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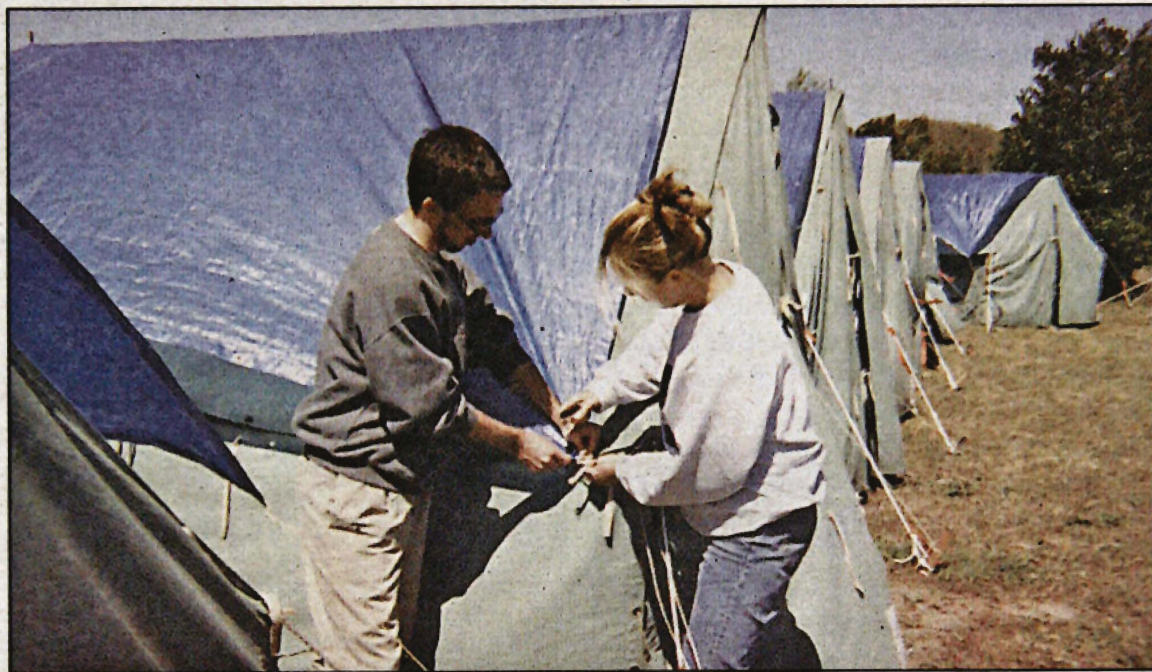
Ways to help through P.E.A.C.E.

By KELLY MOORE
Staff Reporter

Seeing the endless mounds of debris surrounding the city of New York, hearing screams of panic coming from innocent voices as they run from imploding buildings and knowing about the immense number of lives that have been lost has made UT's P.E.A.C.E. (People Exploring Active Community Service Everywhere) step forward and do what it could to help.

While many people's immediate reaction to the crisis in New York was to donate blood, there are countless numbers of other ways in which to offer a helping hand. After such traumatic circumstances, P.E.A.C.E. feels that taking the time to make a difference in one person's life means a great deal and offers numerous ways to get involved in helping those who are in need.

This campus-based group actively works to promote community service among the students at the University of Tampa. Two weeks ago, P.E.A.C.E. held a volunteer day that brought 20 service-oriented organizations to campus. These various groups, in dire need of volun-



Volunteers help out during last year's Alternative Spring Break sponsored by P.E.A.C.E.

teers, ranged from the Special Olympics Society to the Hillsborough Education Foundation.

The P.E.A.C.E. organization is in constant contact with over 200 agencies throughout the city of Tampa, and strives to get students actively involved. There are numer-

ous opportunities in which students can offer a helping hand. Upcoming events include a Walk for Cancer, Coastal Clean-up, and ZooBoo (a Halloween event at Lowry Park).

P.E.A.C.E. notes there are many benefits to volunteering for organizations around the Tampa community. Not only will students

feel better about themselves while helping others but will also receive volunteer hours on their co-curricular transcript. These recorded hours will show students' active participation in campus events and leadership among the community.

For more information, contact the P.E.A.C.E. office at x3695.

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Tornado kills two Univ. of Md. students

By CHRISTINA AGOSTO
Staff Reporter

Late Monday afternoon a tornado ripped through the campus of the University of Maryland, destroying more than just cars and buildings. Two students were killed and at least 50 people were injured at the university and elsewhere in the Washington suburbs.

The two students killed in the storm were identified as sisters Colleen Patricia Marlatt, 23, and Erin Patricia Marlatt, 20, of Clarksville, Md., according to Prince George's fire spokesman Chauncey Bowers. The two students died when their car was hurled hundreds of yards.

The tornado carried their car the length of two or three football fields, pushing it over or between dorm buildings before it came to rest in an area of trees, said Mark Brady, another Prince George's fire department spokesman.

Several buildings were damaged by the tornadoes that struck late Monday afternoon, and mobile homes containing offices were destroyed. Debris, overturned cars and trees were strewn across the campus.

Student Insley Schaden tried to determine if she could get her car out from between two others. Most of her car's windows were broken, but she said she thought she could salvage it, unlike a nearby vehicle that had been ripped in half. "You see this wiry thing, and it's actually a Jeep," Schaden said.

More than 100 cars had shattered windows or had been smashed into other vehicles.

The tornado's wind speed likely ranged between 158 and 206 mph, said John Margraf of the National Weather Service in Sterling, Va. The governor's office said it was Maryland's worst tornado in 75 years.

Ryan Wirt, a freshman, said he looked out his dormitory window and saw a funnel cloud approaching with lightning flashing inside. "It looked as big as my whole building," Wirt said.

Wire reports from the Associated Press were used in this story.

Virginia man arrested for helping suspected hijackers

By KEVIN MURPHY and
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Knight Ridder Newspapers

Federal officials have filed criminal charges against a Virginia man who allegedly helped obtain fake identification for the suspected hijackers of the airplanes that crashed into the World Trade Center Sept. 11.

The complaint, filed in Alexandria, Va., says that Herbert Villalobos signed a certificate Aug. 2 attesting that Abdulaziz Alomari was a Virginia resident. Villalobos and another man, who as a cooperating witness has not been named, also helped other suspected hijackers get residency affidavits. Alomari is one of the hijackers suspected of being aboard hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 that left Boston's Logan Airport and crashed into the World Trade Center's north tower.

The charges came on a day when the number of people detained for questioning in the hijackings climbed past 350, and the FBI increased to 392 the number of additional people it wants for questioning, as of Tuesday.

But the criminal complaint underscores the likelihood that few

of those detained or wanted have any actual knowledge of what the hijackers were planning.

Villalobos and others often linger at driver's license offices to help people get state identifications, usually charging \$100 for the service, according to an affidavit an FBI agent signed as part of the charge filed Monday.

The agent said Alomari obtained a Virginia identification card at the state Department of Motor Vehicles office in Arlington, Va., on Aug. 2 by listing an address that Villalobos used under the alias Oscar Diaz. Villalobos vouched for him by signing a certificate that said he lived at that address.

On that same day, the person not charged said he and Villalobos were approached at the same location by three other Arab males who wanted help getting identification cards. Those three men, Hani Hanjour, Salem Alhamzi and Majed Moqed, were aboard the American Airlines Flight 77 that took off from Washington's Dulles International Airport and crashed into the Pentagon. All the suspected hijackers were issued IDs on Aug. 2.

Valid identification was critical to the hijackers' ability to buy airline tickets and obtaining credit cards.

Another person arrested in the probe, Nabil Al-Marabh, an alleged associate of suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden who was arrested last week in Chicago, had five Michigan driver's licenses, authorities said. He was transferred from Chicago to New York on Monday. Material witnesses in the case have been moved to New York for questioning before a grand jury.

Meanwhile, Attorney General John Ashcroft said investigators have obtained 324 search warrants while prosecutors have gotten 103 court orders and 3,410 subpoenas for information. More than 80,000 tips have been received.

But an FBI spokesman in Washington cautioned that the increasing number of people being held on immigration offenses are not necessarily linked to the terror attacks.

"Until they are charged as material witnesses," the spokesperson said, "they are not necessarily connected to the case."

Only six people have been publicly referred to as material witnesses.

But the number of people detained and sought in the probe

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An objective view of the United States

EDITORIAL

Think about a society where there is no class system, no division between rich and poor, because wealth is spread equally. Everyone works for everyone else so that the whole nation is well off. Sounds like a good idea, right?

This is the fundamental principle of communism.

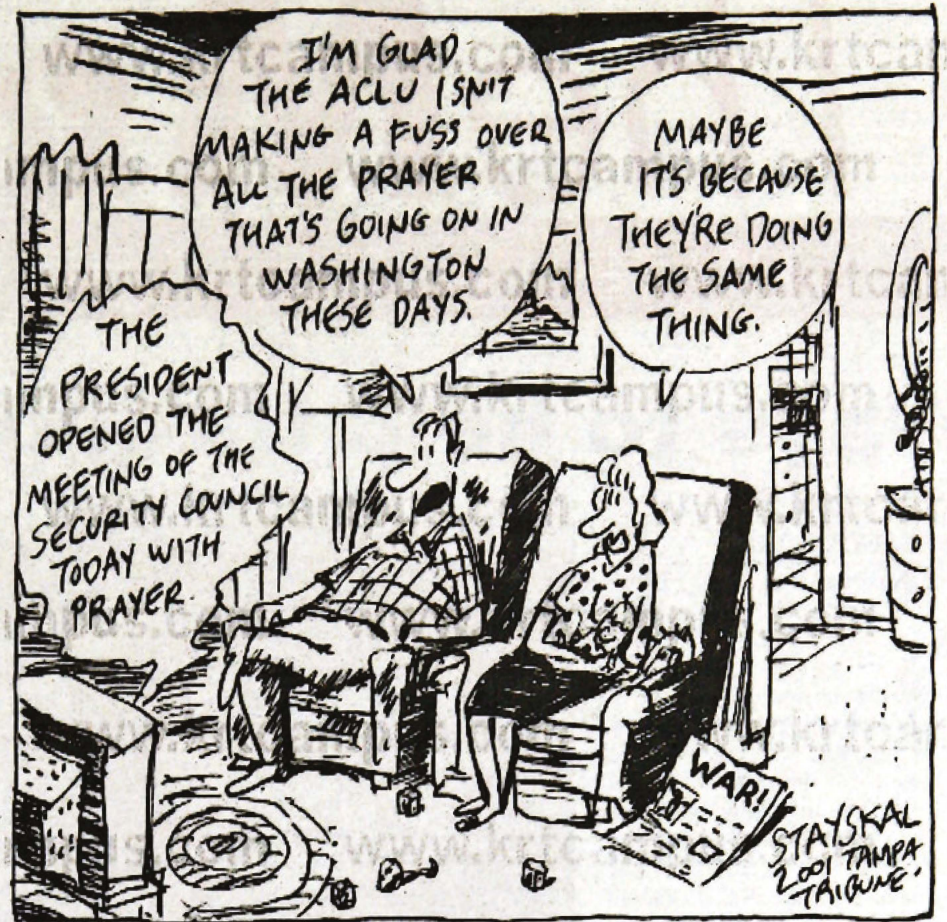
Before this concept is labelled communism, it sounds like a good social structure. As is evident by the fall of the Soviet Union, communism doesn't always work. There was a separation of classes, and the country fell under the pressure of a growing democratic world. Communism failed because of its corruption, and because of our dealings with a corrupt communist society, it has become, even 20 years after the Cold War, something synonymous with evil. Even though, in theory, communist and Marxist ideas sound ideal, we still have a social stigma against them and blacklisted people for their involvement with the party.

Capitalism, even though we as Americans generally think it to be the best structure possible, has its holes. The free market was once monopolized because J.P. Morgan, Rockefeller and friends were buying up the competition to make their conglomerates stronger. Even in more modern times, we have seen monopolies in the former Bell Atlantic and still existing Microsoft. We have rules against monopolies so that they don't crash our system that, again, seems great on paper, but is different in actual practice. The richer hold much more wealth in the United States than the middle and lower classes. The CEOs of our airlines take home about \$40 million a year in salary while our minimum wage is \$5.15 per hour. Athletes are given \$10,000,000 just for signing a contract while veteran teachers make under \$30,000 per year. Because we live in a capitalist society, though, this is still allowed and accepted as being standard practice.

Many things in theory are better than in reality. Dictatorship, when explained as an ideal, is having one competent person in charge of a country that delegates operations to others to make a healthy union. This sounds much more efficient than wrapping up the entire political process in red tape as democracy does. Obviously, though, dictatorship doesn't always work, especially with the power-hungry heads of nations, which is why England is not under royal rule and why fascism fell in WWII.

