a member of the bar of this court, the court will enter an order suspending that member from practice before this court," Supreme Court rules say.

"It was only a matter of time before justice and history would catch up with Clinton," said Mark

R. Levin, president of Landmark Legal Foundation, a conservative group that urged Clinton's disbarment.

Clinton was traveling Monday and did not respond. His attorney, David Kendall, dismissed the high court action as routine and said it would be contested.

"This suspension is simply a conse-

quence of the voluntary settlement entered into last January with the Arkansas Bar," said Kendall. "Pursuant to the Supreme Court's order, we will show cause why disbarment is not appropriate."

The court order Monday did not mention a vote among the nine justices.

The same court opened a crucial door to Clinton's long trail of

legal troubles when it ruled unanimously in May 1997 that Jones could pursue her lawsuit accusing Clinton of harassing her while he was governor of Arkansas. The court rejected Clinton's plea that the suit be delayed until after he left the presidency.

A lower court dismissed Jones's claim, and Clinton reached his out-of-court settlement with her to stop her appeal of the dismissal. But Clinton's lies under oath to conceal his relationship with Lewinsky led to his impeachment by the House of Representatives in December 1998, and to loss of his law license. In February 1999, the Senate declined to convict Clinton, permitting him to finish out his presidency.

Still, Monday's Supreme Court action wounds Clinton's legacy.

"It's a disgrace. To a lawyer, the worst thing that can happen is to be disbarred," said Joel Goldstein, a law professor at St. Louis University.

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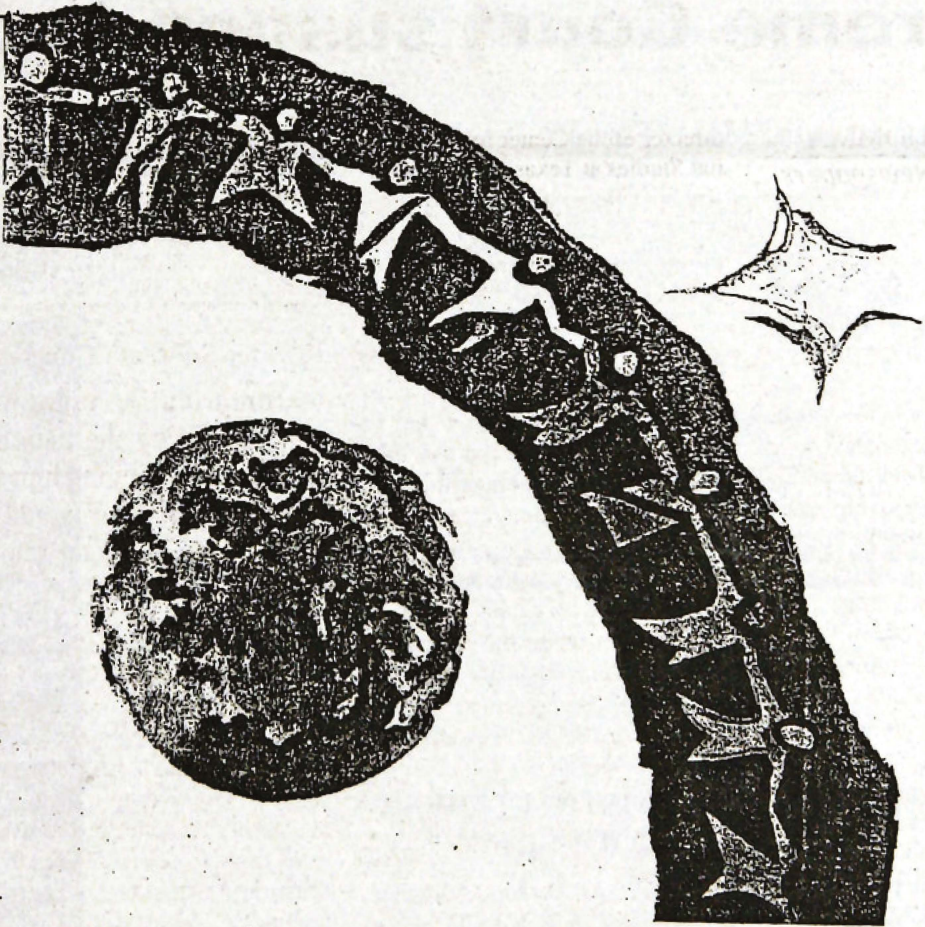
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# FACULTY FORUM

October 5, 2001

Due to the recent outpouring of faculty response as a result of the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001, *The Minaret* is publishing this four-page Faculty Forum section. If you would like to contribute your views and feelings, whether faculty, staff or student, please feel free to send us your thoughts. Thank you to those who have written so far.

Jen Miller  
Minaret Editor-in-Chief

## A few goats among many heroes

Only two days after the horrific attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Jerry Falwell appeared on Pat Robertson's 700 Club TV show. Rev. Falwell



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would have done well to offer words of sympathy to the families of the nearly 7,000 killed in these attacks. He should have comforted a grieving nation, a grieving world. Instead, Falwell launched into an attack on "the pagans and the abortionists and the feminists and

the gays and the lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU, People for the American Way—all of them who have tried to secularize America." As if that weren't enough, he continued with "I point the finger in their face and say 'you helped this happen.'" And Robertson agreed.

Of course, they denied their words the next day, even though they were captured on tape. What else should we expect from a couple of extremists? A small group of extremists who do not represent what Islam stands for orchestrated the attacks on the USA. Another small group of extremists who do not represent what Christianity stands for orchestrated attacks on groups that do not fit their agenda as well as mosques and Arab-Americans.

Falwell points a finger at those "who have tried to secularize." His criticism is consistent with the actions of the Taliban in Afghanistan. They have succeeded in creating a

non-secular society in which disagreement is punishable by death. That's not what the founders of this country wanted. That's not what the civilized world wants.

One of the things that makes this country—and humanity in general—great is the fact that in times of tragedy, labels disappear. The race, ethnic origin, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, income and educational level of the people around you become irrelevant during the instant of a crisis. But shouldn't they be irrelevant all the time?

Among the ashes and rubble of buildings and aircraft emerged many heroes. These heroes came from all walks of life and represented just about every label you could place on someone...if you wanted to.

Hundreds of firefighters from New York raced up the towers within minutes of the attacks. They disregarded their own safety to help others, only to be buried in 110 stories of debris.

Many more rescuers searched these same sites to the point of exhaustion, and they kept searching. They risked injury or death looking for survivors. Logic tells us that no one could have survived at "ground zero" for two days, much less two weeks. But those brave men and women would not listen to logic. They followed their hearts.

And then there was a group of passengers on United Airlines flight 93, bound for San Francisco from Newark. Their plane was the last one hijacked on Sept. 11. As passengers said their goodbyes to loved ones via cell phones and AirFones, they learned that this was no ordinary hijacking. Instead it was part of a plan to use airplanes as weapons of mass destruction.

At least four of the passengers—

Todd Beamer, Mark Bingham, Tom Burnett and Jeremy Glick—decided that they would not go down without a fight. Apparently, they formulated a plan to rush the cockpit and bring the plane down before it could hit its target. What did they save? The White House? The Capitol? The other side of the Pentagon? It doesn't matter. They prevented more pain and suffering.

My personal hero is Bingham. As that day unfolded, we learned that he called his mother from the flight to tell her he loved her "very, very much." In the days that followed, we also learned that he played on the University of California's national champi-

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onship rugby team in 1991 and 1993. At 31 years old, he owned a successful public relations company in San Francisco and had opened an office in New York just ten months earlier. He also ran with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, earlier this year. In short, Mark Bingham was the American dream.

There's one other thing about Mark Bingham that the mainstream press seemed to overlook. He was gay.

Maybe a 6'5" rugby player who loved his family, owned a successful company, and helped save hundreds of lives is not the image that Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, et al, would like you to have of gays, lesbians and bisexuals. But it is an accurate image, at least in Mark Bingham's case.

Mark Bingham's friends created a website to remember his life ([www.MarkBingham.org](http://www.MarkBingham.org)). Through stories and letters, they describe a jovial man, a loyal friend and a brave leader who grabbed every shred of happiness he could out of life and shared it with those around him. His death has left a void in many people's lives. Many more of us are realizing that we missed out on a one-of-a-kind human being.

At a memorial service for Mark Bingham on Sept. 22, Senator John McCain (R-Arizona), another American hero, delivered the eulogy. Senator McCain called upon those in attendance to "Pay no heed to the voices of the poor, misguided souls, in this country and overseas, who claim that America brought these atrocities on herself. They are deluded, and their hearts are cramped by hatred and fear."

Wise words from a wise man. As a country—as a human race—we cannot allow hatred and fear to rule our lives. If we do, we will surely fall.

I don't think I ever met Mark Bingham; I am sure I would remember if I had. Based on posts to the website, I know there were no more than two "degrees of separation" between us. But Mark Bingham has influenced me—and countless others—more than he ever could have expected.

Mark Bingham, I celebrate your life. I mourn your passing. I pray that your family and those who loved you will find peace in their memories of you. And I thank you for your strong example. You make me proud to be who I am.

*Dr. Britt Shirley is an associate professor of Information & Technology Management.*

## A Poem from Dr. Steve Kucera on Sept 11, 2001

Solace to those,  
Who grieve for the dead,  
The hurt.  
Friends, Lovers, Noble Heroes,  
So many now silent.

The rest of us watch, listen,  
Feelings stir,  
Visceral Anger,  
Unfocused Hatred,  
Beneath our sorrow.  
In the face of a profound sense of loss,  
Our nature.

Yet emotions as guides,  
Can only lead,  
To a dark place.  
The same place,  
As those who struck.

Suffering within our collective soul,  
We demand,  
A price be paid.

Will we unleash,  
Our unfocused wrath?  
Willfully ignore,  
The peril to our humanity,  
If we ourselves,  
Bring harm to the innocent.  
I fear,  
This is inevitable.  
As harm was brought to our innocent.

They do not see,  
Our innocence.  
Will we take care?  
When we strike,  
To see,  
The innocent amongst theirs.

Hatred, Anger,  
Deeply rooted intolerance,  
On television,  
We witness our fellow humanity,  
Live as they face,  
An end that they see.  
How do they fathom?  
The understanding,  
Seeing,  
In but a moment,  
They will be no more.

What were their thoughts?  
When they woke this morning,  
As this day had begun.  
Whom did they touch?  
Lovingly kiss?  
Perhaps a pet's ears scratched.  
Unknowingly the last time.

Amidst confusion and pain within,  
Will we ourselves succumb,  
And enter the market of intolerance?  
Toward each other.

Or recognize,  
Cherish,  
Each moment,  
We have before us.  
The friends we have,  
The friends we should seek,  
For one day we will see,  
In but a moment,  
We will be no more.  
That will always be.

*Dr. Steve Kucera, is the associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and an associate professor of biology*



# Religion and what can happen in its name, Part 1

In an otherwise superb speech before Congress, George W. Bush inadequately explained why America is resented, even hated, by millions. To dismiss these feelings



By  
DR. ANDY  
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toward America as mere resentment of our freedoms and wealth is an ostrich approach we can't afford. Huge parts of the world feel bitter toward us not solely out of envy. I will suggest other reasons at a later time.

And, having to make clear ours is a war on terrorism, not on Islam, President Bush passed over the profound role religion plays in the current crisis.

The world's three major dualistic religions—Judaism, Islam and Christianity—have histories and interpretations that lie at the heart of this crisis. The suicide bombers carried instructions describing theirs as a holy act, so pleasing to God that it would assure immediate entrance to Paradise. After the Sept. 11 attacks, Osama bin Laden called on all Muslims to join his holy war against the "Jewish-Christian crusade," each word pointedly chosen; "Jewish" and "Christian" he

hopes will translate as "infidels whose very existence pollutes the earth," and "crusade" ignites in the Islamic mind centuries of infamy. Most painfully, we know that in the Middle East and Asia, millions of even those who found the Sept. 11 acts heinous were still glad to see America, inseparable now in their view from an Israeli Zionist state, suddenly know vulnerability and pain. Many felt the U.S. had certainly caused its own share.

In part, this malevolence toward America arises from the Jews' modern form of Moses's exodus: a craving to return to the promised land. If to the Jews the Middle East contains their

promised land, to all three religions it contains holy land. For Jews, Jerusalem is the site of their temple, sacred soil from which the Romans drove them almost 2000 years ago. To Christians, this is where Jesus walked, taught and was crucified. To Muslims, not only is Jerusalem holy but the Saudi Arabia where U.S. soldiers camped while fighting Iraq is home to its two holiest cities, Mecca and Medina.

