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The nation unites

At NEIU, around the city and the nation the fallout continues after last week's attack

On the morning of Tuesday, September 11th, a plane crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York. Approximately 18 minutes later, a second plane flew straight into the south tower. After the first crash, several news and amateur cameras had been turned upon the towers and the crash of the second airplane was captured on film. Less than two hours later, both buildings were gone forever, having collapsed after the crashes. Both 110 story towers collapsed into rubble, sending ash billowing across lower Manhattan, choking nearby streets with debris.

Professional and amateur footage poured into news stations across the country. The second crash and the collapses were documented from every angle. Throughout the week, most TV networks suspended normal programming and ran continual news coverage.

While reports flowed fast and furious, solid facts crept through the chaos. The World Trade Center

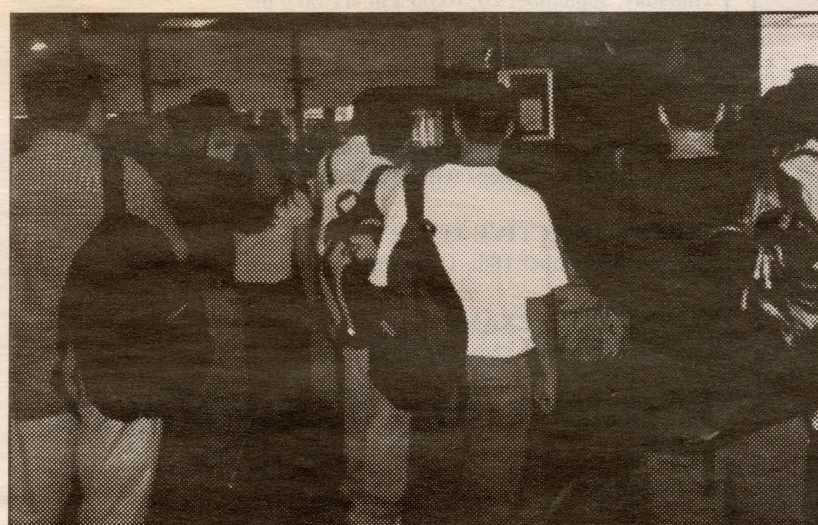
typically is home to approximately 50,000 workers on a normal day. While many people were able to evacuate the towers before the collapse, untold numbers were trapped in the buildings as they collapsed. It will most likely be days before rescue workers can accurately assess just how many people might have been trapped. Much of the day had gone by before rescue crews could even get near the rubble due to the fires that began burning with the crashes.

Later, the planes involved in the crashes were finally identified. One was American flight 11 en route from Boston to L.A., with over ninety people onboard. The other was United flight 175 also en route from Boston to L.A. Both planes were Boeing jets, one a 757 and the other a 767. Both planes, as well as two other flights which were in the air at approximately the same time, were hijacked by terrorists. People aboard two of the planes were able to make brief cell phone calls from the plane.



photo by Eric Draper / White House

A child raises the flag above a crowd of people. The American flag is being flown throughout the nation as a symbol of national unity in the face of tragedy.



Concerned NEIU students, between classes Tuesday morning, gather around one of the TV's set up in Village Square.

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Students speak their minds about parking at open forum

by Brian Blaszkowski
Associate Editor

This semester, several changes were made to parking permits and the parking lot itself at NEIU. The Student Government Association (SGA) recently hosted an open forum, inviting Director of Public Safety Steve Horton and Parking Office Supervisor Ann Weaver. Students were encouraged to attend and to address any concerns to Horton and Weaver personally.

The forum started with SGA Vice-President Kendra Young giving a factual update on the parking situation. She stated that there were 280 new parking spaces nearest to the Foster Avenue entrance to NEIU. She went on to say that despite these desperately needed parking spaces, SGA has received about 20 weekly emails and 7-10 phone calls per day, mainly with questions and complaints about the new parking regulations.

One of the new regulations made parking permits directly charged to a student's tuition at the cost of \$5.75 per credit hour. The permit is a Level 2 parking sticker, which is

to be affixed to the windshield, just below the rear view mirror. This is a change from the previous method of affixing a sticker to a hang-tag, which was then placed on the rear view mirror.

Students who walk or take the bus to school, or who do not require the permit for other reasons, had the opportunity to "opt-out" of the automatic tuition charge. The deadline for such an "opt-out" was September 10.

When asked about students who may not have known about the short deadline, Vice President of Student Affairs, Melvin Terrell answered the question by stating that there were letters sent to all students along with their registration notices. In addition, he said there was a notice in the class schedule book, as well as an additional notice. "The students were notified," Terrell said with confidence. Horton added that about 2,300 NEIU students had already "opted-out," a sign that the students were aware of the deadline.

Steve Horton then spoke about the parking situation itself, and

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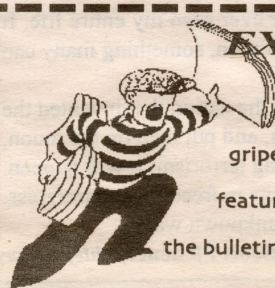
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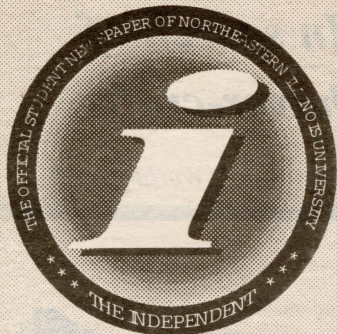
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AROUND CAMPUS

An important memo from Pres. Steinberg

Dear Members of the University Community,

In these days of profound tragedy and deep sadness, we recall the fragility of life. We remember those who died. We remember those who suffer not only now but in years to come in the aftermath.

It is difficult to resume our daily work. But we must make every effort to do so. It is our responsibility to mourn for our nation's losses. But we must do more. A university community like ours is situated to be a beacon of light. We must more keenly practice listening and understanding. There is no enemy that can touch the goodness of our diverse peoples from many nations, many faiths, and many ethnicities on our campus. We are at Northeastern because we all want what is the promise of a university education: to study, to learn, and to understand.

The Counseling Office of the Office of Student Affairs has organized a "drop-in" center for all who desire to talk with counseling professionals. A room is set aside in the Student Union where students and employees can come together. The posted schedule at this time is Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 2:50 p.m. The Counseling Office will adjust times to suit campus needs. You may call the Counseling Office at extension 4650 for more information. Key Student Affairs staff from the Offices of the Dean of Students, Health Service, and Women's Services are joining this effort.

Sincerely,

Salme H. Steinberg

President

Workshops galore!

September Computer Literacy Workshops

All events will be held in CLS 4066. Space is limited. RSVP to trainme@neiu.edu

MICROSOFT OUTLOOK

Tuesday, September 18, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD

Tuesday, September 25, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

NETSCAPE

Thursday, September 20, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

OPEN LAB SESSIONS

Friday, September 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Returning Adult Program Study Skills workshops

The following workshops will be held in CLS 3044

TAKING OBJECTIVE TESTS

Tuesday, September 18th, 1:40-2:50 p.m.

TAKING ESSAY EXAMS

Tuesday, September 25th, 1:40-2:50 p.m.

Upcoming Deadlines

September 24, 2001: Final date to file for May 2002 Undergraduate graduation.

All departments and organizations are invited to use this space to make students aware of important deadlines. E-mail your information to The Independent at neiu_independent@yahoo.com.

How students can help New York

The Northeastern Illinois community can help with the events that have happened in New York. Here are some numbers you can call to either give blood or donate money or goods. Blood Donations: 1-877-LIFE-SOURCE; 1-800-GIVE-LIFE; 1-847-723-2210 (Lutheran General Hospital) www.americanredcross.org

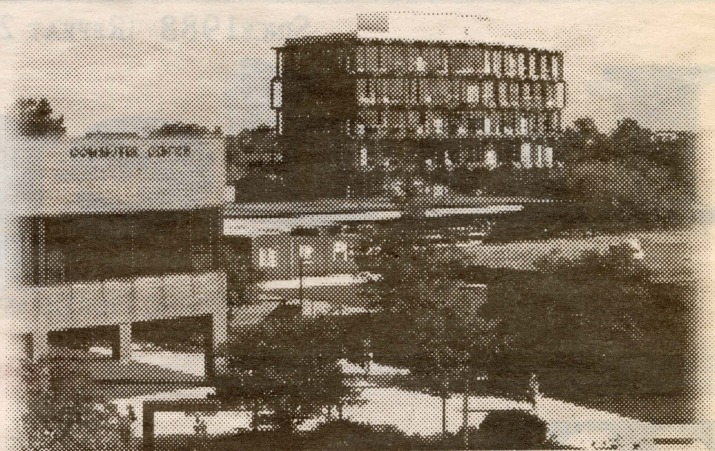
Another note from the editor...

I would like to thank all of our new staff members for their great contributions, especially our new associate editor, Brian Blaszkowski and Georgia Logothetis, our newest staff member.

Last Tuesday I saw the worst thing I have ever seen my entire life. It left me very confused and without a quick opinion, something many can attest to as a strange occurrence.

I am sure of one thing, though. If the U.S., the nation that invented the light bulb, defeated fascism and communism, and put men on the moon, proceeds with the impossible goal of defeating terrorism; it will happen. This is a nation of ingenuity and strength borne in freedom and progress. Do not forget this as we progress into these unknown waters.

Scott Plencner, chief editor



Upcoming Events

September 20, 2001

Social Planning Meeting

Meeting from 1:40 to 2:50 p.m. in CLS 2044, co-sponsored by the Business and Management Club and APICS.

September 20, 2001

Returning Adult Program Networking Group will begin regular meetings starting September 20th and meeting each Thursday from 1:40 to 2:50 p.m. in C-505 (fifth floor of the Beehive).

September 21, 2001

Piano Recital

Nazzareno Carusi piano recital featuring works of Scarlatti and Liszt.

September 21, 2001

WZRD Musikfest 2001

WZRD 88.3 FM is sponsoring a musikfest from 12-8 p.m. at the baseball field (Foster & Central Park). Live performances from multiple bands as well as poetry, guest speakers, art, merchandise and info tables, and more! Free admission. The musikfest will also be broadcast live on WZRD.

September 24-27, 2001

Student Activities Fall Leadership Conference. Contact the Student Activities office in Student Union room 207 or call 773-442-4660 for more information.

September 25, 2001

SGA will, for the first time, sponsor a "Connecting Student Leaders Luncheon" on Tuesday, September 25th, in the Golden Eagles Room.

September 25, 2001

Open House

Open house for the new Center for Teaching and Learning on the third floor of the Ronald Williams Library.

October 1, 2001

Walt Disney World will be holding an on-campus presentation about their internship program at 2 p.m. in Student Union room 003 (in the cafeteria).

October 2, 2001

Job Fair

Student job fair will be held in Village Square from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

If your department or organization has an upcoming event, please notify us at the Independent so we can inform the campus community.

WATCH OUT! Deadline coming

Deadlines for the Independent are one week prior to the date of publication. The following is a list of publication dates for the Fall 2001 semester:

October 2nd

October 16th

October 30th

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Ideas exchanged at Muslim Students Association lunch

by Yusree Sami Abboud
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 12 p.m., there was a luncheon at NEIU in Alumni Hall, sponsored by the Muslim Students Association (MSA). Approximately 50 people attended the "MSA 2nd Annual Back to School Luncheon," which was entitled "The Role of Islam in the West." Samir Mohammad, MSA President, and Robert Donald Hull (A.K.A. Yusuf Amin), MSA Vice-President, were responsible for the luncheon.

The luncheon started off with food and drinks for all attendees. Abdullah Yusef Madyun, the Daw'ah Coordinator for the Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN), was the first speaker, and spoke of bringing positive images of Islam to the United States.

"We must try to remove misconceptions and anti-Islamic messages," said Madyun. "We must eradicate the negative images portrayed about Islam. In Chicago, there have been over 11,000 murders between 53rd and State [Street] and 22nd and State [Street] within the past seven years. Nobody ever questions what religion the murderers are. But let somebody

bomb a building in Oklahoma City and who do they blame first? Muslim Extremists or Islamic Jihad. As Muslims, we must work to stop this stereotyping through a positive message."

Another role that Islam plays in the West is to bring back a high level of God-consciousness, according to Madyun. "We, as a whole, have removed God in this society. All the things man manufactures he puts his name on. Fila, Nike, Motorola... all of these are man made. But let man encounter something that he cannot explain, such as his own manufacturer, and he denies that it is even there."

Madyun concluded with stressing the importance of belief in one God and the importance of righteous deeds. He said that because this world is only a temporary one, people should be more concerned with doing the right thing, even if the society says otherwise.

Abu Talha Jilani began his speech reflecting on his college life and the trials of being Muslim in a highly "un-Islamic" society. Jilani expressed sadness as he had tried finding fellow Muslims around his campus to help "keep him on the

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Patricia Walsh appointed Acting Associate Dean

by Georgia Logothetis
Staff Writer

Dr. Patricia Walsh has been appointed as Acting Associate Dean of the College of Education. She enters the position with an extensive background, including teaching at Northeastern (Special Education Department), Indiana University, Riley Children's Hospital, and at schools for children with special needs. She also served as a grievance counselor for the union at Northeastern University. She has had the position of Acting Associate Dean for almost a month, and welcomes the challenges and opportunities that come with the job.