There is a purpose here other than defining governmental structure. We need to see that our country isn't perfect. Right now, we are the world's superpower, and the recent terrorist attacks have made us realize that we are not indomitable, and rightly so. We are, to phrase it in a cliché, only human. Not everyone likes us. We wonder why anyone would attack the U.S. and burn our flags in celebrations of terrorism, but we are not a universal good. The Taliban thinks that we are as evil as we think they are. They are a much smaller fraction of our world's population, but they are still a threat, and they have attacked us because they hate us. Granted, we may have an incredibly large portion of the world behind us in our venture against terrorism, democratic and non-democratic countries both, but we are still not perfect.

Perhaps by looking at how we see other governmental structures, we can comprehend why there is this deadly animosity for the United States and better handle what we're up against.



Is SG choosing the best?

COLUMN

In the student union, there is a sign. It says "DON'T YOU WANT \$1000.00 STIPEND?" This sure grabbed my attention. After all, the dollar amounts take up about a quarter of the poster. Under that, the sign reads "RUN FOR STUDENT GOV'T TREASURER."



By
SARAH MORGAN

Are we so selfish a campus that we cannot perform even the simplest of tasks without the glimpse of reward? The executive board of the largest and most important organization on campus is doing nothing more than bribing us poor fools into working for them. Some might think it the most important organization for the simple fact that they are the ones to give away our precious Student Government fees. Sometimes it seems all that money goes to the Greek organization that brings the most members to a voting session to guarantee their motion passes, but that's a whole other story.

A fact that has disturbed me since the semester started: how could a Student Government, a group with an appropriations fund of \$25,000 to give to student groups, function properly without a treasurer? Who has been balancing the checkbook of the students? Then again, I can't imagine much money being appropriated in the weeks since school started. At last count, this week marked the third meeting all semester long.

A job this important and this large should not be handed out to only the greedy and/or poor. We need someone who is responsible enough to deal with students in a professional manner whether or not they get the money they asked for. We need someone who can accurately track down a copy of the appropriation form, and once passed, ensure the organization gets its money. Someone responsible, trustworthy and willing is needed. I don't want any old schmo handling my money. This job should first be placed in front of those who show a genuine interest in the position, after more advertising is done or research performed on recommended students. Then, only af-

ter receiving a lax turnout, should one resort to bribery.

Chances are, no one would apply for the position if it were not for the stipend. On this campus especially, leadership roles seem to be of interest only to those who need a little tuition assistance or who have a sincere passion for the job. Come April, when resident assistants are needed for the upcoming semester, the first thing you see on the advertisements is the fact that you will receive a stipend. Same with other Student Government positions, Community Development Team members and executive board positions in most, if not all, major organizations.

But think: are the people in these important leadership positions the best suited for the job? Is the only reason they applied in the first place the money? Do we want someone who is only in it for minor help in the tuition department to be making crucial decisions that affect us all? I don't think so.

I understand that this institution of higher learning comes at a hefty price. I should know. I have over \$20,000 in financial aid myself. I

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know that not everyone can afford the price tag this school carries. I also understand that we, as a whole, are apathetic and don't really want to do anything. That's why UT is the perfect place to lure people to "sell their souls" and get paid more than \$5.15 an hour, and do a job that is very important, and looks good on our resume as well.

I know many a story about the corruption and blatant misuse of our student government: groups doubling the amount of money they ask for on the night of the vote, motions passing simply because they brought their own, smaller organizations asking for money to attend a conference get turned down while Greek organizations get money for punch and streamers for their functions, no programs planned for the general population.

I don't think giving away landyards with "Student Government: Activate your Life" makes up for the lack of visibility and dependability of our so-called government.

I work across the hall from the Student Government office, and for the life of me, I cannot remember a time this year when an SG officer was there. The general population probably sees SG as the "people who give out the money," instead of the "campus leaders" we make them out to be.

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The Cards on the Table

Ybor City: The Call of the Wild

COLUMN

By NIKI COSTANTINO
Staff Writer

Follow me to Bar Tampa! If you exit out of the parking garage using the door facing the C side of ResCom, you can see this message displayed on a crude banner hanging off the third floor balcony. Bar Tampa is one of the many establishments along the streets of Ybor City, promising a utopia of inebriation. If you haven't heard this phrase yet, or become accustomed to the barhopping routine of madness, where have you been hiding? In the library? Wandering in as freshman, initiation to Tampa becomes official once you've paid a visit to Florida's sin city.

As of yet, there seems to be little option of where to spend one's evening besides this place. Ybor has become the icon of Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights (and every other day of the week for some individuals). Although Tampa is a fast-growing city, with places of entertainment such as the Ice Palace, the new International Mall and Pop City,

youngins have yet to break away from the lure of what goes on in Ybor a few nights a week.

Shall I break the suspense for those of you who don't know (you damn hermits)? In a word—excess. The tradition is usually as follows: About eight people pile into a car meant to accommodate only five, seat belts up the ass, heels in the air, and drinks in hand. The car travels through the city, making turns that award noses in the ear and unintentional shoulders in the face. A half mile from Ybor there is a tremendous dip in the road, which the road-workers have still chosen to ignore (although they do construction on every other road in Tampa) sending every head into the roof of the car.

Your caravan arrives. Tensed muscles relax as the passengers pile out of the vehicle, which to you, designated driver (poor soul), can be parked in a variety of sandbox

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holes, costing anywhere from \$3 to \$20. From there, each destination is different. If it's class you seek, what the hell are you doing here? If it's just plain crowded, deafening techno and hip-hop eruption you want—you've come to the right place. Fat Tuesday's, Club Hedo, and Bar Tampa are some of the chosen favorites of UT students, and for no other reason than the students employed there, God bless them.

To be witness to the ensembles sported by men and women in Ybor City is quite an experience. Since people of all kinds and ages go there, the clothing is of outrageous and creative variety. For the men, it's one of two things: jeans and wife beaters, or skintight stretch shirts sporting rippling pectorals, and dress pants. There are a few of the gentleman who dress in an in-between fashion, looking casual yet sharp. Most stride around looking tough, while the rest roll by, bass pounding,

in cars two inches off the ground. Clothing for the girls (drum roll) can be summed up easily, since the Ravers layer it, and Hoochies lose it. I've seen girls as young as 16 wearing material so sparse it's a wonder they aren't dragged off to the nearest alley and made to live up to the image they portray. They struggle to walk in platforms and heels of obscene heights. Older women attempt to pull off this look as well, and it is a horrific sight which I have no wish to elaborate on.

Ybor grants an almost endless array of misdirection: Nevertheless, no one goes home alone, at least not without a phone number scrawled indecipherably onto a napkin. After being kicked out at 3 a.m., everyone makes their way back to their vehicle, drunk, impoverished, with aching, filthy feet, and ringing ears. The results of the festivities are empty desks at the 8:30 a.m. classes the next morning, pounding heads, stamped hands, hysterical stories of bar dancing and random hook-ups. Needless to say, without fail, attendance for the following week's mania is always presently denied, and notoriously definite.

The fear we now live with, and other thoughts

COLUMN

By CHRISTINA AGOSTO
Staff Writer

Every morning for the last two weeks I have woken up and wondered: will today be the day? Like most other students, before Sept. 11 little filled my waking thoughts other than getting the next paper written or passing my next exam. Today I think more profound things: will today be the day MacDill Airforce Base gets bombed or the U.S. drops a nuke on Afghanistan? I admit it. I'm scared. The worst is the tension, not knowing when or if Sept. 11 will happen again and, if so, where?

My worst fear is that eventually we

will go to war. I am by no means a pacifist, and I do believe our response to these cowardly attacks is an all out war into the very hearts of the terrorists groups. I want to feel safe again, and I want my children to be safe, and as long as these groups are allowed to go unchecked, as they have in the past, no one will be safe.

Saying that, the question must be asked: how far are we willing to take this. Most Americans seem to agree war is the answer, and the men and women

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in our military are ready to go. But at the same time I worry. I worry about my brother and my friends. In all likelihood, men between the ages of 18–35 will be the ones to fight and die in this campaign. That encompasses most of the guys I know. I could include women into this, but unless you volunteer, you're pretty safe. As in World War I and II and Vietnam, it is the women who will keep the country going and the men who will fight to protect it. I just don't know if I'm ready to give up a brother to this.

A couple of days after the attack hap-

pened, I was talking with my mother and brother about the eventuality of a war and my brother said, "I want to fight. I just don't want to die." I felt like crying right then and there. It's a good test to see how you really feel about a possible long-term war. We want to fight, but do we want to die? Do we want to give up our brothers, fathers, husbands and friends to this ugly and possibly life-ending campaign? I don't know yet. The time is coming very soon when we will have to make that very choice.

The young men of our generation will have to decide whether they will accept the challenge handed to us on the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

An Invitation to the Faculty

The Minaret believes that a campus newspaper should provide a central forum for reasoned discourse. Toward that end, we invite you, even urge you, to send us articles of 500-1000 words in which you feel free to offer your thoughts on any issue you feel would be of interest to the university community, whether a campus issue, a local one, or one of national or international concern. Our newspaper will be only as good as the copy it receives, and we ask that you help us produce a Minaret of which the university will be proud.

Sarah Morgan
Commentary Editor



CORRECTION

In last week's edition of The Minaret, we featured a guest column bylined Kelly Preston. Natalie Preston, director of Alumni and Parent Relations, was, in fact, the author.

Popular culture and the different world we live in now

FACULTY FORUM

We live in a suddenly frightening new world. Barely 17 days old, this new life has already seared images into our minds' eyes that we shall carry for the rest of our lives.

Two related images have run through my mind for several days. In one, President George W. Bush looks into the camera and recalls from the Old West posters *reading*, "Wanted—Dead or Alive." The other is an editorial cartoon from two days after the Sept. 11 attacks. In it, two boys sit with their trading cards, and one says to the other, "I'll give you two Michael Jordans and a Barry Bonds for one New York firefighter."



By
DR. ANDY
SOLOMON

Like the rest of us, those cartoon boys have been changed forever, as has their image of heroism. Howard Cosell once dismissed sports as "the toy department of life," unaware of the ironic truth he uttered. It isn't that he undervalued sport, though he did, but that he was blind to the significance of toy departments. Watch boys in a toy store, and you'll see them race to their heroes, to the Hercules and G.I. Joe they dream of being. Now, in September 2001, in the streets and rubble of lower Manhattan, real life has provided heroes greater than those of myth.

George Bush, born around the same time I was, knows nothing first-hand about an Old West that vanished decades before he began. He knows it as I do. I also can look fondly to our boyhood heroes, the Hopalong Cassidy and Lone Rangers who blasted away evil with six-shooters. It's a seductively appealing image, satisfying the dreams we had as boys and the testosterone lust for vengeful justice we feel now as men.

But it would prove a disastrous approach.

We won't at this grave moment go into how—compared to John Wayne-esque heroes, let alone American history's great times-of-crisis giants of the dimensions of an FDR, Lincoln or the extraordinary colonists convening in Philadelphia in the mid-1770s—Bush might by contrast look short in the saddle.

This is no time to criticize our President, whose Sept. 20 speech to Congress gave hopeful evidence he may be growing at beanstalk speed to fill his moment. It would feel not only un-American to criticize but just plain wrong. This is a time to rally in full support behind our leadership, regardless of how we may usually vote. Faced with satanic butchers who steer jet-liner missiles into buildings, former adversaries across an aisle in the U.S. Capitol are now welcomed allies, as all Americans and all people of good will should be.

This must not mean, however, that we can afford to blindly support any and all possible U.S. actions or stifle the right of a free people to speak in public counsel to our leaders. That free and open forum of ideas is a key bedrock of American society. Heroes have died for more than two centuries to preserve it.

From before his election to just days before the terrorist attack, President Bush has given evidence he might need better counsel than he's had. Now that our entire country looks to it for protection and fortitude, is government still something he'd fault Al Gore for trusting in? In a new world where our political options may in part depend on less U.S. need for foreign oil, Bush may wish to rethink his earlier dismissing of oil and gas conservation measures as too inconvenient for our lifestyle. I suspect he now may regret his glee just three weeks ago at the wisdom of tax cuts that happily leave Congress no extra money to spend, for now Congress must issue extra money in frequent \$20 billion chunks. I trust he will soon be urged to also rethink spending what defense money we do have on a dreamy missile defense umbrella barely less porous than pre-Sept. 11 airport security, now that we see we have less to fear what's launched from the other side of the world than from Boston's Logan Airport.

These issues, no doubt, are matters for larger minds than mine. For today, I'll simply return to the movies.