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Bin Laden's claimed goal to drive infidels from holy land is seen by many as heroic. To the West, his claim to heroism is like John Wilkes Booth's, who now resides in the cesspool of history where terrorists will join him.

To many, the subject of religion itself is holy, and my right to speak on it will be challenged. In fairness to those I may offend, I'll briefly make my spiritual position clear.

Despite a profound respect for many of their teachings and their founders, I belong to none of the faiths I discuss here. To some, this disqualifies me to speak. Others may feel this independence may lend my view some detached objectivity. My theology evolves privately. To describe it would take much space, be largely irrelevant, and I have written about it

elsewhere. I've shared little of it even with my now-adult child; he has his own path to travel and must find his own way. I feel most comfortable with a Zen-like view of formal religious teachings as like fingers pointing to the moon; some may point straighter than others, but none is the moon itself, which is most nearly reached by the great mystics of all traditions. Each of these fingers can, and often has, become bent far beyond their founders' recognition. I've never considered any piece of land holy, though I have considered holy some things people have done there, particularly acts of love, humanity's loftiest aspiration.

I regret that my words over the next couple of weeks will step on many toes, some painfully. I urge those with contrasting views to articulate them here. A world with only one spiritual view is what the bin Ladens wish. A spiritual view that cannot survive open discussion deserves few adherents. Judaism, Christianity and Islam are rich and multi-faceted, open to varying schools of interpretation. Their holy texts, the Old and New Testaments and Koran, ring with poetic and subtle passages that can read several ways.

Religion involves ideas and feelings that strike us deeply and reach the largest capacities of our imagination. So it, along with love and art, has always been one of the three primary means by which humans have transcended individual egos and entered something vaster than themselves. Because God, as suggested by Paul Tillich, is the sum of our ultimate concerns, religion brings out the best and worst in humanity.

To list here the many times religion has brought out humanity's best would dizzy the ledger of history. Each religious tradition could rightly boast a sea of such moments. Religion offers us guidance and comfort. The Sept. 11 attacks have sent millions to churches, synagogues and mosques and to group and private prayer. A sign in a religious bookstore a mile from my home reas-

sures: JESUS, ETERNAL PROTECTION.

But the current world crisis is not a case of religion bringing out our best. Most people in that bookstore believe they are going to heaven. So do most Muslims. So too, bizarrely to compassionate minds, do the suicide bombers of Sept. 11. We find in our imperfect varying ways teleological answers about the end of things, how eternity will reward or punish the quality of our lives.

Particularly sad is that we have just witnessed death and evil, and now undertake a war in which religious belief serves some as their motivation, yet the founding and natures of these faiths are so intertwined and in many ways so similar.

Even a cursory look shows this. Not all major religions have the dualistic idea of God common in the West: a Supreme Being-with-attributes who can be imagined as separate from his creation. The three major Western religions, however—Islam, Christianity and Judaism—do share that idea and worship exactly the same God, and their founders pay deep respect to the ones who came earlier, from whom they diverged.

In number of adherents, Judaism scarcely deserves placing among the world's leading religions today. There are 141 Christians and 81 Moslems for every Jew. But its role in the world situation and influence on Western spirituality demand Judaism's inclusion among major faiths.

The Hebrews did not actually originate but adopted from neighboring tribes now long forgotten the principle that there is only one Supreme Being.

**B**ecause God, as suggested by Paul Tillich, is the sum of our ultimate concerns, religion brings out the best and worst in humanity.

This has become a cornerstone of all three major Western traditions. They worship the same God, differing only in the language used. The Hebrew *Yahweh, Elohim*, etc. is the same deity Jesus spoke of in Hebrew and Aramaic, whom his Latin-speaking followers called *Dominus*. Muslims worship the same God; *Allah* is simply Arabic for "The God," an emphasis on God's unity echoing the Hebrew prayer *Shema Yisrael*: "Hear, O Israel, the

## Day by Day

By DR. JOE SCLAFANI  
Faculty Forum

The events of this past month continue to require reflection in order to gain meaning. These are some of my many unconnected thoughts.

Should we all expect devout Muslim leaders across the world to stand up against the pseudo-Muslim terrorist warmongers and hate merchants who despoil and blaspheme true Islam? Where are the mullahs' and ayatollahs' voices? I hear very little, and that concerns me. If they won't take a stand, there is no "other side" for the many peaceful Muslims of our world. Their silence makes me wonder if they buy into the Muslim vs. the non-Muslim world perspective that partially drives the hate. I hope not.

Do I want to see piles of dead terrorists? Sure, but I know I won't. The fact that the world has committed to wiping them out is good enough for me. Their ability to act will be deeply affected. Remember, there may be 5,000 of them in the world, but there are 6 billion of the rest of us. They can never win.

The first month anniversary draws near. For some, delayed grief reactions will finally surface. For those who are numb, anger may appear as people move from denial/stunned shock to the next stage of loss. How will we handle our personal anger? Will we stoop to the pseudo-Muslim way of hate and destruction and attack middle-Eastern ethnic Americans? Will we stage large scale military attacks that kill innocent people abroad? Let us all pray that cooler heads prevail.

Again on a psychological note, are we moving past our acute stress responses? Are you having trouble sleeping or waking up early? Are you eating more or less than usual? Are you having trouble concentrating? Are you short with people or otherwise more irritated than usual? These are signs of hyperstress. If you cannot talk out your frustrations and concerns, try more exercise. Exercising allows for the body to use up the stored energy it builds up to fight stress and gives the per-

son time to think while working out. If this doesn't work, make an appointment at the Counseling Center. If there are enough people in need, I am sure some groups could be formed to help.

Where is the world going? These are troubled times. There are too many have-not nations who are envious of the U.S. power and wealth. Have we not been "good winners"? Of course I believe we (U.S.A.) have been mostly generous and helpful. However, political concerns and decision-making have allowed for some poor choices. Will our leaders be able to make the proper diplomatic decisions to allow for national protection but also allow us to be the only place on the planet where anyone can come to make a fresh start on their life? Will we be able to maintain our personal freedom and liberties and not allow ourselves to become less American as an excuse to feel safer? These are the times for college students to learn the importance of history and social sciences. If you ever thought, "Why is this important?"—now you know.

Finally, let's use these times to make our own situations better. Don't let a day go by without telling the people you love that you love them. Do something good and kind for someone every day. Tell more jokes. Do your best work every day like it was your last day on earth — you never know when that day will be. Smile more. Watch stupid TV shows (but not too much). Read a book that wasn't assigned in class. Write a letter to Osama bin Laden and tell him in New Jerseyese (like a Soprano), "We've got your *jihad* right here."

Everything has changed, yet nothing has changed. We still have to get up, go to class, study, read books, write reports and do homework. We have to go to work, take care of family and pet the cats. Let us pledge to do these things in the best way possible. Then we all win.

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Lord our God, the Lord is One."

That their names for the same God sound different but mean the same suggests to me something deeper: the religions themselves can be thought of as three varying languages describing much the same vision and a hope for eventual peace among peoples.

How far off that course we seem now. There are reasons within the faiths themselves, and I will begin to explore them next week.

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# Letter from New York City

## Structural damage, but we are still here

[Since Sept. 11, the Minaret faculty adviser has been in frequent contact with former Minaret staffers and other UT alumni living in New York. In response to a communication last week with 1981 UT graduate Tim O'Connor, Dr. Solomon received this e-mail, reprinted here with the writer's permission.]

Dear Andy,

Thank you for checking on how things are going. We are a hardy city with resilient people, but every day is a challenge, and everyone's challenge is a little different, and mine is my own, for whatever that is worth.

Everyone I know is intact. Even my cousins, who are police officers, are fine. I knew one woman who worked in the World Trade Center, but when I called her home, I found that she had changed jobs (and, therefore, locations) a couple of months ago. She had worked on the 100th floor of one of the towers. Based on what I saw, I don't think there was any way anyone could have evacuated a large part of the buildings. One of them was actually glowing orange from inside, below the point where the plane caused the initial structural damage.

A couple of hours after it happened, you should have seen Broadway, full of people evacuated ... but to where? The tunnels were closed. The bridges were closed. The subways were closed. Everywhere there were surreal images. Like one of those Godzilla movies. Even tough-guy construction workers stood around with their jaws hanging open. An Air Force fighter circled overhead, downtown.

One frightening angle is that there are many more targets here, making this a city that is still very vulnerable. We are downright porous. I fear going on the subway, going to Times Square, going near open marketplaces. I fear for the Statue of Liberty, which has great symbolic value and is particularly dear to me. In that sense, the terrorists are winning. I don't mean that I've become crazy with fear. I don't cower indoors. But I think twice before I head outside. I worry about where I'll be as I traverse the city. I imagine how far from cover I might be if something happens.

I have certainly tried to suspend my feelings about what happened at the World Trade Center, to the concern of some people I know, who wondered why I wasn't more upset, why I wasn't showing evidence of being disturbed. I suppose I wasn't ready. I'm not sure that I'm ready now, but I want to talk about what it's like here in New York, as the city continues to move toward some kind of healing process.

Today is especially bad; it's cloudy and overcast, with hints of rain, and it is chilly, and all these conditions are causing the atmosphere to hang at a low altitude (the clouds scraping the tops of tall buildings), and as a result of atmospheric conditions, the smell from the World Trade Center is wafting all the way up to Washington Square in the Village, a rare event — it has only happened two or three times, when the wind was eccentric or the clouds were low — and the smell is quite sickening and upsetting, a constant reminder of what is lost.

It's impossible to do any significant transaction in the city without being cogni-

zant of what happened.

To begin where it began, one thinks of the morning of the disaster, standing on the edge of Seventh Avenue, avoiding the suddenly wild traffic, watching downtown, wondering what had happened, getting the news via pager that it was an attack, videotaping it for one's posterity (never suspecting that within the hour, the skyline would be changed forever and the tape would be all one had left to show where the towers had stood), and then stumbling numbly to errands and work, with no idea of what to make of the experience.

These days, one sees the memorials everywhere, and one sees flags sprouting out of objects stationary and moving. Yes, there were always flags on buildings and trucks before, but they did not have the significance they have now, nor did they cause the emotional upset they cause. For another example, one always admired firemen for their selflessness and courage, but now they are both heroes and martyrs, and it is very disturbing when we pass firehouses near home or work, because all were decimated to some degree and some are now in danger of being closed down because many men were wiped out and cannot be replaced quickly, and firehouses cannot operate for long without a full staff.

Or one thinks of the fire trucks crushed, a couple with men inside, and wonders: where do fire trucks come from (the Midwest, one imagines), and how does a city get replacements quickly?

The rescue house in Brooklyn, where

I grew up, had its rig destroyed, and lost 10 or 11 men, and is being considered for shut-down. The people making decisions about firehouses don't understand that the buildings are touchstones now for all of us — especially for firemen and the families of the dead men. You see, it is now all a very different urban landscape.

I still can't walk past a firehouse without wanting to hug a fireman in gratitude and regret. The firemen have to keep on going on with what they do — with no room for the kind of healthy grief they must feel. Imagine: 400 firemen were on duty the morning of Sept. 11. Three hundred were killed.

Even downtown Manhattan will be different for subtle reasons, like the wind. Who thinks about the wind? I recall that when I worked for the Minaret, I proposed a story everyone at the table laughed down: I thought it would be interesting to write about the effect that the construction of many tall buildings in downtown Tampa would have on the wind velocity on the ground — because I knew from experience that it would change with the construction of fresh skyscrapers. I knew because I had seen it happen around the World Trade Center, whose towers caused the wind to whip the streets at high speed. Who will feel such wind now? (Only the dead entombed there, one imagines.) For better or worse, I don't know any of the survivors. But for me, who is a life-long city dweller, there is no sense of closure. I watched those towers go up when I was a child, and then I watched them die in my adulthood.

And the dry cleaners all around town are different: they have clothes hanging in their shops that will never be picked up.

And the woman who runs a mailbox storefront near my office doesn't know

what to think now when customers don't appear regularly for their mail.

And the ASPCA has a temporary shelter two blocks south of us, housing pets whose owners have disappeared.

And people whose apartments are filled with debris and dust have been warned that it's not just dust that came through windows: it is hazardous waste. Nobody wants to make the explicit point that part of the "dust" consists of human bodies that were not burned by the fire, but were pulverized by the buildings' collapse.

And a subway station near the site has been penetrated by support beams from a building above: the beams pierced the sidewalk, breaking into the station below, and as a subway station it is now quite useless. They say it will take a year to repair the structural damage. I can't imagine being without that station for a year.

Structural damage: such a handy phrase to cover the many injuries to our city and its people. I believe that while we endure in our individual ways, we now carry our private structural damage with us.