Dr. Walsh enters the College of Education at a critical time for teacher education. There is a radical shortage of teachers throughout the nation, and there has been increased pressure and incentives for students to pursue teaching. Today's teachers must meet higher standards, pass extensive state and federal competency exams, and take more courses to obtain certification. While other universities have adopted an "alternative certification" program (through which any graduate can teach as long as they pass a test), Dr. Walsh says that there are no plans to implement such a policy here at Northeastern. Instead, there is an "intense focus on teacher preparation programs" and a "continued dedication to creating great teachers."

Dr. Walsh is also serving as college coordinator for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The College of Education, which has been accredited by the council, must undergo an extensive review every five years, and is currently under review this year. Therefore, Dr. Walsh will present information for each program in the College, as well as submitting other reports to the

review board. It is through this review that the strengths and weakness of the College are addressed.

Dr. Walsh views the students as the greatest strength of the College of Education, believing that the diverse mix of cultures and classes results in "interesting and rich courses" in which students benefit from the exchange of perspectives and experiences. The new Acting Associate Dean also views the Teacher Education faculty as "high-caliber, with a true interest in the students." She is excited about her new position, because it gives her the opportunity to make improvements at Northeastern. Dr. Walsh hopes to improve communication between the students and the College of Education, establish a comfortable and open atmosphere, and address student's problems with increased expediency and efficiency. As part of this "student-friendly" initiative, the College has organized an Open House, during which students can meet with faculty and others to familiarize themselves with the College of Education, its policies, and its programs. The College will also have a pre-major advisor to assist students before they declare themselves as education majors. Dr. Walsh hopes that measures such as these will be the first step in increasing communication and satisfaction within the College of Education.

Northeastern has had a strong tradition of teacher education, having been a Teacher's College in the past and having trained thousands of teachers. The College of Education still has a continuous influx of students who wish to become teachers in elementary, secondary, bilingual, and special education. Dr. Walsh is dedicated to these students, as well as to improving student relations.



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The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon find

Terrorist attacks rock the nation

by Lucy Rendler-Kaplan
News Editor

A wall of thick smoke and debris showered over the streets for blocks around the World Trade Center in New York City last Tuesday, enveloping workers and visitors in what's been described by one witness as a "holy hell" after two hijacked passenger jets smashed through the towers, causing them both to eventually collapse. "It just went bam, like a bomb went off," said a witness who was in one of the towers when it was hit by one of the planes.

It is not yet known precisely how many people have been killed in the attacks. More than six hundred people have been taken to hospitals and more than two thousand "walking wounded" were being treated, according to Mayor Rudy Giuliani. New York police have reported 78 of its officers are still missing and some two hundred firefighters, as of last weekend, are still unaccounted for. Mayor Giuliani said the number of missing people from the collapse of the Twin Towers was 4,763. This number does not include the passenger deaths from the two airline crashes into the World Trade Center or the plane crashes at the Pentagon and in western rural Pennsylvania.

A Pentagon official said about 190 people have perished in the attack there, including the passengers onboard the airplane that slammed into the government building. The total of confirmed missing already exceeds the combined total of losses from the sinking of the Titanic (1500 dead), the attack on Pearl Harbor (2400 killed), and the worst airplane disaster in world history, the 1977 Canary Island crash that killed 582 people.

Searchers on Friday found the flight data and cockpit voice recorders from the hijacked plane that flew into the Pentagon and exploded, Department of Defense officials are saying. According to Army Lt. Col. George

Rhynedance, "The two black boxes, crucial to uncovering details about the doomed flights' last moments, were recovered at about 4 a.m., and are now in the possession of the FBI."

FBI officials have denied rumors that military aircraft shot down the plane in Pennsylvania. Based on reports from people who received cell phone calls from the Pennsylvania plane, law enforcement officials believe the passengers may have fought with hijackers, knowing that death was imminent and determined not to allow this plane to become a weapon.

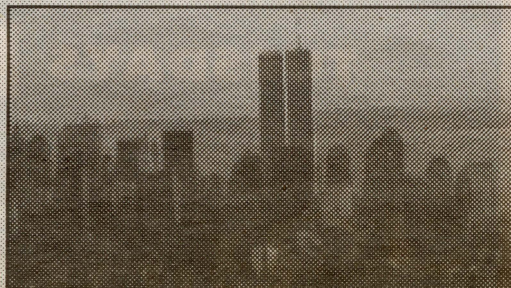
The names used by eighteen hijackers who authorities believed commandeered four commercial airliners have been learned by federal law enforcement officers. The suspected hijackers aboard American Airlines Flight 11, which hit the North Tower of the Trade Center, were Walid Al Shehri, Wail Al Shehri, Mohammad Atta, Abdul Alomari, and Satam Sugami. Aboard American Airlines Flight 175, which hit the South Tower of the World Trade Center, the suspected

hijackers were Marawn Ashehhi, Fayeze Ahmed, Mohald Al Shehri, Hamza Al Ghamdi, and Ahmed Al Ghamdi. Those believed to be the hijackers aboard American Airlines Flight 77, which hit the Pentagon, were Khalid Almihdhar, Majed Moqed, Nawaf Al Hazmi, and Salem Al Hazmi. The suspected hijackers aboard American Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania, were Ahmed Al Haznawi, Ahmed Alnami, Ziad Jarrah, and Saeed Alghamdi. Law enforcement sources believe the lead group in Tuesday's attacks may have been from the Egyptian Islamic Jihad organization. The leader of that group is known terrorism sponsor Osama bin Laden.

A top official in Afghanistan is warning there will be revenge if the United States attacks his country, while at the same time, Taliban religious

leaders there are calling upon Muslims to unite in their own day of prayer against the United States. U.S. officials say they are making plans to attack not just bin Laden, but also the Taliban rulers of Afghanistan who allow him to operate from their territory, supplying him oftentimes with shelter, money and supplies. U.S. intelligence gathered since the attacks showed bin Laden's camps in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Middle East have been abandoned.

Reports of anti-Muslim acts have been reported in the Chicago area. Chicago police said three men beat a Pakistani cabdriver late Tuesday, and Muslims in Lake County reported vandals have spray-painted "USA" and "No Forgiveness" on the walls of a mosque. Mayor Richard Daley called for tolerance. "There is no place for hatred in Chicago," the



The skyline of Lower Manhattan before the tragic terrorist attacks took out the World Trade Center.

Mayor has said. At a mosque on Chicago's Southside, Muslims plan to form a protective human shield around the building during upcoming prayer services. Many Muslim parents have been keeping their children home from school and a local Muslim religious leader has urged women not to leave their homes, even to go to the mosque to pray.

Although almost all U.S. airports have reopened for business, Mayor Daley warned it might be weeks until things get back to "normal" at O'Hare. Hundreds of passengers and airport personnel at New York's LaGuardia Airport were ordered out of the main terminal late Thursday during a bomb scare. Washington's Reagan National Airport has been closed "indefinitely."

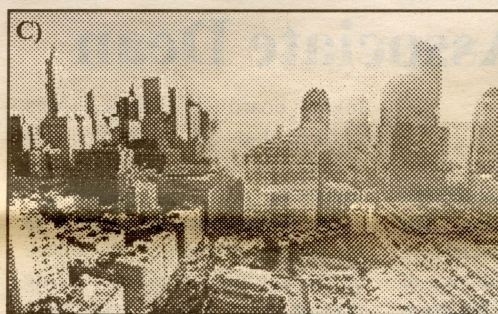
the attacks...



photo by Robin Weiner/Wirepix

"I was at work in the local mall Tuesday morning when we started getting phone calls from people saying that a plane crashed into the Trade Center. Our emotions ranged from scared to angry to shocked... we turned on the radio and stared at it blankly for an hour and we all cried as we listened to the reports...at 11, the mall was evacuated and we went home. I proceeded to sit in front of the T.V. and stare at the images and weep because there were so many people injured or dead and there was nothing I could do."

JoAnn DeSalvatore
Staten Is., NYC to the Independent



A) The first tower hit was the second to fall. B) Smoke from the Pentagon disaster site fills the air over Alexandria, VA. C) A panoramic view of the destruction after both towers collapsed. D) The first tower to fall was the one hit live on T.V.

the next day...



photo by Robin Weiner/Wirepix

"Work resumed Wednesday morning, with two of us running the store and hundreds of customers shopping and telling stories about their friends and family. Most of the major shopping areas were evacuated by 9 a.m., including the mall, people were held hostage at the Home Depot, and a bus was hijacked (the last two statements are rumored to have occurred, but I'm not sure.) I thank God that I'm safe and my family is safe. I've been going to church and praying with my friends, hoping that maybe one more person will be found and saved."

JoAnn DeSalvatore
Staten Is., NYC to the Independent



photo by Robin Weiner/Wirepix

E) Firefighters and rescue volunteers found a mess of steel and ash. Limbs were reportedly found strewn about the debris. F) Firefighters in New York take a rest Wednesday from the rescue effort. By the end of the week, chances of someone being found alive were slim.

the response...

"As of right now, all I can say is I am also ready to fight for the country if need be, but I don't believe that other innocent people should die."

JoAnn DeSalvatore
Staten Is., NYC to the Independent
A makeshift shrine in the streets of New York.



photo by Robin Weiner/Wirepix

Most Americans favor retaliation

by Zeb Eckert
U-WIRE Washington Bureau

A sweeping percentage of Americans would support military action against terrorist groups suspected in Tuesday's deadly attacks, a Washington Post-ABC News Poll reported Wednesday. Close to 95 percent of adults interviewed in a random telephone survey were adamant that the United States should swiftly retaliate. Whether the numbers represented the heightened emotions of the day or the solid beliefs of Americans, the government said it would not delay in finding the suspects.

"The United States of America will use all our resources to conquer this enemy," President Bush said Wednesday morning. "We will rally the

world." The President called the attacks "acts of war." It is still unclear how the government plans to respond, but the heightened U.S. military presence here and around the world may be an indication, experts said.

"There would be something to be said for Congress declaring war or by statute offering war," said Peter Raven-Hansen of GWU. He said if Congress would authorize war against a particular nation, it might compel them to yield to U.S. demands. "It would clearly be sending the message that from now on supporting terrorists passively or even giving them sanctuary in their country would be the same as if you committed a terrorist act." Working on intelligence reports, the U.S. government is looking to the possibility that Saudi fugitive Osama bin Laden is connected to the attacks. He was

implicated previously in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) said on television Tuesday that he received word of U.S. electronically intercepted reports from bin Laden representatives who said they had hit two targets. The Associated Press reported Wednesday that a Palestinian journalist close to bin Laden said the fugitive "thanked Almighty Allah and bowed before him when he heard the news." An aide to bin Laden reportedly said he considers the terror in the United States "punishment from Allah."

The Pentagon and World Trade Center attacks could only have come from an international group, Raven-Hansen added. The government is looking at other groups including Hezbollah, a Lebanese guerrilla force.

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Organization Statements

Muslim Student Association

Hello to the *Independent* staff. The Muslim Students Association of Northeastern Illinois University as well as the rest of the world would like to express our condolences and sorrow to all the victims of the horrific airplane crashes that happened yesterday in New York City, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.

There are several leads as to who the culprits are, and whoever they are, they must be brought to justice. We as students, staff and faculty all express our deepest regrets that something like this could ever occur.

We don't know as to who is directly responsible, but we would like to express an initial apology if it happens to be a Muslim. (Although this person cannot be a true Muslim because you don't kill innocent people in Islam, nor commit suicide in the name of God, nationalism or whatever.) We would like this public statement of regret, remorse, condolence, and appalment to be in the very next issue of the *Independent* so the University public can see our stance and opinion on such a horrific, unjustified occurrence. Thanks.

Hillel

NEIU Hillel would like to express our deepest sympathy, condolences, and koach (Hebrew for strength) to all Americans, especially those who lost family and friends in these heinous acts of terror. Our prayers are with everyone - we must remain strong. To co-opt an old Jewish saying, "Every American is responsible for each other."

NEIU Hillel

The president reacts at Nat'l Cathedral prayer service

This is a series of excerpts from President Bush's speech on Friday, September 14, 2001, at National Cathedral following an inter-faith prayer service.

"We are here in the middle hour of our grief. So many have suffered so great a loss, and today we express our nation's sorrow. We come before God to pray for the missing and the dead, and for those who love them..."

"Now come the names, the list of casualties we are only beginning to read. They are the names of men and women who began their day at a desk or in an airport, busy with life. They are the names of people who faced death, and in their last moments called home to say, be brave, and I love you..."

"We will read all these names. We will linger over them, and learn their stories, and many Americans will weep..."

"Just three days removed from these events, Americans do not yet have the distance of history. But our responsibility to history is already clear: to answer these attacks and rid the world of evil. War has been waged against us by stealth and deceit and murder. This nation is peaceful, but fierce when stirred to anger. This conflict was begun on the timing and terms of others. It will end in a way, and at an hour, of our choosing..."

"There are prayers that help us last through the day, or endure the night. There are prayers of friends and strangers, that give us strength for the journey. And there are prayers that yield our will to a will greater than our own..."

"It is said that adversity introduces us to ourselves. This is true of a nation as well. In this trial, we have been reminded, and the world has seen, that our fellow Americans are generous and kind, resourceful and brave..."

"And we have seen our national character in eloquent acts of sacrifice. Inside the World Trade Center, one man who could have saved himself stayed until the end at the side of his quadriplegic friend. A beloved priest died giving the last rites to a firefighter. Two office workers, finding a disabled stranger, carried her down sixty-eight floors to safety. A group of men drove through the night from Dallas to Washington to bring skin grafts for burn victims..."

"Our unity is a kinship of grief, and a steadfast resolve to prevail against our enemies. And this unity against terror is now extending across the world..."

