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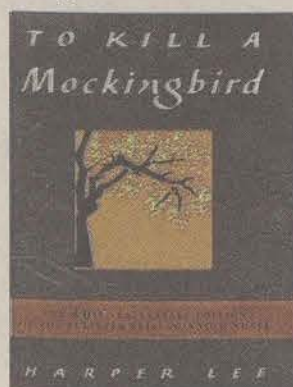
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GSU remembers



Jill Burnham/STAFF

GATHERED FOR REMEMBRANCE: The largest crowd to ever gather in the Russell Union came together Friday to observe President Bush's call for "A National Day of Prayer and Remembrance." All noon classes were canceled for the memorial ceremony so that all could attend.

By Shana Bridges
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After President Bush declared Friday a national day of remembrance and prayer for the victims of the recent terrorist attacks on the United States, GSU showed its support by holding a memorial service in the Russell Student Union at noon Friday. The service drew hundreds of people, and the commons area was packed with students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Michael Braz of the GSU music department was pianist, and the service opened with all assembled singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

Dr. Hal Fulmer, head of the communication arts department, welcomed the audience to the service, which was sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi and the Student Government Association. The Eagle Battalion Color Guard was also on hand to display the national and state flags.

Dr. Fulmer then turned the program over to Bryan Saxton, SGA president.

"It is a great sight to see everyone coming together on campus," Saxton said. He then read a touching poem by a woman from Canada about the unity of the United States. He finished his speech by encouraging ev-

eryone to "keep praying and keep remembering."

GSU student Mike Hardy was the next speaker. He gave a moving account of his day on Tuesday, Sept. 11, sharing his fears and emotions with the audience. "Whether we realize it or not, our lives have changed forever. We are in the history books, but unfortunately for the wrong reasons," he said.

He also encouraged everyone to stand together, regardless of political orientation. "There needs to be no Republican, Democrat, or Independent. We can only be one."

After Hardy's speech, Fulmer

spoke again.

"A dark cloud pours over us," he said, "and in it is a chill like no other chill we have ever had before."

Fulmer also made the analogy of the Phi Kappa Phi willow tree located by Lake Wells and Lake Ruby.

"Like it, when a winds of adversity blow, we will bend, but not break," he said. "At this time of crisis, we are our best. This is the hope that carries us from this day to a brighter one in the days and weeks to come."

The audience then participated in

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Bin Laden: A history of terror

By Chris Brennaman
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While the name "Osama Bin Laden" is on the minds and lips of people around the world, few know the history of the man many believe is behind Tuesday's attack on the U.S.

Bin Laden is already sought on charges by the U.S. for the 1998 attack on U.S. embassies in Africa and last year's attack on the USS Cole.

Osama Bin Laden was born around 1955 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He is the youngest son of Muhammed Bin Laden, founder of the Bin Laden Group, a construction firm that obtained a good deal of Saudi government contracts.

While most Saudis of the time labored in the desert heat, Osama Bin Laden lived a pampered life provided by his wealthy father. In 1968, he inherited more than \$300 million when his father passed away, though

the U.S. recently froze bank access to most of his fortune.

However, according to a "Frontline" feature on Bin Laden, his connections with the Islamic business community are such that any time he needs funding, Bin Laden can simply reach out to that community and receive any support he wishes.

In 1979, Osama Bin Laden left Saudi Arabia to fight against the Soviet Union after their invasion of Afghanistan. In the mid-1980's, he help found the Maktab al-Khidamat to help funnel

fighters and money to the Afghan resistance in Peshawar with a Palestinian Muslim Brotherhood member called 'A b d a l l a h 'Azzam. His

"jihad" was funded by U.S. dollars. According to Hazhir Teimourian, a Middle Eastern analyst, he recieved CIA security training.

His organization established recruitment centers around the world, including within the U.S. and Pakistan, that enlisted, housed, and transported thousands of individuals from as many as 50 countries

to aid Afghanistan against Soviet forces. Bin Laden also imported heavy equipment to cut roads and tunnels and to build hospitals and storage depots in Afghanistan.

In the late 1980's, Bin Laden left 'Azzam to take his campaign worldwide. Bin Laden formed a new organization called al-Qa'ida in 1988. 'Azzam was killed by a car bomb in 1989, and the extremists within his organization joined with Bin Laden.

After the Soviets withdrew from Afghanistan, Bin Laden went back to work in his family's Jeddah construction business, although he still supported his organization.

In 1991, the Saudi government stripped him of citizenship and expelled him from the country. Though the Afghan war had ended, his organization still remained strong.

Bin Laden resurfaced during the 1990s in Sudan, ostensibly to assist

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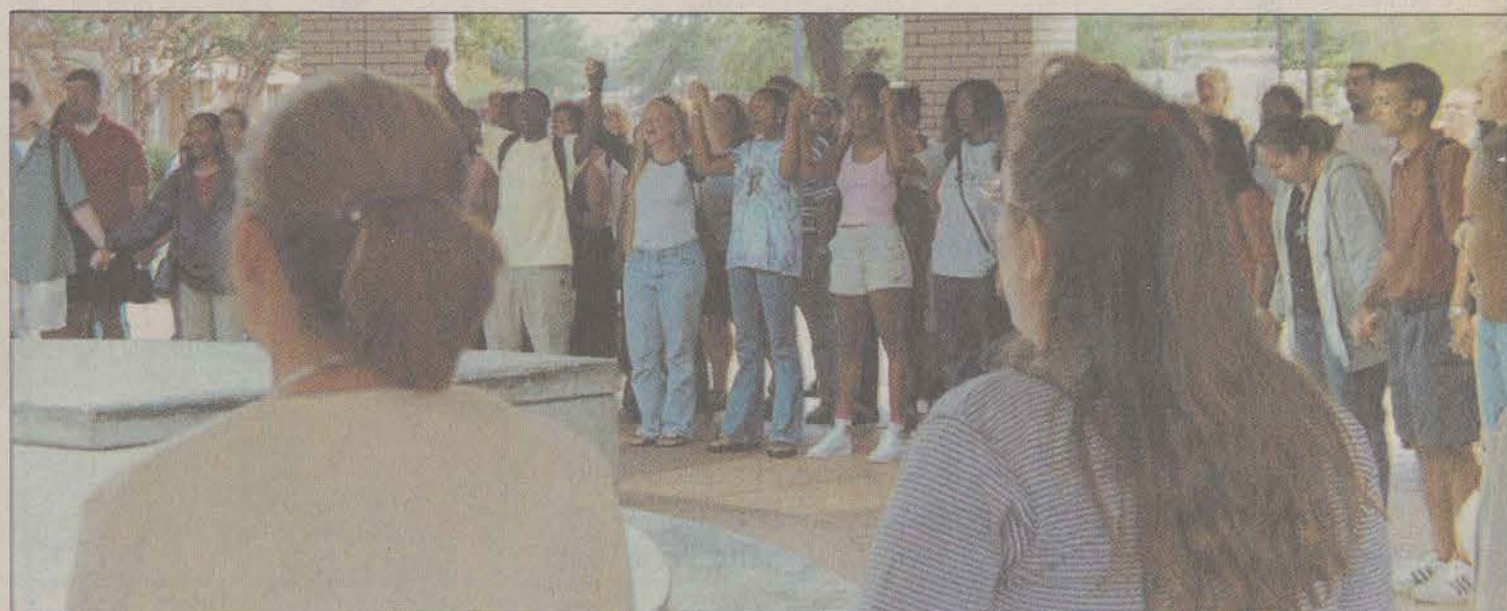
A TERRORIST'S PAST: Osama Bin Laden has an extensive history of terrorist attacks.

Saying prayers for those lost, counting blessings for those rescued...

HOLDING HANDS IN PRAYER:

After the noon memorial ceremony to pay respect to the people who perished in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, GSU students gathered beneath the Rotunda to pray for victims and their families. Holding hands, the students continued to show their unyielding support and concern for the victims, families, and friends involved in the crises of last week.