And why not? The cautions and causes for paranoia are everywhere around us. I can't walk home now without flinching at the sound or sight of aircraft in the sky. You know, I once wrote a story in which the skittish narrator describes how he can't walk down the street anymore without twitching every time a car starts, because he expects starting cars to explode. To him, every unexpected sound heralds a disaster. That perfectly describes how I feel. Even in bed, when I hear a noise outside, I jump.

Part of this can be traced, I suppose, to the tension of being surrounded by all the sadness and gloom of Manhattan. I'd give anything right now to be able to take a month and go off to Vermont and be far away from the city and all the pain of it. That's all I want for myself at this moment: an escape, maybe a bit of rest.

But that is an idle thought ... I don't have time to go away now, nor a place to visit, nor the money to get away. All I can do is practice breathing deeply and keeping some kind of equilibrium. And compared to many other people here, I got off pretty easy.

I could go on with this, but I don't want to depress you. I only hoped to show you that the depth of feeling is so great that it is nearly inexpressible. In this city in the midst of this tragedy, with a fear for the future, I am only a face in the crowd.

I thought your comments on the event were well reasoned and sane, though I myself cannot bear to fall uncritically in step behind the president or his advisers.

These leaders scare me — instead of reassuring me — with their belligerent words. I don't think it's wise to dispatch bombers and aircraft carriers someplace when it hasn't been determined what is going to be attacked. I worry about everything associated with this horror. And it is a horror, of course. But one doesn't strike out blindly. Or if there's evidence pointing to someone, why doesn't the world get to see it? I know that we have to protect our intelligence sources, but these are extraordinary times, as we hear from the words that regularly come out of

Washington.

Words: You know they mean a lot to me as a citizen and as a writer. For instance, I am studying with great concern how the White House regards open talk. For example, Bill Maher, in his talk show *Politically Incorrect*, made a remark recently and was reprimanded by the White House for having said that if you look at it, it's not "cowardly" to kill yourself by flying a plane into a building. Bad, evil, awful, yes; but it was not cowardice to know you were going to die. He said that in contrast, it's more cowardly to lob bombs from miles away, when you're never at risk, the way the U.S. has done in air warfare.

Maybe so, maybe not — but that's why we call it "free speech" and that is why we have fought before to preserve it. The White House issued a chilling remark, though: "It's a terrible thing to say, and it's unfortunate," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "There are reminders to all Americans that they need to watch what they say, watch what they do, and this is not a time for remarks like that; there never is." Maher was cowed into recanting his comments — an action we historically associate with totalitarian regimes that keep a tight grip on public speech.

Is this my America he is talking about? What new forms of structural damage are we allowing to happen in our names? I guarantee you that there is worse damage than having a subway station collapse, and I don't want our leadership to do that to us. That is not what our country is about. We were designed to be stronger than the World Trade Center. We were designed as a nation to withstand harmful impacts and to remain committed to our principles.

Andy, I hope you are not irritated that I dissent with your views on political solidarity, at least when it comes to the issue of civil liberties and politicians. I have been following closely what is being said in Washington. It is always at times like this that politicians have taken the opportunity to restrict individual liberties. If that happens here, now, wouldn't any reasonable person agree that the terrorists have won their fight just a little bit?

I agree with what you said at the end; I know I don't much feel secure or safe right now.

But we're durable here (we like to think), and we'll bear with this (we hope), and we'll manage to survive this time

around too (we expect). We save our prayers for the people who will really need them, and we persevere in the best ways we know, and we go on. What else are we to do?

I hope this answers your questions about how things are in this unpredictable place. It's the best I can describe from one fellow's point of view. There is still plenty of structural damage we have to contend with, and I expect that this is the start of a long struggle.

Thanks for asking how it's going.

--Tim

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# Terrorism in the U.S.: what next?

*"The ACLU's got to take a lot of blame for this... The abortionists have got to bear some burden for this because God will not be mocked. And when we destroy 40 million little innocent babies, we make God mad."*



By  
DR. FRED  
PUNZO

*I really believe that the pagans, abortionists, the feminists and the gays, and the lesbians... the ACLU... I point a finger in their face and say, 'You helped this happen'" (Jerry Falwell, from statements made on the TV program, The 700 Club, concerning the*

*acts of terrorism on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on Sept. 11).*

Let me begin by saying that although I am not always in agreement with their decisions, I am a proud member of the American Civil Liberties Union, an organization that works tirelessly to protect civil liberties for ALL citizens, even when it is unpopular to do so. So, according to Falwell, I am partly to blame for the acts of sabotage that leveled the twin towers of the World Trade Center and demolished one of the sides of the Pentagon on Sept. 11.

It was a tragedy beyond description. Thousands of lives have been taken from us. And as usual, there are always individuals who are quick to judge and allocate blame, and who seek simple explanations for complex issues. Already the backlash against Arab-Americans has begun. I have been in a number of public places where people have had some very unkind things to say about Palestinians, Israelis, Muslims, etc. Invectives hurled against the "camel jocks" who did this to us, the "jew bastards" who are treated too favorably by our government and have put us in a precarious position, and "Arab slime balls" in general.

Many Americans are justifiably angry and frustrated, yet unable to understand the sources of hatred and resentment that led to this catastrophe. People who are willing to strap explosives on their bodies in order to kill as many of the "enemy" as possible, or fly planes into buildings, can be called many things, but "coward" is not one of them. We have heard our president and the media use that term many times in the past few weeks. Inappropriately, in my opinion. Why would a person do such things? Religion? Politics? The answer is "both" because in the Middle East there is no distinction between religion and politics.

The problems confronting the Middle East do not lend themselves to simple analyses. It is important to understand that there are no clear-cut good and bad guys in this drama. Americans, Europeans, Russians, Palestinians, Israelis, Muslims, Christians,

Jews, Arafat, Osama bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, Ariel Sharon. There is plenty of culpability to go around.

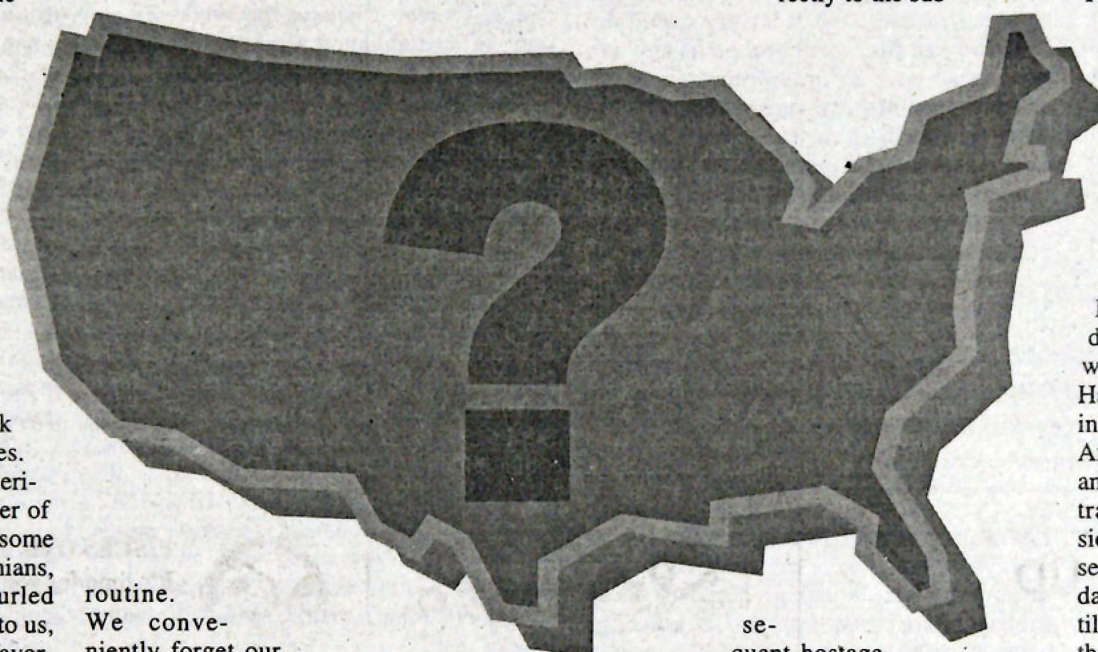
Many of us seem to have short memories. We should remember our bombing of the Sudan during the Clinton administration. How many dead? What about American-made missiles exploding into Palestinian homes and office buildings? How about U.S.-made helicopters firing missiles into a Lebanese ambulance in 1996, followed by the shelling of a village called Qana? We should recall the rape and murder of Palestinian and Lebanese men, women, and children in the Shatila and Sabra refugee camps near Beirut in Sept. 1982, perpetrated by the Israeli-supported Kata (Phalange) Lebanese militia. The area was then controlled by the Israeli Defense Forces under the command of the current Prime Minister of Israel, Ariel Sharon. More recently, following the Gulf War, U.S. missile attacks on Arab countries have become

routine. We conveniently forget our bombing of Baghdad with "smart missiles" causing "collateral damage" to civilians. The subsequent embargo that made it difficult for medical supplies to reach the Iraqi people. How many women and children died from common diseases in a city whose infrastructure had been destroyed? Where was our collective outrage then?

What about U.S. foreign policy decisions over the last 30 years? It was not so long ago that we were supplying arms to radical Muslim fundamentalist groups like the Taliban in support of their efforts to resist the incursions of the former Soviet Union into Afghanistan. We could have supported more moderate resistance groups, but the fundamentalists were better fighters. Then, in a blunder of monumental proportions, we allowed our interest in Afghanistan to wane after the Soviets were expelled thereby creating conditions that made it easier for the Taliban to prevail. The Taliban bite the hand that fed them while dismissing the millions of dollars of humanitarian aid that the U.S. has sent to Afghanistan.

It is important to realize that terror-

ists attack us not only for who they think we are, but also for what we do. Our policies in the Middle East ARE relevant and do affect the ways in which we are perceived and treated by others. Let's go back to 1953 and the U.S.-sponsored overthrow of the Iranian Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh. Our own CIA recruited Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi who proceeded to conduct a reign of terror against the people of Iran for over 20 years before being deposed by Islamic fundamentalists. As one retired state department official said, "He's a son-of-a-bitch, but he's our son-of-a-bitch." The resentment of the Iranian people toward the U.S. ran deep and led directly to the sub-



sequent hostage crisis and the ascendancy of Islamic fundamentalism throughout the region.

Have we learned ANY lessons from this? Apparently not. Our unquenchable thirst for oil makes for strange bedfellows. And our current president George W. Bush certainly understands oil. We have been supporters of the royal family in Saudi Arabia for years, a family viewed as corrupt by many Arabs. The man who occupies center stage in the current crisis, the Saudi exile Osama bin Laden, has exploited the continued presence of the U.S. military in Saudi Arabia to fuel anti-American sentiments throughout the region and to recruit people willing to pay any price in their efforts to get the U.S. out of the Middle East and eliminate the state of Israel.

And what about the Israeli - Palestinian conflict, a focal point for much of the unrest in the Middle East? Again, the problems run deep and will not be easily resolved. Jews, Muslims, and Christians all lay claim to the "Holy Land." Israel is surrounded by hostile neighbors, including those who still call for their destruction and will not recognize their right to exist. The U.S. is viewed throughout the Arab world as an ally of Israel. The Palestinians yearn for their "homeland" and are forced to live under deplorable conditions. There are over one million Palestinians who live in Gaza alone, an area of land about twice the size of Washington, D.C. The

per capita income in Gaza is less than \$2000 a year (\$17,000 in Israel). Since the bombing of an Israeli discotheque in Tel Aviv on June 1, Israeli troops have closed roads everywhere, and over two million Palestinians have

been living under what amounts to an economic barricade, where it is almost impossible to travel anywhere, even to work. Factories and other businesses within Gaza cannot ship

their merchandise out of the area. Palestinian farmers are unable to export their produce. As a result, many have closed. Many of the businesses and farms in Israel who employed Palestinians have now replaced them with Chinese, Filipinos and Romanians. The unemployment rate in Gaza has increased from about 5 percent in 1992, to over 40 percent currently. Thousands of young men without work are easily transformed into mobs firing shots and hurling rocks and bottles at Israeli soldiers.

As a result of this situation, a new intifada is weaving its way throughout the Middle East, stirring up ancient feuds and disturbing the complacent tranquility of old ways in places like Damascus and Cairo. Have you ever considered that many of the indignities experienced by blacks in South Africa under apartheid (requirement of work and travel permits, acquisition of land, arbitrary detainments and arrests, search and seizure policies, absence of electoral representation) are visited upon Palestinians every day? Until these conditions change, and until the Israelis and Palestinians conclude that the killing is unacceptable, the conflict will continue. Last year, Israel was willing to make many concessions, and Arafat could not deliver. Let us hope that both sides will continue to look for peaceful solutions and find a way out of this current stalemate.