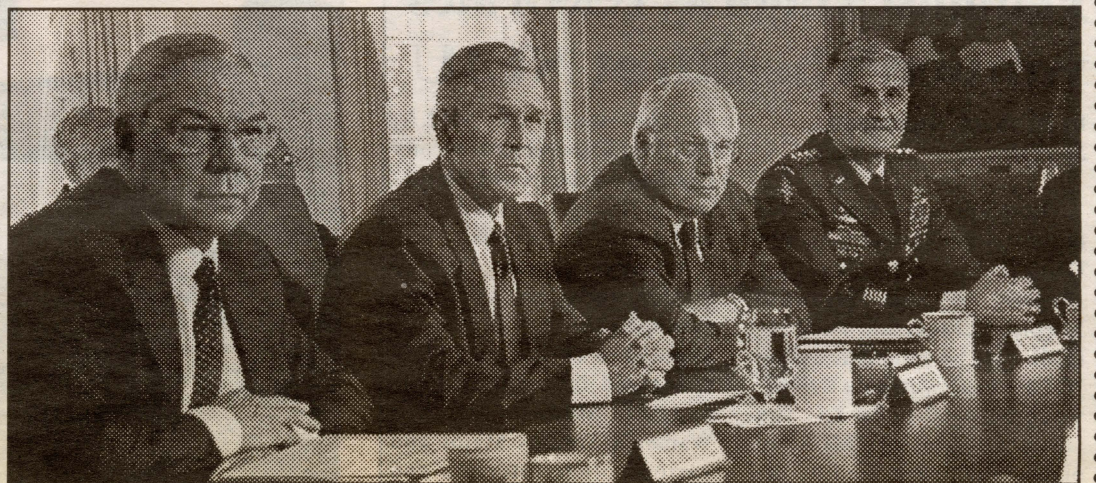
On this national day of prayer and remembrance, we ask almighty God to watch over our nation, and grant us patience and resolve in all that is to come. We pray that He will comfort and console those who now walk in sorrow.

"We thank Him for each life we now must mourn, and the promise of a life to come... May He bless the souls of the departed. May He comfort our own. And may He always guide our country. God bless America."



President Bush's phone conversation with Governor Pataki and Mayor Giuliani of New York was televised.

The president, vice-president, and secretary of state meet with the joint chiefs of staff to discuss strategies for dealing with terrorism.



Reactions range around the campus

We might disagree politically with our country's decision-making; but now we must band together as a nation! We cannot let extremists come into our country and kill innocent people. We have to retaliate — soon!

Linda Wall, sophomore

Our country should re-evaluate what we do in relation to all of the world's people and consider change. If not, terrorist attacks will continue.

Daryl Stewart, senior

People will get crazy stupid with us. Thousands died for a political cause. When will it end? Not any time soon...because it is *our* time

to get crazy stupid!

Javier Diaz, sophomore

Why are they willing to give their lives for something we won't stop doing?

Nolan Fletcher, freshman

Two days before this tragedy, I spent the day with my 18-month old niece. It was a great day watching her amazement as she discovered the world around her. After hearing of the attacks, my thoughts moved to this new, beautiful, American citizen. How do I explain this to her when she asks? By then it will be history, but inevitably she will ask. What words do I find to describe such inhumanity? How do I comfort the sting of hatred and deception? Who do I turn to in search of a way to give her peace? Maybe by the time she comes to me with that tearful question in her soul, I will be able to give her some answer. But I know I will be able to tell her at least one thing: even with this evil lurking in the shadows, I am still an American, and proud of it.

Carl W. Mackey, senior

Throughout the years history tends to repeat itself. Let us reflect back to WWII. The initial attack on Pearl Harbor by the country of Japan evoked immense racial backlash and hatred towards U.S. Japanese citizens, most of whom had nothing to do with the attacks. It looks as though we are repeating ourselves once again with the recent attacks on individuals with "Middle Eastern descent." Why would we lower ourselves to the level of the terrorists and attack our own?

Christopher J. Schneider, senior

Enough is enough! Find the culprits, kill them, and nuke their country back

to the stone age! If they want to play the terror game, let's up the ante. Nobody can stop us if we're not afraid to use our most devastating weapons.

name withheld, senior

Maybe we should focus more on our homeland. We can no longer play "ruler of the world" anymore. Whether we don't agree with policies in Palestine, China and Cuba makes no difference because we all know that it is the diversity of people that makes this world strong. Let's stop wasting tax dollars on trying to regulate the world by what we define as "right." Let's start taking care of home.

Valerie Lablaiks, senior

This is an act of war on our nation and the world's power. We defend the country of Israel and people hate us for that. The people who were responsible will pay.

Conor Heybach, freshman

It is hard to believe but easy to understand. Hard because it takes more than guts to attack the U.S. on its own soil. Understandable because of the role the U.S. plays in international politics.

Juana Montoya

I think that's pretty scary, all we got to do now is get together and pray!

N. Nivose

A loss not to families, but to the whole U.S.A. We need to take action against terrorists.

Manish Varna

We have to take action against terrorists.

Bhairavi Shah



A flag is raised by rescue workers at the Pentagon.

Northeastern students "Fall into Fun"

During the week of September 10th, Northeastern's annual "Fall into Fun" week was held. While the week featured a variety of events, including the Student Organization Fair, a Campus Resource Information Day, and a Campus Recreation Day, the highlight was, as always, the activities held on Monday, September 10th in the outdoor area near the Library, Fine Arts Building, and B-Wing. Sponsored by the

Northeastern Programming Board (NPB), activities included an air-filled bouncy cage, basketball, and music. *photos by Danica Cho*

NEIU's swing dancing class suffers massive budget cuts. Students pick classes for spring term in new "3-point challenge" selection.



Feminist Majority celebrates women's health at NEIU

by Michael Hammond
Staff Writer

There are many reasons for those active in the Northeastern Illinois University campus chapter of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) to be optimistic during "Celebrating Women's Health" week September 10-15. The recent activities of FMLA, an organization sponsored by the Women's Studies Program, have played an important role in bringing about key changes and important new services on campus. Perhaps the most dramatic success for FMLA occurred last spring, when a meeting room jam-packed with faculty, administration, and students erupted into cheers as the NEIU Board of Governors unanimously passed a resolution approving a new undergraduate Women's Studies major. The Women's Studies Program, founded in 1971, has offered an undergraduate minor since 1977, but the new major, the only existing major of its kind offered by any state-run university in Illinois, was made available to students starting with the recently begun Fall 2001 term. Members of FMLA actively campaigned for the new major and considered the passing of the resolution as both an important victory and something of a springboard of momentum and enthusiasm that has helped to rally activists around many other issues important to women on campus.

Another such issue that FMLA rallied around last school year was the lack of access to sanitary napkins, which until just recently were extremely difficult to find on campus. Prior to this summer, no menstrual pad machines were to be found in most of the women's restrooms on campus.

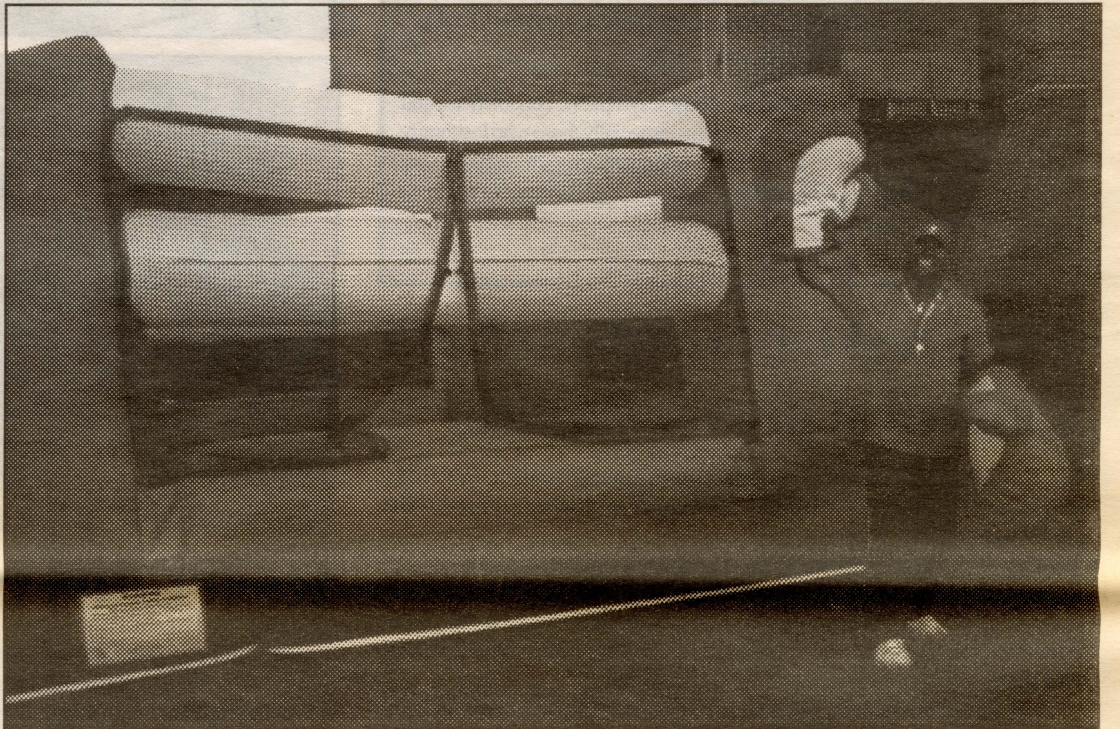
Feminist Majority rallied in support of more widespread availability of pads, sponsoring petitions and raising awareness. Thanks in large part

to the work of FMLA, Facilities Management recently installed machines with bleach-free pads in six restrooms throughout the campus.

A bulletin board located inside a display case on campus throughout the week of September 10 and an FMLA sponsored information table updated students on the Women's Studies Major and various other interests and activities that comprise FMLA's daily struggle to make a difference on campus were big parts of FMLA's attempt to spread information and awareness on campus. A major theme in all of the displays about issues crucial to women's health was menstruation. The display prominently featured information on a variety of menstrual product options, including washable and reusable cotton pads and the relatively new feminine protective cup. Washable menstrual pads, such as the Lunapad, wrap around your underwear, snapping into place, and are worn for the same length of time as regular pads. Only Lunapads, which are available with colorful designs, are to be soaked in cold water before hand or machine washing. The Keeper, a feminine protective cup, is a more environmentally conscious and healthy alternative to tampons. The easy to use cup made of soft rubber is worn internally during the menstrual cycle, and does not absorb moisture or expose the wearer to gels or chemicals.

FMLA Secretary and Women's Studies major Mollie Dowling commented on the issues the displays brought to the forefront.

"We are ecstatic that we now have the opportunity to attend the school that we already enjoy and be able to take classes and build a degree around issues that promote awareness and critical theories of gender, race, and class."

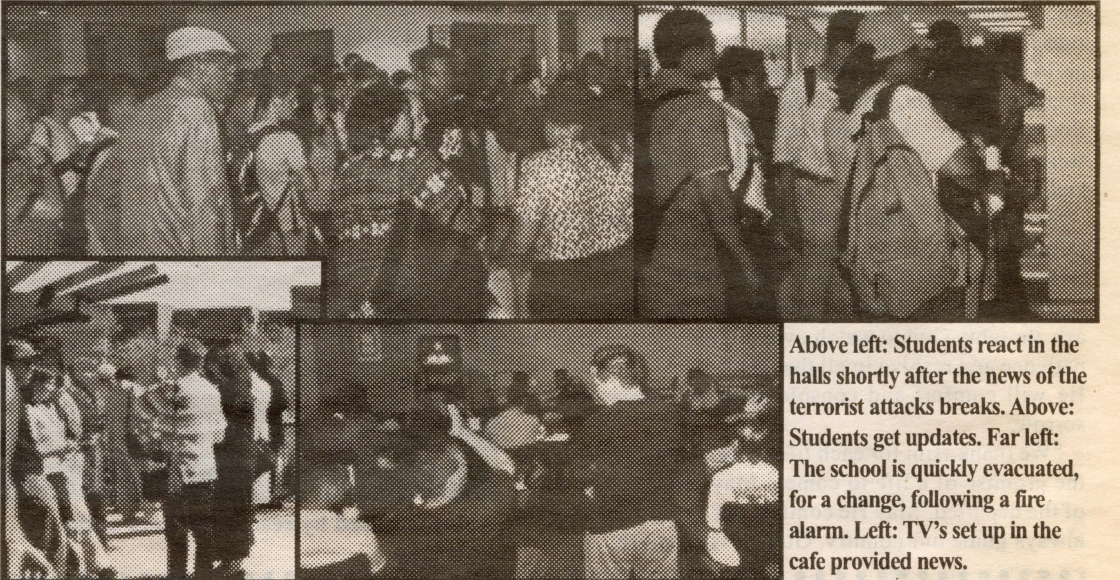


Top/Middle: Evander Holyfield makes his in-ring debut at NEIU.

NEIU enjoys live music in the B-Wing Courtyard

NEIU students blow off steam by "gettin' jiggy with it."

Tragic news breaks at Northeastern



Above left: Students react in the halls shortly after the news of the terrorist attacks breaks. Above: Students get updates. Far left: The school is quickly evacuated, for a change, following a fire alarm. Left: TV's set up in the cafe provided news.