I'll suggest that we look for heroic models not to the westerns George Bush and I loved but to something from our more recent young manhood. It feels a bit silly at this moment to think of the kung fu genre, yet, in the closest thing that genre's come to producing its masterpiece, I recall a wonderful instance of mentoring wisdom. Three minutes into *Enter the Dragon*, a boy comes to Bruce Lee for a martial arts lesson. Lee says, "Kick me." The boy flicks out a listless side kick. Lee smirks at the half-hearted effort and demands another, with "emotional content." The boy lashes a kick in anger. Lee insists, "Not anger. Emotional content."

Half-hearted efforts will prove no match for our current enemy, and anger could cost us the war. Between anger and emotional content there is a critical difference which all successful combatants recognize. At a time when millions here feel fury, it is essential that we all recognize that difference.

I grew up in a tough New York Italian neighborhood where most kids looked like Fonzie. I saw three streetfights a day, sadly even took part in some. What the victorious streetfighters knew was that one key tactic of winning was to make the opponent furious. I saw the same phenomenon countless times in my seven-year

tenure as adviser to UT's karate club. Even in Bush's Old West, the gunfighters who reached old age stayed cool; the furious ones jerked their guns out and fired wide and took return fire in vital organs. Acting in rage you lose your focus and control, you make careless mistakes and burn your energy quickly. Master martial artists stay physically relaxed and keenly vigilant, saving all force for only the instant of attack.

This is not a time to jerk out guns and fire wildly. Rage will lead to not only stupidly inefficient but self-defeating action. Make no mistake: this is a time for action. Those who kill in terrorist acts must be relentlessly pursued, as must all who aid them in any way, and the world must be made safe from them.

Yet it is deeply disturbing to see how

high a percentage of Americans in recent polls now endorse action "even if innocent people are killed." Innocent people, by definition, did nothing to us and deserve no retaliation.

It feels emotionally satisfying for some to blurt out, "If Afghanistan won't give us bin Laden, let's bomb the f—ckers into the Stone Age." The truth is that Afghanistan already lives close to the Stone Age, put there by both external invaders and their own fanatical illegal government, of which the Afghani people are themselves innocent victims.

When I suggested to a friend recently that we would be wrong to kill the innocent, he, an otherwise kind and compassionate soul, said, "Hell, they did it to us." Yes, they did. But once we do it to them we become like them. "They did it to us first" is what Catholics and Protestants say in Northern Ireland, what Palestinians and Israelis say in Jerusalem, what Indians and Pakistanis say in Kashmir, what Greeks and Turks say in Cyprus, as do chicken-and-egg combatants all over the world. Does any of them sound right?

John Wayne machismo may play well at home, though I wish it didn't, but when courting world opinion it elicits little sympathy. While we cannot now fully copy their nonviolence, we might still learn something from the Gandhi-Jackie Robinson-Martin Luther King models—all of whom won their wars—that rage must be sublimated into intelligent purposeful action which makes the right and noble side clear to all observers.

The emotional content our task demands is inexhaustible but patient resolve. This task requires a vast and coordinated variety of tactics whose goal is no less than excising the core of today's cancerous terrorism and continuing on implacably until every metastasizing cell of the perverse belief that killing the innocent is acceptable, even noble, is erased from the globe. We must pursue it and eradicate it not only throughout the Islamic world but in Africa, the Balkans, Asia, Latin America and right here.

We must accomplish this task with a surgical precision that gets the entire disease without harming the guiltless tissue of the world's population, an exacting international surgery that will take not hours but years.

We must at the same time examine the religious, cultural and political underpinnings necessary to answer the painful question we can no longer ignore: why do so many hate us so much? I hope to make my own small contribution to that examination in this space in succeeding weeks.

Rage-guided actions would prove disastrous for America now in at least two ways. If we kill hopelessly suffering innocents in Afghanistan or anywhere, the world, including even us, will have a tougher time seeing the distinction between America and murderers who ride to homicidal death at the World Trade Center. We have felt now such grief at the loss of innocent life; do we wish to sink toward the moral level of those who've caused it? Secondly, those millions around the globe who now see us as nobler than the terrorists would in large measure turn away from helping in the global fight America must now lead. Both morally and strategically, we will have taken a major and irreversible step toward losing this new war.

If this war is lost, neither we, our children nor our grandchildren will ever again know the world we once did, where people could go to sleep at night feeling safe.

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A poem for Sept. 11, 2001

By DR. ARTHUR HOLLIST
Faculty Forum

In my native Sierra Leone, one commonly consoles a sad, grieving or bereaved person with the words "osh ya," an expression derived from the English "hush" or "hush now." "Osh ya" is usually spoken softly in the comforting tone of a mother to a just-injured child, and one usually complements the phrase with a hug or a rub on the back. Below is my "osh ya" to the UT community in the wake of September 11.

"Osh Ya," America, "Osh."

I am the "foreign" child in your midst
Come to say "osh" in this time of grief.
I am the one among the huddled masses:
The one you fed in Somalia
Plucked from genocide in Rwanda
The one, remember, you took pity on as a refugee
Gave sanctuary as an asylee
The homeless from Sierra Leone you fitted with prostheses.
The orphan from Kosovo you offered your home.

I am the one who teaches your children
Heals your parents, builds your roads
Sweeps your floors, picks your oranges, plays your ball games.
I am the one whose chemistry first matched your daughter's
And then your son's
And now we're in-laws.
I am son of the Jamaican, daughter from Prague,
Secretaries of your State.
You know me, the dark-skinned, blue-eyed
Flat-nosed, funny-accented one
With the lock-jaw name,
The "foreign" child in your midst
Come to say

"Osh Ya," America, "Osh."

In remote and desolate corners of the globe
Far from the camera's lens and standing armies
I too was covered in folds of dust
Felt the crush of concrete on my now unstable head
Choked with smoke
Singed, burned, then roasted by fire
Pricked by shards of glass
Impaled by steel girders.
Terrors alone I quietly endured.
I too have roamed the streets bewildered, wailed forlorn
A heart broken, a future mangled, life changed utterly,
Wondering what just God stood by, unmoved,
Such destruction on my unwary head.
And now—the blight of so many thousand dead
All in one day, in one hour, a few crumbling seconds.

Children of the rainbow
I hear your cries, see the tears
I feel the anger, understand the rage
And know the loss:
Innocence gone, a scarred experience in its wake
A landmark, those magnificent twins, effaced.
Dear Liberty in long lines at ports constrained
Numbed into a compliant sacrifice.
Reduced to nervous glances by the pitter patter behind her back
Inclined to see sinister plots in every huddle
Under every turban, behind every veil.
And I—worried by static on the phone, a rap on the door—
A Cyclops's eye in every oval imagine.
Pain seared deep into our souls.

But we will heal America, and, twins, will rise again,
As surely as the nightmare yields to glorious day.

"Osh O," America, "Osh."

Dr. Hollist is an associate professor in UT's English department.

Life and death along the Mexican border

FACULTY FORUM

"There's a land, so I've been told, where the streets are paved with gold, and it's still, just across the borderline. When it comes to take your turn, there's a lesson you must learn. You can lose more than you'll ever hope to find."



By
DR. FRED
PUNZO

(from the song, *The Borderline*, by Ry Cooder).

Sometime during the early evening hours of May 19, Raymond Barreda and his son crossed the

U.S. - Mexican border into the Cabeza Prieta National Desert Refuge in southwest Arizona. Barreda was from El Esquimite, a small mountain village situated in the coffee country around Atzacan. They had come north to work in the vegetable fields of Arizona and California, seeking better wages to send back home to their family, and willing to work 16-hour days at tasks that U.S. citizens routinely refuse to do. Barreda, 54, had made the trip once before, working in a cannery in Ohio and picking vegetables in Mississippi. He wanted to help his son achieve the same dream of coming to America. There were also 28 other Mexican Nationals in the group from various regions of Mexico. Four days later, U.S. Border Patrol officers began finding the survivors and the dead.

According to court documents, Jesus Lopez-Ramos, an immigrant smuggler or coyote, two other guides, and 30

would-be immigrants, ages 16 to 35, began their journey in Sonoyta in the Mexican state of Sonora. After crossing the border, they drove for about an hour and were then dropped off and told by Lopez-Ramos that they only had to walk a short distance to find the road leading to Tucson. These individuals had already paid large sums of money, in some cases their entire life savings, to be transported to Arizona. What they did not know is that their guides had dropped them off in a re-

mote area known as The Devil's Path, more than 70 miles from the nearest road, with little food and water. I have conducted field studies on desert organisms for over 25 years in this area of the Sonoran Desert and have come to know it well. It is without a doubt one of the most remote and unforgiving places in the U.S.

On the second day their water ran out. Some turned back toward Mexico. The others, including the Barredas, continued north, walking over a rocky, bleak terrain with little shelter from temperatures over 115 degrees. They began to drink their urine and obtain what little moisture they could from cactus plants. The first group found by the Border Patrol was about 30 miles from Interstate 8. Fourteen of the illegal immigrants had died in the crossing. Lopez-Ramos was picked up by U.S. agents the next day and charged with transporting and harboring illegal aliens. When officials learned that individuals died as a result of the smuggler's actions, federal officials in the U.S. said they would charge Lopez-Ramos with murder.

And so it goes. There have been numerous incidents such as this one over the years. What are the circumstances that force people to undertake such a perilous journey? Lack of jobs? Low wages? Explosive population growth? In reality, all of these factors are involved. In Villa Juarez and Ojinaga, Mexico, I have seen haggard workers hauling stacks of wooden stakes into pepper and onion fields, in temperatures exceeding 110 degrees, without shade, their young children (from teenagers to those as

young as five) working at their side, for less than \$4/day. When I ask if their children attend school they reply that the nomadic life of a farm worker

leaves little time for schooling. Under the best of conditions, a working family of five may earn \$1500/year. Expatriate workers send large sums of money home to their families every year (\$1 billion to El Salvador, and over \$7 billion to Mexico, which represents the largest source of foreign capital to these and other countries).

Although Mexico's new President Vicente Fox has been an outspoken advocate of Mexican workers in the U.S., according to a N.Y. Times report (May 6, 2001),

he has provided precious little relief for migrants working in his own country. Mexican journalists discovered that children as young as eight years of age had been working in packing plants owned by the Fox family. At first he denied the reports. A few days later he announced that the plants had dismissed more than 20 minors while acknowledging the violations as a sad reality of Mexican life. In their village at Esquimite, Barreda could earn between 40 - 50 pesos per day (less than \$5). In rural areas across Mexico, as well as many undeveloped countries worldwide, wages are frequently less than \$2/day. In the U.S., undocumented and non-union legal workers can earn between \$1.50 - \$6.25/

hour picking vegetables, pruning fruit trees, working in factories, hotels, restaurants, construction, or as domestics. When they arrive here, they are often the victims of unscrupulous employers, unsafe working conditions, substandard housing, forced overtime, and lack of medical care. Strangers in a strange land. In recent years, many have been beaten and shot at by local ranchers and US military patrols along the U.S.-Mexico border. Incidents of violence have escalated dramatically.

I have seen first-hand the conditions under which many migrant farm workers live, from Phoenix, Arizona to Mango, Fla. They often find themselves crowded into dilapidated shacks with roofs caving in, without running water or electricity, picking the fruits and vegetables that wind up on our tables. Pesticides raining down on them from crop dusters who view them as beasts of burden. And yet they come. Garment workers in east Los Angeles sweatshops, locked in crowded warehouses without sprinkler systems, paid by the number of stitches they sew, and afraid to seek redress for fear of deportation or physical abuse. Many undocumented workers arrive in the U.S. with malnutrition, diabetes, heart and respiratory ailments, and anemia, and the lack of adequate medical attention once they get here makes these conditions considerably worse. Still, they come. They come to do the work that we will not do. They come because

many industries thrive on cheap labor, and so municipal and federal officials look the other way. These deplorable conditions have been well documented by journalists and activists for years, and yet we do very little to improve the quality of their lives. Of course, that should not surprise us, since we have a less than stellar record of providing low-income housing, a living wage, and health care for many of our own citizens. To put this in perspective, an increase in the price of a head of lettuce by five cents could increase wages by 40 percent and provide the funds needed for health care.

There is some room for hope on the horizon. Under the Clinton administration, the number of community health clinics in rural and frontier areas increased significantly. Under pressure from Amnesty International, the American Red Cross, as well as various community activist groups, the

current Bush administration has proposed a further 10 percent increase (\$124 million) for 3400 community health care facilities, including 400 migrant health clinics. There is certainly a great deal of work that needs to be done to improve working conditions worldwide. Get involved. For more information on this subject I recommend the following: (1) A. Moctezuma & M. Davis, *Policing the Third Border*, Color Lines, Fall, 1999, Vol. 2; (2) T. Conover, *Coyotes*, Vintage Books / Random House, N.Y., 1987; (3) J. Akers, "Operation Gatekeeper: Militarizing the Border," *International Socialist Review*, June-July, 2001; (4) T. Vanderpool, "Arizona's Underground Railroad," *The Progressive*, March 2001; (5) "AFL-CIO adopts new immigration policy," Mar. 17, 2000, available at CA Labor Federation Web site at www.calaborfed.org; (6) M. Jordan & K. Sullivan, "The New Face of Mexico," *Harvard International Review*, Spring, 2000.