In the meantime, there are many factions throughout the Middle East which view the West as evil incarnate, and they are not going away any time soon. We will continue to be threatened by suicide bombers, skyjackers and others who feel empowered by the tragic events of Sept. 11. It would be wise for us to realize that the most formidable adversary is often the person who feels that they have nothing to lose. People who feel powerless and under siege will often resort to terrorism. Add to that the belief that martyrdom and the destruction of your enemy is a ticket to heaven, and you have the recipe for a long and protracted engagement.

One final thought. We have identified Osama bin Laden as our "external" enemy and appear ready to do whatever it takes to capture him, "dead or alive." Let us hope that our collective desire for retribution does not result in an erosion of our civil liberties here at home. Let us do everything we can to remind our fellow citizens that the Bill of Rights is not open to negotiation.

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# little facts & tell to know

By SAMANTHA HORVATH  
Accent Editor

On Sept. 26, Michael Jackson officially made his comeback with the first album in over six years. His debut video "You Rock My World" from *Invincible* features cameos by Marlon Brando, Chris Tucker and Michael Madsen. It premiered on MTV, VH1 and BET.

While I only caught a few moments of the video, I instantly thought of old school Michael Jackson. His dancing was reminiscent of "Black or White" and "The Way You Make Me Feel." I have heard from others that the video was not that great. He isn't "a smooth criminal," one of my friends explains. However, this does not deter me from wanting to see it.

I am a Michael Jackson fan, always have been, probably always will be. I'm talking about old school Jackson, not that weird stuff that came out while he was married to Lisa Marie Presley. I was there to see the original version of

"Black or White" before it was remade because of violent content. I was there when he did the Barbara Walter's special. I was there when he was ostracized by the music world. Where were you?

My favorite song is "Man in the Mirror" In fact, I am listening to my *History: Past, Present and Future* to get into the mood. I have three of

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his albums (*Bad*, *Dangerous* and *Thriller*), and I am awaiting the new one. I am also waiting to burn the one and only Michael Jackson CD that my roommate owns (thought she wouldn't be in this one, didn't you?).

I can't help but ask myself will it be as good as before? Is the King of Pop truly back? I guess the world will just have to sit and watch to find out.

Last year at the Rock 'n' Roll

Hall of Fame inductions, Jackson even stated that "we ain't seen nothing yet." He was even seen dancing with \*NSYNC at the MTV music awards.

While his skin is a little whiter and nose a little sharper, I, like so many other fans, anxiously await his return.

The original song and video are actually 13 minutes long, but obviously the cut version will be played on TV. "You Rock My World" has officially entered the music line-up (MTV, VH1 and BET) on Oct. 1. His album, *Invincible*, will come out on Oct. 30.

Right now, I cannot say if his new album will even be close to the others at the height of his fame, but I can say this: Michael Jackson fans will finally have something to talk about besides his failed marriage to Presley, the pedophilia cases, Bubbles (his chimp), and that horrible video, "You Are Not Alone."

What I am sure of, though, is that American Pop Culture is about to go through a major event, either the comeback of Jackson or his fall from grace entirely. Who knows. This may even create another hit for the great parody artist, Weird Al Yankovic. "There's always Michael Jackson," Yankovic states.

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# MADAME ZOLA'S HOROSCOPES

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**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

Just because you think you know what's going on doesn't mean you really do. Did you ever consider the fact that your theory might be wrong? Most of your assumptions run up against the unexpected.



**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

Scorpio is tired of being the responsible one. As the Moon remains in its current Sign, the animal within is impatient to get outside and play. A full schedule or bad weather is totally immaterial to the deeper urges that drive you.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**

Stop doing busy work long enough to remember what really matters. A project takes off today when you reattach it to its roots. It's a good thing that you kept all those preliminary sketches and first drafts.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

Does it really matter what anyone else thinks? It falls on your shoulders to be faithful to your cherished beliefs, even if nobody else is willing to be.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

Are you really being fooled, or are you letting your emotions get the best of you? You should know better, but you have reasons for ignoring certain features of reality.



**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)**

It's time for you to rise up and demand your due. Anyone who refuses to give you what you want is simply beneath your notice. You're far from arrogant, just extremely entitled.



**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)**

A vicious circle has a twisted sense of humor. Try to stick with the original plan as much as possible without being too picky. An increased sense of pride and determination might only dig your hole deeper.



**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20)**

This is a great time to take up a cause. Fight for what you believe in and don't stop until you get your way. If you've been feeling powerless or incapable, turn your problems over to someone who can go to bat for you.



**GEMINI (May 21-Jun. 21)**

The work you do now may not seem like it's important, but it actually could end up determining your fate. Someone who has the power is watching you very closely.



**CANCER (Jun. 22-Jul. 22)**

You feel sorry for yourself, but no one else seems to. There's no doubt that you feel persecuted these days, but sympathy must be earned. If you're going to put in the time, why not go for recognition or fulfillment instead?



**LEO (Jul. 23-Aug. 22)**

Hindsight is always perfect, making it extremely unfortunate that you never have the pleasure of it before the fact. Try to make your excuses as diplomatic as possible.



**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

You are to be congratulated for making an effort to plan things ahead of time, but you still don't have a view of the whole picture. Even with as much as you know, you can never be fully prepared.

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	leo	libra	virgo	scorpio
	sagittarius	aquarius	capricorn	pisces

# points & how they add up

By ANN ONYMOUS  
Weight Watchers Participant

Weight Watchers progress at the end of week one: 1.4 pounds lost. Not the greatest of accomplishments in my lifetime, but I'll take what I can get. The average weight loss in the first two weeks is 2-3 pounds. Hmm, for once I'm less than the mean! Still, I was hoping for more (less?).

This week's meeting was all about goals. What is my weight loss goal? Besides the obvious number, I want to look the way I did six years ago. We were at the beach, some friends and I, and someone had the bright idea to whip out the camera and take some shots.

Being the goof that I am, I struck a pose and gleefully laughed at the mental picture of me, strutting my stuff for the cam-

era. When the pictures came back, I cried. Not the tears I would shed if someone took a picture of me at my current state in a bikini, but rather, tears of joy and rapture. I looked so beautiful out there on the beach, towel playfully around my hips. I kept that picture next to my bed for almost four years, when, en route from home to college, it got lost along the way. I can still see the image in my eyes, but not in the mirror. That's my goal. I want to look the way I did at the beach those years ago.

I'll admit it, I splurged this week. I ate at the Rat and had a few too many points. That's okay though, I banked enough where it didn't hurt my range one way or the other. And now that I finally realize just how much a cup holds, or doesn't hold, maybe when I weigh in tomorrow, my 1.4 pounds will have added a little more, and my weight a little less.

# Sign of the month



**LIBRA**

Style, wit and charm define the ever-lovable Libra, the member of the zodiac who's engaged in an interminable search for balance and harmony. Balancing business and pleasure is among your foremost challenges because you tend to labor like a locomotive. You've never settled for routine or mundane roles at work or at play. And why should you? You're a natural-born leader. That's why you can preside over any frontier you settle.

Your rugged individualism gives you a transcendental lift. Experience has taught you to trust your intuition and self-reliance. Even so, you're sometimes too vulnerable to the sway of others' opinions. Impeccable judgment and taste inform all of your endeavors, and your signature style makes you plenty sought after.

Your social life centers around your fascination with ideas, attitudes, opinions and beliefs. You have a gift for entertaining others, fleshing them out and flirting with them intellectually. You are a gentle but passionate lover for whom sex may serve the purpose of a surrogate fulfillment. A lack of emotional commitment from a lover may frustrate you. This may leave you trying to numb the pain by artificial means.

It's often said that a Libra is smart about everything — except when his or her feelings are hurt, and it's worth saying again. Let your indomitable spirit and balancing act prevail.

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# Ty's your weekly guide to anime Toons



By TYLER MARTINOLICH  
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All right boys and girls, it's time to go old school once again. Last week, I covered *Akira*, which is, in my opinion, the greatest anime ever. However, there are two other animes that often compete for the title of greatest anime ever. Those one of which is *Royal Space Force*

Shiro Ledat is a man with dreams of flying high and flying fast. The only problem is, Shiro isn't the sharpest pencil in the box. He is not smart enough to dress himself most of the time, so joining the Navy and flying its jets is out of the question. The only thing he can do that might give him a chance is to join a branch of the Honneamian military, known as the Royal Space Force.

The Space Force is the laughing stock of the military. It is run by old professors, codgers and officers too unconventional to be in any other branch of service. The Royal Space Forces soldiers are the drop-outs and misfits of the military, and, for abit, Shiro fits in well. This all changes, however, with a fateful accident.

During the testing of a launch rocket, one of Shiro's fellow officers is killed. He then goes on a spiritual journey, pondering the meaning of life and the purpose of existence. He meets a poor young woman who hands out flyers on the boardwalk, trying to enlighten sinners about religion. Curious, Shiro becomes acquainted with this girl and her beliefs. He rekindles his

dream of reaching for stars.

From that moment on, Shiro is a driven man. Setting the pace for the entire Space Force, he pushes for the opportunity to ride a rocket into space and to be the first man of his world to orbit the earth. Shiro becomes a public figure when he begins that to realize that there are more than noble motives at work. He soon finds himself a pawn and a target.

There are some who rate *Akira* as the masterpiece of Japanese animation, myself among them. How-

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ever, *Royal Space Force* definitely earns at shot at the title as well. While *Akira* has depth and plot, it has nowhere near the style of *WoH*. Visually, this film is stunning. The animation alone deserves top-notch honors for excellent use of color, clarity of execution and thematic appearance, but, the design is even better.

The intricacies of life on a strange, alien world have been meticulously designed. From a unique form of coin to the elaborate ceremonial dress, it doesn't take any stretch of imagination to know that this is indeed a strange world that appears much different than our own.

When the script comes into play, we see the same petty politics,

the same harsh tribulations of the struggle to survive and the same humanity that is of our own lives in our own world. This allows the viewer to associate with the characters quite easily and makes for quite an engrossing tale. The only minus here is that the English-dubbed voice acting is not up to par in Manga Video's production, but it is not bad enough as to detract from this film.

Why the story really falls apart, and why I think *Akira* ultimately is better than *Royal Space Force*, is because the plot is too convoluted. Despite its over two hour run time, the movie feels rushed and lacking. Shiro is very superficial, and he goes from misfit to the paragon of righteousness in a matter of moments with no explanation. The movie ends with no resolution to anything.

Also, characters die randomly. I had the impression that if Shiro were to die at some point in the movie, I would have just yawned and flipped the channel or put on a different DVD. This alone is enough to prove to me that there is no development to attach the characters to the audience.

All in all, *Royal Space Force* stands leaps and bounds above most anime out there. As for greatest anime ever, close but no cigar. Still its definitely worth the rent and maybe even the buy.

If you would like to see your favorite anime reviewed, contact Sam at x3636.

## Wacky o the Website f week

By SAMANTHA HORVATH  
Accent Editor

Okay, so far we've covered toilet paper, a mental patient, stupid crooks and furniture porn. You are probably wondering what else is there to talk about? Well, this little website is just another way to procrastinate in those long hours of the day.

Where can you go to find your past life, the occupation of your reincarnated soul? The official mummy website of course.

Try visiting



[www.themummy.com](http://www.themummy.com). There you will find all of the pertinent facts about the successful sequel as well as information regarding the elusive third series member, *The Scorpion King*. This is not all. You can also find the reincarnator.

What is this? You just type in your name, and the fun, little server returns with your past life name, occupation and description of your typical job. Where else can you find this stuff out? I got to be the pharaoh and the army chief, but, unfortunately, someone else I know turned out to be a dog. Hard feelings aside, this is a cool website.

Here is an example of what you'll see.

Name: Kheops  
Occupation: Officer

"You were an officer in the Egyptian army, commanding the troops of the Pharaoh to prepare them for attack. Egypt was full of gold, and many nations wanted to exploit it. Thanks to your strong army the country defended its gold



and formed a very profitable gold trade. You

have many wives and plenty of money, and you were, therefore, very popular. Through you enjoyed many social gatherings, your secret hobby was learning to read and write. When you died of an unidentified disease at 28, a statue of you was built and placed at the entrance to your elaborate tomb. As a high ranking official, you have enough money to have yourself mummified after death."

In addition to the reincarnator, there is also a highly addictive game called "Mummy Match" where you play a sort of tic-tac-toe game with jeweled colored beetles. My suitemate got me hooked on playing. In fact, her all time high score was over 12,000. While my score was nowhere near as high as hers, I am looking forward to the challenge. There are also different skill levels for those of you who are game inclined.