Photo by Jill Burnham/STAFF



Seemingly fruitless WTC search continues

Associated Press

NEW YORK—The days run into nights run into days, sunlight into spotlight, indistinguishable. Four days after they began digging through the remains of the shattered World Trade Center, rescue workers were fueled Saturday by little more than faith.

For a third straight day, their work at ground zero of the terrorist attack produced nothing more than tons and tons of wreckage—none of the pings or knocks that might signal a survivor. Firefighters, dazed and exhausted, showed the strain of their fruitless hunt for life.

"They're drained," said Greg Shriver, a firefighter who came down from Connecticut to lend his help. "They have to rest up to go back. They've lost a lot of brothers."

The tale of John Hartley, 60, a volunteer from White Plains, was typical. After a grueling 16-hour shift passing buckets of rubble by hand, he almost staggered up Lafayette Street, lugging his white hard hat, when he was asked to reflect on the huge task.

"You don't give it much thought," said the exhausted carpenter, who worked on the World Trade Center during its construction. "You're taking out rubble a brick at a time. You're always hoping that you find something."

It was easy to see why rescuers were numb. Among the grisly finds at the site recently were a pair of hands, bound together, found on a rooftop. Another was the torso of a Port Authority police officer, identified by the radio still hanging from his belt.

On Saturday night, city officials released a partial list of victims of the attack—39 names that included a pair of top Fire Department officials.

The decimated department mourned three top officials at funerals Saturday, including one for a beloved chaplain who had comforted colleagues for decades.

As firefighters said goodbye to the dead heroes, city officials said the number of people missing in the terrorist attack had grown by more than 200 people. The total number was now 4,972, said Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik.

The new figure came from missing persons reports—1,200 were filed with police from outside the city—and family members reporting to a Manhattan crisis center, Kerik said.

The increase virtually guaranteed that the death toll in Tuesday's coordinated terrorist attacks on New York and Washington will exceed 5,000. Already, 152 bodies were pulled from the rubble,

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Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

September 13

• Chad O'Brien James, 17, was arrested for terroristic threats.

September 15

• Lynnward H. Williams Jr, 37, was arrested for driving while license was suspended and failure to use headlights.

• Albert Nelson, 32, was arrested for possession of marijuana and open container in a vehicle.

• James Richard McCrary, 18,

was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

Editor's Note Police Beat appears in every edition of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount and nature of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained at either the GSU Division of Public Safety or the Statesboro Police Department.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Jenni Ginepri, assistant news editor.

Gold, silver buried in WTC rubble

Associated Press

NEW YORK --Some 13 tons of gold worth an estimated \$110 million and 30.2 million ounces of silver valued at \$121 million are buried under the rubble at the World Trade Center, The New York Times reported Saturday.

The precious metal was stored in vaults below 4 World Trade Center, one of the smaller buildings that collapsed in the attack on the twin towers, the newspaper said. It belongs to people or firms that trade futures contracts on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The Times quoted James

Newsome, acting chairman of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, which oversees futures markets, as saying there was not much concern about the gold and silver "because the metal is secure and because there is ample supply."

One company estimated the trade center hoard of gold to be just 0.3 percent of the global supply.

The precious metals are used to settle trading in futures contracts. Futures traders generally do not want the actual gold; instead they buy contracts based on it to hedge or speculate.

Cockpit voice recorder found at Pa. crash site may show if passengers fought back

Associated Press

SHANKSVILLE, Pa.--Searchers have recovered the cockpit voice recorder from United Flight 93 that could reveal whether passengers tried to overpower the hijackers.

The black box was found Friday evening buried 25 feet deep inside the V-shaped canyon the airliner gouged as it crashed into a field in rural southwestern Pennsylvania. All 45 people aboard the San Francisco-bound flight from Newark, N.J., were killed.

A few miles from the crash scene, Gov. Tom Ridge spoke at a candlelight vigil Friday evening and lauded what he called the heroism of the passengers.

"The passengers on that plane decided to fight back against their hijackers," Ridge told a crowd of about 3,000 in Somerset.

"They undoubtedly saved hundreds, if not thousands, of lives in the process. They sacrificed themselves for others the ultimate sacrifice," said Ridge.

Several passengers made cell phone calls before the plane crashed, saying they had been hijacked and were trying to decide how to thwart the terrorists' plans. They found out during those calls that two other planes had just crashed into the World Trade Center.

Deena Burnett said her husband, Thomas Burnett, 38, called her from the hijacked plane and said: "I know we're all going to die there's three of us who are going to do something about it."

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said that the military had been monitoring the plane and was in a position to intercept it.

"I think it was the heroism of the passengers on board that brought it down, but the Air Force was in a position to do so if we had had to," he said on PBS's "NewsHour With Jim Lehrer."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said Friday that he is looking into the possibility of recommending the Presidential Medal of Freedom for passengers aboard the flight.

FBI spokesman Bill Crowley said the plane's voice recorder, designed to record the final 30 minutes of conversation in the cockpit, appeared to be in relatively good condition.

It was sent to a National Transportation Safety Board laboratory in Washington to be analyzed.

National News Brief

Day five and I still can't go home

By Karen Matthews
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK-- I showed my driver's license at two police checkpoints to get into my building. The guard gave me a flashlight there is no power. I packed some clothes for myself and my 3-year-old daughter and fled.

Tuesday's attack on the World Trade Center sent shock waves around the world, but the horror is especially keen in lower Manhattan where the smoke is still thick from the burning office towers. My eyes watered when I went back for my clothes on Friday.

My 39-story Tribeca apartment building is was about seven blocks north of the Trade Center. I heard the first plane crash into Tower 1,

then walked outside and saw a huge fireball as the second plane hit Tower II.

I left ahead of the official evacuation, carrying a toothbrush, a change of underwear and my child.

According to Con Edison, the attacks damaged two substations as well as major electric transmission cables.

About 12,000 homes and businesses were initially without electricity; Con Ed spokeswoman Joy Faber said the number was down to 9,365 on Saturday.

Our power went off Tuesday afternoon and the building was evacuated Wednesday.

Liz Cruz, who lives on the third floor, said she spent that night in an emergency shelter at a high school.

The phones aren't working so it is hard to reach neighbors and make sure they are alive. Most seem to be accounted for. My daughter's best friend attends a preschool just two blocks from the Trade Center and had to be rescued by tugboat from Manhattan's southern tip.

A notice at the front desk says power will not be restored "for at least the next several days."

The notice says residents "who have an urgent need to retrieve identification, money, medication, clothes and other similarly important items will be permitted to access their apartment one time only."

Officials closed Manhattan below 14th Street after the attacks, permitting only emergency vehicles

below that thoroughfare. The border moved south to Canal Street on Friday. I walked from there after presenting my identification.

The twin towers that once dominated the cityscape were gone. World Trade Center 7, which collapsed later Tuesday, was a smoldering ruin. Military police in camouflage patrolled streets normally clogged with strollers.

The guard checked off my apartment number. I climbed 11 dark flights of stairs to my apartment, where I emptied the refrigerator of rotting food and spoiled milk. I packed clothes and a few books and toys.

I don't know when I can go back.

Continental lays off 12,000 employees

Associated Press

NEW YORK -- Airlines are cutting back service dramatically to avoid bankruptcy after terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, with three major carriers reducing schedules by 20 percent and one, Continental, laying off 12,000 employees.

American and Northwest did not specify how many jobs would be affected by their reduction in service.

With the public nervous about flying after the attacks and business travel already way down because of the economic slump, the industry is expected to lose billions of dollars by the end of the year.

Analysts say that without a huge bailout from the federal government, even the largest carriers could go out of business. Airlines have already lost hundreds of millions of dollars a day since Tuesday, when hijacked jetliners attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Continental chairman and chief executive Gordon Bethune said reduced demand from fearful travelers, extensive losses from a two-day shutdown after the attacks and higher expenses from tough new security requirements called for dramatic change.

The cutbacks at Continental, the nation's fifth-largest airline, represent more than one-fifth of its work force of 56,000.