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Top 5 things you'll never hear a UT professor say:

1. Math final exam: $2+2 = ?$
2. Attendance is neither mandatory nor encouraged.
3. For next class, please watch 5 hours of Baywatch and be prepared to discuss the deep underlying thematic nuances.
4. I think Brian Sutton is one sexy bitch.
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Police Beat

Compiled by GORDON IRELAND

Staff Reporter

Sept. 17

Car stolen from Martinez lot

A student parked her car in the Martinez lot at 8:45 a.m. When she returned at 12:10 p.m., her car was missing. Security toured the Martinez lot and was not able to locate the vehicle. The student was given the non-emergency number to TPD.

Student assaulted, defends self

A student was on his way to his room when an unknown black male approached him. The black male asked the student for a cigarette and 50 cents for a beer. The student told the unknown male that he had none and tried to continue home. The suspect then took a swing at the student, hitting him on the right side of his forehead, causing a slight abrasion. The student defended himself, bringing the suspect to the ground. The student returned to his room and called security. There was no further information available by press time.

Students offer different stories after sleep-over

A student reported to security that on Sept. 13 she and a male friend were "hanging out" in her room and that neither of them had been drinking. Around 2 a.m. she told the male that she was going to bed. The male remained lying with the her in her room. She stated that after a while he asked if he could get under the covers because the girl's roommate kept the air conditioner on and it was cold. She agreed. However, after a period of time, the male began touching her inappropriately. She turned away from him and acted asleep, hoping to deter him from doing any more. She stated that the male continued and then he placed her hand on him. She pulled her hand away and continued to act asleep. When her alarm went off, she got dressed and went to class. When she returned to her room at 12 p.m., the male was still in her room. To get him out, she asked him to lunch. The female did not report this incident to security earlier because she left town for the weekend. The male was also interviewed. He stated that the female invited him to her room, because of his room smelling like his roommate's vomit. He further stated that she invited him to spend the night and to sleep in her bed. The male said he may have "cuddled up to her" and put his arm around her in his sleep. He stated that he did not remember touching the victim inappropriately.

Sept. 18

Laundry stolen from Brevard Hall

A student informed security that at 9 a.m., he had placed his clothing in the laundry room in Brevard Hall. He returned at 11 a.m., and was unable to find his clothing. The stolen clothes included shirts and pants. However, the suspect left the student's shorts and socks. Estimated value of stolen clothing, per the victim, is \$500.

Vehicle window broken in front of Lecture Hall 1

A female reported that her car's window had been shattered. She parked her car in front of Lecture Hall 1, on University Drive, around 1 a.m. At 2 p.m., she returned to her car and noticed the damage. Nothing was missing from her vehicle.

Sept. 19

Jewelry stolen while student sleeps

A student notified security that between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 18th her jewelry was stolen. She had a couple people spend the night of Sept. 17 in her room in Vaughn Center. The resident left her room and when she returned at 8 a.m., her jewelry was still on her desk and her guests were also still in the room. She took a short nap and when she got up at 9:30 a.m., both her jewelry and her overnight guests were gone. When security questioned one of the victims' guests, she stated that she left around 9:30 a.m. and that the other guest left at 9 a.m. She also stated that she had no knowledge of the victims' jewelry. Jewelry stolen was a ladies 14 kt. gold chain and a set of 14 kt. gold earrings. Approximate value of stolen items is \$450.

Vehicle vandalized in Martinez lot

A student reported to security that he parked his car around 3:30 a.m. in the Martinez

parking lot. When he returned to his car around 2:50 p.m., he noticed his driver's side window shattered and door damaged. Upon inspection of the interior of the car, the only thing missing was approximately \$10 in foreign currency. The victim also stated that other contents were moved from various places in the car and placed on the passenger's seat.

Second Vehicle vandalized in Martinez lot

While an officer was investigating the above report, he noticed the rear passenger window of another vehicle shattered. The officer notified the victim who was then escorted to her car. She inspected the interior contents and stated that items from her glove box were removed and placed on her passenger seat. The only thing missing was a small flashlight. It was also noted that her radar detector was still attached to the windshield.

Third vehicle vandalized in Martinez lot

While security was completing the two above reports of vandalism in Martinez, an officer noticed another vehicle's rear window shattered. Security notified the owner, who was brought to the scene. Once again, the contents of the vehicle's glove box were placed on the passengers seat. After inspection of the interior, the victim stated nothing was missing. Security took photos at her request.

Unattended items stolen from Brevard Hall

A student informed security that her wallet and keys were stolen in front of Brevard Hall. She stated she left her wallet, keys and books unattended on a bench in front of Brevard Hall between 9:45 p.m. and 10 p.m. When she returned, her wallet and keys were missing. Someone returned the keys to the student desk. However, her wallet is still unaccounted.

Sept. 21

Harassing phone calls

Security was informed by two students that a person had been making numerous calls from his cell phone to the complainants. The caller would either ask to come over or hang the phone up when the complainants answered. Since alleged suspect is not a UT student, the victims were given the number to TPD to file a police report.

Golf cart hits parked vehicle

A person driving the grounds crew's golf cart informed security he hit a parked car. The vehicle was parked on the second floor in the garage. The person had no reason as to why he ran into the vehicle's rear fender.

Security confiscates drug paraphernalia in Smiley Hall

Security was called to Smiley Hall. Upon arrival, they detected a strong smell of marijuana. The officers located the origin of the odor and knocked at the door three times. After no answer, the officers entered the room with a passkey. There were no occupants upon entry. However, security noticed the vents covered with duct tape. With the smell of marijuana and the vents taped over, they decided to search the room. During the search, a cardboard tube stuffed with dryer sheets was found. A marijuana-like odor was radiating from the tube. The student arrived in his room and security informed him of the search, which he allowed to continue. Upon further searching, security found a small glass pipe with residue. The student stated that it was his pipe, but that it had been some time since he smoked marijuana from it. The officers confiscated the pipe and cardboard tube. They also informed the student that he would be charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of false identification.

Sept. 22

Security breaks up ResCom party

Security was called to ResCom because of underage drinking. Upon entering the room, they observed 15 to 20 open beer bottles scattered on the tables and counters. A bottle of Tequila and shot glasses were also found. There were eight underage occupants in the room. The individuals were referred to the judicial board.

Student's room in McKay Hall broken in

A student stated that she left her room at 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 21. When she returned Sept. 22 at 2 p.m., she noticed her door ajar. The door lock was on the floor. Security noted it took bodily force to gain entry. Items missing were one laptop and approximately 100 CD's. Combined value was \$3500.

Girls Gone Wild going to court

By JAMES L. ROSICA

Knight Ridder Newspapers

A Florida State University student is saying she unwittingly and unfairly became a "girl gone wild."

The woman is suing the makers of the *Girls Gone Wild* video series, saying they videotaped her without her permission while she was topless on New Orleans' Bourbon Street at last year's Mardi Gras celebration.

The student, identified as B.G. to protect her privacy, did not know she was in the videos until friends told her they saw her in a television

advertisement, her suit says. Other friends told her they saw her topless on a billboard for the video in Florence, Italy.

Her invasion of privacy suit, filed in Leon Circuit Civil Court last week, seeks damages of more than \$15,000 and a court order banning further sales of any *Girls Gone Wild* videos in which she appears.

Advertisements for the public nudity series run often on television, and its Web site features titles such as *Mardi Gras Co-eds*, *College Girls Exposed* and *Sexy Sorority Sweethearts*.

Kelly Overstreet Johnson and Kelly O'Keefe of the Broad and Cassel law firm's Tallahassee office

are representing the woman. The suit said the student was with her boyfriend, but the lawyers would not disclose any other information about her.

"She did not have any idea she was being filmed; these video cameras were hidden," Johnson said. Added O'Keefe: "They're really exploiting her, victimizing her."

Executives at MRA Holding, the parent company of distributor MRA Video in Hollywood, Calif., could not be reached Monday.

Legal experts said they felt mixed about the suit's merits.

Steve Gey, a constitutional law professor at Florida State University, explained that case law has not

recognized privacy claims in public places, such as on the street. But courts have recognized a right not to have one's image commercially exploited.

"I don't think the law is all that clear or coherent," Gey said.

Neville Johnson, a Los Angeles-based privacy and entertainment lawyer, also called it "a tough case." The woman intentionally bared herself in public, "but it's troublesome that now she's the unintentional poster girl, if you will, for this thing," he said.

"She made a stupid move," Johnson said. "The question is: Does she have to pay for it for the rest of her life?"

CORRECTION

A caption in last week's edition of *The Minaret* incorrectly identified the UT ROTC students during the gathering on Plant Hall's verandah. The students pictured on the front page were members of both the Army and Air Force ROTC units.

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Hijackers used fake identification

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continues to rise as investigators interview more associates and former roommates of the suspected hijackers.

Investigators also remained concerned Monday about the possibility that crop-dusting aircraft might be used in some future terror attack.

The FAA extended a ban on the flight of crop-dusters until midnight Monday, and Ashcroft said a search of compact discs and baggage of someone taken into custody revealed "a significant amount of information" off the Internet about aerial application of pesticides.

Ashcroft asked that anyone who has had contact with people showing an unusual interest in crop-dusting contact the FBI. One of the dead suspected hijackers, Mohamed Atta, was a regular visitor to crop-dusting companies in Florida.

Investigators also said that the Bush administration is having second thoughts about releasing details of evidence linking bin Laden to the terror attacks. Bush promised to present it to the public and the international community this week.

But an FBI official said CIA fears their sources will be compromised is hampering completion of the report.

"It's really hard to be specific and avoid telegraphing what your sources and methods are," said a

senior FBI agent working on the case. "Questions immediately come up like how do you know that an operative of bin Laden was at a meeting. You can burn a lot of relationships by going public."


Early in 2000, Khalid al-Midhar, who the FBI named as one of the hijackers who participated in the Pentagon attack, was videotaped at a meeting in Kuala Lumpur with suspects in the USS Cole bombing.

The CIA has resisted the media's request to reports who recorded al-Midhar, the agent said. There are more sources linking the terror attacks to bin Laden that the CIA would rather keep secret.

The evidence is persuasive, the agent said. "The President will have a very clear and incontrovertible predication for taking harsh action."

The Federal Aviation Administration is also taking steps to improve security after the discovery that several people arrested in the investigation were in possession of identification cards from companies that service passenger aircraft.

Rebecca Trexler, FAA spokeswoman, said all workers with access to secure airport areas, such as baggage handlers, food service workers and other employees who have access to airliners, ramps and tarmacs were asked last week to have their IDs re-checked.



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little facts to know & tell

By SAMANTHA HORVATH
Accent Editor

There are so many things in this world that seem to be decreasing: average vocabulary size, animal populations and, most importantly, sarcasm. Let's face it. Sarcasm is a dying art form, at least on this campus.

What is sarcasm? If you don't know, then you are part of the problem, but I will enlighten you anyway because I'm nice like that. According to my dictionary, sarcasm is defined as a bitter or wounding remark, or a taunting statement that is especially ironic in wording.

What exactly do I mean when I say that sarcasm is a drowning in a sea of unintelligible despair? Well, take for example, my friend. She is one of the most sarcastic people that I know, with the obvious exception of myself. It is truly pitiful to see her witty comebacks lost on her bewildered company. In fact, she has been affectionately termed the "sarcastic bitch." What higher compliment could you expect to get?

In layman's terms, they just don't get it. Honestly, I don't really understand what is so difficult to comprehend.

Sarcasm can be very subtle, which makes it hard to detect. Also, sometimes sarcasm is not carried off well, which can make it utterly ridiculous. However, with perfect inflection and execution, it can be construed as nothing else. My friend has his

own theory on this subject. As he so eloquently puts it, that would take thought, which would take effort, and as we all know, people do not like to exert effort if they don't have to.

Another theory is that to understand sarcasm, one must be a cynic at heart because as we all know, the best sarcastic remarks are the work of a cynic (one who believes that human conduct is motivated wholly by self-interest). Getting back to the theory, sarcasm is

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far beyond the realm of their lives.

Yet another theory, perhaps the best of the bunch, was given by my suitemate. Apparently, some sort of stereotypically sarcastic tone exists, and if you don't use that tone, then it is lost. Also, people might think that it was not necessarily directed towards them.