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## UT psych students cope with tragedy

By SAMANTHA HORVATH  
Accent Editor

All over the world, people are trying to cope with the Sept. 11 tragedy. Psychology students right here on campus have created their own website in hope of understanding the catastrophe.

Dr. Messina's Psych 230 students (Personality Psychology) created this website to promote awareness. "Unfortunately, as Americans we have not heard enough, been informed enough, nor taken the time to become fully informed about this scourge on the human race. To gain back our ability to understand and to give us a chance to put this all into a realistic picture, we dedicate this tribute site to all victims of the Sept. 11 day of infamy," Messina explains in the tribute.

The site is a link from Messina's own website, [www.coping.org](http://www.coping.org). As soon as you open the site, there is a link to the student page. The site features coping with the tragedy, a memorial to the victims and survivor accounts.

The site also illustrates a central point in American society to date, the support of our Arab broth-

ers and sisters, our Muslim Americans. Their site strives to promote understanding and increase the tolerance and cohesiveness of American society.

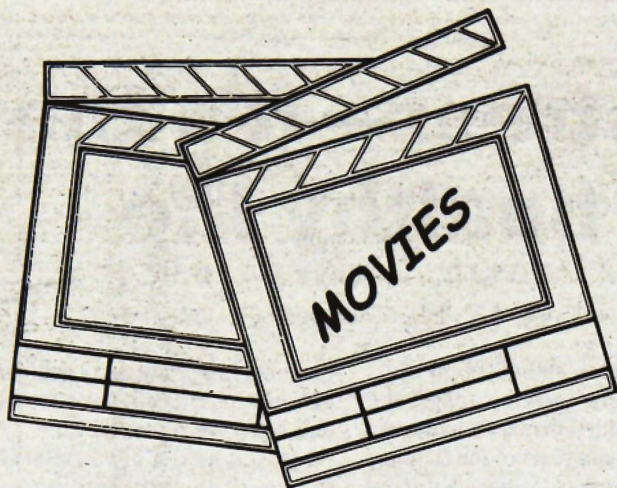
Messina's students also provide information about our "enemy." The site provides pages to bring understanding to terrorism, the Taliban and Osama bin Laden.

Later on, Psych 280 students (Clinical Psychology) will bring their website online. It will discuss possible treatments to cope with the tragedy. Messina is very proud because his own students are creating their own counselling theories.

If you get the chance, check out this site. It is a way to cope with all that has happened. Only those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Messina and his students are striving to prevent this through awareness.

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## Iron Monkey destined to be caged

By RACHEL YEOMANS  
Staff Reporter

Could I possibly see yet another funky kung-fu movie? *The Matrix* rocked. *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* was cool. *The Musketeer* was entertaining, but *Iron Monkey* definitely stretched the limit.

The fight scenes could have been directly dubbed from one of its predecessors for all I cared. Yes, they were good, but they didn't do anything to save the movie.

*Iron Monkey* was originally filmed in 1993 as a Chinese version of *Robin Hood*, and it comes to America on Oct. 12, 2001. We weren't missing much. Director Yuen Woo Ping, choreographer of *The Matrix*, attempts to differentiate this film from other

basic kung-fu movies by giving it a sort of comic storyline. Despite its sad conveyance through the mediocre acting, the comedy was the only mildly entertaining aspect of the film.

If the ruler isn't a wimp, trying to entertain a group of spoiled wives, if the characters didn't name each kung-fu move with goofy titles, such as *Virgin's Sword Dance* or *Jumping Bean Stick*, and if the entertaining one-liners aren't attempted, I would have fallen asleep.

So if you thought that *Iron Monkey* was a good movie behind a bad name, you were wrong. The odd title is warning enough not to pay to see this movie. You can shrug away the bad acting during the comedy, but it won't be good enough to keep you from looking at your watch. If you want to see a good kung-fu movie, rent a Bruce Lee film, or if you want a good dose of Yuen Woo Ping's choreographic talent, rent *The Matrix* or *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.

*Iron Monkey* is not worth it, either for fighting and for movie entertainment. If you do take the chance to go see it, it isn't very long in case you realize your mistake in your choice of movie entertainment. *Iron Monkey* is a bad 87-minute movie with subtitles.



## Zoolander: funnier than expected

By ERICA FREEMAN  
Staff Reporter

You may have gotten the wrong impression about *Zoolander*. You may think Ben Stiller is incredibly stupid or his movies are moronic. Actually, I guess you're right, but it's still really funny.

Derek Zoolander (Ben Stiller), a model, doesn't have much in the brains department. He has a mistaken notion that he's "incredibly, really good-looking," but he begins to realize that there's more to life than fashion, like helping little kids.

This decision is reached after he loses the award for VH1's Model of the Year to Hansel (Owen Wilson), who won it for the last three years. On top of that, a reporter from *Time* magazine has just written an article that wasn't flattering. It showed how dumb Zoolander really is.

Matilda, the *Time* Magazine journalist, doesn't like models because they are vapid and stupid, so you know that she's going to have sex with Zoolander by the end of the movie. What you don't know is who else joins them.

Zoolander's agent Maury Ballstein (Jerry Stiller) is upset that his number one client has decided to quit modeling for more academic pursuits. He's not the only one. Mugatu (Will Ferrell) is an evil fashion designer who needs someone that can be easily brainwashed. He needs Zoolander and wants Maury to take care of it. Zoolander does get brainwashed, which leads to more comedy and a visit from a heavily disguised David Duchovny. Matilda and Hansel must protect Zoolander from himself.

This was one of the funniest films that I've seen all year. Although it's not an intelligent movie, it excels at the crude, rude and just plain stupidity of everyone in it.

It also has the most celebrity cameos of any movie out right now, ranging from David Bowie to Lance

Bass to Natalie Portman. Stiller and all the actors are well cast, and the music is a great selection of songs that are mostly from the 1980s, including "Relax" by Frankie Goes to Hollywood and "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go". It's definitely worth the student admission rate.

### Zoolander

Premiere Date:

Sept. 28

Genre: Comedy

Rating PG-13

Starring:

Ben Stiller

Cameos:

David Bowie,

Natalie

Portman,

Lance Bass

## The Last Castle

By ERICA FREEMAN  
Staff Reporter

*The Last Castle* is a new movie starring Robert Redford. His character is three-star General Irwin, whose distinguished career is ended with one tragic decision. He deliberately disobeys orders from his superiors, which results in the loss of eight American soldiers.

Irwin is sent to "the castle," which is a maximum-security military prison. Prisoners are stripped of their rank and are no longer classified as soldiers. The warden is an icy hard man, whose

name just happens to be Colonel Winter (James Gandolfini).

The warden respects Irwin at first but quickly loses that high opinion as Irwin continually questions Winter and his methods. Winter decides that he will break Irwin at any cost. This decision only antagonizes Irwin more. He decides to build an army of his fellow prisoners. They will storm the inside of the castle and remove Winter from his "throne".

Redford last starred in *The Horse Whisperer* but directed *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, which starred Matt Damon and Will Smith. Gandolfini stars in the cable hit "The Sopranos," but he was also in

*The Mexican*. Robin Wright, who is the love interest of Kevin Costner in *Message in a Bottle*, plays General Irwin's daughter. *The Last Castle* also stars Mark Ruffalo (*You Can Count on Me*), Clifton Collins, Jr. (*Traffic*) and Delroy Lindo (*The Cider House Rules*). It is directed by Rod Lurie, who wrote and directed *The Contender*. The screenplay is a first-time collaboration between David Scarpa and Graham Yost who wrote *Speed*.

Will they succeed? Should they succeed? Who knows. This movie was scheduled to come out October 12 but has since been pushed back to October 19. It's rated R for language and violence.

By TINA PADILLA  
Staff Reporter

For all of you punk kids out there, *After Stool Special* is certainly a CD for you. It accommodates all areas of punk, such as hardcore, pop and alternative.

It has various artists like New Found Glory, Fenix TX, RX Bandits, Allister and Midtown, among many others.

It is a CD that can be listened to by anyone with a liking for punk music. If you are a fan, you will know New Found Glory and Fenix TX and the kind of style that they possess. Their truthful lyrics take a different approach to relationship issues, while bands like Puya and Finch make the CD more edgy.

I enjoyed listening to this CD, not only because I am a fan of punk music, but also because it does not include just one type of punk. There is a diversity that attracts many to punk music in the first place, and this CD brings it all together.

## Music Mania

### Reviews of three new CDs to consider

By ROLANDO VILLEGAS  
Staff Reporter

*New American Language* is a mix of good ol' classic rock 'n' roll, folk, a hint of blues and a few other musical genres thrown in for flavor.

To reconnect with anyone that I just lost, it's guitar with some harmonica and a whole lot of rhythm although Dan Bern's a small name and no one has heard of him. If you say you do, then you're lying. Some of his lyrics are actually quite clever. "The emperor's in his underwear, Old Nat King Cole's a merry old troll and Surgeon General's smoking Marlboro..."

are just some of the lyrics featured in the song *Alaska Highway*.

Although some of the lyrics

### Dan Bern New American Language

ics are clever and original (emphasis on some, his creativity doesn't last very long. There is no real theme to his music, and if you listen long enough, most of the songs

don't even make any sense. The only thing that kept me listening was the classic sound of rock 'n' roll that we've all heard before.

To be blunt, I didn't find anything special about this CD that would make me want to hear another song or throw away my hard earned work-study money. If you know anything about the past thirty years of rock 'n' roll, you know what I mean.

It's insulting, and to be honest, Bern is a cheap imitation. Would you rather listen to The Doors, The Allman Brothers and others from that era, or some newcomer from Iowa, trying to imitate them and doing a bad job at that?

After you struggle to differentiate between the annoying nasal whine of Dan Bern from that of Bob Dylan, you might want to consider switching CDs to something a little more familiar and a little less irritating.

For those of you who don't mind listening to Bob Dylan, you might like this modern version of his music, but if you want to listen to Dylan, why not buy the original?

Dan Bern's situation is simple: he tried to be original. The only problem is that he's about thirty years too late. If you want to buy this album anyway, take Jim Morrison's advice and "walk on through to the other side."

By TINA PADILLA  
Staff Reporter

Tori Amos' new album, *Strange Little Girls*, features remade songs that Amos has given her own interpretation. The album features songs such as "97 Bonnie and Clyde" and "I Don't Like Mondays." She has chosen the songs on the album because they represent women in different ways when looked at from a women's perspective.

Although Amos has a tendency to be a little on the dismal side, this album is overly depressing. I have enjoyed Amos' previous albums and was able to relate somewhat to the songs, but this new record has a seriousness that I find hard to find a connection with. Even though the album is based on an assortment of women personas, Amos presents it in a way that distracts the listener from that point.

Amos may have had a good intention when making this album, but it has in no way surpassed her previous albums, which contained original thoughts and music from the mind of this profound woman. Amos fans may love it only because it is her album, but I think that any one of them would agree that it may be overshadowed by her past achievements.



# Recipes: to make or not to make?

By MINERVA RODRIGUEZ  
Staff Reporter

Greeks love food, which is why they tend to have a mixture of Oriental and European dishes. Eating at a restaurant in Greece is informal and casual. People from this country believe the atmosphere should be relaxing in order to enjoy the food. If you are not sure what to order, the Greek waiter will encourage you to see the kitchen so you can pick the entree. Eating at an open air Grecian cafe is an incredibly different experience for many Americans due to the fact that most of us don't have the money to travel to Greece when we have a craving here's a recipe of an authentic Greek soup. Remember though, Greek food can only truly be Greek if made in Greece. Kali Oreksi, in other words, bon appetit!

AVGOLEMONO (greek egg-lemon soup)

2 qt. chicken broth  
1/2 cup of raw rice  
2 eggs  
1 1/2 lemons, juiced  
salt and pepper to taste  
(serves 8 to 10)

In soup pot, bring chicken broth to boil; slowly add rice to broth and stir. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for about 15 minutes or until rice is tender.

Remove from heat and keep warm. In large bowl, beat eggs until frothy. Continue beating slowly and gradually add lemon juice in a small, steady stream. Continue beating; slowly ladle hot broth into egg lemon mixture. Continue beating and adding hot broth until bowl is full.

Pour hot egg-lemon mixture back into soup pot, stirring well. Over medium heat, bring soup to simmer until slightly thickened. Add salt and pepper. Serve at once.

## THE Wide World of ENTERTAINMENT

By JOHN SUTHERLAND  
Staff Reporter

Hailing from the Black Forest in Germany, comes Ten Volt Shock. This band is great. While the CD consists of a mere 15 minutes and six songs, this trio's debut carries more energy than getting struck by a bolt of lightning.