"We're taking immediate steps to preserve all the cash we had going into this debacle," Bethune said, estimating that Continental had roughly \$800 million on hand.

Bethune said the company has

not say whether their long-term service would be curtailed. Analysts predict the industry will lose between \$4 billion and \$7 billion in 2001.

Congress gave President Bush \$40 billion on Saturday to help rebuild

help prevent a "ripple effect" after Continental's announcement, union president James Hoffa said.

The nation's nine largest carriers have been losing between \$100 million and \$250 million per day since the nation's air space was shut down and then gradually reopened following Tuesday's events.

Travelers across the country faced long lines and delays as airports implemented mandatory federal security measures, including a ban on curbside check-in and limited access to ticketed passengers beyond security screening point.

Federal officials also opened the skies to most private planes, but banned them from flying within about 30 miles of Washington,

D.C., and New York City.



been losing \$30 million a day since the attacks and that only 55 percent of its planes are back in the air, most of them half-empty.

"I guess everybody in the airline industry's had anxiety over this, so it's not totally unexpected," said Jim Moody, spokesman for the Independent Association of Continental Pilots, which represents 7,500 pilots for the airline.

Eagan, Minn.-based Northwest implemented cutbacks Saturday and said it would complete a review of its staffing needs by next week. American, based in Fort Worth, Texas, announced scaled-back service on Friday.

United and Delta, respectively the second- and third-largest airlines, did

from this week's terrorist attacks carried out by hijacked jetliners. Bush will be able to spend half that amount with virtually no congressional restrictions, although it was unclear how much money might be allocated for the airline industry.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the administration has already been in touch with the airlines. Helene Becker, an analyst at Buckingham Research in New York, said, "The airlines simply won't be able to do what they're being asked to do without financial support."

The Teamsters union is working with airlines officials to set a meeting with Bush, possibly on Tuesday, to pursue an emergency appropriations package for the airlines that would

Parking lots offer clues, reminders of missing commuters

Associated Press

PRINCETON JUNCTION, New Jersey-- The hundreds of cars left unattended for the past several days in the commuter parking lots of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut stand as another chilling indicator of the death toll at the World Trade Center.

Officials hope the cars belong to rescue workers or people stranded at airports. But police are checking the

license plates against the lists of the World Trade Center missing, for fear that some of the vehicles belong to bus and train commuters who never made it out the twin towers.

On Saturday, dozens of cars were parked in the far corners of NJ Transit parking lots along one of the main commuter rail lines leading into Manhattan. The lots are usually empty except for weekend shoppers.

Three nights after the attacks,

about 1,000 cars remained untouched in commuter lots at Metro-North Railroad stations in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

Nearly 5,000 people are reported missing at the World Trade Center many of them from the suburbs around New York.

Police patrolling the Garden State Parkway decided Tuesday not to tow cars in parking lots along the highway that are used by commuters who take the bus to lower Manhattan. New Jersey

Transit also ordered all parking lot patrols to stop writing tickets. And it stopped towing cars from train and bus stations.

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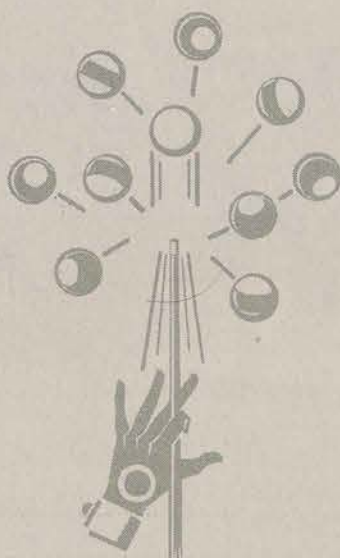
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ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Washington

Insomnia saves
Seattle engineer from
death in New York

SEATTLE—Gabriel Ramirez figures insomnia and the resulting oversleep caused him to miss an appointment in the World Trade Center, most likely saving his life and that of a coworker.

Ramirez, 35, of Issaquah, a systems engineer with WRQ Inc. of Seattle, said he couldn't get to sleep Monday night at The Waldorf Astoria in New York and didn't quit tossing and turning until 3 a.m. Tuesday.

By the time he got up, he and Laurie Rozenfeld, 38, a WRQ sales representative for New York and Connecticut, were late for their first appointment of the day at 9 a.m. on the upper reaches of one of the twin towers. They had planned to spend most of the morning at Lehman Brothers and meet with officials of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in the afternoon.

Then he switched on the television and saw one tower in flames after being hit by a plane and another jetliner hitting the other tower.

"We should have already been there," Rozenfeld said. "Luckily, Gabriel was running a little late."

Both had met clients at the World Trade Center in July and had their photo taken on the observation deck of one of the towers.

"For a while, I thought I should stay at the Marriott in the World Trade Center," Ramirez said. "Thank God I didn't do that and decided on midtown Manhattan."

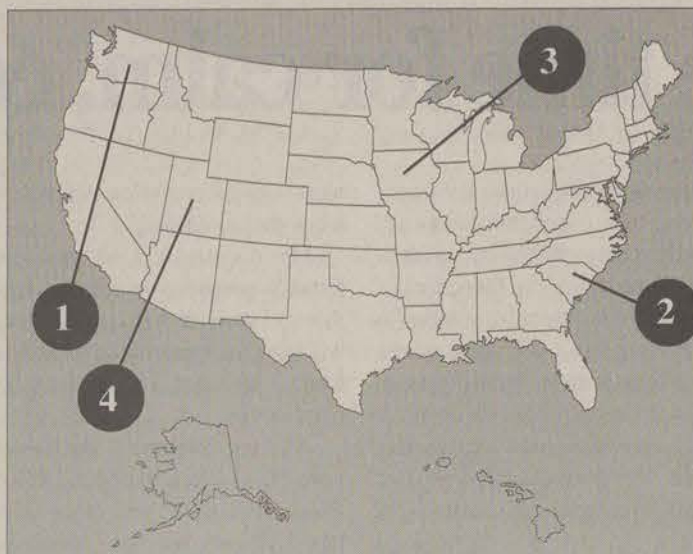
The two wound up taking a taxi to Rozenfeld's parents' home in New Rochelle, N.Y.

"Today was not our day to go," she said. "We weren't supposed to die today."

2 South Carolina

Woman
arrested after
lifting up her
skirt in school

CHESNEE—The mother of a Chesnee High School student has been arrested after she lifted her skirt in front of a staffer during an



argument over the school's dress code, police said.

School officials called 42-year-old Wanda Montgomery around 8:30 a.m. Friday after her daughter came to school in shorts that they thought were too short, according to a Spartanburg County sheriff's report.

Montgomery yelled at the staffer, then lifted up her skirt and showed her underwear, making a comment about her short skirt, police said.

Montgomery, who was charged with disturbing schools, was released Sunday on \$1,000 bond and told not to go back to Chesnee High School.

3 Iowa

Iowa cow
gave rare birth
to triplets

WEST LIBERTY—A Main Anjou Angus gave birth to triplet heifers in West Liberty recently.

The odds of a beef cow giving birth to triplets is around 15,000 to 1, said Rebecca Jepsen, a reproduction specialist at Iowa State University. For humans, the ratio is 8,100 to 1.

Esbeck said it's even more rare for a cow to give birth to three females.

The cow, Blackie, belongs to Dennis Esbeck of West Liberty. His daughter, Jennifer, named the triplets Hannah, Holly and Hope.

Jennifer, 15, along with her sister, Danielle, 9, said the calves will be their responsibility. The girls have shown cattle at local and national levels.

4 Utah

Woman kept
hundreds of ferrets in
condo

LAYTON—A woman who said she was running a sanctuary for ferrets in her condominium had 224 of the animals seized Friday by Davis County authorities.

Animal control officers, using a search warrant and acting on neighbors' complaints, found cages stacked floor-to-ceiling in each room of Jean Morrison's residence.

Officers took the ferrets to an undisclosed location where Morrison said she was helping care for them.

Morrison was left with six ferrets, the maximum number of pets allowed per household in Layton.