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outlined the reason for the change. He revealed that NEIU does not receive funding for parking renovations. "Parking is self-sufficient," said Steve Horton. "The new parking lot, the 286 spaces just put in, cost the University around \$500,000. The money for this new lot comes solely from the sale of parking permits and the payment from parking tickets."

He went on to say that last year, in December alone, the University spent \$120,000 on snow plowing. "And that was just for one month." In addition, he gave a 7-year projection cost for the resurfacing of all the parking lots on campus. The projection placed the cost at around \$1.3 million.

A student present at the forum brought up just how difficult it was to find parking. He said that it took him about 45 minutes to find parking on Monday and Tuesday. Horton then said that the first 2-3 weeks of school were always hard times for parking. "Students are buying and selling books, standing in line for registration, for payments, students are trying to get classes." Horton went on to assure the student that "parking usually slows down after the first 3-5 weeks."

Much of the forum was dedicated to the anger and misconceptions about the "hang-tag policy." The current sticker must be affixed to the windshield, and it is unable to be removed and reused.

Horton answered the most common question, which was "Why do I have to pay \$21 for a piece of plastic?" He said that students were able to purchase a hang-tag, but they were not paying extra money for it. He explained that students could "opt-out," and then purchase a normal parking permit, like in the previous semester, which comes with a hang tag. He said that the amount of money spent for the windshield sticker versus the hang-tag sticker made it seem like students were paying in excess of \$20 for a "piece of plastic," but actually they were purchasing a completely different permit.

The hang-tag permit cost versus the windshield sticker cost is different, but most students were unaware of this fact.

Students also brought up the point that many of them were forced to drive different cars based on the activities of family members. Horton assured students that as long as they reacted on or before

September 10, they could get a refund for their windshield stickers. Even if they were already placed on the windshield, Horton told the students to just "scrape it off and bring in whatever you can."

When asked for the specific number of permits sold, Horton said that NEIU always oversells the number of permits. "There are approximately 2200 available parking spaces at NEIU," Horton said. "The University always oversells to take advantage of the turn-over." Horton explained that students are at campus on different days and at different times, and if NEIU only sold 2200 parking permits, one for each available space, there would be several thousand students without parking permits, despite the fact that the lot

would have empty spots.

Another student asked why the daily permit machine raised its price from 2 dollars per day to 5 dollars per day. Horton replied that since in some cases, permits have increased in price over 100%, that an increase in the daily permit machine was needed to balance the equation. They decided to increase the machine over 100% to a round number, Horton explained.

Students with any questions can contact Steve Horton at extension 4100. If you cannot reach him, Horton encourages students to leave him messages so he can get back to them. Ann Weaver also has a direct extension that students can call. Students should call extension 4102 to reach the Parking Office Supervisor.



Melvin Terrell and Steve Horton hope that their new parking plan will avoid scenes like this, but students are upset about the price.

Bahamas plane crash brings promising R&B music career to a tragic end

by Shana Stone
Staff Writer

A terrible tragedy occurred Saturday August 25th, when 22 year old, R&B singer Aaliyah, as well as eight others, were killed when their plane went down right after takeoff in the Bahamas. The cause of the crash is still unknown, yet speculation about an overload of luggage and an uncertified pilot is still being looked into.

Aaliyah was in the Bahamas shooting her latest video on Treasure Cay on Abaco Island. Aaliyah and her production crew arrived on the island Thursday. When not filming, she as well as the rest of the crew explored the island on motor scooters.

Aaliyah, who had two Grammy

nominations, a platinum album, and several high-profile movie roles, was killed instantly. Five others on board also died in the crash, while three more died later of their injuries.

Aaliyah was born on January 16th, 1979 in Brooklyn, New York, and then moved to Detroit when she was five. She has had film roles in *Romeo Must Die*, *Queen of the Damned*, and an upcoming role in *The Matrix 2*. She is survived by her mother, Diane; father, Michael; and brother, Rashad. She just recently had done an interview for Teen People and is quoted as saying, "My parents just tell me, 'If you know what you want, you should stay determined and go for it. You can do anything.'"

Rescue workers wait to find someone alive

by Lisa Livermore
The Daily Iowan/U-WIRE

Anthony Spinelli's 4-year-old son knows his daddy is in danger. "My son called me up and said, 'Daddy, be careful,'" the 24-year-old Cross Volunteer said. "He knows I'm going to dead people."

Spinelli said he has seen 50 corpses in the last two days. He has pulled 11 bodies out of what's left of the World Trade Center following many say is the most brutal attack on U.S. soil in history. He is one of the many volunteers in downtown New York Thursday.

The majority of volunteers distribute bottled water and cookies to rescue workers.

Spinelli chose to confront the smell of death. The Manhattan native said he's waiting to find one of his friends. He's waiting to find someone alive.

"Twenty-five of my friends were killed on the 25th floor [of the World Trade Center]," he said. "I have 25 funerals next week."

On Wednesday, Spinelli said, he shimmied through a 3-foot-wide crawl space 40 feet below the World Trade Center only to find a corpse he was unable to recover because the body was covered in too much rubble. He said his heart leaped into his

throat after coming on the scene of two firefighters and three civilians who were trapped in an elevator in a downtown building near the trade center.

A small fire burned below as they screamed for help. When Spinelli and rescue workers pulled them out with a crane, oxygen was released and the fire erupted in a tall blaze. Since then, he said he braces himself and waits to find someone alive. "I took a man out in 12 pieces and no head," he said.

The makeshift lighting of downtown shined on his neck tattoo — a Chinese symbol that means "destruction." This is the first time he has confronted dismembered bodies, grieving families, and a U.S. government that, he said, should take action to stop the madness. Every minute he's not in the building searching for bodies, more are dying, Spinelli said.

Volunteers were evacuated from buildings numerous times Thursday while the Millennium building tilted, its structure weak from the fires burning in the days before.

"We want to be there," he said. "We want to pull bodies. The longer we are away, we can't save them."

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right path."

"It was so tough being around all this sex, drugs, and atheism without any Muslims around. I wish I had had all these [Muslim] people around me, but I didn't," said Jilani.

Whereas Madyun stressed sharing the message of Islam to the United States, Jilani spoke of a much broader idea of building an entire Muslim government. He went through how the Koran, the Muslim holy book, is the only true law.

"The lives of humans have to be governed by Allah," said Jilani. "Materialism is too important in this society."

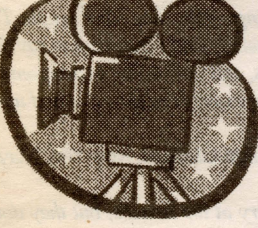
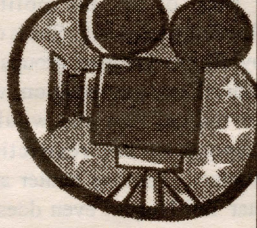
Jilani concluded by speaking of the responsibility of all Muslims in the United States to unite as a single

body to promote Islam. He said that instead of letting the country challenge their beliefs, it should be the other way around.

"Being a Muslim is not about protectionism, nor is it about isolationism. We should be the ambassadors of Islam and spread it to the West," said Jilani. "The first property of us [Muslims] is not to work as individuals. Allah made us as an umma [single body] that should unite to challenge the beliefs of the nonbelievers."

"Things turned out better than I expected," said Robert Hull. "One speaker complimented the other perfectly. Anybody who was interested and didn't show up really missed out."

"It was really a great experience," said Najmuddin Mohammed, MSA member. "It would be great to have these types of luncheons monthly."

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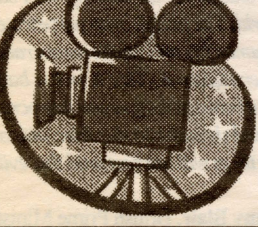
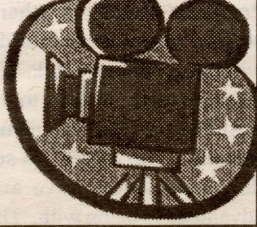
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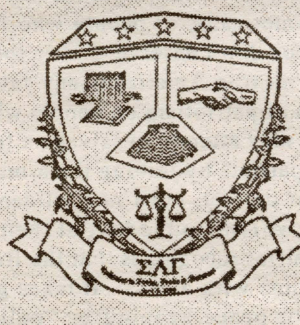
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EDITORIAL BY VICTOR A. DULA, OPINIONS EDITOR

Bittersweet Patriotism

Ever since my parents woke me up on Tuesday with a sense of urgency I rarely see from them, I have been glued to the television and the national news networks, trying to absorb as much as possible about the developments concerning the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the United States.

I've seen U.S. citizens come out en masse to show their support for their fellow citizens in New York. The local news stations have reported a number of times about the long lines of people waiting to give their blood here in the Chicago area; some people were waiting for as many as five hours so they could "just do something."

Doctors render medical care for the injured and dying in makeshift triage centers; there are more doctors than there are patients to treat. Police officers, firefighters, national guardsmen, military personnel, and other agencies and individuals have volunteered their time and effort to clear away tons upon tons of building debris while trying to locate survivors trapped by it and evacuate other buildings in danger of collapse. Fifty Chicago firefighters drove to New York to join the local firefighters there. One fireman described the brotherhood that characterizes the need to assist fellow firefighters. The military stands ready to protect our borders and skies.

News anchors and reporters have been reporting around the clock, and as I write, I can't remember seeing any commercials interrupting the continuous flow of news.

As I drive where I need to go, I see flags of various sizes in front of people's homes and fastened to people's automobile antennas in a show of solidarity. It's even been reported that there has been a small surge of citizens signing up for military service.

The members of the U.S. Congress have put aside their differences to stand behind the President, united to oppose those who would do harm to the United States and its allies. Around the world, nations and leaders send their condolences and support.

All of this is commendable and necessary, and it is a comfort to know that there still is a base level of humanity in most of the rest of the world in times of need when people help each other in whatever ways they can. What can be disappointing is that it sometimes takes a crisis to really see the innate good character that emerges in people. What is not necessary is some of the other things I've seen. Indeed, it's downright disgusting.

People with misguided anger have targeted Arab-Americans in a number of what so far (again, as I write) have been isolated incidents in different locations across the country.

There was a report out of California that several Islamic websites were shut down because they were being sent hate email and messages. Some Arab Americans told reporters that while stopped at red lights, people in cars next to theirs cursed and shouted hatefully at them. In Dallas, some people targeted a mosque, throwing rocks and breaking windows. One person told me that in Chicago, two Muslims were beaten.

I also saw a report that a group of people who would call themselves patriots congregated on the sidewalk, waving American flags, and, which did not seem evident in the video footage but according to the reporter, were ready to march on a mosque to do who knows what.

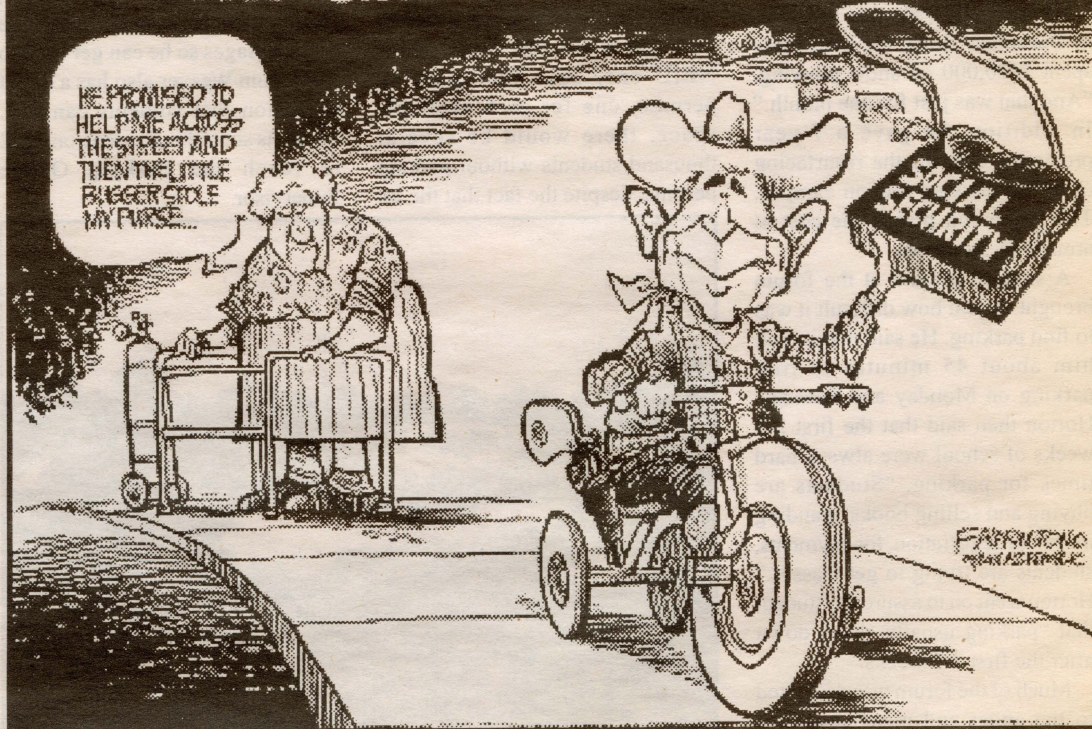
What the hell is this? Can people really be this stupid? Any of you morons out there who target for any type of violence Muslims, Arab-Americans, or people who fit those profiles, are not patriots. You don't deserve to even touch the American flag, and you do no true Americans any favors by inflicting your own version of patriotism on people who did nothing to you. Perhaps you may attempt to salvage a fraction of respect accorded to real patriots by joining the armed forces; I know the military is not perfect, but I'm confident that the targets they provide you *will* be, to the best of their ability.