However, the most humorous annotations came from my friend's boyfriend. He explained it in terms of swordplay. "It's like saying touché or en-garde. You are preparing them for a battle of the wits, but they are left impaled by your words, bleeding on the field."

I don't really know if those are even remotely close to the reason why all of my clever remarks fall on deaf ears. Being the

cynic that I am, I prefer to think of people as generally stupid.

Now, you may think that these testaments are not based on fact, but you're wrong. I have empirical data, direct observations. Case in point, a bunch of us went out to dinner. Some of us are close friends while others were acquaintances.

Over the course of the evening, we made sarcastic comments about the food, the environment, the conversation, etc. No one seemed to understand, except of course, my comrade in arms, a fellow cynic. At one point, one of the group members decided that she would steal our comments, as if no one had heard them. On top of it all, she screwed up the delivery. Everyone looked at her like she was crazy because her comment (our comments to be exact) did not fit her personality. They all knew that they were our comments.

Then, of course, there are those few progressive people who completely understand all that is sarcasm. They know it so well that they can even detect it on IM and respond.

Anyway, upon further consideration, I would much rather have sarcasm be a dwindling force among the few cynics left in this world than have it be ruined by baser minds.

If you find yourself faced with a straight-laced, seemingly truthful statement, think again for it may be the work of a masterful cynic who would be horribly disappointed if his/her hard work was not rewarded. Have your rapier sharp in case you ever run into me, my roommates, or another fine sarcastic individual. We truly are artists.

MADAME ZOLA'S HOROSCOPES

September 28, 2001 - October 5, 2001

By CHRISTINA AGOSTO

Astrology & Astronomy



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You're never too old to learn something new. It's better to embrace your problems than to retreat from them. Go head to head with your competitors even if the race doesn't have a fair start.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Impatience looks to be your number one problem. The world insists on moving at its own pace, which may be quite a bit slower than what you have in mind.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)

It isn't easy to teach an old dog new tricks, but it certainly can be done. You're living proof of that. It took you a while to get the hang of it, but now that you know the score, you have to work toward that next goal.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You know what you want, and you aren't afraid to reach out and grab it. The increased sense of ambition that you are feeling right now is thrilling, and the resulting success is addictive.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A new business venture is just over the horizon, but remember that you're only one of many choices that a prospective customer or partner can make. Dialogue is healthy, but make sure you don't use words that are too large or obscure to reach your simple audience.



PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

You've been out of the running for a long, long time, but that doesn't mean that there isn't still hope for a comeback. Climb down off of the shelf you've been perched on lately, and put yourself in circulation again.



ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

Getting in on the ground floor of an important project could be a great opportunity for you. Even if you didn't come up with the idea, you're happy to be aboard.



TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20)

Having a bad attitude rarely helps a dire situation. The best way to get through a hardship today is to be idealistic rather than cynical. Sure, a lot of things can go wrong, but just as many can also go right — do your best to focus on the latter.



GEMINI (May 21-Jun. 21)

For the next day or two, you'll be in charge of your destiny. Everyone else has to work it out on his/her own, but you can provide valuable clues for those who will listen. Take your position of leadership seriously.



CANCER (Jun. 22-Jul. 22)

You didn't feel like you had a whole lot of control over the past few days, but all that is about to change. You get to call the shots at the beginning of the week. Any people on whom you lavish your attentions should count themselves lucky.



LEO (Jul. 23-Aug. 22)

If you've got something of importance to do, this is a great week to do it. Your week will be filled with power, balance and acceleration. Feel free to lay out your ideas for the whole world to see. Someone who once doubted you is now thoroughly convinced.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Try to make your course corrections early before you end up somewhere that you'd rather not be. Since making a mistake later in the week is almost inevitable, it's probably in your best interest to start collecting witnesses and alibis right now.

SIGNS

FIRE

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capricorn

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libra
aquarius

Points & how they add up

By ANN ONYMOUS
Weight Watchers Participant

My name is Ann, and I am fat. Maybe fat isn't the right word, but I'm sure not the average-weight for someone my age and height. After three years of college and the thirty, almost thirty-five pounds that accompanied it, I decided it was time for a change.

There it was on bright orange paper. "Weight loss that fits right into your school day. Weight Watchers." Those words were like angels singing from above. With an affordable price tag attached, there was no stopping me, except that the meetings on campus didn't fit into my school day. So, I approached Stephanie Russell, on-campus advisor for the Weight Watchers (WW) meeting, and told her of my plight. She said, "no problem. You can go to meeting off campus and hear exactly the same thing."

So, I went. Somewhere

in the back of my mind, I expected it to be like an AA meeting. "Hi, I'm Ann, and I'm fat." In response, I would receive "Hi, Ann." Thankfully, this was nothing like that. There were probably twenty other people there, all very friendly and very helpful. We discussed how to enrich our lives by treasuring the

We decided to enrich our lives by treasuring that simple things in life...there is more to life than food.

simple things in life, such as rainy Sunday afternoons or fresh squeezed lemonade. In other words, there is more to life than food.

More to life than food? You have got to be kidding me. All my life, whether happy or sad times, there was food. Haven't seen an old friend for a long time? Let's go out to eat. Life is food. Food is life. That's probably why I'm here. So instead of the make-

you-go-broke diet fads of the eighties, WW doesn't make you buy their food, or give you some ridiculous mantra to repeat whenever the need to snack arises. Instead, they use the points system.

With this system, depending on your weight range, you are allotted a daily points range. Keep your meals and portions within this range, and you'll be set. There's even a handy dandy little guide in the back of the pamphlet.

I'll be honest. I totally overestimated the amount that a cup holds. I swear a cup is more when I bake. There's no way a portion that small could have that many points—no freakin' way.

Despite the initial mis-sizing of portions, I think I can do this. I can lose weight. I weigh in tomorrow. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for something less than I am now.

Due to a reporting error in the Spartan Spotlight of Becky Carey, she is the Vice President of Recruitment for Alpha Chi Omega and the co-chair for the sorority.



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ANI MANIA

Your weekly guide to anime



By TYLER MARTINOLICH
Staff Writer

Friends, Romans and lovers, lend me thy ears! It has come to my attention that there are those in this world who have in fact not seen *Akira*! I, of course, refuse to believe this, however, since I have referred to *Akira* in every previous anime review. I thought it was in my best interest to review *Akira* itself, so on with the show. What the hell is *Akira* exactly?

Say hello to teenage bikers, neon strips, psychic duels and heathens at their finest, armageddon and a very "not for kids" atmosphere. All these things mesh together to form the one definitive image of a "western anime." Is this a bad thing taking anime out of the east and westernizing it? In the minds of those who believe modern anime predated the 1988 release of *Akira*, it is. However, just because *Akira* serves almost as a tombstone for more eastern anime, it does not make the film a bad one by any stretch of the imagination. *Akira* is simply one of the greatest films ever to be released in the west or the east. Even watching *Akira* now, over 10 years after its original release, its story hits very close to home.

There are three things that make *Akira* so timeless. First, *Akira* is brilliantly made. Second, it's a mess, at least taken as a standalone film and not a celebratory

remix of Otomo's, the creator of *Akira*, manga. Interestingly enough, Dark Horse Comics has recently reissued the manga version of *Akira*. The third reason is *Akira* is actually better because it's a mess and not as cut and dry as organized anime.

From an animation standpoint, *Akira* is as good as any anime film ever made, and I will also go so far as to include any animated movie ever. *Akira* simply has an insane amount of detail and enormity of vision that has never been rivaled. Moreover, *Akira* was the first anime to have a western

Akira to this day remains a landmark achievement in cell animation. *Akira* simply cannot be ignored find a copy and watch it today.

style. In a cracker jack definition, western style includes things like extra-smooth, fluid movement, no lingering (comic like) held frames, super deformed characters and no cheesy "cartoon" acting but true theatrical acting, all of which has become staples of Disney and other Western cartoons.

Now, on to the mess. What makes *Akira* a mess, at least from a western perspective, is its lack of clear-cut characterization. There is no right or wrong, no good or evil, no hero or enemy in the world of *Akira*. The reason for this is, in part, summed up by Otomo: "It was never my intention to build the story around one central character. Rather, I attempted to show

many different perspectives on life and personality in this vast megalopolis."

The film has so many ill-defined characters, unresolved threads and unanswered questions that despite *Akira*'s two hour plus run time, one feels at least an hour ended up on the cutting-room floor. However, the brilliance of *Akira* is found in the lack of character histories and not resolving every plot thread. Why? The mess of real life is what gives *Akira* its edge. Its impossible to watch *Akira* and not envision the entire endless possibilities of the origins of its characters, sidetracks and subplots, suggested but not developed on screen. It's the anarchy, the incontinent plotting and the sheer glorious mess of *Akira* that makes the film an anime legend.

To truly experience *Akira*, one needs to watch it first hand, which is exactly what I recommend for people who are interested in anime to do. *Akira* has recently been re-released and re-dubbed in a special edition DVD, and it is for rent at any Blockbuster or can be picked up in just about any CD shop or movie store. *Akira* defined the cutting edge of anime around the world. *Akira* to this day remains a landmark achievement in cell animation. It retains its explosive impact of the highly detailed animation and its true-to-life characterization. *Akira*, with its intensely violent sage of power and corruption, is simply a must see for any anime enthusiast. *Akira* can be looked back to as the inspiration for just about any anime since its original release. *Akira* simply cannot be ignored find a copy and watch it today.

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By MINERVA RODRIGUEZ
Staff Reporter

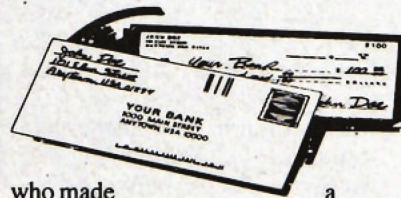
Do you believe all criminals are masterminds? When society thinks of robbers, we usually believe that they carefully calculate their heists. Although this could be true for some thieves, most are clearly too dumb to steal. Maybe these criminals watched too many movies that portray crooks as cool, smart, and clever. However, they fail to realize is that it is just a movie.

Imagine some guy stealing an elderly lady's purse, but all she had in it was a plastic bag containing her dog's poop. I bet from now on, that robber will think twice before stealing again.

Another humorous an-

ecdote retells the story of a cocaine seller who approaches two police officers, trying to sell them the drug. The guy didn't even notice their jackets had the word police written on them.

Then there was the man



who made a deal with the court? In order to avoid a jail sentence, he agreed to pay \$9,600 in damages, but he paid by check, a forged check, consequently earning him ten years.

However, not all of these people are stupid. One which is quite ingenious actually. Juan Lopez, a prisoner in a Mexican jail, saved a particularly acidic salsa, which he had in his dinners, for six years and used it to melt the bars on his cell window.

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Crooks newsletter e-mailed to you on a regular basis. There are also links to other crime related website, such as wacky 911 calls and breaking facts cases.

If you find these stories interesting, like I do, then check out Clumsy Crooks for more anecdotes. At this website, you will find silly stories from all over the world. Why? Because dumb criminals are everywhere.

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Why go when you can rent?

By RACHEL YEOMANS
Staff Reporter

Don't really feel like socializing? Ybor clothes just don't have that same appeal and aren't looking very comfortable at the moment? All you really want is a nice big bowl of popcorn or a box of freshly delivered pizza.

What else accompanies that solitary urge? Why not a few movie rentals? I'm not talking about typical chick flicks with mushy scenes and teary smiles. I'm talking about funky thrillers that keep you guessing at each twist until at the end you're left on the edge of your seat with your mouth hanging open.

A good film to begin the night with would be a good old classic mystery. *The Spanish Prisoner* is classified in this genre, but that's just the surface. Add numerous twists and turns, deceptive characters and surprising outcomes, and you've got the plot.

Hard worker and upstand-

ing citizen, Joe Ross (Campbell Scott), begins the mystery by developing a process for his company that's so secret you never even learn what it is, but its existence jump starts a trail of corruption hidden behind professionalism and misguided trust.

This corruption starts with the mysterious appearance of savvy Jimmy Dell, played by none other than Steve Martin. Don't expect his usual comedic acclaims in this flick. His cold, flat demeanor sets

off rather cautious and curious reactions. This switch of characterization flatters Martin's acting style and intensifies the mystery brought forth in the story. Numerous puzzling characters flow in and out of the intricate plot.

Along side Martin is the questionable secretary, Susan (Rebecca Pidgeon), who is all too eager to stand alongside Ross, causing you to wonder if she's merely ignorant or exactly the opposite. Each character presented

seems to withhold deeper intent than when he or she first appears.

The acting skills shine in this offbeat film by director David Mamet. One minute you are applauding the heroic qualities of a character, and the next you scorn their realistic motives. Finally you are taken aback by the appearance of yet another individual that adds another vital piece to the puzzle.