Morrison said she's had as many as 500 ferrets on hand. What started as an effort by her to rescue or adopt ferrets in need turned into "more than one person could ever do," said DeAnne Hess, the county's animal-control director.

"We're trying to help her take care of them and find an appropriate place to house them," Hess said. "That wouldn't be a condominium."

No charges have been filed against Morrison, who said she had been operating a sanctuary for ferrets and reptiles at her condo since 1985. She said she also has a cat, turtle and a ring-necked morning dove.

"Right now we are dealing with the sheer numbers," with most of the ferrets in good shape, Hess said.

Morrison said she collects ferrets from owners who find they can't handle the pets and arranges adoptions.

Jimi Hendrix home brings \$33,853 on eBay

Associated Press

SEATTLE—A small house where acid-blues-rock legend Jimi Hendrix lived for a few years has brought a high bid of \$33,853 on eBay, and now the buyer faces a tough choice.

Richard Osborn of Michigan, who submitted the top bid in an Internet auction that ended Wednesday, must arrange to move the one-story house in the city's Central Area, strip it of its Hendrix memorabilia and other valuables and demolish the rest, or walk away from the deal.

If he chooses the third option, the next-highest bidder would have a crack at the white, two-bedroom house with purple trim, a clawfoot bathtub and original cabinets.

In the past several months, Osborn has bought dozens of Hendrix items on eBay, ranging from a Hendrix postcard for 69 cents to \$203.33 for a compact disc set of Hendrix live at Winterland. He couldn't be reached

for comment Wednesday by The Seattle Times.

Hendrix, whose hits included "Purple Haze," "Hey Joe" and "Foxy Lady," was 10 when his father bought the property on June 2, 1953. He died

gone by Oct. 7.

Rather than demolish it, they decided to see whether someone was willing to buy it and move it.

Moving the house could easily cost more than \$50,000, said David

Blackburn, whose company, TreasureMerchant of Tacoma, ran the auction for Hilow and Harrington.

"And if you don't town a lot, it could be way over \$100,000," Hilow said. "I figured only like Paul Allen or some super-rich person could do it. I thought we'd get eight grand and someone would come in with pliers and strip everything

they can."

Blackburn said Osborn could probably make more money selling the purple and psychedelic bits of the house than he paid for it.

"I don't care if I make or lose money on this thing," Hilow said. "It has no real value, except for emotional and historic. I just hope someone can take this house off my hands."

"I DON'T CARE IF I MAKE OR LOSE MONEY ON THIS THING. IT HAS NO REAL VALUE, EXCEPT FOR EMOTIONAL AND HISTORIC."

—MICHAEL HILOW
PREVIOUS OWNER OF HENDRIX HOME



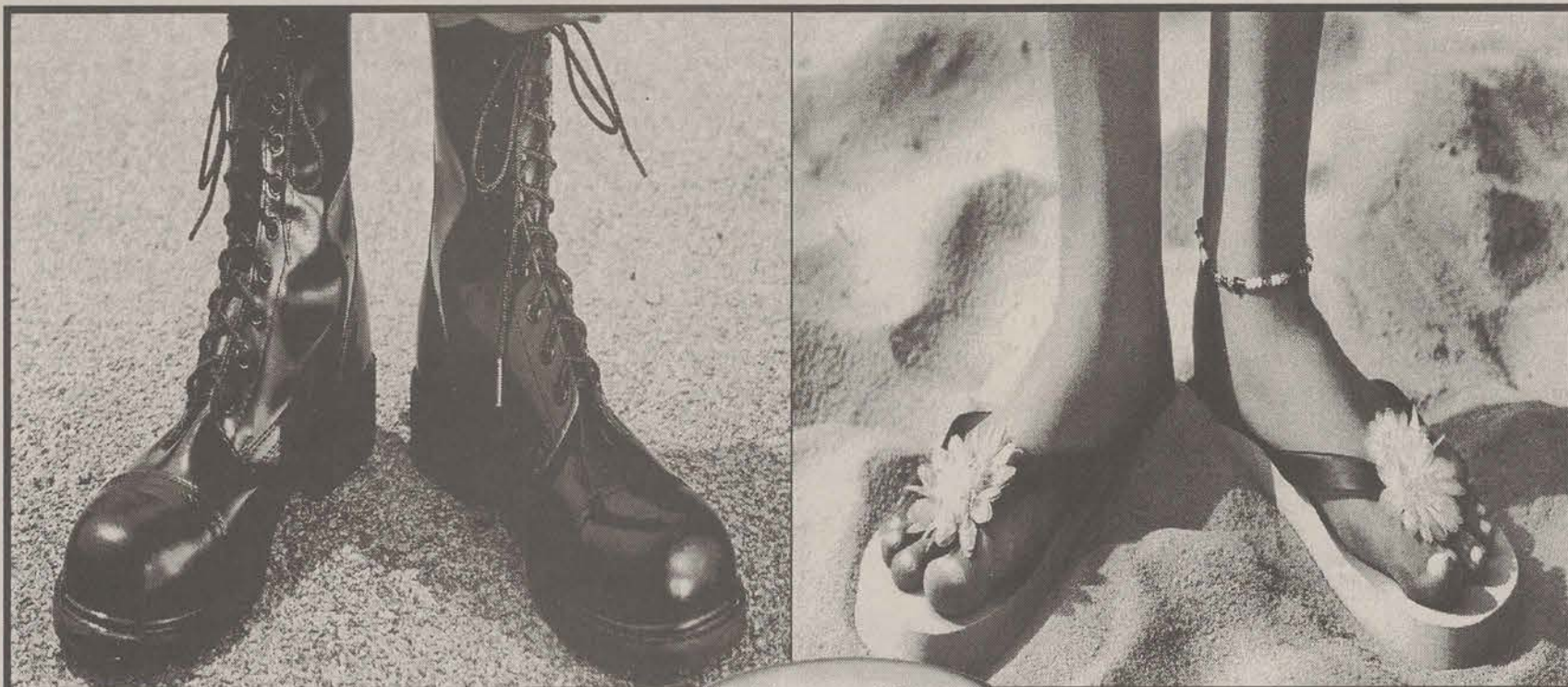
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OPINIONS

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OUR OPINION

GSU students do care

A constant theme in *The George-Anne* over past years has been our incessant railing against student apathy, in all its forms. GSU denizens simply haven't had the will to get out and make a difference, be it at football games or in influencing the political process of Statesboro.

Our long-held belief was shattered Friday. The pictures speak for themselves: hundreds, perhaps thousands of GSU students from every walk of life, every possible background, every part of campus came together to memorialize and mourn thousands of people they probably had never met or seen before.

One fact stands clear: GSU students are a caring bunch. We all have our differing concerns: classes, rent, food, tuition and the rest of the rigamarole of college life, but for one shining hour, the campus was able to crystallize itself in an outpouring of shared emotion, dedicated to the victims of Tuesday's vicious, despicable terrorist attacks.

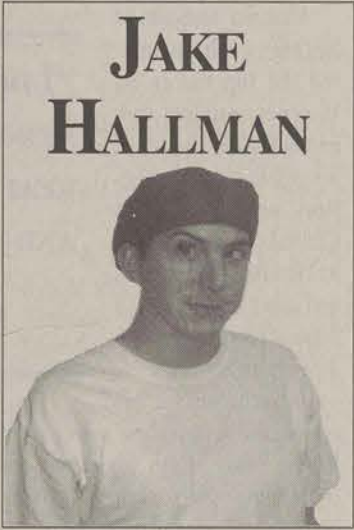
We have no doubt that the upcoming week's blood drives will shatter records, if only a tenth of the students who attended the me-

morial service roll up their sleeves. Further, we wish to thank the GSU administration for canceling classes at noon on Friday, making it possible for every student to go to the memorial.

This past week's events have been referred to as "your generation's JFK," a testimony to the fact that it has been almost 40 years since the entire nation found a common ground in grief and mourning.