As I see it, a patriot recognizes that the freedoms we enjoy are fragile and come with a price. It takes guns and soldiers to fight wars (not peace-keeping or "policing the world" missions) when our security is threatened. It takes citizens taking an active role in their government, learning how it works, learning who participates in it, what they do, and how well they do it, and dispensing the notion that "my vote doesn't count." It takes citizens actively learning the history of our nation and the world. It takes pulling our heads out of the sand.

Don't just run to the nearest convenient store hoping they haven't run out of novelty American flags, but become a true American citizen. The generations before and after ours demand it.

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Janet Reno for governor? Surely, you jest

by Thomas J. Foley
staff writer

Janet Reno has recently announced an interest in running for the position of Governor of Florida. Considering her record there and elsewhere, she may want to reconsider this decision and save herself some unnecessary embarrassment and shame. She stands about as much of a chance of winning that seat as Richard Nixon does of winning Time's Man of the Year award. In other words, maybe in the next lifetime.

I will be the first to admit that all I know about her is her record as Attorney General of the United States under President Bill Clinton, but that's enough to convince me that she shouldn't even be elected dog-catcher, much less governor of a state with more electoral votes than Illinois. In my opinion, she has a bad record on a national scale and also on a local scale, at least in the case of Florida.

First of all, her politics are decidedly left-wing. She is despised by all pro-firearms groups for her radical anti-gun position, which is so radical that she would even impose severe restrictions on hunters. Famous hunter and rock star Ted Nugent even does a song about her entitled "Kiss My Ass." On stage, he has a cardboard cut-out of Reno in Nazi garb which he shoots with a flaming arrow. If conservatives such as Nugent are against her this much, she can expect a virulent opposition in the election.

Of course, in that election she would most likely be squaring off against incumbent Jeb Bush, President Bush's brother, and a popular governor in Florida. This will not be an easy task. The only one who might be able to pull it off is Al Gore or Clinton, and neither is running. Our system is set up so that incumbents have an unfair advantage to begin with. This alone

could prove insurmountable for Reno.

Nationally speaking, her reputation is less than stellar. First there was the Waco stand-off, which she took control of when it gained national attention. It is widely believed that she could have found a better solution to that situation rather than to allow the religious fanatics to burn themselves to death.

Then there was Ruby Ridge in Montana. A couple of older people had shut themselves away in deep woods Montana. Reno's solution was to have them picked off by snipers. So much for the innocent-until-proven-guilty idea, unless it applies posthumously.

Then came various other trials, such as the investigations into Gore and Clinton's campaign abuses and Clinton's impeachment. In both of these, she was the accused's best friend, helping each escape scrutiny by refusing to act. That is guaranteed to hurt her.

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We didn't have panic; we didn't have people running and hurting other people. The people of New York City really distinguished themselves, and I just want to say this once again: New York City is a lot stronger than this, and were going to overcome it, and the people of New York City are gonna give an example of how to stand up to terrorists. You just don't be afraid, that's all.

Rudolph Giuliani, New York Mayor

There are a few kids in the streets who are angry at the Israelis, but they don't understand what has happened in the United States.

We should not really misconstrue the actions of a few teenagers in the street... with the position of the Palestinian people... and how we feel in the Palestinian Authority.

Hasan Rahman, chief representative in the United States of the Palestinian Authority, in reference to witnessed celebrations of Palestinians

The resolve of our great nation is being tested, but make no mistake, we will show the world that we will pass this test.

George W. Bush

As for those that carried out these attacks there are no adequate words of condemnation. Their barbarism will stand as their shame for all eternity. As I said earlier, this mass terrorism is the new evil in our world. The people who perpetrate it have no regard whatever for the sanctity or value of human life and we the democracies of the world must come together to defeat it and eradicate it. This is not a battle between the United States of America and terrorism but between the free and democratic world and terrorism. We therefore here in Britain stand shoulder to shoulder with our American friends in this hour of tragedy and we like them will not rest until this evil is driven from our world.

Tony Blair, British Prime Minister

Let's not overlook Kyoto treaty

by Georgia Logothetis
Staff Writer

Global warming is probably the most dire of environmental issues today, because its effects mean disaster for everyone, and everything. It is the most pressing of environmental issues, because its effects are already upon us. If this is such an immediate issue, then why are we throwing away pro-environmental agreements such as the Kyoto Treaty? Don't we all, tree-huggers and oil tycoons alike, want fresh, clean air and a cool, green earth? Of course, that does not mean that we should accept what has been said to be an "inadequate and worthless" agreement.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a group of about 2,500 of the world's leading climate scientists, concluded in 1995 that global warming would produce more heat, more droughts, more flooding, and more violent storms worldwide. Nations convened on Kyoto, Japan, in November of 1997 to decide what each country would do to help curb global warming. As far as industry was concerned, the best answer was to do nothing.

The Kyoto deal, struck in 1997, gave industrialized countries a target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions (principally carbon dioxide) by 5% below 1990 levels by 2008-2012, but it didn't say how. Since 1997, participating countries have attended annual meetings to decide on the rules for implementing Kyoto.

One group of countries, led by the U.S. and including Japan, Australia, and Canada, have worked diligently for years to weaken the targets by various underhanded means. One mechanism allowed industrialized countries to trade emissions among themselves, so that those meeting the targets could sell "carbon credits" to those falling behind. Russia's economic collapse has reduced

its industrial greenhouse gas emissions, leaving it with a vast number of "carbon credits" to sell on the world market. Basically, a factory in Indiana could keep pumping out ozone-depleting carbon dioxide 24 hours a day, as long as the U.S. plants a forest in Austria, for example.

The unpalatable fact is that the Kyoto protocol is now more riddled with holes than a piece of Swiss cheese. Not only will the so-called climate change treaty not do anything to cut greenhouse gas emissions, it will allow them to climb above business-as-usual projections. It will be as if the Kyoto protocol never happened, because nations can continue, or even increase, emissions while "making up for it" in another country. What is worse is that the green groups who originally pushed so hard for a meaningful treaty have been left defending an agreement that isn't worth the paper it is written on.

This also raises the question of why mainstream environmental groups are now supporting an agreement that, in essence, could do more harm than good. The rather lame justification provided by Greenpeace is that although inadequate, it provides the "essential ladder needed to build global action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions." Who are they trying to kid? Simply hoping that governments won't exploit loopholes is irrational. Greenpeace may be right that it provides a framework to build on, but unless Kyoto is given some real teeth, they and other green groups should denounce it as the dangerous con it has become.

The overwhelming weight of scientific opinion is that we need to make cuts of 60% or more in carbon dioxide emissions. There's a real danger that as the polar ice caps continue to melt and ocean temperatures continue to rise, global warming may spiral out of control. And then what? There is no cosmic freezer we can place the earth in

to "cool down"; the damage is irreversible. Oceans will rise and eventually engulf islands of the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian oceans, such as Samoa and almost all Caribbean nations. So obviously we must do something if we want to continue to live as a species and travel to an exotic little island for Spring Break.

Some suggestions have been made to find alternative means of energy, including a radical new concept called "clean coal," which would reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Sounds good doesn't it? Yet what is coal? Don't mean to be too technical, but it *is* carbon. When you burn (oxidize) coal, what do you think the result is? Did you guess carbon dioxide? There is nothing on earth that can change that simple fact. A forced march away from coal is exactly what is required if we are going to seriously address this issue.

Energy is essential for all economic growth, and fossil fuels provide today's principal global energy source. In a world in which poverty is the greatest social pollutant, any restriction on energy use that inhibits economic growth should be viewed with caution. We cannot jump on the first treaty that comes by in the hope that the wrinkles will eventually iron themselves out. That would be premature, wrought with economic danger, and likely to be counterproductive. What we must do is proceed with great caution, but also with great reason. Face it, the U.S. has 4% of the world's population and yet creates 25% of carbon dioxide emissions. We have to do something besides wait for a viable agreement to come along. We must be active in pursuing an agreement that will not only preserve the environment, but that will also preserve our prosperity and way of life. Until an agreement like that comes along, Americans should plant some trees or take the bus.

Color-blindness is a necessity

by Mary Jo Chrabasz
Production Editor

Welcome to the new millennium, people. The Chinese say that if you live long enough, *everything* will happen to you. As a musician acquaintance of mine likes to say, "What a suck reason for sticking around!" The Chinese also curse, "May you live in interesting times." This bold new millennium certainly qualifies. Unfortunately, these interesting times are fraught with devastation, danger, death, war, famine, pestilence, racism, hate, terrorism, and even more ugly words.

I heard on the radio this evening a story about a child in a grocery store who was using his "super-hero powers" to magically open the automatic doors, an act many children the world over have been performing since the dawn of the automatic grocery store doors. However, this child was of Middle Eastern descent and when he karate-kicked the door open, a white patron of the store loudly declared that if he kept doing that, they were going to do the same to his parents. The child's father hurried his family from the store. My first thought was, "How rude!" However, in the wake of this horrid tragedy, people across the country are viewing color with more importance, in a time when color-blindness should instead be the rule.

Now, I am a quiet person. I may be quite opinionated, but I usually do not shout at strangers. However, had I been at this store, I most likely would

have told that person off. I doubt that particular man reads this paper, but I shall tell him off here anyway. I have never, do not, and will never give a damn where a person's ancestors originated from. Be you originally an Italian, a Scot, an Asian, a Pakistani, an Israeli, an African, a Native American, or whatever, you are a human being. I don't care if your citizenship is with America, Great Britain, Afghanistan, Germany, China, Russia, Australia, or Chile, you are a human being. I, personally, will treat you as such: a human being. I prefer to judge people on who they are, and I may be hostile toward someone at times, but that is because they are rude or insulting, not because they are of a certain heritage.

I am, admittedly, a fan of *Star Trek*. It may be useless, but I keep hoping for the color-blind world of *Star Trek*. Even on the original bridge of the *Enterprise*, there was a racial diversity (which at the time it aired, was quite revolutionary), and all the members of that bridge crew were treated equally. You had a black woman, an Asian man, a Russian, a Scot, an alien man, and two Americans, and none were singled out and mistreated because of their heritage. There was even an incredible episode, "Let That Be Your Last Battlefield" which illustrates my point quite well. In that episode, one man of the planet Cheron, named Bele, was after a "criminal," Lokai. Lokai's only crime? His face coloring was different from those in power. Each and every member of Bele and Lokai's race had half-black, half-white faces. However, the side that was white was of the utmost

importance. Bele bluntly tells Captain Kirk in the episode about this difference, which had not mattered to Kirk and his crew. Because of this small difference, he had spent fifty millenia chasing Lokai, only to capture him and discover that they had no homeworld, as Cheron had been destroyed because of those petty racial differences.

Before the non-*Trek* fans rebel and rip apart their papers, I will get to my point. Earth, right now, is turning into another Cheron at a time when it should be turning more to Vulcan's logic. Yes, the terrorist acts in New York and Washington are deplorable and I feel the perpetrators should pay. However, one man's (or even nineteen men's) actions do not a whole race condemn. Look into the past and see the internment camps in which innocent Japanese-Americans were imprisoned because they were unfortunate enough to have genetics that had a genesis in a particular island country we were at the time mortal enemies of. Look at the atrocities Adolf Hitler committed, forcing people whose only crime was they did not believe in the same religious dogma he did (or who preferred a mobile camp to a permanent home, or who were weak, elderly, infirm, or anything else other than tall, blonde-haired and blue-eyed) to strip naked and step into a room in which they choked to death on poisonous fumes. Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Therefore I say to the people who have decided that anyone who happens to prefer the teachings of Muslim dogma

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VOICE OF THE CAMPUS

What aisle are the brains in?

THE OTHER WEEK, I WAS IN BLOCKBUSTER, LOOKING FOR A MOVIE. I DIDN'T HAVE A PARTICULAR MOVIE IN MIND, SO I WAS BROWSING THE NEW RELEASES, LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT DIDN'T FALL IN THE "TEEN-POP-CULTURE" CATEGORY. ABOUT AN HOUR LATER, I GAVE UP AND DECIDED TO RENT *THE 13TH WARRIOR*. I ALWAYS ENJOY THAT MOVIE, AND I FIGURED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER THAN *BRING IT ON!*, A STORY OF A PLUCKY, YOUNG CHEERLEADER PLAYED BY KIRSTEN DUNST, WHO GIVES A MEMORABLE PERFORMANCE DESPITE HER UNFORTUNATE INABILITY TO ACT.



BRIAN BLASZKOWSKI

Anyway, I was looking for it, but couldn't quite locate it (*The 13th Warrior*, not Dunst's acting abilities.) So I just located the nearest Blockbuster employee who was putting movies up on a shelf. I asked her where the movie was. She gave me an odd look, then pointed right behind her. I looked up and saw *The 13th Warrior*, occupying a rather large portion of the wall.

I mumbled an apology, grabbed *Bring It On!*, and left. My suspicions about Dunst's acting abilities were confirmed, but my suspicions as to where the hell my brain went that day went unsolved. Thankfully, though, every dark cloud will give you lemonade, or something like that. Nuggets of wisdom aren't my specialty, as you may well know. I prefer to believe that I ask questions which everyone asks at one point or another.

The question is this: Why do people always misplace their brains when they enter a retail store? I've worked in a grocery store for five years, until recently. (That's a story for another day, children.) I've dealt with some of the stupidest questions imaginable. I never once thought I too would become a story employees share during their lunch breaks. "Hey! Guess what this stupid customer asked me today?"