Ten Volt Shock is the new band from Frank Otto. He plays in another band called KURT, which toured the States two years ago with the band Milemarker. If you got to see one of their shows, you would know how powerful the German hard core can be. It is not like the sissy, watered down hard core that encompasses the imagination and intuition of a lab rat. It is much more intense. I had the chance to set up a show for them, and it was incredible.

Ten Volt Shock takes the same ferocity of KURT and breaks new ground. The drums echo in perfect equilibrium while managing creative fills and crashes. The bass is very fast and very loud, and it reflects itself upon the drumming. The guitars scream in controlled feedback, intricate lines and amazing chord progressions. The singing is mild and often melodic with a razor blade like edge. It is also in English too, so all you "cultured" people need not fret.

The CD opens with a brief moment of chaos, which soon envelops into a bass-oriented beat that will definitely get your body moving. The second song begins with the drums and the bass

blending into one, which reminiscent of Hoover. The guitar quickly comes in with harsh vocals to match. The song ends exactly like it began, very groovy.

The third song shows just how fast the drummer is, and being a drummer, I'm utterly astonished by how quick he moves around and still fits everything in sync. The time signatures of this song are off the charts that will definitely keep you guessing at where it's going next. The fourth song, which is my personal favorite, "Superflexx" is so good. Everything about this song is amazing. It seems like the whole band is feeding off the same plateau, very tight and together.

The fifth song ends in a caucophony of sounds, while the sixth and final song ties up any loose ends left from the past songs. The guitars in this song are very weird. I have no idea what he is doing, but it sounds rad nonetheless.

Fans of Unwound, Twelve Hour Turn, Hot Water Music, KURT and the like should be required listening for this record. When the album is complete, it will feel like you just ran five miles in 15 minutes, and you'll wake up the next morning with neck pains, salivating for the repeat button.

If you would like more information regarding Ten Volt Shock, please contact Sam at x3636

# Slash the stress—it's the key to a healthy life

By RACHEL YEOMANS  
Staff Reporter

"I have three exams this week, a paper due tomorrow, two 40-page chapters to read..." How often have you heard or spoken this line or a very close version to it? Yeah, we all have. Now that the semester's moving along, the homework is starting to pile up and the exams are rolling around. And of course everything just

happens to fall during the exact same time frame! Is this planned? Do the professors secretly convene and plot when the best times to torture us students would be? Sometimes it certainly seems that way. The college years involve many things, parties and pizza and classes and, of course, one of the most common factors of every college student's life, stress.

Stress is defined as "a factor that induces bodily or mental tension." As technical as it sounds, it's very true. Stress is very dangerous, as much as we accept it as a common part of our lives. It can cause changes in your body and can even affect your long-term health. Common stressors include noise, crowding, isolation, hunger, and danger. These don't necessarily produce long-term effects, but unfortunately these effects can be found by many modern life situations. Psychological pressures such as relationship problems, loneliness, continual deadlines, and piles of schoolwork can lead to chronic stress, which results in a chain reaction of negative responses in the body.

Despite what most people may think, stress has a direct effect on each part of the body. Under stress, an individual's heart rate and blood pressure increase instantaneously, breathing becomes rapid and the lungs take in more oxygen. Blood flow can ac-

tually increase 300-400% in order to prepare the muscles, lungs, and brain for added demands under the strain. Certain parts of the immune system are redistributed during stressful situations to the areas of the body where injury and infection is most likely (skin, bone marrow, and lymph nodes). And did you ever wonder why your mouth and throat are unusually dry when you're fretting about that exam coming up? It is most likely because the fluids are

Do the professors secretly convene and plot the best times to torture students?

tions, spasms of the throat muscles may occur making it difficult to swallow and fight infection. Blood flow is also diverted away from the skin to support heart and muscle tissues resulting in cool clammy skin and the tightening of the scalp that makes the hair seem to stand on end. Finally, stress shuts down digestive activity causing stomach pains or gain/loss of appetite. So basically, we college students are out of luck. Despite the "sad" circumstances that we are in, there are actually some ways that stress can be lessened.

There are a number of ways that people can attempt to reduce the stress in their lives and therefore attempt to counteract its harmful effects.

There are a number of ways that people can attempt to reduce the stress in their lives and therefore attempt to counteract its harmful effects. Communicating might be the best antidote. Talking over your problems with someone (not venting since that actually increases stress) or writing them down can greatly decrease the amount of stress that you experience throughout the day. Show an optimistic view. Instead of going over everything that you have to get done, just start with

the most important and concentrate entirely on that until it's finished, and continue down the line. And when you need a break, relaxation is key. It lowers blood pressure, respiration, blood rates, releases muscle tension, and eases emotional strains. You can take a nap (even a 30 minute power nap holds great benefits), exercise, meditate, and even breathe deeply for a minute or so. That or pop in a good movie for a few minutes, and drink warm beverage, such as tea or hot chocolate, to calm your nerves. You'll find yourself so much more relaxed than you were previously. If you're too anxious for any of these solutions, though, you can also do some more active stress busters.

It is a well-known fact that as the body attains fitness, the ability to withstand stress is enhanced. Exercise is a healthy habit to get into; not only does it reduce stress but it builds up immunity towards it. You feel refreshed, rejuvenated, and able to conquer those things that caused you strain in the first place. Even if you don't feel like putting on that sports bra or running in circles around a track or lifting that heavy barbell, you can still get the same stress-reducing benefits through simpler activities. Brisk walking is probably the easiest way a college student can get that exercise into the day. Just wander to enjoy the view, clear your head, maybe wear some headphones and zone out to some music, saunter along Bayshore or meander downtown. Yoga and Tai Chi are also really popular forms of stress reduction; and they can be done right in the dorm room with a video. Just ten minutes, three times a week, and you'll feel the benefits.

Stress is so common in almost everyone's life that it's accepted as a natural part of our society. It is extremely difficult to avoid, especially in our collegiate situation, but even if it can't be eliminated, it can be reduced. Breathe in and out, hum a favorite song, take a walk, or even get a friend to give you a backrub. You will thank yourself in the long run and feel more sane in the process. You know what it takes to get you relaxed; indulge in it.

## TV pays tribute to the late, great John Lennon

By MICHELLE LEMIRE  
Staff Writer

TNT and the WB broadcasted *Come Together: A Night for John Lennon's Words and Music* on Tuesday, Oct. 2, a special tribute to not only John Lennon, but also to the people of New York City.

From the Radio City Music Hall in New York, celebrities gathered to hear the words and music of John Lennon. Hosted by Kevin Spacey, the event started with John Lennon's most famous song "Imagine."

Some guest appearances were by Ben Stiller and Dustin Hoffman. Many well-known artists performed John Lennon's songs, including Dave Matthews Band, Marc Anthony and Alanis Morissette. The Stone Temple Pilots gave a superb performance of the song "Revolution." Cyndi Lauper performed another of Lennon's songs in front a candle light vigil in New York City.

Donations were asked to be made by visiting [www.helping.org](http://www.helping.org). All the proceeds from the ticket sales of this live event went to benefit relief organizations, such as the

American Red Cross and the September 11th Fund. Clips were seen of John Lennon, speaking his words of wisdom.

Nearly 20 years after John Lennon's death, his words continue to inspire us, and his music helps to heal the pain. John Lennon was only one of many people who believed that the world could live in peace.

The program helped to bring his words to a new generations and back to an old ones. *Come Together: A Night for John Lennon's Words and Music* illustrates that the United States is united and always will be.



# Third time's a charm

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO  
Sports Editor

Last week, Michael Jordan announced to the world that he was once again coming out of retirement to play basketball, not for only one season but for two. Jordan's comeback to the game was not a huge surprise. It has been hinted at for quite a while now.

So why did Jordan come back after having a three-year vacation from basketball? For once, a player is not doing it for the money. Jordan will receive \$1 million for this season, which he is donating to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "I am returning as a player to the game I love," Jordan said.

What team will Jordan play for? It's not for the Chicago Bulls where he won six championships. He is going to be playing with the Washington Wizards. "I am especially excited about the Washington Wizards, and I'm convinced we have the foundation on which to build a playoff-contention team."

The Wizards? Come on now. Ever since I have been able to understand sports, the Wizards have been a horrible team with the exception of one year when they actually went to the playoffs but were eliminated right away. Everyone knows that the Wizards are bad. That's why many of the networks rarely show their games. With Jordan coming back, that is going to change. NBC said it would change its television schedule to include some Wizards games. Turner Sports will do the same, with TBS in line to air the season-opener.



I have never been a fan of the Wizards, and I openly admit that. I can also bet that the people who are buying up the Wizards season tickets are not doing it to see MCI Cen-

the best player in the history of basketball. Or was.

Some people I have talked to are not so enthusiastic about his return. "What is he, like 50? He has been around forever. And he is coming out of retirement again. Is he ever going to stay retired?" That's a good question. The last time that Jordan retired he said he was "99.9 percent" sure he would never play again. He did leave that tenth of a chance open, and he is taking it now. Oh and by the way, for everyone who thinks Jordan is in his 50s, he is actually 38.

The announcement of his return delayed by one day. The reason: he had to get a deal worked out with EA Sports. Eventually, EA Sports surrendered its exclusive rights to Jordan. So, will we see another barrage of commercials featuring the likeness of Jordan?

Will his comeback also mean that he will reclaim the throne from Tiger Woods and have the most endorsements? Who knows?

One thing that I know for sure is we'll have

Will his comeback also mean that he will reclaim the throne from Tiger Woods and have the most endorsements?

ter. Some may actually be interested in seeing right-out-of high school Kwame Brown play.

Personally I would rather go to a Capitals Game and watch their new player, Jaromir Jagr. If given the chance of course, I would go and see Jordan play. I am not an idiot. He is

to wait and see how many people become Wizards fans. Also, watch the numbers of replicate jerseys of number 23 on the Wizards skyrocket. One thing for sure: Jordan will try to make it an interesting year for a team that won only 19 games last season.

## This week in Spartan Sports

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## Katzman's Calls

### Preview of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers

By ANDREW KATZMAN  
Reporter

The Bucs are 1-1, and people are already panicking. The loss in Minnesota brings back memories of past seasons. This still looks like that same team who lacks the killer instinct on offense, with the inability to put a team away when they're down. Even the defense, always highly praised and highly regarded as one of the best in the NFL, let a lead get away.

To make matters worse, Warrick Dunn is out for 3-4 weeks with a foot injury. Aaron Stecker and Mike Alstott are expected to share the load at halfback. If you're a pessimist, just about now is when you start to think the Bucs can pack up any high hopes they once had of being a possible SuperBowl contender. It's too early in the season to panic and too early to write this team off.

The 3-0 Green Bay Packers are in town this week. That's right, they are HERE, in Tampa. By golly we finally get a home game! The Bucs should be extra fired up for this one since they must win it to avoid falling two games behind the Packers. Not only that, but with people already skeptical about this team's chances of having success, they are eager to erase any doubts that this is still an upper-echelon team.

The keys to winning this game are obvious, and I will

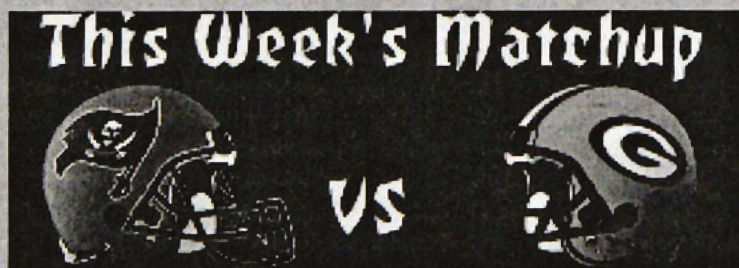
apologize ahead of time for sounding like a broken record.

The Buccaneers MUST contain Brett Favre and the rest of a Packer offense that has put points up at will so far this season. Ahman Green has quietly become one of the NFL's best running backs, and he has been unstoppable thus far.

fit for this team.

I also think that Aaron Stecker is going to do a fine job replacing Dunn. Stecker already had a pretty good start at the end of the Minnesota game, catching a 22-yard pass on the Bucs last-minute drive.

The Bottom Line: The Bucs are angry. There is no doubt. Losing di-



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Look for an angry Bucs defense to play an inspired game. On offense, the Bucs have to do a better job of getting into the end zone, rather than settling for just field goals. In Minnesota, the Bucs got inside the 20 on three different occasions, getting a touchdown just once. Even that TD wouldn't have even happened had it not been for a questionable taunting call on Kenny Wright.

In spite of these negatives, I think you have to look at the play of Brad Johnson as a positive for the team. Johnson has shown a lot of poise out there, and has been extremely accurate for the most part. Many people here in Tampa are calling for King to replace him, but I believe Brad Johnson is the perfect

visional games in the fashion they did against the Vikes stings even more than the average defeat. However, playing this weekend in a belated home opener, I think we're going to see a much different team; the team everyone expected to see all along.