The comparison is not adequate. With the events of a fall day in Dallas, there was nothing the country could do except weep. We have a greater purpose—as Americans we can stand together to tell the architects of the chaos that we will not be intimidated. Their attempt to strike at the symbols of both American economic and military might has not shaken our resolve, but made us, as a collective nation, determined to root out the purveyors of fear from the face of the earth.

Evil will not stand, and the GSU campus has shown that we are willing to do our part to remember the dead and protect the living.



The ribbons are everywhere. I saw one on a police cruiser last week—someone had turned it upside-down and it looked like the Statesboro Police Department was being co-opted by the French army. The red, white and blue ribbons show solidarity, remembrance and support for the victims of the attacks Tuesday in New York and Washington, D.C. I won't wear one, however.

How could anyone in this country

not identify and remember last week? At press time, over 5,000 Americans were suddenly snuffed out, spirited away to the afterlife by the actions of a very few who wanted to scare us, to make a statement writ large on the world stage in the most deadly sneak attack this country has ever endured.

The ribbons make people feel better. The ribbons make people feel as one with those who suffer right now.

I don't need that. As an American, I feel the pain, and the anger. The way I'll express it is with my monetary donations and by giving blood—a sadly symbolic gesture, since hope for pulling survivors from the wreckage is all but lost.

A Savannah woman got in her car and drove to New York to help. I wish my car was in working order to make the trip.

If called to fight, I will. When Rome was the most powerful state on the planet, its citizens could stride throughout the known world with no fear, because they were Romans. I won't suffer last week's affront to my national pride lightly, and I'm willing to take up arms to make the

world safe for my fellow Americans when they're abroad.

My roommate's 61-year-old father is preparing to reenlist, and, though I wonder what use the Navy will have for him aside from being a crusty old sailor, I understand his motivations.

All over Statesboro, businesses have "God Bless America," "God Bless the U.S.A.," and other God-based slogans on their marquees. The irony of this struck me.

The present suspects in the attack are Islamic extremists, a group that's been demonized since the Crusades. Muslims believe in the same God that Judeo-Christian America does, "the God of Abraham."

But is it the same God? Some extremists hate us because we could be termed a "Christian" nation. They hate Israel, too—with another different name for God.

Yet now we turn to God publicly, both for consolation and, in the case of some, for blame.

Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell claim that the Almighty has visited his judgment upon us for abortion, gay rights and not agreeing with

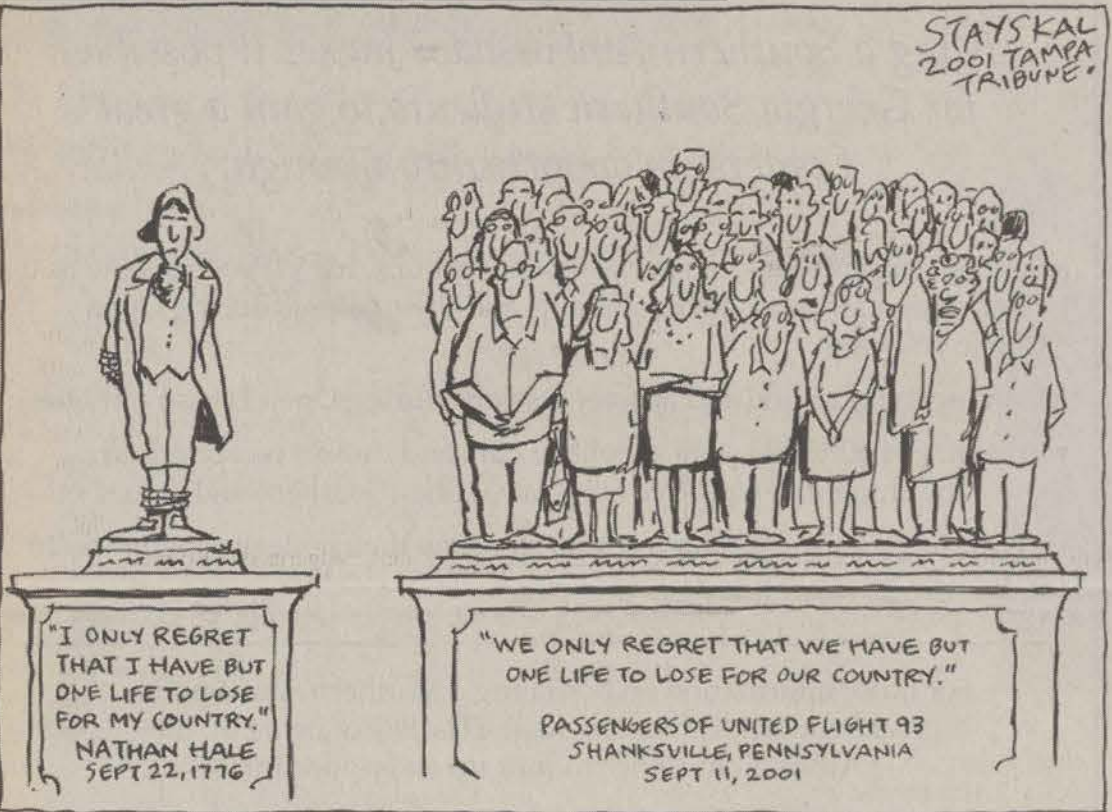
every narrow interpretation of the Bible they want to force upon the nation.

They're no better than whoever is responsible for the attacks. Falwell wants us to conveniently forgive his whore-mongering past, and Robertson wants an American version of the Afghani Taliban, in which church and state are synonymous.

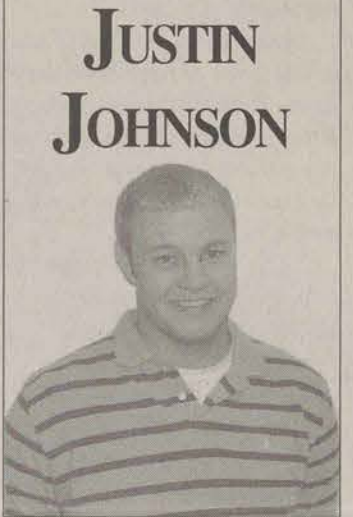
At best, these men are pimps of fear, selling the national tragedy to further their extremist views. At worst, they border on becoming the same evil they purport to be against.

The men who hijacked the planes were presumably not gay, and I'm sure they'd never had abortions. If this is a judgment from God, it's for our failing to realize that there are those on the planet who wish to end our way of life by any means they can.

Now is not the time for maudlin sentiment, or public displays of grief that serve only to glorify the griever. To paraphrase Henry Kissinger, now is the time for calm, cool action against those who would threaten our country.



When Americans come together



The country is shaken, but not broken. Americans wondering what they could do to help answered their own questions across the country this past week. Georgia Southern held two memorial services. In Paris,

Americans gathered at a church to honor their fellow countrymen.

All over the world, people came out in swarms to pay their respects. In my hometown of Ellaville, Ga., churches held prayer services, and when you rode through town at night, candles lit the porches of every house to show support and condolences.

Last week I did not leave Statesboro. Sure, I watched the news and obtained others feelings and ideas about what had happened. I talked to my parents on the telephone and got their perspective and their instructions to not go to any big cities this weekend.

It was not until I went home that I truly grasped what others were thinking about the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.

Living in a small town, I've always had the sense of togetherness.

When someone would pass away, people would come out to your house to show their respect, showering your family with food and plants. You would receive sympathy cards from individuals that you didn't even know.

When the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were attacked, my town pulled together to mourn for our nation. On every mailbox was an American flag and from every house hung one as well. Citizens gathered in our small town square to have a candlelight vigil and to offer words of support and prayer. Words cannot express the feeling of unity that was expressed.