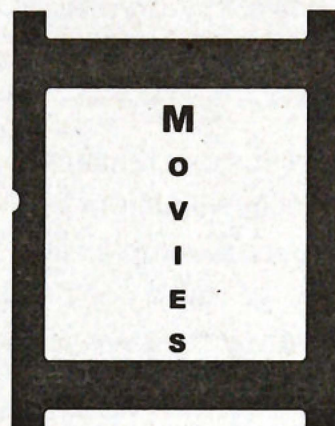
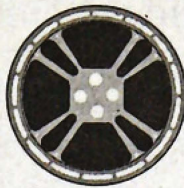
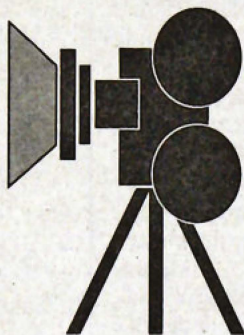
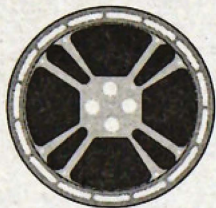
The Spanish Prisoner is a fabulous mystery that in no way can be predicted, up to the very last detail. It's definitely a movie that you need to pay attention. Even so, you may still find yourself asking questions

at the end. No matter how intense your confusion may be, you will still find yourself completely amazed by each ingenious set-up and each actor's amazing portrayal of the complicated characters involved. Its ingenuity will certainly impress; but what if you add memory and murder to the scenario? Then you have another

movie with just as much psychological power along with disturbing chills that boggle your mind long after the power is turned off.

Considering the film's intricate details and surprises however, you won't

feel lazy or useless biding your time in their viewings. So instead of popping in Road Trip or a Julia Roberts' romance for the ten millionth time, consider this psychologically engaging mystery that will prove to be very exciting entertainment. And of course, don't forget the popcorn.



Glitter

By USHA NANKANI
Staff Reporter

Glitter, set in the 1980s and directed by Vondie Curtis Hall, stars Mariah Carey, was released last week nationwide.

Billie Frank (Carey) is a young gifted singer who was given up for adoption by her mother, who was also a singer but less successful.

Frank grows up in an orphanage and starts dancing in clubs with her two friends when she is older. One of her friends, played by Da Brat, adds the humor to the movie. It is a typical story of a young girl who gets discovered by a famous DJ, Dice. He loves her voice and becomes her producer.

Frank instantly becomes famous, and Dice and Billie fall in love. The movie also portrays the troubles that come with being a superstar. The relationship goes through a rocky ride when Frank is asked to work with other producers. This causes a strain in the relationship between Frank and Dice. She then gets away from Dice to try to find her own unique style. This is where she composes a duet with Eric Bennet, which sounds great.

Still, the movie is tacky. It becomes more dramatic toward the end when the villain gets his revenge from Dice because of a money deal and an attack.

This is a good movie for all Mariah Carey fans. Her acting skills are not the finest, but she has potential. She looks her best in the movie and the soundtrack is very promising.

The movie plays most of the songs from her new soundtrack, also called *Glitter*. If you are a fan of Mariah Carey and her music, watch the movie, but if you cannot stand tacky movies where the acting seems forced, then stay home.

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Music Mania

New! The anti-Britney

By BONNIE WAGNER
Staff Reporter

"Music has always been in me. When I sing, I have a sense of peace, I feel like my brain turns off, and I become the core person of who I am—the essence of me. I feel connected to whatever is out there. It's almost like I leave my body and get to watch," newcomer Michelle Branch told Maverick Records, regarding where her music comes from.

You may have heard this 18-year old Arizona native on TRL with her catchy song, "Everywhere." In her first widely produced album, *The Spirit Room*, songs like "You Set Me Free," "Here With Me" and "If Only She Knew" contain beats as catchy and as easy to sing to as her current hit.

I was pleasantly surprised to pop this CD into my player because every song appealed to me, and I know instinctively that this album will join the lucky few others that will permanently in my CD player.

Most albums pick up speed early on, then die off by the end of the album, but *The Spirit Room* has catchy songs throughout and doesn't lose any ground. Part of the reason for this

phenomenon is the fact that Branch has either written or co-written every song that she recorded, a feat that is very rare in the today's pop world.

While her music is pop, it's not bubble pop like Britney Spears. Rather, Branch is being nicknamed "the Anti-Britney" because the two couldn't be any more different. Branch's music has multiple flavors to it, adding extra zest. It ranges from acoustic to alternative rock to light pop, giving it a fresh new feel in a music world that

is starting to sound homogeneous.

Not only does Branch write her own music, but she also plays the guitar and the

piano, creating yet another sound that makes her music unique. Branch even has an independent record out, *The Broken Bracelet*, which she put out herself before signing with Maverick.

The Spirit Room contains enhanced computer features like a special link to her webpage, www.michellebranch.com, never before seen photographs and a special version of her hit video "Everywhere."

If you're looking for an album that's new and different, check out *The Spirit Room*. It is a highly enjoyable album that won't make you sick after hearing it too many times.

WHO: MICHELLE BRANCH
WHERE: MAVERICK RECORDS
WHAT: *THE SPIRIT ROOM*
(INCLUDING "EVERYWHERE")

Serendipity—Fate or Flop?

By ERICA FREEMAN
Staff Reporter

Serendipity is a romantic comedy, or so its promotions claim. Jonathan Trager (John Cusack) and Sara Thomas (Kate Beckinsale) vie for the last pair of gloves at Bloomingdales on Christmas Eve. They feel a connection, but both are seeing someone else. Will they get together?

Well, obviously they will. It's a romantic comedy after all, so they have to get together. The important part is not will they get together, but how will they get together.

Sara Thomas believes in serendipity and fate... a little too much. She's worse than Santiago from *The Alchemist*. She sees signs everywhere. After they leave Bloomingdales, Trager and Thomas have coffee at Serendipity 3, which is a real eatery in New York, and he asks for her number. She writes down her name and number, but as she gives it to Jonathan, a garbage truck speeds by, pulling it out of his hand. The piece of paper is unrecognizable with the other papers that flew off the truck.

He sees it as an accident while she sees it as fate. She thinks that they are not meant to be together, but she's torn because she grew to like him in only a few hours. Sara asks Jonathan to write his name and number on a five-dollar bill. Then she buys something with the bill without reading it. After that, she writes her name and number in a book that she sells the next day. If they are meant to be together, then one of them will find the other's item.

The beginning of the movie took place seven years ago, and now, Trager and Thomas lead very separate lives. Trager is a

seemingly rational person who now works as a cable correspondent. He doesn't believe in fate or destiny, but he's getting married in a few days to a woman he doesn't want to marry. He then remembers that he has not seen or heard from Thomas in over seven years. He ropes his best friend, played by Jeremy Priven, into helping him find her. Thomas is a couples' therapist in San Francisco, who seems to have given up on destiny. However, her self-absorbed boyfriend pops the question, and she says yes. She doesn't want to give up on Trager, so she tricks her best friend, played by Molly Shannon, into flying to New York.

This movie had the potential to be a decent movie if it were not for the fact that it was too full of fate. Somebody always makes a fortunate discovery by accident to where it becomes annoying. The best part about the movie is the costars. Shannon's and Priven's characters are better than the leads. Eugene Levy, Bloomingdales' sales clerk, steals every scene he is in.

Don't see this movie unless you really like John Cusack, and even then, wait for it on video. Better yet, see it for free on television sometime.

SERENDIPITY

STARRING: JOHN CUSACK,
KATE BECKINSALE

GENRE: ROMANTIC
COMEDY

RATING: PG-13

BY: MIRAMAX

Don't Say a Word

By ANN LATIER
Staff Reporter

"I'll never tell, I'll never tell," just might be the taunting phrase that launches a thousand moviegoers to see *Don't Say a Word*.

In this thriller, Dr. Nathan Conrad (Michael Douglas) is a successful adolescent psychiatrist, proud father and devoted husband. What would happen if all that were taken away? For Conrad, the kidnapping of his daughter Jesse is that nightmare come true.

Director Gary Fleeter takes you into the mind of a disturbed mental patient, Elisabeth (Brittany Murphy), who seeks shelter in mental hospitals after witnessing turmoil caused by the murder of her father. These inner demons are what launch the hidden motives behind the mysterious connection between her and Conrad.

A six-digit number lodged in Elisabeth's memory is the key to the retrieval of Conrad's daughter. It is also the jump-start

to the roller coaster of events that may lead to her recovery. Will she ever tell?

Don't be fooled by the previews to this tale. *Don't Say a Word* doesn't give you insights into the psychological world, and it doesn't make you gasp at every twist and turn. It is a typical thriller, but it still offers you entertainment that is worth the moviegoer's expense.

With all the teen comedies and some of the movie let-downs of the so-called "summer blockbusters," *Don't Say a Word* is different. It provides the audience with a good thriller to enjoy. It doesn't exhaust you into following each step in fear of losing your way into the story. It is just a good, fun and easy movie. It is a movie that I would recommend to anyone to catch in a theater or rent when it comes out on video. However or whenever you see it, one thing is for certain, *Don't Say a Word* is worth talking about.

Banned Book Week

September 24-28 is National Banned Book week. It celebrated the books that, because of content or language, have been banned by some schools across the country even though they are considered by some as our greatest works the following is a list of some books on the list and why they are banned by some, but fortunately not the majority, of schools.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Reason: Use of racial slurs

The Color Purple by Alice Walker
Reason: Graphic descriptions of a rape scene



The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath
Reason: Description of suicidal thoughts



The entire *Harry Potter* series by J. K. Rowling
Reason: Promotes witchcraft and wizardry

A Separate Peace by John Knowles
Reason: Suggested suicide and homosexual feelings

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
Reason: Promotes parental disobedience



Foreign Corner: How to make a cup of British tea



By JEN MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

The stereotype that the British are obsessed with tea is not a myth: they really are.

An Englishman's typically tea schedule is as follows: a cup of tea before breakfast, with breakfast, mid-morning, with lunch, mid-afternoon, before dinner, after dinner and once more before bedtime. No joke. It's no wonder that a cup of tea is an art form across the Atlantic.

Buying tea is cheap. It's easy to make. The key, though, is making the right cup of tea, and if you want to do it like the British do, then there's some planning involved. The first decision is what kind of tea to buy. It can be purchased as loose tea leaves or in pre-packaged bags. The latter is easier and probably more familiar, but the former is recommended if you're making tea for a larger group and using tea as a vehicle for social outings. Loose tea requires a strainer that can be purchased anywhere you buy loose tea.

To brew for a larger group, fill the strainer with the tea leaves and hang it into a teapot full of boiling water. Let it diffuse to your taste. The British typically cover their kettle with what's called a tea-cozy, which looks like a winter hat for a teapot. It keeps the tea hot if your conversation stretches through a few cups. Once the tea is brewed, pour into individual cups and

enjoy. To have a British cup of tea, add milk. Honey, lemon and/or sugar can also be added.

For an individual cup, tea bags are more convenient and are pre-made for one mug. Pour the hot water into a cup with the tea bag already inside as this makes it brew quicker.

When you think your cup is done, take the bag out, wrap it around a spoon and press. This brings out as much of the flavor as possible. The most popular brand here is Lipton tea, but most supermarkets carry different flavors, both foreign and American.

Picking a flavor is no easy matter, either. There is a type of tea available for any kind of taste and desire. Are you trying to kick a coffee habit by switching to tea? Try green tea. It's healthy and used for detox. Need a strong kick in the morning? British or English breakfast has a more robust flavor that can give you a morning jolt.

Preparing for an exam but falling asleep instead? Try a cup of tangy Lady Grey to keep you up and studying. Looking for a nighttime soother to help you into sleep? Darjeeling tea, in decaffeinated form, is a light flavored tea that can smooth out the wrinkles from the day.

Confused? There's help. Twinings brand tea is the premiere producer of tea in the UK. Their flagship store, located in London, is literally the narrowest store in

London, five feet wide and lined ceiling to floor with tea. Their website, <http://www.twinings.com/uk/index.html>, has a program that, based on personality questions, finds the best tea for you, and it explains the strength of their teas and which are best for each part of the day. You can even download a tea mouse for your PC that reminds to take breaks from work during the day and recommends what kind of tea there is for whatever time it is. You can also purchase tea online, but Twinings is carried in local supermarkets, and you'll save on the shipping fees.

Even though we wouldn't as a country want to become as tea-obsessed as the British, it is still a wonderful drink that traditionally fosters conversation and keeps you awake. Even though it does carry some of the same harmful effects as other caffeine drinks such as coffee and soda, tea can be something substituted instead to add a foreign variation to your day.