Prediction: Bucs 24 Packers 17

In other NFC Central games, the Bears travel to the Georgia Dome to take on the Falcons. While Atlanta has looked very good in its first 3 games, going 2-1, they have lost Jamal Anderson for the season yet again. The Bears are coming off a bye week, two weeks removed from their surprising win against the Vikings. Jim Miller gets the start at QB for the Bears, while the Falcons

will continue to platoon Chris Chandler and rookie Michael Vick. This should be a good matchup between two teams who have turned some heads this year so far. I like the Falcons in a close one.

The Vikings, fresh off their win against the Bucs, travel to the Big Easy to take on the Saints. New Orleans, like the Bucs, are known for playing great defense. After losing 21-13 to the Giants in the Meadowlands, they, too, are angry, nobody more so than crybaby wide receiver Albert Connell, who threw yet another tantrum for not getting the ball enough. The Saints are playing their home opener, though, and they want revenge for last year's playoff loss to the Vikes. I like the Saints.

On Monday, the high flying Rams go to Detroit to play a Lions team that has looked nothing short of hopeless thus far. Charlie Batch was benched after his awful performance versus the Pack, and then Ty Detmer came in against the Browns and threw seven interceptions. Who's next?

Everything has gone right for the Rams. Their offense was explosive against the mighty Dolphins defense. The Rams D has done a complete turnaround from last season. The Rams will carve the Lions defense to shreds and shut down their struggling offense. Rams win.

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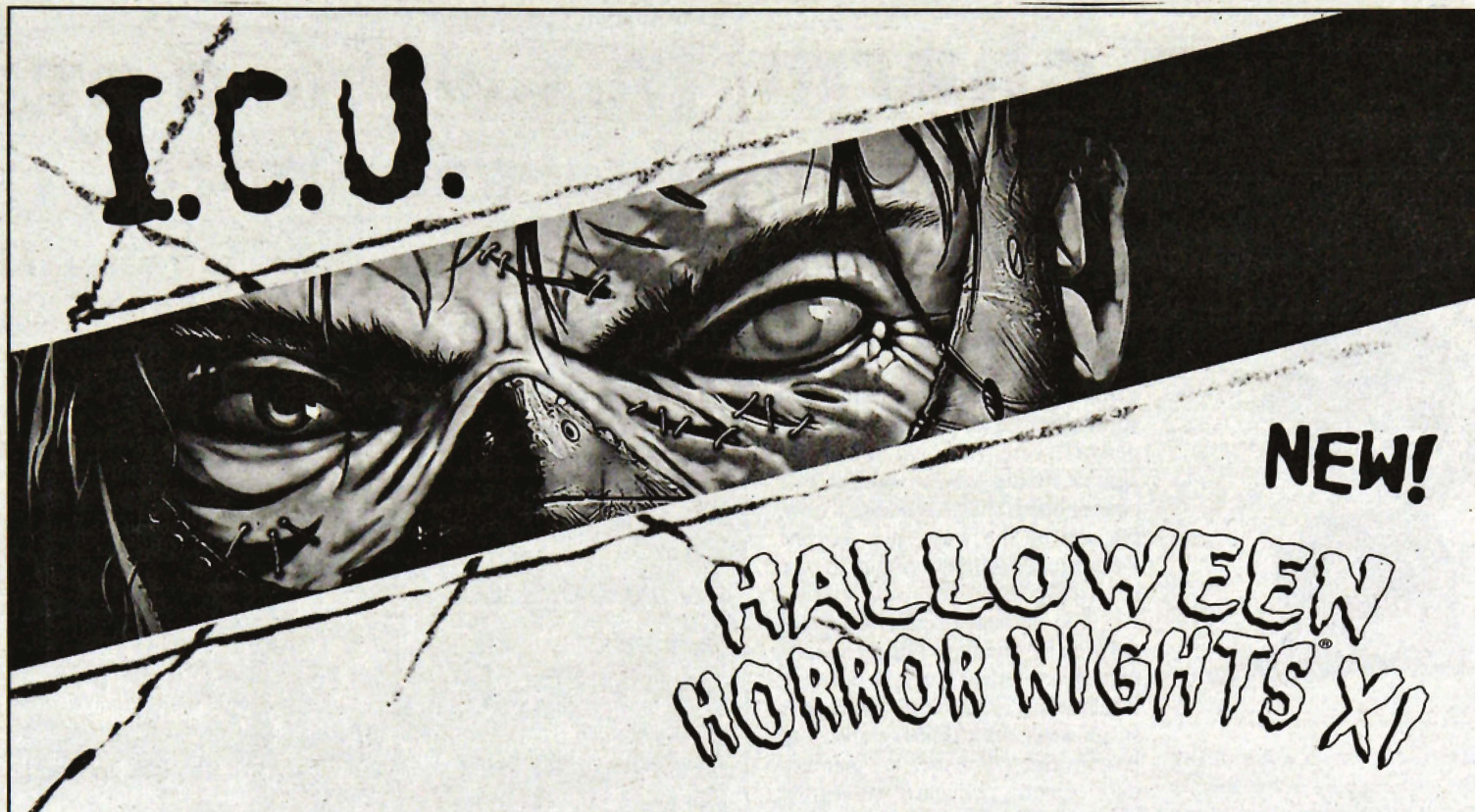
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**UNIVERSAL STUDIOS**

## Cross Country Review

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO  
Sports Editor

The University of Tampa Invitational for cross country was held this past weekend. The Lady Spartans came in first overall as Tracy Buxton and Dee Dee Haeffling finished in first and second places respectively.

The men's team came in second out of eight teams. The leading male runner was Doane Greenidge. For the second straight race, he was the top runner for the men's team.

The other members of the team did extremely well, too. For the women's team, all of the runners had incredible performances. Erin Wilson came in 5th place, Liz Bragg 7th and Becky Ostroski 23rd. Four places after her in 27th was Scarlett Miezliski, in 34th Melissa Martin and finally in 40th was Katie Fussell. The men's team had 11 runners finish in the top 45.

The male runners placed as follows: in 8th was Eric Hall and less than one second later was Brandt Speed. In 14th was Nick Krause and two seconds later in 15th place was Josh Moore. Charlie Moores came in 24th and Brandon Coughlin was 28th. Troy Taylor 38th, John Perez 40th, Paco Perez 44th and Jeff Sheloske in 45th were all within a minute and a half from each other.

Dee Dee Haeffling was named as the Sunshine State Conference women's runner of the week. This marks three out of four weeks that a female runner from UT was named as the SSC's runner of the week.

With these finishes, the women's team was able to defeat long-time SSC rival Florida Southern. This is the first time in 31 meets since 1997 that Florida Southern lost a meet to a conference opponent.

## Bakersfield and beyond 2001-2002 Men's Basketball Preview

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO  
Sports Editor

Last year the men's basketball team went all the way to the NCAA Division II final four in Bakersfield, Cal. Will this season be a mirror image of last year's success, only with a better result?

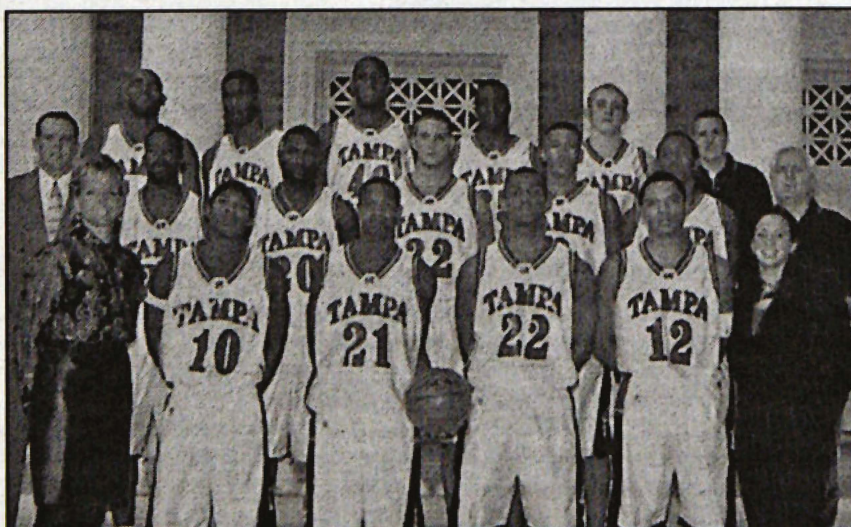
The 2001-2002 year starts off against PR-Cayamen on Nov. 18, and head coach Richard Schmidt is back for his 19th season as head coach. During his 14 previous years with the Spartans, many of the teams have had 20 or more wins, and 13 of those performed well enough to enter into the NCAA tournament. Schmidt has accumulated an overall school record of 391 wins to 148 losses, a winning percentage of .725. Before his arrival, the men's basketball team had a record of 207 wins to 315 losses.

From last year's team, four of five starters return with the exception of Chuckie Powell who ended the season with 162 points and an

average of 5.1 points a game. The remaining starters Jon Brown, Sylvere Bryan, Gecarri Freeman and James Mereus have a com-

guards that features flashy playmakers, solid defenders and long range threats. Brown has scored a team high of 943 career points in his

Earnest Williams) along with Howard are competing for the starting position for shooting guard position.



Last year's basketball team was only one point away from the NCAA.

bined 171 career starts. The Spartans also have seven seniors on the team this year and have 11 returning letter winners. Brown is the leader in the group of

three years at UT thus far. Peter Howard has been a three-time letter-winner, accumulating over 500 career points and 37 starts. Three other players (Leonard Kelly, Jon Norris and

throw shooting and came in third in rebounds. Will Gregory was named Most Improved Player and provided solid backup last season. Gregory's role on the court is sure to be a larger

asset this season.

New players are bound to give the Spartans a jolt on offense. Transfer student Robert Sargeant will get playtime immediately because of his scoring ability.

Freshman Joe Anders adds depth at small forward and is expected to develop. Sylvere Bryan has started 84 games and last season was both a primary scorer and rebounder. He was also named to the Elite Eight all-Tourney and first team all-SSC. Bryan made 24 three-point shots last season and had an average of .421 in long range shooting. Leading the team in rebounds, he came in second in scoring. With a total of 199 career blocks, he is sure to surpass Nate Johnston's school record of 230 this season.

Last year the Spartans surprised many by going to the Final Four and beating the only undefeated team left in the Elite Eight (Adelphi). Many teams will not overlook the Spartans when they are listed on the calendar.



## SuperBowl XXXVI in Tampa?

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO  
Sports Editor

As many sports fans know, the NFL cancelled its games the weekend after the Sept. 11 tragedy, which caused many problems with this year's SuperBowl, set to take place in New Orleans on Jan. 27.

The NFL would like to push the SuperBowl back one more week so that the teams will be able to play a 16-game season and have the normal 12 playoff teams per conference. The only problem with having the SuperBowl on Feb. 3 is that the National Association of Auto Dealers has their convention on Feb. 3 in New Orleans.

The National Association of Auto Dealers does not want to move their convention, citing that people have already booked their flights and hotels. Therefore, the NFL is taking to new scheduling ideas that have not been done before.

Some of the solutions are to play a 15-game season and take only eight teams to the playoffs. This would not be the option of choice, since the NFL would be losing a great deal of money if this were to occur. Another idea that was sponsored by one of the coaches was to have the wild card games on a Wednesday and the following weekend to have the semi-final games. These options would allow the SuperBowl to take place on the normally scheduled date.

There are other ideas, though, that would allow a 16-game season to take place. This plan would place the playoff games on the weekends and have the SuperBowl on Feb. 3. How would this be done if the National Association of Auto Dealers won't budge? The answer:

play the SuperBowl elsewhere, an odd idea but a reasonable solution. Some of the sites that are being discussed for the SuperBowl include Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., Los Angeles, Pro Player Stadium in Miami and Raymond James Stadium, only five miles away from UT. That's right, not since SuperBowl II and III was the SuperBowl played in the same place two years in a row. If the SuperBowl goes to New York, then this would be the first time ever that the SuperBowl would be played in a cold weather city that does not have a dome.

If the SuperBowl comes back to Tampa, it would help the sagging Florida economy, which has been estimated at losing \$20 million a day since the recent attacks. However, are we really ready to partake in this event again? Tampa has hosted the SuperBowl in approximately ten-year intervals. Are we ready to have a massive back-up on Kennedy, which went on until well after 2 a.m.?

If the NFL decides to go to East Rutherford, N.J. for the SuperBowl, it would help the city out by bringing in about \$400 million. New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani stated, "They should just decree that the Giants and the Jets are going to be in it, and stop all this nonsense with all these other teams." This is probably the most lighthearted statement that Giuliani has been able to say in some time.