Now, the nation is like my small town. For once in a really long time,

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YOUR OPINION: Readers feel most students do care

I am writing this letter in response to an article written by Chris Brennaman with the headline, "Three days after attacks, disaster hits home for many GSU students". On Friday, the National Day of Prayer and Memorial I picked up a copy of the *George Anne* expecting to read more about Georgia Southern's outpouring of support over Tuesday's events. Instead I was deeply offended and disappointed when I read the first line of an editorial written by Chris Brennaman where he said, "Though many students expressed a lack of interest except for the cancellation of classes Tuesday in

the wake of the attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C..." This statement is not only ridiculous but, derived from a quote by one ignorant GSU student who has since recanted his statement where he said, the destruction of the Trade Center and Pentagon, "didn't make any difference to him". The student who made that statement does not speak for the masses. Georgia Southern has come together as one to offer support, love, and prayer for the victims and families of this tragedy. Hundreds of students showed up to the forum on Wednesday to discuss this issue, I've seen cars with American flags flying

proudly from them, students have been seen at blood drives, prayer groups, and even a vigil held Thursday night. I stood today at the memorial service held in the Union and watched proudly as students poured in to offer their support in any way they could. People held hands, stood closely together and shed tears over the senseless loss of life. This is what speaks for the masses, the fact that students are showing an enormous amount of empathy, compassion, and support. I don't know anyone who saw Tuesday's events as just an excuse to get out of class and I cannot even fathom where

you concocted such a statement. Take a look around campus or better yet just open your ears. Tuesday's events can be heard being discussed in every social circle imaginable and the message is clear. We as students are outraged at this attack, we as students feel for the victims and their families, we as students offer our support and encouragement to rescue workers, and we as students stand behind our government. Bottom-line we as students undoubtedly care.

Christine Schmidt
GSU Student

Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

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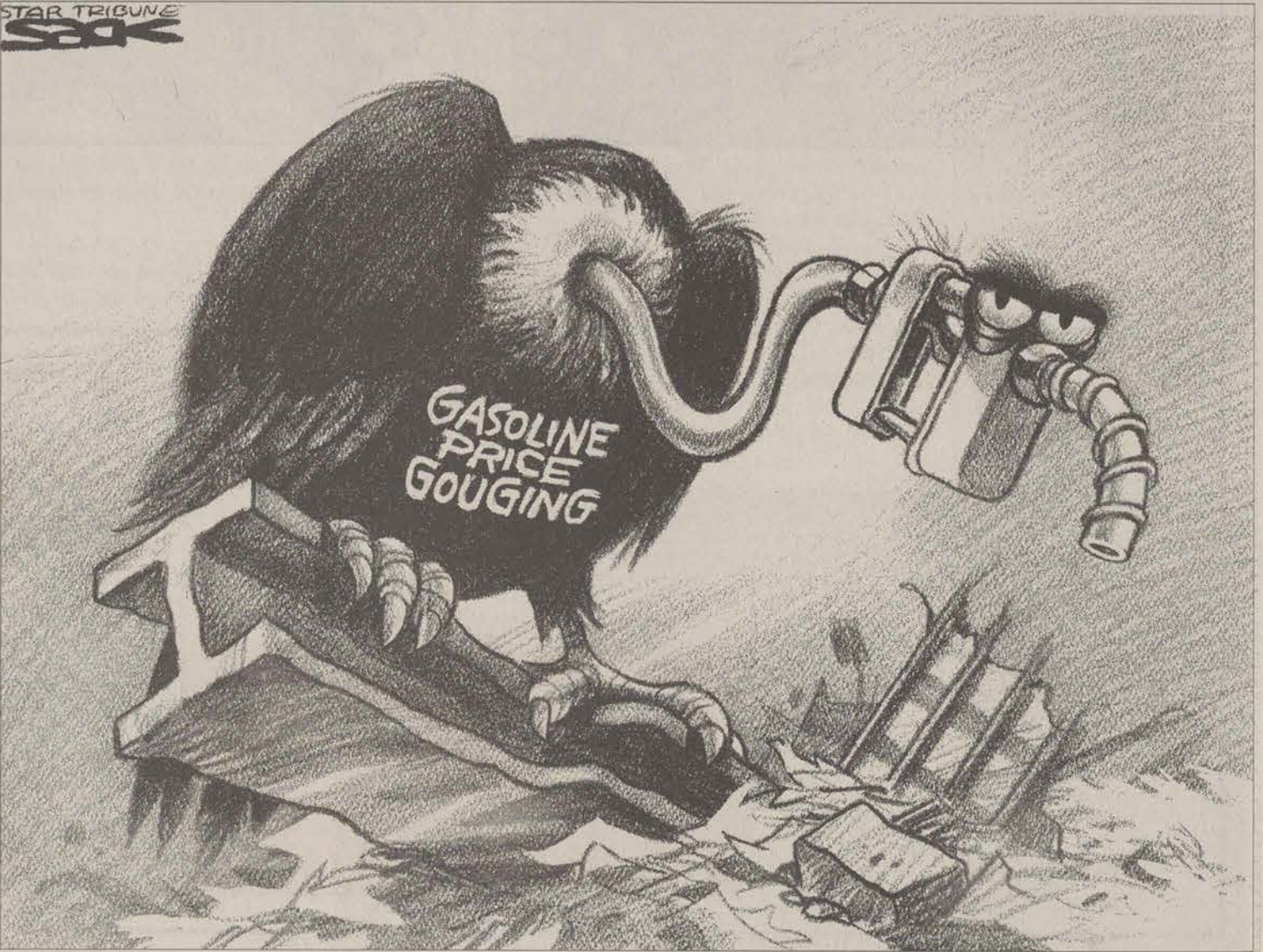
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Asian Culture Day to be held Tuesday

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The Center for International Studies, Chinese Scholars' Association, GSU Museum, Henderson Library and the Korean Student Alliance will hold Asian Culture Day Tuesday, Sept. 18 in the Russell Union and GSU Museum.

From 1:00 until 4:00 p.m., an Asian Festival will be held at the museum. Inside the building, the exhibit "Focus on Korea" will present Korean arts and crafts, music, food and fashion.

Outside, other Asian countries will be highlighted, including China, Japan and India. Demon-

strations, artifacts, videos and music will follow.

Inside the Union, Dr. Vernon Egger of the GSU history department and Dr. Lane Van Tassell, associate vice president for academic affairs and history department professor, will present "Jihad and the Open Society: Where do we go from here?" at 11:15 a.m.

"We feel there are many here in the U. S. who may not understand much about Islam and who may have misconceptions about Muslims and their society and culture," said Vicki Bostwick of the Center for International Studies.

"We hope that the presentation by Dr. Egger and Dr. Van Tassell will help to dispel some of the erroneous ideas that people have, while enriching their knowledge of this religion and its followers."

Later that night, the Union Ballroom will host the film "Kundun" at 7:00.

The Henderson Library will also feature an exhibit from Sept. 18-30 on the second floor, "Understanding the Asian Continent: An exhibit of Asian books."

All events are free and open to the public.

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three minutes of silent reflection and prayer for families of victims.

Fulmer spoke briefly before ending the service, saying, "We are one nation, indivisible." Braz then played Woody Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land" as a conclusion to the service.

Afterwards, there was a prayer service in the Union rotunda.

"It is a huge, huge travesty. It's beyond what anyone can fathom," student Kristen Denney said. "Even if you weren't there, it still hits your heart. The memorial service was really great and it united people."

"We need to think about the act as a nation and as one mind," Dr. Linda Bleicken, GSU's vice president of student affairs, said.

"Remember the fact that no one has been identified. We need to avoid



Jill Burnham/STAFF

PAYING TRIBUTE: Students turned out in masses to attend the memorial service held in the Union last Friday.

any negative thoughts against certain ethnic groups and religions in our country. It is very important to

practice tolerance. The service was tastefully done. I am very grateful to Phi Kappa Phi and SGA."

JOHNSON, FROM PAGE 4

the nation has gathered together to show support and to show that it cares about its citizens. It is sad to think that it takes a monumental tragedy to bring people together, but the truth of the matter is that this tragedy has brought America together. It has made the nation aware that it is not invincible, that it is susceptible to attacks. It has acknowledged the fact that wars and terrorist attacks in fact do happen at home. The nation as a whole bowed its head in prayer and stood its ground. Instead of widespread panic and chaos, the nation has come together. At the memorial services at GSU there

was also a sense of togetherness. Not necessarily from people who knew each other, but from people who cared. People, regardless of their race, age or status on campus came out in swarms to mourn the loss of our fellow countrymen.