I really can't answer this question, as I don't really care enough, but this question does at the very least deserve a glancing thought. As I'm very good at doing the very least, let's get it over with.

I think people are inherently lazy (and evil, and idiots, and liars and cheats, but we'll deal with those another day). People, being lazy, seek the quick fix, the fast gain, or the easiest road. I'm not putting myself above any of those losers, mind you. I do it too. But, unlike the majority of the masses, I'm at the very least (once again, my strong point) aware of my laziness. Sometimes it bothers me, other times I'm too lazy to do anything about it. But I do notice it, and I feel bad for it.

So I try not to ask dumb questions; I look for things; I think about things. When in doubt, I ask for things, but not before the looking and the thinking have yielded poor results. What if everyone was like this? I'm not asking, "what if everyone was more like me?" That would be pure hell.

What if everyone thought things out before they acted? It would certainly be safer to walk and drive. People wouldn't speed around schools, women wouldn't apply make-up while in rush-hour traffic, and men wouldn't steer with their testicles because they're holding a cell phone in one hand and a quarter pounder with cheese in the other.

Murders would drop off. If people truly *thought* about the act of murder, they would realize it's far too unpleasant, especially when they realized that they would be destroying lives by pulling the trigger.

In all likelihood, they'd settle for savagely beating the person they were considering killing. He'd be very grateful, unless he gave it some serious thought. Nevertheless, it's better than being murdered, isn't it?

If people thought things through, there'd be fewer single-parent homes, as people would actually *think* about whether or not they'd like to spend the rest of their lives with the same person. Men would stop seeing marriage as "steady sex," and women would stop seeing marriage as "financial security." People would see marriage as it *should* be: a union between two people, a union of mutual love and respect. (If any woman out there thinks the previous message is very sensitive and nice of me, drop by the newspaper office; I'll be there.)

Usually, my final paragraph is simply a summary of everything I've discussed. I don't want people to forget my message, but journalists everywhere frown upon summary, as do many English professors. They see them as redundant, or unnecessary, or both. So I took my own advice. I stopped, I thought, and I looked. I looked for a different approach, I thought about my over-all tendency to be lazy, and then it hit me. Why summarize when I can just stop writing?

Hey, it worked!

Interview with a stem cell

Having noted that the controversy over stem cell research surfaced in the August 29th issue of *The Independent*, and on the assumption that an informed public would benefit immeasurably from information derived from the parties directly involved in any issue, we sought to interview one of the many, often elusive stem cells. Finally one was granted us. We feel this is a special event; however, since the issue of stem cell research is so delicate we have agreed to maintain the cell's anonymity. For the purposes of this unique interview we will refer to it simply as Adrien.

Interviewer: Well, Adrien, tell us a little about yourself.

Adrien: Little is all I can tell. We are so small that rumor has it more of us can fit on the head of a pin than any number of Augustine's angels. That was a little stem cell humor to get things going.

I: Stem cells are known for their humor are they?

A: Well, we're nothing like liver cells. Whoa, talk about a dull lot.

I: More Humor?

A: Yeah, I was just kidding. I have the highest regard for liver cells. Some of my best friends will some day become liver cells. But none of us stem cells are in a happy mood, not these days when so many of our kin are marked for experimentation or death. Potential human life was a lot better in the past.

I: Many humans would generally agree that life used to be better. But they would also point to progress in science where we now have the promise of curing many diseases and disorders through stem cell research.

A: What do you take me for? I'm no guinea pig. You want research, go work on the animals.

I: But surely you must recognize the hope many have that stem cell research could offer cures for Parkinson's disease, spinal paralysis, Alzheimer's disease and much more.

A: You're saying I should be sacrificed for diseased and crippled people, the invalidated dregs of society? No thank you.

I: But they are human and you are not.

A: I am potential human life. I could be a contender, an Einstein, a Milton: Hath not a stem cell a mouth, prick us do we not bleed?

I: Actually, no.

A: Let's not quibble here. Let's stick to the issue of research.

I: But might I add, if you'll allow that it's not too much quibbling, that was Shakespeare you were quoting, not Milton

A: You see the horror of it. I won't even get a chance to get a good education.

I: You speak of horror, but presently of course, you have no heart, no brain, no feelings at all compared to those who are suffering and suffering horribly from pains that science can presently not cure.

A: This kind of sentimentality just won't work. I could just as easily point to many humans who are heartless and brainless. Why don't you experiment on them?

I: You claim you are potential human life, then you could also potentially be a Hitler.

A: Now I ask you what are the chances of that? We'll never know will we? I'll never get the opportunity.

I: But you and your kind who will not be used for research will just get disposed of in some garbage can. So what difference does it make to set aside for research some scheduled for elimination any way?

A: At least we will die with honor and dignity.

I: But what of those living with pain and indignity?

A: Again, you keep talking about human lives. The issue is potential human life.

I: Is potential human life more important than actual human life?

A: My very point!

I: Does this mean we should preserve eggs and sperm not used for successful reproduction?

A: I'm sure if the will to do so was there, as it should be, the technology could be developed. And let's not forget that there are sacred doctrines that are threatened by this current wanton disregard for potential human life: beliefs, traditions, religious organizations upon whose preservation the well-being of society and society's leaders depend.

I: If I have understood you correctly, your bottom-line position is that potential human life ought to be valued above actual human life.

A: That pretty much sums it up.

I: Well, thank you for enlightening us on the values of a stem cell.

A: My pleasure.

Harry White, professor Dept. of English

Voices against voice of the campus

Though Brian Blaszkowski has said that he does not give a shit what "we people" think, let me offer him a few tidbits to chew on anyway.

1) Women do not like to be mistreated. No one does. What Blaszkowski fails to realize is that there is often a big difference between the kind of men women *like*, and the kind of men they are attracted to.

2) Men are no different in this regard from women. Let's be honest: do guys typically ask out the brightest, kindest, funniest, most interesting women they know? Hell no! They go after the boring, dull-witted, self-absorbed, leggy blondes with the big tits.

3) Instead of wondering why so many women date abusive assholes, Blaszkowski might wonder why there are damned many abusive assholes for them to choose from. And don't give me any of that crap about how they act like assholes to get women. Guys who are assholes tend to be assholes to everyone, not just women.

Take off that cloak of self-pity, Blaszkowski. It does not become you.

Dennis Fritz

I think someone should write a Top 10 List for every issue. For example, how about the Top 10 Reasons to read Brian Blaszkowski's "Voice of the Campus" columns.

10. John Rossi did not make the deadline for his "This Man's World" column. 9. You are a night student and the upcoming events are only happening during the day. 8. Your horoscope was too depressing. 7. The personals section does not apply to you. What is up with those Office Girls? 6. The movie reviews were missing in the paper you picked up. 5. There are no UPS adds on that page. 4. It is the beginning of a new semester and you want to see what has changed. 3. Brian's column is opposite the political cartoons. 2. You want to see if Brian is ever going to use a different picture for his column. 1. You want to see if he can top the Free Floating Hostility: The Pain Continues article.

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How the little things help us through disaster

by Thomas J. Foley

Staff Writer

As I sit here, some 60 plus hours since the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, I don't know what to say. Of course, I could write, like everyone else is, about how we must find and punish these people, about how our spirit has not been broken despite everything else that has ... but you wouldn't read that because you've read it already a thousand times, heard it from strangers and friends alike hundreds of times, and felt it in your hearts ever since. Instead, I want to look at those things that have helped us in this time of national tragedy. Let's look first at the image of the World Trade Towers collapsing.

Or rather, *you* look at them. I have not seen them, except in still photos from the newspaper, and I have no intention of casually viewing the deaths of thousands of innocents in a few, tragic seconds.

Let me explain; I worked in a video store the morning of the tragedy. We had it on one of our televisions, but since I was working (operating the cash register, checking in tape, putting tapes away), I was not facing the TV. I could only listen as it happened. The sound of the CNN commentators will be forever etched in my mind. Since then, I have actively turned the channel when these images begin to appear. This gives me a strange objectivity when it comes to the reactions of the people I talk to every day. I ask them what it was like and I study their response (and them).

What I observe is not what you might expect, and I've had the chance, through work and school, to talk to a lot of people about their thoughts on this awesome and powerful image. You might expect weeping, choked up speech, an inability to describe it, or even a simple shaking of the head in somber silence. What I get is, (and this is true almost to everyone I've talked to), that it was just like something out of a movie, specifically *Independence Day* or *Turbulence*. There is a sense of amazement in their voices to be sure, for this is no movie; this is real. But I don't see the emotion that I expect.

I have a theory about why this is so, and instructors who've had any journalism experience will recognize this debate. I think that, because we have been so exposed to the graphic special effects of the kinds of movies that show mass destruction, we have been inured, or desensitized, to these kinds of images. Thus, we as a nation have the ability to handle this kind of thing without suffering a complete nervous breakdown. Is this a good thing? I don't know, but it is real nonetheless. Our penchant for blood on the television and movie screens may have served a useful purpose at last.

This is a little thing that may (or may not, it can be argued) help us cope with this nastiness, but it is not the only thing. In fact, the single most significant American artifact that came to bear in this disaster was the cell phone, that symbol of crass materialism, a unique symbol of American wealth in that almost everyone these days has one. Without the heavy usage of cell phones in this sobering event, authorities may not have been able to figure out what happened so quickly, both in regard to piecing together the sequence of events on each of the planes and also in aiding us to find those responsible, to say nothing of its use in locating and attempting to rescue the many victims. The cell phone, with all its different styles and brands, all the different calling packages full of "free" minutes, may be the biggest hero of the day, and there are many.

Another item I noticed in the media blitz that this apocalyptic event inevitably induced was a story about a man who went outside the World Trade Towers to have a cigarette at 8:45 a.m. that fateful morning. As you probably know, the World Trade Center was a non-smoking facility, so this man had to leave his office on whatever floor he was on and go outside to smoke. While outside, the first plane struck the building. He prudently decided to get away from the area. I find the irony of a law (which some like myself and *Independent* resident curmudgeon Brian Blaszkowski see as fascist) intended to save smokers from themselves and designed to save non-smokers from that nefarious menace, second-hand smoke, instead saving smokers from terrorists and unknowingly dooming so many non-smokers almost palpable. Maybe these laws aren't so fascist after all.

These are the little things that cross my mind in times like these. I guess it's my way of coping with something so terrible in scope, so devastating in its loss of life and property, so evil in its premeditation that it threatens to overwhelm me. Let us now go back to the vitriol and feelings of vengeance rightfully sought for an egregious wrong. Let us go back to the business of finding and punishing these bastards. Let's rebuild the World Trade Center in defiance of those who would tear it asunder. Let's go back to playing our baseball and football games without fear of suicide bombers, for if we don't, they have won. Fly your flags high, if you can find places to purchase them, donate blood, donate money, buy war bonds if it comes to it, and for God's sake and all of ours, pray.

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to those of Judeo-Christian dogma is deserving of pain and torture, learn your history before you become one with those terrorists who died on Tuesday performing their atrocious acts.

I ask that everyone realize we are all human beings and we share the same planet. Earth is our home, will be our home, until we decide to destroy it with our ignorance. Do not let Earth become Cheron instead. Remember those people who died for merely being American, as well as those who suffered and died in the past for being Jewish,

Muslim, or Christian. History is ripe with examples, and *homo sapiens*, despite being the most intelligent animal in the Solar System, is determined to ignore these. Remember the past and before you throw a brick or a Molotov Cocktail or a stone, think! No human being deserves to be executed as guilty before being proven so. Let the government carefully sift through the forensic evidence and determine the true guilty party and allow President Bush to determine the fair punishment. Do not take it upon yourself to be judge, jury, and executioner; that has never worked in the past.

Tuesday, September 18, 2001



The Commuter

Next stop: Features! Watch the doors as they close.

Your guide to the student organizations of Northeastern

Student organizations appeal to many people on campus, and offer a wide range of services for the students. The organizations deal with a multitude of topics, and are geared toward students of all kinds. Here are the official statements from most of the groups on campus.

Accounting Associates: To keep accounting students on issues and career opportunities.

Alliance for Student Social Workers (A.S.S.W.): To create an awareness of the diverse career opportunities in the social work profession.

Alpha Kappa Alpha: To promote unity, interest, and friendship among college women. To play an active role in the community and issues that involve African-Americans and women.

Amnesty International: To promote human rights education.

APICS: To provide awareness of the resources topics and to network with professionals engaged in resource management.

Apocalypse Literary Organization: To publish a literary journal, sponsor literary readings on campus for students and faculty; promote student workshops for creative writing.

Black Caucus Club: To promote unity among blacks and to strengthen and broaden knowledge of political African-American leaders worldwide.

Black Heritage Club: To inform and enlighten students and faculty of the life and cultural

styles of African-Americans and to express these beliefs on campus.

Black Heritage Gospel Choir: To perform concerts to reaffirm awareness and history of the gospel genre and to share this knowledge with the university community.

Black Student Movement: To organize black students and raise awareness of struggles against racism/ oppression and to administer to needs and concerns of black students.

Business and Management: To develop and broaden students' knowledge of current business environment.

Chemistry Club: To provide information to help students interested in chemistry prepare for careers.

Chimexla Student Union: To deal with problems and issues in the Latino community through programs and activities necessary for the welfare of Latinos.

Chinese Student Club: To improve cultural exchanges with all other ethnic groups both within the University and the community and encourage mutual respect for all societies.

Counselor Education Student Association: To enhance the professional and personal development of students in the Department of Counselor Education.