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The wonderful world of SCUBA

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO
Sports Editor

Instead of my usual commentary, I would like to give a first-hand experience about the world of SCUBA.

The actual definition of SCUBA is an acronym for "self-contained underwater breathing apparatus." Most people never say that, so it is just SCUBA. UT offers several courses in SCUBA that I have taken for actual credit. Granted, it is only one or two credits, but it is only a seven-week course. If you decide to take the open-water class, you have to pay an extra \$60. I know that being a poor college student and having to pay more money is difficult but it is money well spent.

If you don't have a pair of fins, snorkel, a mask and a pair of boots, they will cost you around \$200, but you do get a discount if you go to the store that teaches the course. Plus you have the book, but that is only \$40. When you add all of this up it sounds like a lot of money but you are going to receive a good deal.

The class that I have been taking for the first part of this semester is advanced open-water. For this class, you once again have to pay an extra \$160. This pays for your space on the boat, all of the equipment for the weekend, the hotel and for the extra air tanks that you need to use (you end up using a total of four).

Now that I have probably scared many of you away from taking the class, let me tell you about my experience over the weekend. My professor said that "a drift dive (where the boat comes to you and picks you up), is the most fun you can have with your clothes on."

This past weekend I went to West Palm Beach to do my four dives to be certified as an advanced open-water diver.

Finally, we got to West Palm Beach at around 11 a.m. We were ready to put the gear on the boat, which was a site to see let me tell you: around 20 people carrying large tanks of air plus all their own personal gear got on the boat. It was amazing that none of us forgot anything of importance.

The first dive was a bit un-nerving. I am terrified of heights, and I was not looking forward to jumping off the boat and into the water. I took the leap of faith and went down into the ocean. Well, not exactly down, I didn't have enough weight, so my one instructor had to pull me down, until one of the others could give me some more weight. After I was on the bottom of the ocean floor, it was a site to be seen. Everything was amazing. I had seen in books and on television what the coral reefs looked like, but

actually seeing it in person was a totally new experience. I saw many different types of wildlife on the first two dives: fish, lobsters, a few eels, a small shark and I could hear the

much salt in my hair that it was brittle. I thought that my pores were secreting salt. When I got to the hotel, I saw my wonderful sunburn. It's bad. I didn't remember that the water magnifies UV rays, and it fried my skin. Being the ingenious people that we are, my dive buddy and I went and got a bucket of ice and put the lotion in it. Then we went to the meeting room where everyone was enjoying free beer, (for the underage it was free soda). This is where we got our dive books signed, saying that we actually completed the dives to the satisfaction of our professors.

Since the adults were enjoying their free drinks, my dive buddy and I decided that we would not wait and go to dinner with them, but rather we decided to find food on our own. I still haven't decided if that was a smart thing to do or not. When we found a place to eat, we were being hit on by a guy who was younger than we are.

We went back to the hotel, ate dinner and proceeded to do homework, since we both had a test on Monday morning. Before bed, I had to put on more lotion. Well that was difficult, since we had inadvertently frozen the lotion. How do we do these things? I have no idea.

The next day the class was set to do our deep dive 90 feet down. Where we were all told that we were going to get "narked," which actually means we are going to get Nitrogen Narcosis. Too much nitrogen in your body will either make you feel like you are in a state of euphoria, or you'll panic.

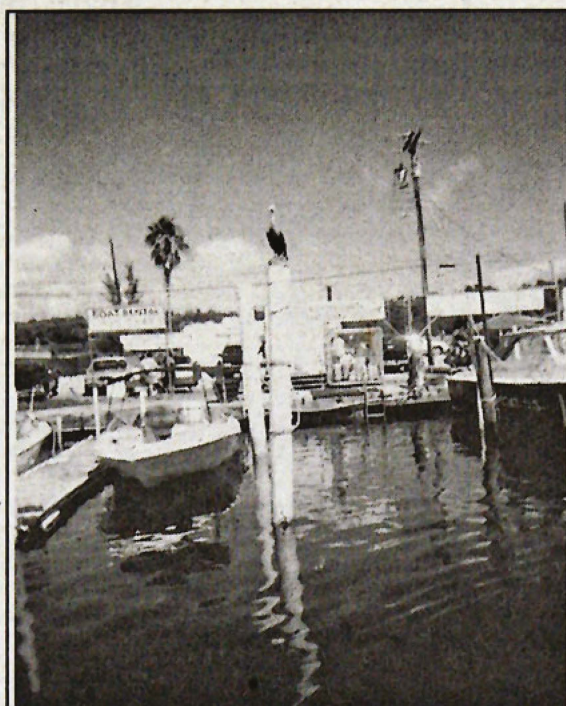
We were given a math problem to show how narked we were, and how our mental abilities were still able to function.

After being told over and over again to expect this, it was disappointing when I felt completely normal and was able to answer my math question really quickly. Thank goodness it wasn't calculus, though.

A fellow diver on the boat warned the group about the 8 to 10 foot bull shark that was around the area we were in. Lucky for us, he didn't come around. Instead, my small group of five saw a couple of jellyfish, (one of which was being eaten by a turtle), a couple of puffer fish, a stingray and several schools of fishes.

Over all, not including my sunburn, this was an enjoyable trip. I feel much more comfortable diving and even going without my professors.

As I conclude this article, I want to leave you with a bit of advice, which I saw on a bumper sticker. (The ending has been changed!) "Divers do it deeper stay down longer come up wetter and..." (Add your own ending here.) In my case, the adjective would be redder.



—Raquel Pittiglio
A view of the marina at West Palm Beach

snapping shrimp. The one woman on the dive boat who was not with our group told us about how she saw two octopi mating. The ocean is such a wonderful place. There's a free show with almost every dive.

After the two dives on Saturday were done, we went back to the hotel to wash up. There was so

much salt in my hair that it was brittle. I thought that my pores were secreting salt. When I got to the hotel, I saw my wonderful sunburn. It's bad. I didn't remember that the water magnifies UV rays, and it fried my skin. Being the ingenious people that we are, my dive buddy and I went and got a bucket of ice and put the lotion in it. Then we went to the meeting room where everyone was enjoying free beer, (for the underage it was free soda). This is where we got our dive books signed, saying that we actually completed the dives to the satisfaction of our professors.

Katzman's Calls Tampa Bay Buccaneers

By ANDREW KATZMAN
Reporter

it's time for opening day number two for the Bucs. After going three weeks between games, we can only hope they won't come out looking rusty against Minnesota.

I don't think it's rustiness that will be the Bucs biggest obstacle this week. The Minnesota Vikings are 0-2, a rarity for a team that is historically known for fast starts, including going 7-0 twice in the past three seasons.

In all likelihood, the time off should help the Bucs. Starting center Jeff Christy will return from injury, as will rookie CB Dwight Smith. Keyshawn Johnson was bruised pretty badly after the Dallas game but should be in fine health for this one.

The key for the Bucs in this game is pretty obvious: contain Daunte Culpepper, Cris Carter, Randy Moss and the rest of a dangerous Viking offense that has been in hibernation for the first two games. A big reason for this is Robert Smith's retirement.

In the past, the Vikings could tire out a defense with the run-

ning game, and then go deep to Moss and Carter for big plays. However, rookie running back Michael Bennett has been ineffective thus

Also, this is a Minnesota team that allowed a kickoff return for a touchdown on their first play of the season. Will the Bucs finally end their no

kickoff for a touchdown jinx? Don't count on it.

Bottom Line: The Bucs and Vikings have split their season series in each of the last eight seasons. For the past three, the home team has won. Minnesota is a

wounded animal right now, and they will be in front of their very vocal home-crowd, playing a division rival.

It pains me to say it, I think the odds are against the Bucs. I hope I'm wrong.

Prediction: Vikings 21 Bucs 20

In other NFC Central games, the Packers travel to Charlotte to take on the Panthers. Carolina didn't look so good in Atlanta, giving up a 95-yard pass for a touchdown en route to a 24-16 loss. The Packers have knocked off two low-quality opponents at Lambeau Field, most recently smashing Washington 37-0.

Brett Favre and Ahman Green have been unstoppable, and the defense has allowed only six points in two games. Green Bay has lost its last two games in Carolina. It won't happen again.



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far, allowing teams to play nickel and dime coverage throughout the game and not worry about the run. It was clear in their loss to Chicago that Randy Moss and Cris Carter are extremely upset with offensive coordinator Sherm Lewis's play calling, and there is a lot of fighting going on among players and coaches.

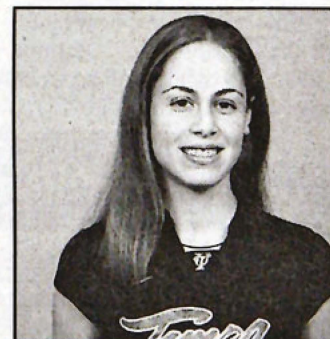
As for the Bucs, there isn't a team in recent years they have moved the ball better against than the Vikings, including a 41 point outburst last season. In the Metrodome, they always seem to come up just short, mostly due to slow starts.

In order for the Bucs to have a chance in this game, they can't let Minnesota start quickly like they have in recent years. Special teams is also key, and hopefully the three weeks off will help the Bucs get their act together.

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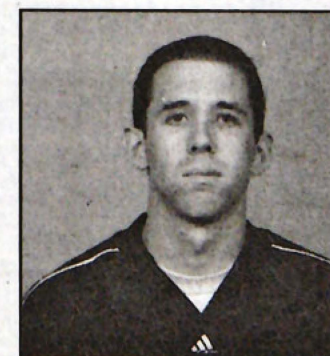


Ania Ruiz SID

Saturday 9/29 Tampa vs. Lynn 2 p.m.
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Men's Soccer

Wednesday 10/3 Tampa vs. Florida Southern 7 p.m.
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Jeff Foxenberger SID

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Can the Fightin' Phillies dethrone the Braves?

By JEN MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

If you were to ever cheer for the underdog, the time to cheer is now. The big bad Atlanta Braves are about to be dethroned. Even though the National League East may not be the most prestigious or flashy division in Major League Baseball, there is quite a pennant race going on within our coast and an interesting history in its season.

The Philadelphia Phillies jumped to an early lead. They were only expected to be a mediocre team. After all, there was no definitely veteran presence in the club house. They were a team of youngsters with potential. If you go according to Phillies history, the talented expectations rarely pan out, and out of the pennant well before the All Star Break. This year, though, the boys in red broke into an early lead.

Then things began to touch reality again. Mike Liberthal, catcher and team leader, was sidelined when he hurt himself base running, quite a fluke injury for a catcher. Scott Rolen, one-time Rookie of the Year, was playing stellar defense but couldn't seem to hit the ball. The same happened to Pat "the bat" Burrell. Would this be another expensive draft pick gone sour? Would Rolen become to the Phillies what Eric Lindros is to the Flyers? As their league lead shrunk and then became a deficit, fans cast off the Phillies as what they had been for years: a mediocre team that they would never bring back the World Series they had won so long ago in 1980.

The funny thing is, though, that the Phillies didn't continue to slide. They held on. Even when things looked grim, with Larry

Bowa pacing the dugout even more than usual and Rolen and Burrell still sitting side by side in a funk, they played decent enough ball to stay in the race. The past few weeks have been a constant battle with Atlanta, staying one game behind, half a game behind, tied for first, ahead by half a game. For the first time since the 1993 season, a Phillies fluke, Philadelphia has a pennant race.



Now that the city is behind its own team, they have been picking up support from fans whose teams are sweeping the basement.

It's hard not to love the Phillies and hate the Braves. There's something about them. They are a large market team, especially since they're owned by Ted Turner and broadcast nationally by his cable station, TBS. This shows an arrogance that follows the team around the league. Perhaps their only sympathy could be that they dealt away bad-mouthing John Rocker, but they are still a team, like the Yankees in the American League, that we all love to hate.

The frustrating part about this whole ordeal is that the Braves aren't even that great a team anymore. The Phillies, and now the fast approaching Mets, have more heart than the Braves and Yankees combined. They are blue collar teams. The Phillies, even though from a large city, are a small market team and haven't spent exorbitant amounts of money on talent. The Mets, even though from New York, don't attract the brassy business fans that Yankees do because they're a working man's team. There's no Steinbrenner behind their success.

The Phillies are the team that should win this division, but even if it is snatched from them by the Mets, at least the Braves won't be in the post season. That alone would be enough reason to celebrate in October.

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Cross-country review

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO
Sports Editor

The men's and women's cross country teams ran in the Florida Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships. This was hosted by Florida State University in Tallahassee Fla.

The women's team placed third out of ten teams, and the men's squad placed fifth out of 14.