I have never seen that many people in Russell Union, let alone that many people gather together to pay their respects for people that didn't even know. That is patriotism in its truest form. That is compassion at its highest level.

What Americans have to realize now is that we must blame the responsible and not the masses. We must not blame others

simply because they are of Middle Eastern descent. We must not riot against these people. We must not rally against foreigners. Instead, we must work to find those responsible. We must, as a nation, be willing to look at the difference between innocence and guilt while our attackers have not. We must, although it will be difficult, to fight the real battles at hand.

We must continue to be strong as a nation. We must remain calm and objective. Above all, we must remember that we are America. We are freedom in its purest form.

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including 18 city firefighters.

The Fire Department, in the worst tragedy since its first engine companies were formed in 1865, lost about 300 members in the Trade Center carnage.

The Rev. Mychal Judge---known to all as Father Mike---was one of the earliest arrivals at the site of the terrorist attack. It was there, while doing the job he loved, that he also became one of its first victims.

Judge, who lived in a Franciscan friary opposite the firehouse on West 31st Street, responded with that unit following the first reports of a plane crashing into the Trade Center.

Judge died while giving the last rites to a firefighter mortally wounded by a falling body. When the priest removed his fire helmet to pray, he was struck in the head with a piece of falling debris and killed.

Seven other firefighters from Engine Co. 1/Ladder Co. 24 died in the disaster.

"Mychal Judge was always my

friend, and now he's also my hero," said the Rev. Michael Duffy, who delivered the homily at Saturday's funeral Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

Two other fire officials were laid to rest Saturday. William Feehan, the department's first deputy commissioner, was buried in Queens. Chief of Department Peter Ganci was remembered at a service on Long Island.

In lower Manhattan, hundreds of downtown residents queued up for a chance to return to their homes briefly and grab some essentials. National Guardsmen escorted the residents into the off-limits area, and quickly brought them back out.

"I don't know what to expect when I see my apartment," said Beth Rubenstein, a teacher who carried an empty duffel bag. "All they said is I have five minutes to get what I need."

One day after warnings that scam artists were running bogus fund-rais-

ers to help the families of those killed in the attack, Gov. George Pataki announced the launch Saturday of an official state fund.

The New York State World Trade Center Relief Fund was accepting donations three ways: at P.O. Box 5028, Albany, N.Y., 12205; via phone at 1-800-801-8092; or thru the state Web site, www.state.ny.us.

The site of the tragedy had evolved into a bit of a tourist attraction Saturday. People headed to downtown Manhattan for a firsthand look at the devastation that they had only seen on television.

Some folks arrived at Chambers Street, a few blocks from the site, with their children. Other aimed video cameras at the smoldering wreckage, or snapped pictures.

"I had to come get a piece of history," said David Velinsky of Wall, N.J., who came into Manhattan with his wife and left with a piece of debris tucked under his arm.

BIN LADEN, FROM PAGE 1

the Muslim nation in infrastructure improvements. In 1996, he was expelled from the country after it was threatened with sanction from the U.N.

Within a month, Bin Laden had relocated to Afghanistan where his support of Islamic extremists continued.

Since 1996, his anti-U.S. rhetoric has escalated to calling for worldwide attacks on America and its allies, including civilians.

Bin Laden's Organization Al-Qa'ida's goal, in Bin Laden's words, is to "unite all Muslims and to establish a government that which follows the rule of the Caliphs." Bin Laden has stated that the only way to establish the Caliphate is by force. Al-Qa'ida's goal, therefore, is to overthrow

nearly all Muslim governments, which Bin Laden views as "corrupt," to drive Western influence from those countries, mainly that of the U.S., and eventually to abolish state boundaries

ance of terrorist organizations, the "International Islamic Front for Jihad Against the Jews and Crusaders." The Front included the Egyptian al-Gama'at al-Islamiyya, the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, the Harakat ul-Ansar, and two other groups.

The Front declared its intention to attack America and its allies, including civilians, anywhere in the world.

According to the U.S., Bin Laden was involved in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the attack last year on the USS Cole in Yemen.

Al-Qa'ida supports Muslim fighters in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Chechnya, Tajikistan, Somalia, Yemen, and now Kosovo. It also trains members of terrorist organizations from such diverse countries as the Philippines, Algeria, and Eritrea.

"IF SOMEONE CAN KILL AN AMERICAN SOLDIER, IT IS BETTER THAN WASTING TIME ON OTHER MATTERS."

**-OSAMA BIN LADEN
WTC, PENTAGON SUSPECT**

Bin Laden publicly issued his "Declaration of War" against the United States in August 1996

He stated in a February 1997 interview "if someone can kill an American soldier, it is better than wasting time on other matters."

In February 1998, Bin Laden announced the creation of a new alli-

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Sports take back seat

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There were no thrilling goals scored over the weekend, no last-minute touchdown passes, no match points staged; no enthusiastic fans cheered their team to victory, no chants of "DE-FENSE" or "GO, BIG BLUE" were heard. No one was concerned about home openers, won-lost records, or conference standings. At GSU and around the country, athletic venues remained empty as the nation called a collective timeout to reflect on the game that really matters — life.

At GSU, the decision meant putting the red light on 6 events in 4 different sports: the football team's highly-anticipated meeting with Wofford, the mens' soccer team's home opener vs. Liberty, the Lady Eagles soccer squad's home dates with Gardner-Webb and UNC Asheville, and the volleyball team's conference clashes with Appalachian State and East Tennessee State—all called off for the time being with

possible makeup dates to be determined later.

The Southern Conference had initially announced that most of the weekend's events would go forth as planned; however, on Thursday, the

institutions, GSU Athletic Director Sam Baker made no hesitation in calling off all Eagle athletic events over the weekend. Across the Southern Conference, most institutions followed suit, either canceling all events or rearranging their athletic schedules.

GSU athletics will resume this week as the women's soccer team hosts Mercer on Tuesday before traveling to East Tennessee State and Appalachian

State over the weekend, men's soccer welcomes Winthrop on Wednesday before a trip to Appalachian State on Sunday, the volleyball team takes a trip to the University of Georgia on Wednesday before facing Western Carolina and Chattanooga at home over the weekend, and the football team faces Chattanooga at home on Saturday afternoon. It's just a hunch, but it is probable that a few fans will add red to the traditional school colors of blue and white when the Eagles fly back into action.

At GSU AND AROUND THE COUNTRY, ATHLETIC VENUES REMAINED EMPTY AS THE NATION CALLED A COLLECTIVE TIMEOUT TO REFLECT ON THE GAME THAT REALLY MATTERS — LIFE.

SoCon experienced a change of heart, canceling all conference athletic events through the weekend. Interim Commissioner Geoff Cabe said, "The Southern Conference wishes to join with the rest of the nation's major athletic conferences and organizations in showing its expression of sorrow for the victims and families of this week's national tragedy."

Although the conference decision left the choice of whether or not to play non-conference events to the discretion of the individual

NFL leaning toward maintaining a 16-game schedule

Associated Press

The NFL is leaning toward keeping a 16-game schedule but reducing the playoff field to make up for the postponement of this weekend's games after the terrorist attacks.

Under the plan, this week's schedule would be played the weekend of Jan. 5-6, which was slated for wild-card games. The postseason then would begin the following weekend with eight playoff teams instead of 12, there would be just one wild-card team from each conference instead of three.

League and team officials and others closely connected to the NFL, speaking on condition of anonymity, said discussions were continuing. Another plan was still under consideration, they said, but the league seemed to be leaning toward the 16-game plan for two reasons: continuity, and so players are paid for an entire season.

The second option would simply erase the games scheduled for this weekend. That would mean 30 teams would play 15 games this season and the San Diego Chargers, who were scheduled to be off this week, would play 16.

Fisher favors having all teams play 16 games.

"If we play everything, then everything will work itself out," he said.

Last week, many around the NFL believed the commissioner had decided to let the games go on this week. However, a vote by NFL Players Association representatives not to play had a strong effect on Tagliabue. On Thursday, he announced the games were off.