Cuban Club: To celebrate and educate about the heritage and cultures of Cuba.

Earth Science Club: To

acquaint students with the natural processes of our living Earth by having field trips to geologically interesting places and then to present these seminars at school.

Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance: To provide leadership and career opportunities for female students and to educate the community about feminist issues.

Financial Management Association: To educate students to the field of finance and increase their ability to apply this knowledge to the business world.

French Club: To meet, share and further our knowledge of French culture and language.

Future Teachers Club: To recruit and support students who choose a career in educational fields.

Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Alliance: To promote a supportive community and create understanding and acceptance.

Generativity Club: To promote the study of issues of adult development, by providing a forum for the examination and discussion of relevant topics.

Hillel: Inform campus community about Jewish life, culture and concerns.

Hip-Hop Organization: Unifying students in order to listen and learn about hip-hop culture.

Illinois Education Association: To familiarize those interested in education and the teaching profession.

Independent Newspaper: To

publish a student newspaper with news, features and information.

Indian Student Association: To promote and enrich cultural and philosophical understanding within the university community.

Korean American Student Organization: To join together and share the Korean culture.

Latino Students in Computer Science: To raise awareness of Computer Science to the Latino Community.

Marketing Club: To develop its members through professional experience and dissemination of the art knowledge in the field of marketing.

Muslim Student Association: To help Muslim students from different parts of the world to get to know each other and study Islam and its relevances to contemporary society.

Northeastern Programming Board: To provide campus-wide programs to the University Community.

Polish Club: To serve students and to raise awareness of Polish cultures and to get people involved in after school activities.

Politics Club: To promote interest and involvement in U.S. and International political issues.

Psychology Club: To create and foster an interest in the science of psychology among NEIU community and serving the academic and social needs all students with an interest in psychology.

Que Ondee Sola: To publish a monthly journal reflecting the

needs particular to the Latino students with emphasis on Puerto Rican self determination.

Sociology Club: To bridge the gap between theory and practice, to build a network of student relations and to engage sociology students is activism.

Spanish Club: To promote educational, cultural and social activities, which provide opportunities for students to increase their efficiency in the Spanish language and culture.

Student Council for Exceptional Children (S.C.E.C.): To promote the welfare and education of exceptional children and youths.

Student Government: To represent and advocate student views and more.

Sustainable Land Use Group (S.L.U.G.): To provide the community of Northeastern opportunities to learn about sustainable land use practices.

Union for Puerto Rican Students (U.P.R.S.): To promote history, culture, and understanding of the struggle for the rights of Puerto Rican students and community.

WZRD Radio: To train students in the proper operation of broadcast equipment, good programming and management practices. To provide a forum for worthwhile event and services.

To find out more information on these organizations you can contact the Student Activities Office in the Student Union room SU-207, or call (773)-442-4660.

Up To The Minute Facts About Atomic Time

(NAPSI)—The next watch you wear, or clock you buy, may not only be accurate to one second in a million years, it will never need setting—not even for daylight savings. That's because it will be listening to the signals of the world's most accurate timekeeper, the U.S. Atomic Clock in Boulder, Colorado. Radio controlled timepieces like these are used by the military, NASA, as well as radio and television stations.

Now atomic watches and clocks, are available to the public. In fact, there is a growing use of atomic timepieces by schools, businesses and businessmen who travel. Travelers are particularly partial to these timepieces, reports a spokesperson for R.C Precision, the leading online seller of atomic timepieces. These timepieces are not only accurate, they never have to be reset to a different time zone.

The U.S. Atomic Clock at the

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) measures time according to the resonance of atoms. Since atoms resonate at an extremely consistent frequency, this timekeeping method is by far the most accurate.

The wall clocks manufactured



Watches set to atomic clocks may soon be all the rage.

by R.C Precision sell for between \$25 and \$80, and watches for between \$60 and \$690. To learn more about atomic timepieces call 1-888-465-6560 or visit the R.C Precision Web site at www.rcprecision.com.

IT'S ABOUT TIME—You can now buy an atomic watch or clock that you'll never have to reset.

Apocalypse packs some truly lavish literary talent

by Luke Neris
Staff Writer

Apocalypse 8 is the poignant publication of the Apocalypse Literary Arts Coalition and our very own NEIU. If you are a poetry aficionado or just want to look deep around campus *Apocalypse 8* comes highly recommended.

Most of the poems contained within its pages border on the abstract and occasionally cross into the absurd. The poem "Our Illegal Trade" by John Grey comes to mind. A sultry piece where the author compares the worth of his sexual components to that of legally protected endangered animals. I imagine Freud and all you psych majors would have a field day with this guy.

The book once masterfully bypassed my affinity for insomnia and caused me to blackout in the reading lounge. Pound for pound, though, *Apocalypse 8* packs some truly lavish literary talent. The poets' aptitude for using words to paint exacting pictures with velvet texture and dazzling brilliance enabled me to temporarily transcend space and time, enveloping me completely in an environment of the authors' very own creation.

Well, some did that, and others

made my eyes grow heavy and caused my mind to wander. It amazes me how universally wonderful and thought provoking some poetry can be, and how mind numbing and tedious some other poetry can be. Anyhow, no poet or compilation of poetry, no matter how good, is without material of secondary importance. This collection is no different.

Apocalypse 8 isn't entirely composed of poems; it does contain a handful of very short stories. These short stories should also be considered poems, given that the authors' mastery of words surpassed that of the poets. "God's Room" and "I Used to Work on a Liquor Truck" completely commanded my attention and didn't fail to enthrall.

Apocalypse 8 also includes two koan-like poems: "Necrophilia" and "Lubrication # 6." "Lubrication # 6" is a three line poem that caused me to go, "Huh?...Oh!...Hahaha.", while "Necrophilia" made me just go, "What?" But, at least both were excellent in addition to being decent.

Which is more than I can say about *Apocalypse 7*. The Apocalypse Coalition's previous publication, if gossip serves me exactly, was pulled off the shelves because of questionable content.

Consequently, some the work appearing in *Apocalypse 8* was accepted and planned to be part of *Apocalypse 7*.

Good Points: *Apocalypse 8* moved me. It made me happy and sometimes sad, prompted thought, and thoroughly entertained me. For example, another one of my favorites from *Apocalypse 8* is "Urban Raptor." I loved it because it communicated the excitement of something so trivial as bird watching. Although I don't have the slightest inkling to waste my time and watch something as humdrum as birds, the author, with nothing more than words, took me on location and shared his delight. That's good poetry. Bad Points: Some of the poems in this book have the uncanny ability to make its readers fall completely unconscious. Do not operate heavy machinery while reading it.

If you are sitting on the next literary work of art, and want to get published, the Apocalypse Literary Art coalition is currently soliciting manuscripts and art submissions for *Apocalypse 9*. They are interested in any poetry, short fiction and non-academic essays. They are also accepting artwork for the cover. E-mail ALAC@neiu.edu for more details.

WZRD to hold Musikfest

Presented by WZRD 88.3 FM-The Wizard
Friday, September 21st, 12 noon – 8pm

In today's day in age where media conglomerates and big business marketing dictate your musical appetite, it's easy to become bored and frustrated by all the hype. It seems that creative, original artists are "a rare breed", inhabiting only tiny corners of the galaxy uncharted by most human beings.

Well, WZRD is that tiny corner of the galaxy, keeping the torch of underground art burning bright. Some stations refer to themselves by their genres, such as "Lite Rock", "Smooth Jazz", "Classic Rock", or "Alternative" (ha!). The philosophy of the Wizard 88.3 FM is to not be limited to simply one classification, preferring a "Free Form" way of broadcasting instead. True, this may limit the audience of the station, leaving people confused as to what they will hear next. But where else can you hear Can being played after Future Sounds of London or Stereolab? The Wizard, The Wizard and, finally, The Wizard!

At any given time during any given broadcast day, you may hear jazz, rock, and all its sub-genres, techno, hip-hop, heavy metal, world music, classical, dance, reggae, experimental/avant-garde, or any other style, no matter how tame or bizarre. Free Form is actually "Free Form" with the letters slightly changed. Free from the monotony, free from the same ol' corporate

crap, free from the restraints of advertisements, and free from the playlist payola scheme preventing truly talented underground artists from being heard.

With these ideas in mind, WZRD 88.3 FM (The Wizard) presents The WZRD Musikfest 2001 taking place on Friday, Sept. 21st between noon and 8pm. The event will be outdoors on a large stage on the baseball field on Foster and Central Park at Northeastern Illinois University. To celebrate being "Free Form", the event will be completely free! There will be public speakers, representatives from many university organizations, a live broadcast (just tune into 88.3 FM), and of course lots of great music!

The featured headliner at the festival will be indie rock power trio Loraxx. Fronted by female guitarist/singer Arista Strungys, this local outfit received rave reviews of their full-length albums *Canada* and *Yellville*, both recorded with engineer Steve Albini, whose resume boasts records from Nirvana ("In Utero") and Bush ("Razorblade Suitcase") among a slew of independent artists as well. Greg Kot, Chicago Tribune, described Loraxx as "the blowtorch in a room full of paint thinner". Dave Chamberlain, New City, described their 1999 release, *Canada*, as "Female vocals and a sort of slower, neo-punk rock grunge qualify this as one of the most uniquely aggressive records made in Chicago in recent memory".

Other acts on the "Musikfest" line up include Enforsaken, a metal band more influenced by the Euro-stylings if In Flames or Dismember that the soon-to-be-a-memory pop metal invading mainstream radio nowadays. Also featured is the Subconscious Collective, a band representing an impressive array of styles (psychedelic rock, funk, reggae, Latin, etc.) cornerstoned with a live hip-hop sound expressing strictly positive lyrics. Hedonist Maybe will also perform. They are extremely talented bunch of three women and one man creating emotionally charged folk, punk, and rock sounds. Other acts include: Family Problem (a psychedelic rock band heavy on experimentation), The Bob Goode Blues Band (hip shakin' blues rock-n-roll), Dummy Antenna (ambient/electronic soundscapes), Free-form-flows (positive hip-hop), DJ Dull Monotonous Tone (sound collage/weirdness by an anonymous WZRD DJ), and DJ Electric Chair (abstract electronic featuring live instruments, also an anonymous member of the WZRD tribe.....a conspiracy?).

Overall, the festival will broaden the perspectives of all who attend, open up minds that have been slammed shut by Viacom and Time Warner AOL, and offer a fresh take on politics and student activities. So, take the day off work, or if you are a student, call in sick to your teacher. The WZRD Musikfestival 2001 is far better than a concert-it will be an experience!

Horoscopes from the other side of the solar system

by Arcane Star-Reader
Brian

state of the noble "Virgin."

ARIES

March 21-April 19

You must budget your time wisely this month. A tough decision will have to be made early in the cycle, perhaps later... Look at all the options before choosing one. Your lucky number for this month is *pi*.

TAURUS

April 20-May 20

The bull is well known for its etiquette around the dinner table. Similarly, you will have to display such etiquette in a difficult situation, one that will have you baffled. Keep your wits about you, don't confuse your soup fork with your crescent wrench, and happiness will be your reward.

GEMINI

May 21-June 21

The path of your life grows foggy...even for a trained star-reader such as myself. A fiscal situation could have you grinding your teeth, especially if you're broke. Start saving now, and you will be thankful down the road. Your lucky day was last Thursday.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

A cold-hearted astrologer will resurface memories of a lost love. It is best to ignore the feelings you will undoubtedly feel, such as grief, rage, shame, guilt, and the inevitable suicidal tendencies. You will find someone else, but it will take some change on your part. Try changing your name.

LEO

July 23-August 22

You will be forced to perform some duties at your job, duties you would rather they had assigned to someone else. These duties will bring you money, however, and a failure to complete the tasks set by your boss could result in a disastrous bout of "unemployment." Avoid anyone born on a date with an even number in it.

VIRGO

August 23-September 22

The stars were silent when I consulted them upon the

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Success will be attained only through many victories. Victories in love, happiness, and wealth will undoubtedly increase your chances of success. New Hampshire's winning lottery numbers for the Friday the 17th game of "Pick Three" were 0-7-2.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 21

Everything you attempt to do this month will end in spectacular failure. You will succeed at nothing. Give up now while you still retain some pride.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22-December 21

You have often been accused of being heartless. Now is the time to show your detractors how wrong they were. I suggest you buy them all puppies. Watch out for Mondays, they will signal the start of the work-week.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 19

Your boyfriend/girlfriend is growing dissatisfied with your relationship. Despite the fact that "it takes two to tango," it only takes one to screw up a relationship. I suggest getting the jump on them and placing all blame squarely on their shoulders. They will soon see the error of their ways. Avoid anyone selling insurance on CTA busses.

AQUARIUS

January 20-February 18

A plague of headaches will descend upon you in mere days. Begin each day by waking up, and you should be fine. Regular meals and a lack of drinking a lot of beer will also aid you. Be careful with your money, some "friends" will ask to borrow some. They will take, but never give back. Tell them to stick it.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Noble, foul smelling Pisces... your loyalty to a boyfriend/girlfriend will be sorely tested. Listen to your heart, then realize you only live once. Nobody will ever find out. Be suspicious of anyone who approaches you with a weapon drawn.