On Saturday, the cross country teams will be a part of the University of Tampa Invitational. This event will be held at Flat Woods Park on Morris Bridge Road. The men's run starts at 7:45 a.m. while the women's begins at 8:25 a.m.

This course will be a preview of UT's course that will be the site of the Sunshine State Conference Championship.

This season, the teams are

running above the pack and are doing better than last year. At the University of Central Florida, the women's team came in fourth out of 16 teams. The men's team came in seventh out of 15 schools.

Tracy Buxton placed first overall and at Florida State University, the women came in third, and the men were in fifth.

Coach Slaven stated, "The fabulous freshman, Dee Dee Haefling, Erin Wilson and Liz Bragg, are three girls who really worked hard and are placing next to juniors and seniors."

When asked about Buxton, Slaven said, "Tracy is working towards being the top runner in our region."

Buxton is indeed well on her way to becoming the top runner in the south region. She has once again claimed the title of Sunshine State

Conference runner of the week.

This is the second time in only three weeks that Buxton has been named to this honor. She was the top finisher at the Florida Intercollegiate Championship.

Buxton completed a 6,000 meter course in 22 minutes and 21 seconds, which put her in 11th place overall.

The top male finisher at the same event was sophomore Doane Grennidge. Grennidge came in 58th out of 178 other runners. He has his seasons best 8K run with a time of 27 minutes and 20 seconds.

Grennidge was a second-team all-SSC performer, last season. This event was his first time this season as the top finisher on the men's cross country team.



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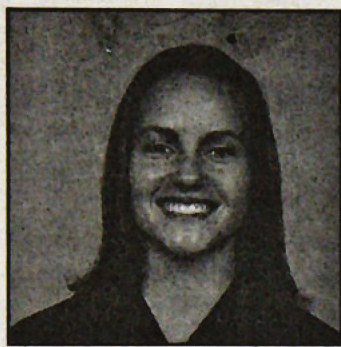
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Defense gets its recognition

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Susan Vaughn SID

from Lynn.

The Lady Spartans defeated Francis Marion at Spartanburg, SC on Friday Sept 21st. They were down by one goal when Mandy Simmons scored late in the second half to tie the game. Moody scored on a corner kick from Estes to give Tampa the 2-1 victory.

On Saturday Sept 22th, University of South Carolina Spartanburg 1-0 defeated Tampa. Although Tampa dominated of-

fensively the entire game, Spartanburg scored a late first half goal that UT could not overcome.

Susan Vaughn leads the team in minutes played. Out of a possible 819 minutes, Vaughn has played 784. Vaughn has also only allowed nine goals this season on twenty-five shots. Vaughn has also been named Defensive Player of the Week in the Sunshine State Conference this year.

The player with the most min-

utes played besides Vaughn is defender Ginger Lynn. Over the past week alone, Lynn has played in 256 minutes out of 270 minutes.

Lynn is described by Coach Entlich as being, "Tough as nails."

The Lady Spartans have almost double the amount of shots as the opposing teams have.



Sarah Butterworth break away down field

Emily Beard—The Minaret

Spartans set for conference play

By ANDY BOTT

Reporter

After a week off, UT won two of three matches last week, including its SSC opener versus the previously undefeated Rollins Tars.

After defeating Rollins 30-15, 30-25, 30-19 to begin defense of their SSC crown, the sixth-ranked Spartans went on a road trip to Colorado where they split the two matches they played.

Tampa lost to #14 Regis, 24-30, 27-30, 28-30, and defeated Colorado Mines, 30-19, 30-26, 30-22.

Tampa (8-2) traveled to Florida Tech on Wednesday, who they defeated with a perfect score 42-0.

The big test will be tonight, here, against arch-rival Barry at 7 pm.

Although Barry lost Jade Harper due to graduation, the team has actually improved, thanks in part to a strong recruiting class. The Barry Buccaneers are now ranked number nine in the nation.

Outside hitter Ania Ruiz was the star in the road win over the Tars. In a strong all-around performance, she tallied 22 kills and 10 digs. She accumulated double-figure dig totals in each match last week.

Ruiz now leads the squad in kills, with 118, one more than middle hitter Tiffany Boatwright, and has raised her attack percentage to .297.

Ruiz also leads in digs with 91 and is the only Spartan to average over three digs per game.

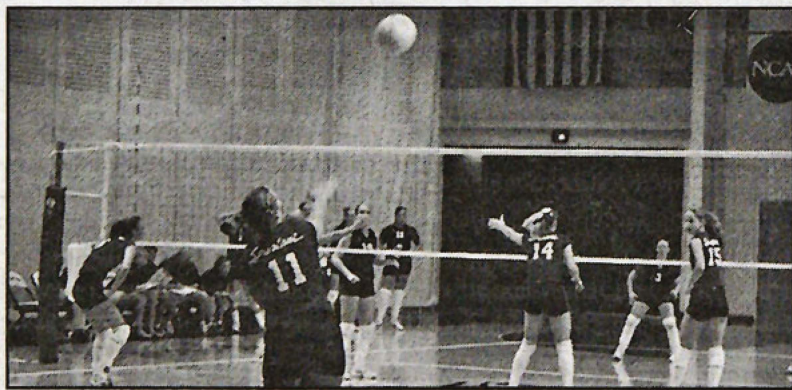
Boatwright has been consistently dominant, and she continued her fine play out in the

Rockies. She had 33 kills in the three matches, and leads Tampa with a gaudy .456 attack percentage.

Defensively, Boatwright has been a wall. She has fifteen solo blocks in only thirty games, and leads the team with 1.4 blocks per game. Ruiz is second in blocks, while Lisa Webster is third.

ness that hides her sharp intensity, one that makes her look unflappable on the court.

MacIntyre is UT's dynamic spark plug. She is just as intense as Fox and she wears her emotions on her sleeve.



Prepare for an ace

Jody Link—The Minaret

Although they do not lead Tampa in any glamorous statistical categories, Sandi Fox and Krissi MacIntyre are hardly what you would call "role players."

Both make contributions, both offensively and defensively, that would garner them starring-role status on most other teams.

Fox, an outside hitter, leads Tampa in kills per game with an even 4., and has raised her attack percentage to over .300.

Fox is third in total kills with 104 and has 10 service aces. She is third in this category behind Ruiz and Gretchen Naruta, who both have 16.

Defensively, Fox has snared enough kill attempts to average 2.31 kills per game, good enough for fourth place on the team.

Fox possesses enough raw talent to reach even greater heights. She already has a deep depth of court sense and a matured mental tough-

MacIntyre can change the course of a match with one dig. She reminds fans of a hockey goalie robbing a sniper on a breakaway with her stabs, dives and lunges for the ball. She even manages to add flair to her digs.

There is no bigger motivational boost for your squad than a big play, and the Spartans usually feed off MacIntyre's heroics by raising their intensity.

It is easy to forget that MacIntyre is consistent. She is second on the team with 2.47 digs per game.

MacIntyre also contributes offensively. Though she is only listed at 5 foot 6 inches, MacIntyre possesses enough leaping ability and attack power to spot as an outside hitter.

MacIntyre is tied with Lacey Myers for fifth place on the team in kills. Each of the women have a total 37 kills a piece.

How to treat a sprained ankle using RICE

By AIKANE BELEZ

Special to the Minaret

One of the most common sports injuries is the inversion ankle sprain. This occurs when the ankle "rolls" to the outside. Athletes are not the only people prone to this injury, though everyone is susceptible to ankle sprains. Common everyday activities such as walking on uneven surfaces and stepping off of stairs or a sidewalk, can cause people to sprain their ankle.

Anytime a person sprains an ankle, the ankle should be observed for inconsistency. If there is any deformity at the joint, (which is where the ankle bends), you should go to the emergency room. Also, if there is any pin-point pain felt on the bone rather than at the joint; the person should seek medical attention at the Emergency Room.

If there is swelling, then ice should be applied to the area for 30 minutes, 5-6 times a day until the swelling has gone down. Keeping the swelling down and preventing further swelling is the first and most crucial key in caring for a sprained ankle.

When not applying ice to the area, a compressive elastic wrap should be applied to the area, while elevating the ankle (keeping your ankle above your chest).

The easiest way to remember proper injury management is the mnemonic **RICE**.

R stands for rest (rest the injury; don't keep playing on it), I stands for ice, C for compression, and E for elevation. After follow-

ing these guidelines, most swelling should diminish within 5-6 days. If it doesn't, then the injured person should go to their doctor for further diagnosis.

There are several reasons why people re-injure their ankles. Two of the more common include lack of flexibility in the calf area and poor proprioception. Proprioception is defined as the body's awareness of its position and movement. Flexibility can be increased by stretching the calf in two different positions, either by bringing the foot up with the knee straight or by bringing the foot up with the knee bent.

Proprioception can be increased by doing simple things such as standing on one foot with your eyes open, then slowly closing your eyes.

Also, walking on uneven surfaces and standing on balance boards will help to increase proprioception.

To prevent injury, these two exercises should be completed on as often as possible. Also, ankle strengthening exercises should be performed in order to prevent re-injury. These exercises include moving the ankle in all four directions with some type of resistance, such as Thera-Band.

It could take months to a year to regain strength, flexibility, and proprioception after an ankle injury. Hopefully you won't sprain your ankle, but if you do, you now have a better idea of how to manage it.

Winning streak still alive

By MICHELE LEMOS

Reporter

The men's soccer team continued their winning streak with two shut-out wins this past week. On Thursday they traveled to Palm Beach to play Palm Beach Atlantic. Tampa was in control of the game from the beginning. Jeff Foxenberger scored his first of two goals 12 minutes into the game.

His second goal followed shortly on a nice shot passed the keeper. In the second half, the offense remained strong. Mario Lara scored his fifth goal of the season making the final score 3-0. Ingo Fochler added two more assists to his team leading total during the game.

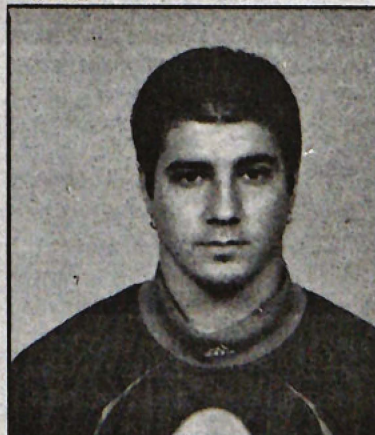
On Saturday, the men traveled to Florida Tech to play their first conference game of the year. Roy Fink came out strong, giving Tampa the early lead. In the second half, Fink would score again, bringing his total to ten goals this season. The Spartans took care of Florida Tech, 2-0, and are starting out strong in the Sunshine State Conference.

Coach Fulk has been very pleased with how his team is playing so far, "Good week,

winning both away games, especially winning the first conference game over Florida Tech."

A big part of Tampa's success has of course been due to the offense scoring 27 goals in only nine games this season, but the real story has been the play of the team's defense. Tampa defense has only allowed 61 shots this season, as compared to Tampa's 132 shots. Combined, Tampa goalies have let in seven goals this season, and Roy Swarts has had three shut-outs this season, two coming this past weekend. "Both shutouts were big because offense wins games, defense wins championships," according to Coach Fulk.

Goalie Roy Swarts was named SSC defensive player of the week.



Roy Swarts

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Lady Spartans win first conference game



Stacey Estes dribbles past a defender.

—Allison Bunting—The Minaret

By **MICHELE LEMOS**
Reporter

On Wednesday Sept. 19th, UT women's soccer defeated conference rival Lynn 2-0. This was the first time that the Spartans have defeated Lynn, which makes for a notable victory and start in the Sunshine State Conference. Tai Kirklin got things started for the Spartans

with a cross shot from the corner to Melanie Moody. Moody took the shot and it deflected off of the Lynn defense and into the net.

The Tampa offense was strong in the first half, having many good breaks and scoring opportunities. The most notable being a terrific pass play by Moody, Stacy Estes and Emma Carlsson. They were unable

to get the shot off in time and were stopped by the Lynn defense.

Susan Vaughn continued her solid play in goal, saving many well-placed shots. She made an outstanding diving save on a corner kick to save a goal for Tampa. Another corner kick by Lynn was also blocked by the hard play of the UT defense.

Tampa outshot Lynn University the entire game. Kirklin put a corner kick right in the box, and Ginger Lynn took a shot, which was saved on a great diving play by Lynn goalie Sarah Reed. Minutes later, Kirklin had a break away but was unable to take the shot. Vaughn made a great save at the end of the first half to keep Tampa ahead go-

ing into halftime.

Tampa came out shooting in the second half. Carlsson had a shot from about twenty yards out, but it could not find the net. On a quick pass from Desiree Voinche, Sarah McTurk was able to beat the Lynn goalie and put another one away for the Spartans, leading them to the 2-0 victory over the Fighting Knights

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