Sen. Charles Schumer of New York was the one who proposed the idea of having the SuperBowl in New York. He stated that moving the SuperBowl to N. Y. would be a "symbol of triumph over terrorism." He later stated that "it sends one message loud and clear: We are not afraid."

### UT ranked 6th in nation

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Ozawa followed that up with a kill that powered right off of Barry defensive specialist Jessica Jung's forearm. The sophomore from Tampa finished with six kills in fifteen attempts, with only one error. She also had five digs and two blocks for the Spartans. "She was very solid," said Catanach. "She has to communicate, block balls, and not make errors. She played her role."

Tampa's defenders played their role to perfection in the game, as Barry only managed a .030 attack percentage. Levins (seven digs) and Krissi MacIntyre (eight digs) stepped up their levels of play, while Naruta and Boatwright combined for blocks on three separate occasions.

The third game was the crucial one and also the hardest-fought. The Spartans played from behind for most of the game as Barry stubbornly clung to its slim lead. Late in the game, Tampa got a timely individual effort from Katie Levins, after a timeout. Barry had built its largest lead of the game, 21-17, and seemed to have won another point with a kill. Levins put the solidity of her chin at risk with a sprawling dive, and she managed to make a saving dig. Naruta then bumped the ball over to Ozawa, who killed to the far corner.

The Spartans chipped away at the lead from there. At 25-24, Fox (15 kills) gave Tampa its first lead with a kill, igniting the crowd. An

inspired Ruiz then rocketed an ace right in front of Barry's Simone Ferrarezi. With the score 29-28, Tampa called a timeout to plan its attack. The play was called for Tiffany Boatwright, and she delivered in the clutch.

At the start of the fourth game, Barry looked like it still had a lot of fight left. Tampa was forced to call timeout after the Bucs won the first six points. Barry started to fade from here. Its attack was hurt after starting setter Meghan Clarke became uncharacteristically sloppy. Barry coach Dave Nichols, was forced to pull her midway through the game. Though the Bucs did not quit, UT never lost its lead in the game, and it won the match when Fox hit the back line with a spike.

Tampa's conference record is now 4-0. It also defeated Florida Tech and Lynn last week. UT last lost in conference at Barry in October 1999.

The match versus Lynn was a Saturday matinee at the Martinez Sports Center. Tampa was lead by Boatwright, who had 14 kills and a .591 attack percentage. Fox had 10 kills in only two games, while Ruiz had eight. Junior outside hitter Kim Payne also looked impressive; she had six kills in only one game.

Payne also played well defensively, as she tallied an impressive eight digs in her only game. MacIntyre lead Tampa defensively with 12 digs, while defensive specialist Samantha Vogt tallied six digs in one game.

## Spartans tie Bucs in 2 OT

By MICHELE LEMOS  
Reporter

The men's soccer team opened its first home conference game against Barry University last Wednesday night. Coming into the game, both UT and Barry were undefeated, which added more intensity to the current rivalry between them. The Tampa defense continued its strong play in this game, allowing only one goal to the number two team in the country with the final score a 1-1 tie.

The Spartans started the game very strong, with many scoring opportunities in the first 20 minutes of the game. Ingo Fochler had a nice head ball, but the Barry goalie was able to save it at the last second.

UT was also unable to score on a corner kick that was quickly cleared out by the Barry defense. Roy Fink attempted to add to his total of goals but was unable to get the shot off before Barry won control of the ball. With less than five minutes left in the first half, things got tense.

Barry had a breakaway and was coming down the field strong when Mehran Mostafavifar made an amazing play inside the six-yard line to stop the shot from finding the net.

The game was tied at zero going into half time. The second half started strong with a shot, which was just wide, from Jeff Foxenberger in the first minute.



—Allison Bunting  
Josh Huettish dribbles past a Barry Defender.

The best scoring opportunity of the half came on a direct kick for the Spartans. The shot deflected off the Barry goalie and into the 18-yard box. Tampa was unable to put the ball in the net, which ultimately resulted in a free kick for Barry in their zone. UT played great defense the entire game, stopping many shot attempts on net, but they were unable to make fast transitions from defense to offense and score.

Barry forward Alen Marcina was able to beat Swarts on a self-pass and score the first goal of the game. Not ready to give up, the Tampa offense came down the field.

There was a lot of commotion inside the six-yard box and the Barry goalie was charged with a foul against Roy Fink. As Fink set up for the penalty kick, the stadium fell silent. It quickly filled with screams and cheers after Fink scored to tie the game up with less than ten minutes left. With only minutes left, Tampa appeared headed for a win, when a Barry defenseman stopped the shot with his head, sending the game into sudden death overtime.

The score remained tied through the first overtime and into the second. It looked like Tampa would be handed their first loss of the season when Barry took two corner kicks in row, but they were unable to capitalize on them. The game ended in a 1-1 tie, and the undefeated record of both teams remained intact.

Coach Fulk's said of the game, "We defended too much and were unable to work the offensive part of our game. We hung in and battled with the number two team in the country and a tie is a very good result."

As for the UT defense, they were able to keep Barry scoreless after four corner kicks in a row.

## Barry slips by the Lady Spartans

By MICHELE LEMOS  
Reporter

The Lady Spartans played conference rival Barry last Wednesday. The game went into sudden death double-overtime, where Tampa lost 2-1. Mindy Simmons scored Tampa's lone goal in the first half on pass play down the field by Ginger Lynn and Melanie Moody. Moments later, a Barry forward tied the game at one, where the score would remain until the second overtime.

There was a scary moment early in the first half when UT goalie Susan Vaughn was accidentally kicked in the head. Vaughn remained in the game and played

strong in net. During the second overtime, Tammie Thornton was able to edge one past Vaughn to end the game.

Vaughn had a career-high eight saves this game despite suffering from what was later diagnosed as a slight concussion. Tampa's record falls back to 5-5-0 and they are 1-1 in the Sunshine State Conference.

Coach Entlich's noted of the game, "I thought the Barry game was very even, but in the end the right team won because they (Barry) were able to capitalize on their second-chance opportunities better than we were. I am very proud of our girls, though. We are still in the thick of things, and our next game is a must win."



—Emily Beard  
Emma Carlsson traps the ball.

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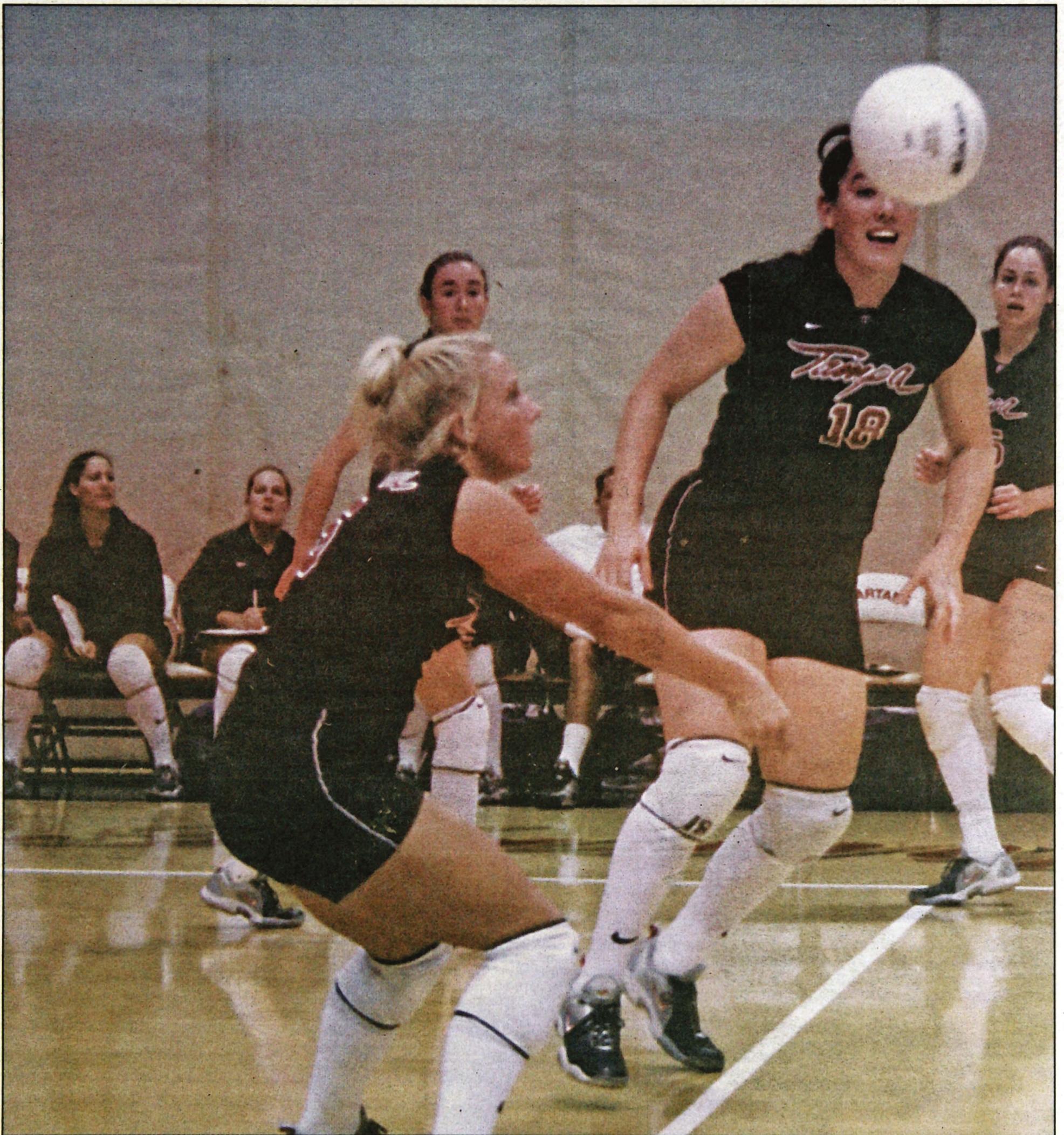
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# First place Spartans batter Barry



Krissi MacIntyre makes one of her team highs, 12 digs against Lynn.

Jody Link—The Minaret

By **ANDY BOTT**  
Reporter

Sixth-ranked UT volleyball picked up a huge win at home this past week against its top rival, the tenth-ranked Barry University Buccaneers.

Tampa outside hitter Ania Ruiz, the SSC player of the week, led Tampa with 19 kills, 15 digs and three service aces. Outside hitter Sandi Fox also had three aces.

Outside hitter Rochelle Magill led her squad with 16 kills and a .294 attack percentage.

After losing the first game, 30-21, the Spartans (11-2) turned their

nerves into energy and stormed back to claim the next three games, 30-19, 30-28, and 30-25. "I think some pride set in," said head coach Chris Catanach, who made all the right moves for his team. "In the first game, we played scared."

Barry (11-2) is one of the nation's elite, and they are Tampa's biggest threat in the region. "Within our goals, that's a huge win," Catanach said. Catanach said that part of "the pressure of the match" was that, "if we win it, we're in the driver's seat." The pressure on UT only increased after the first game. Barry carried the play by shutting down the Spartans' vaunted attack.

The Buccaneers held UT to a .121 attack percentage.

Barry also seemed to be communicating more, both offensively and defensively. On a number of occasions, the Spartans couldn't even run a play without fouling up and looking disorganized.

The Buccaneers jumped out to an early lead in the game and never faltered. After UT's Gretchen Naruta opened the match with a service error, Magill killed right to the heart of the UT defense. After a windmill kill from rightside hitter Yoshiko Ozawa got the Spartans on the board, they started to hand Barry points.

Tampa managed to stay within one point for a while, but, with the score 8-7, Barry made a run. First, Magill spirited a ball down the line for a kill to put her squad on serve. Ruiz couldn't handle the ensuing serve cleanly, and Barry OH Karla Bersano (13 kills, 13 digs) stuffed the errant reception back over the net. Sandi Fox killed to briefly halt the damage. However, she promptly committed a service error, making the score 11-8. After Barry won the next two points, UT called timeout. Barry did not let Tampa gain any momentum after the break, and they coasted to victory.

Tampa committed an unusal

number of service errors, 17, in the match, and it should consider itself very lucky to win this match despite that ineptitude.

Tampa showed a lot of heart in the second game and carried it through the rest of the match. After Tampa won the first two points, the chair referee awarded Barry its first point by calling a Ruiz kill out, even though the ball was a few inches inside the line. Ruiz immediately responded by angrily spiking the ball for a kill on the next point. After Barry again closed within one, at 3-2, Fox pulled off a risky tip for a score.

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