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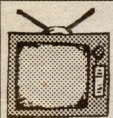
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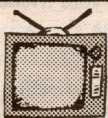
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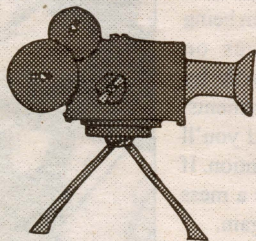
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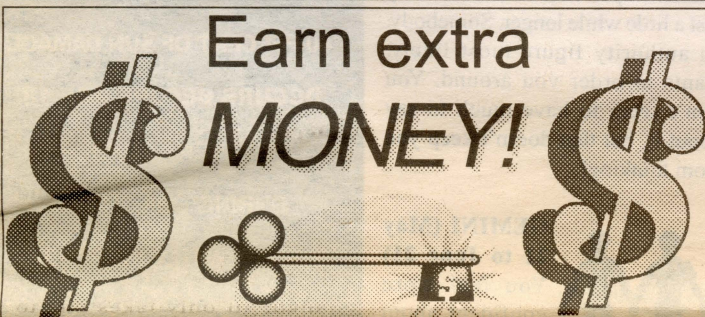
Match the film with the description.

1. An obese teacher with hidden personality?
2. An Irish, unintelligible bareknuckle mobster?
3. A whiny cashier forced to work on his day off?
4. A man in love with the car Eleanor?
5. A cop on the edge of sanity and his three genius sons?
6. A counselor who travels into the mind of a serial killer?
7. A white-collar insomniac with an imaginary best friend?
8. A woman known as "The Bowler?"
9. Four guys reminiscing about growing up, school, and their first big dance?
10. An anti-drug politician with a drug-addict daughter?
11. Two fallen angels who find a way to get back into heaven?
12. Five identical-sized men who each pitch in \$20 for a single suit?
13. Raul Julia's final role?
14. An attractive flight attendant/money smuggler?
15. A sadistic psychopath who loves Beethoven?



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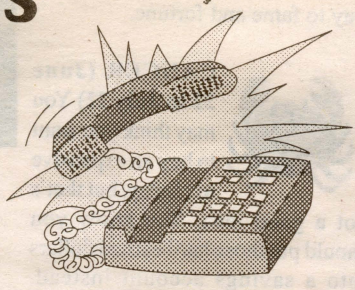
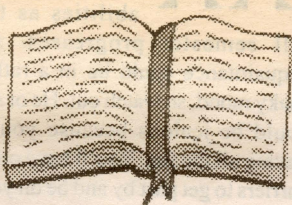
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JOHN ROSSI

Not only do we not have flying cars, or any of the miraculous wonders we saw in the movie, *2001, A Space Odyssey*, we don't have half the stuff we saw on *Star Trek* either.

I can't imagine what the sticker price on a flying car would be, but I'm sure the floor mats would be free, while the ash tray and cup holder would add an extra three- thousand dollars. It's a moot point because WE DON'T HAVE FLYING CARS YET-and most people want them.

So instead of flying cars, what has become the new mode of transportation taking the country by storm? What vehicle can be seen on every city street? Why it's —the scooter. THE SCOOTER?!? What the hell kind of compensation is an aluminum scooter with rubber tires for not making good on their promise of flying cars? Whose warped sense of humor thought this one up? Why did it take a new millennium to invent a collapsible scooter? Were they trying to make use of the stockpile of thousands of urethane wheels left over from the last decade's "in-line" skate fiasco? And why the hell does something you can make yourself out of an old skate and a few pieces of wood cost sixty bucks? WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

Also, I'd like to address the guy with the baseball cap turned backwards and the oversized pants with the crotch going down to his knees that I saw while I was out dining a few nights ago. This character rolled past the restaurant window on Lawrence Avenue on his shiny new scooter with a big goofy smile on his face, and I'll bet he was in his mid to late fifties. What I'd like to say is: Stop it. FOR THE LOVE OF GOD MAN, STOP IT! If that's the only way you can get around at your age, I'd have more respect for you if you had the initiative and the cahonas to steal a CTA bus than to see you roll down the street looking like a total dufus. And as for the "big" pants-aren't there any mirrors at your house? It's also evident that there is not a woman in your life, because if there were, she would strangle you rather than see you out in public wearing pants tailored for Elsie The Cow instead of a human being. And if there IS a woman in your life- think of the children! There isn't enough therapy in the world to correct a single glance of you looking like you're wearing a fumigator's tent around your ass.

Now let's talk robots. "Rosie the Robot" on *The Jetsons* cleaned the house and cooked-Ha! Not only do we not have that, but with current economics as they are, both father and mother have to work fifty-five hour work weeks just to support the family-NOBODY cooks! The technology is getting good at putting up Macaroni & Cheese dinners into different kinds of little paper containers-we can now send dinner across the country Federal Express. "Robbie the Robot" from *Fantastic Planet* synthesized whiskey for Earl Holloman. He could also make lead shielding, repair wiring, and make silk for Ann Francis' dress. What the hell was he? Part robot, part silk-worm? We don't have anything like that. The *Lost In Space* robot could flail his arms about when danger was near-"Warning, Warning Dr. Smith-ratings are dangerously low. Do something other than whine-Danger, Danger."

The newest evolution of the robot can be seen in Steven Spielberg's fiasco, *A.I., Artificial Intelligence*— the only movie in history that was so lame, even the title needed further explanation. Here, several robots are portrayed. Gigolo Joe, who seems to be good for only one thing, but at least he seems to do it well, and Haley Joel Osment's depiction of an "I want my mommy" robot. Boy, I'm glad we don't have either of those. Gigolo Joe-Guys, do we want THAT? I'm sure you'll agree it's tough enough as it is to get laid without electronic competition. And there's the "I want my mommy" robot-I personally liked when he was at the bottom of the ocean near the end of the picture. I only wish he had been there two hours earlier.

Another thing technology gyped us out of was picture phones. I am also glad of this oversight. All you have to do is look at my photo to see why. People would be hanging up on me left and right-even telemarketers. They'd think that they reached that guy from *Slingblade*. First thing in the morning, you might think you were talking to one of the "muppets"- an animated nose and mouth peeking out of a pile of hair between sips of coffee. This is why years ago when AT&T tried picture phones in test markets people rejected them immediately. They remembered what Grandpa looked like and didn't care to frighten the children all over again.

I will say this, the predictions were good on their promise of miniature telephones, although by now they were supposed to be worn on the wrist ALA Dick Tracy. Everybody seems to have one. Even the toad with the big pants on the scooter was talking to his broker or his tailor while he zoomed past the restaurant the other night while I was enjoying my deluxe paper bag of Macaroni & Cheese. However, they never warned us about possible auto accidents. Auto accidents have gone up incredibly since the cell phone. Personally, I do not believe the cell phone is responsible. I think it is big pants.



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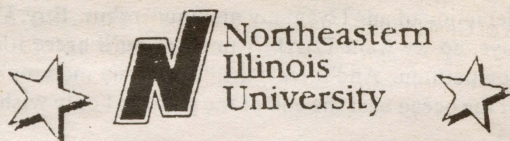
IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS NEXT WEEK: This year is about compromise. Watch out for a sneak attack that will really leave you vulnerable in the weeks to come. You could apply a creative solution to an old challenge. Celebrate a long lived victory this year.

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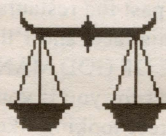
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VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You have been stressing about classes. There's something you need to learn to do your job better. Once you get this skill mastered, something that takes hours now will take only minutes. Trouble is, learning it could take days! It'll never happen if you don't get started.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Arguments upset you easily, but you try not to let it show. Keep an open mind. That might be the reason why you're so willing to compromise. Today, you may wish everybody felt the same way. Some of them seem ready to lose everything rather than admit they're wrong.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You may feel like you're watching a Ping-Pong game today, or a world class tennis match. First one side has the advantage, and then the other. Which is more likely to look out for your interests? Even if it's a person you don't like much, he or she is the one you should support.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're learning something new every day. And if you're smart, which you are, you're doing it as fast as you can. Don't just listen to what people tell you now. If you still want to find the real truth, or the facts of what really happened, you'll have to dig into the past.

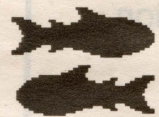


CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You may have to defend yourself and the things you believe in. There's some pretty harsh language being tossed around out there. It has been going on for weeks on end. You know you don't really have to say a thing to prove your point. Let your actions speak for you.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone at home could give you a rough time. Consider the different issues that have come up time and time again.

Then your friend doesn't want to do things the way you've planned them. Then somebody else puts in their two cent's worth. Everybody seems to have an opinion.



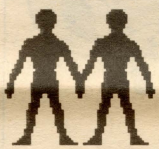
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone's pressuring you to do something, or to act a certain way. They're distracted, though. It's like you're playing a game of Hearts, and the two other players are so busy trying to figure out what the other one will do, they've forgotten all about you. You could trump all three of them.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There's an opportunity to make a profit if you can keep from being distracted. You can focus on increasing your net worth by making some shrewd investments. It's a complicated task, and you'll have to give it your full attention. If you don't, you could make a mess and have to start all over again.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Partnerships of all kinds are well accepted. Are you ready to improve existing relationships? Take it slow and easy just a little while longer. Somebody, an authority figure most likely, wants to order you around. You don't seem to have much to say about it, but that doesn't keep you from thinking!



GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You feel more confident about your homework abilities as the fall semester progresses. An acquaintance could be in a rather snaky mood, so watch out. He or she could be jealous because you're having all the fun. You'll have other barriers to get past by and be on your way to fame and fortune.



CANCER (June 22 to July 22) You may think you want to buy an expensive toy today, but that's not a good idea. You know you should put those hard earned dollars into a savings account instead. Besides, you hardly ever want expensive toys or anything for yourself. Everything's always for the family.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) It might feel like everybody's chipping away at you. You should be used to it by now. Your artistic nature will be heightened today. Get inspired and work on a creative project. It's the price you pay for drawing a lot of attention to yourself. You can't help that, either. You're just naturally attractive!

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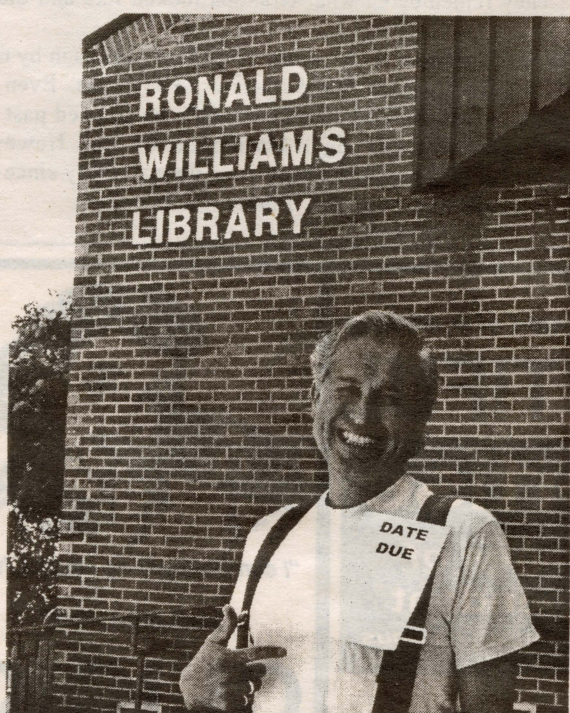


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Someone tell Caspian to take a long walk off a short pier!

Lady 4a -- I'm baack. Just in time to say Happy (special) Birthday. How about "La Vida Loca" 4a + 5a = 7

Sex during marriage is "hurry up" between the commercials.

To the Clan and the extended Clan: Tragedy can strike in any form. May what happened this week not diminish anyone's hopes, dreams, or beliefs. United we cannot fall. Let's gather the clans together and play the pipes by the rising of the moon. ~Clan Elder

Let us mourn and honor, but yet show that we will not be diminished in our strength, beliefs or pride. In honor of those who lost their lives in the tragedies September 11th,

please wear an American pin, a small flag, or red, white, and blue ribbons, along with black and purple ribbons, which represent death.

"For the wretched of the earth there is a flame that never dies. Even the darkest nights will end and the sun will rise...They will walk behind the bloodshed, they will put away the sword, the chain will be broken and all men shall have their reward."

VD -- We hope this is all resolved and you don't get drafted so we can keep our eye on you. ~The Office Girls

"For the sword outwears its sheath, and the soul wears out the breast, and the heart must pause to breathe, and love itself have rest." ~Lord Byron

Clan Elder: We miss you too, darling. You just work hard on your obligations and do your best to return to us soon! ~The Clan

Remember when Joll dropped out of Carroll College because he was getting made fun of by his roomies?

To the Dimmie: Enjoy your fun with a certain gentleman, it will not last long. Prepare to say your fare-the-wells, someone you know may be leaving. But do not worry, her place will be ably taken.

Righty: Stop surreptitiously sneaking your sadistic criminal tendencies over to my side. I'm sick of your sick side! Oh yeah, and will you file away the medical crap before I start the fanfic grossing-out in retaliation! ~Lefty

Damn! Forty-two pages and still in the bar!

To the evening shift, It wasn't that bad. We'll be whooping that ass every two weeks. Say hello to the peace keeper. ~The resident curmudgeon

To Lefty: Leaving won't be that easy, darling. If everything else fails, I'll just have to kill you. Don't worry, though, you'll heal. ~Righty

"Friendship is one mind shared between two bodies." ~Mencius

Ah, Scott! Just like Captain Decker, you're very commanding and have proven that you can take control of this great ship. For that, I am proud. But never fear, this Admiralty will not wantonly usurp you. Admiral (but not for long) Se'erl

Pass me the chardonnay, BB!

To Gus-kuh, I'm sorry I dragged you out of bed : (but I will make it up to you. Thank you for your constant love. ~Charlie Brown

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