The NFLPA is considering having players donate one game's paycheck to victims of Tuesday's attacks.

Silence fills Orioles ballpark over weekend

Associated Press

The vacant seats Saturday at Camden Yards were a contradiction to what was expected on the Orioles' schedule: a makeup doubleheader against the Boston Red Sox.

Rather than two separate crowds filling one of the American League's busiest ballparks, the sounds of an afternoon workout echoed through stands that will remain empty until the team's next home game on Friday.

The Orioles went through batting and fielding practice in preparation for Tuesday's game in Toronto, their first since terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The only spectators were a small group of fans who briefly sat behind home plate as part of the usual weekend tours of Camden Yards.

Three fans who made the drive from Pennsylvania on Friday stood outside an entrance after their tour had finished. They planned to watch the Orioles play Saturday and go to a Washington Redskins game on Sunday, but that changed after Major League Baseball and the National Football League decided to remain inactive.

"We already had this weekend all set up. We figured, use it or lose it," said David DeRenzo, 35, of Quakertown, Pa. "They should at least play baseball. It's not a rowdy sport, and it might get everyone's minds off the tragedy for a few hours."

If only it were that simple. Most exchanges in the Orioles' clubhouse or dugout eventually led to Tuesday's attacks. There was no avoiding the topic.

"Everybody talks about it all the time," said manager Mike Hargrove. "You start a conversation with anybody around there, that's what you're going to end up talking about."

Reliever Buddy Groom admitted he'll be nervous when flying to the cities still on the Orioles' schedule, even though the team takes a charter



Special Photo
HALF-STAFF AT CAMDEN YARDS: The flag flew at half-staff in Baltimore, Md. this weekend over an empty stadium. The Orioles returned to practice over the weekend.

plane.

"You're always going to feel that way because of the whole situation," he said. "We know who we are and we know who's on there, but those guys (terrorists) trained as pilots. Who's to say one of those guys can't be one of our pilots? You never know. That could happen and it'd be the perfect way to wipe out an entire team."

Groom said most of the players were planning on driving home at the end of the season.

While most teams have learned of their reconfigured schedules, the Orioles must wait until next week to find out if their final game, and the last of Cal Ripken's career, will be played on Oct. 7.

The Orioles would prefer avoiding that date because the Baltimore Ravens have a home game against the Tennessee Titans, which would bring heavy traffic to the area and make for parking complications.

A 1 p.m. Ravens kickoff could force

the Orioles to push back the starting time for their game to 9 p.m., with festivities surrounding Ripken's retirement beginning around 7:30 p.m. The Ravens and Titans can't swap home dates because the game in Tennessee falls on a Monday night.

The Orioles have lobbied to have their final game moved to Oct. 6, and would be willing to play on Oct. 8 before the rescheduled postseason begins, though Major League Baseball isn't expected to approve. The doubleheader, which gives the Orioles seven games in six dates, also puts them in a unique position compared to other clubs.

As expected, the Orioles are receiving complaints from fans who purchased tickets at exorbitant prices for the Sept. 23 game at Camden Yards, which was supposed to be Ripken's last home game. With the altered schedule, tickets for the postponed Sept. 16 game against Boston will be honored for Ripken's finale.

Strong military necessary for future games

Associated Press

Even before the smoke cleared from the terrorist attacks, Olympic organizers were busy working on ways to make the 2002 Winter Games safer.

Some images that emerged from possible changes weren't pretty: Humvees mounted with machine guns guarding the Olympic Village, heavily armed soldiers patrolling the airport and long lines at security checkpoints outside venues.

Chief organizer Mitt Romney, however, doesn't believe the revamped security plan for the Salt Lake Olympics will be that extreme.

"I don't think this place is going to be an armed camp," he said Friday. "You won't see changes of that nature because the plan in place is quite complete. It calls for

plainclothes personnel of quite a substantial number."

Make no doubt, though, security measures are being re-evaluated. With the threat of terrorism heightened ev-

erywhere because of the attacks Tuesday, Romney said he'd prefer to see more than the 1,400 troops originally expected.

"We recognize that the Olympics have been targeted in the past, at Munich and Atlanta, and we have long recognized the need to have the Olympics entirely secure," he said.

Mayor Rocky Anderson agreed, saying areas like the public celebration plaza outside City Hall, for example, will need additional security. The area will be fenced and revelers must pass through metal detectors.

"I don't think we'll see tanks rolling up and down the streets, but there's no question you will see more security," Anderson said.

The Olympic movement is forever haunted by the image of hooded Palestinian gunmen parading blindfolded Israeli athletes at the 1972 Summer Games in Munich, Germany. The 11 hostages were later killed.

At the 1996 Summer Olympics in

Atlanta, a bomb explosion in Centennial Park killed one person and wounded 111 others.

Several American athletes said they were also concerned about possible terrorism during the Winter Games, Feb. 8-24.

"We still have our job to do for the country and that's competing in the Olympics," bobsled driver Jean Racine said. "We need to maintain our focus. At the same time, my heart totally goes out to everyone who was affected by this."

There were 15,000 troops on hand in Atlanta, but legislation signed by President Clinton after those games severely limited the military's role in high-profile national events.

In Salt Lake, Romney said additional troops will handle "functions not on the street but guarding venues in the mountains and maintaining perimeters, as they typically do at the Olympic Village and places of that nature."

In the hours after the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt spoke of how life in the United States had changed. He said the events raised awareness of "evil people in the world who will do outrageous things."

From there, it didn't take long for Utah residents to make the link to possible terrorism during the Salt Lake Olympics.

"We know what happened in Munich," Anderson said. "This will be a world stage with half the world's population watching the events on television and hundreds of thousands of visitors coming to our state."

Federal lawmakers, however, acted swiftly to help bolster the \$200 million Salt Lake security plan. A \$40 billion package unanimously approved Thursday by the Senate includes another \$12.7 million for the Olympics.

Romney was in Washington to lobby for the money during the attacks and he met the next day with top Secret Service officials to discuss new ways to make the Olympics safer. But he emphasized it's not up to him to determine if still more money is needed; it's up to the Secret Service and the FBI.

But if planners decide \$12.7 million isn't enough, they'll probably get more.

"Given the atmosphere in the Congress in the shadow of Tuesday's violence, I would anticipate the support of my colleagues to fund our safety needs," said Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, who sponsored the Olympic security measure.

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An American city unifies through literature

Associated Press

CHICAGO – Chances are in the next several weeks somebody in Chicago is going to sit down in a coffee shop, on a bus or a park bench and notice someone nearby reading the novel "To Kill A Mockingbird."

What's going on is a Chicago Public Library program called One Book, One Chicago. For seven weeks, the library is trying to get as many Chicagoans as possible to read and talk about the same book at the same time.

To kick off what they say will be an annual event, library officials chose Harper Lee's powerful and deceptively simple novel about racism and courage. One of the most popular novels in American literature, a full 40 years after it won the Pulitzer Prize the book continues to sell close to a million paperback copies a year.

"We're hoping with this book to grab people's attention," said Mary Dempsey, the city's library commissioner. "We hope it will encourage not just people who read books but those who don't to pick up this book."

So far it seems the program is doing both. In anticipation of greater demand the library bought 2,000 copies – some in Polish and Spanish – to add to the 1,500 already in stock.

The same is true at book stores;

and at Amazon.com, which has more than 2 million titles, the paperback edition jumped from 324 on the list of best sellers to 67.

Perhaps more significantly, people are being spotted around the city reading the book.

"I just read it for a book club and when I heard about this I'm reading it again," said Maureen Kennedy, 50, of Chicago, who was reading it on a bus in downtown Chicago on her way home from work at a consulting firm.

The next step is to talk about the book. Library officials and others want people to attend a re-enactment of the novel's dramatic trial, a screening of the Academy Award-winning film, and discussion groups at library branches, coffee shops and other locations – even Internet chat rooms.

"It's a good book for discussion groups because it deals with issues not only of racial prejudice, but how human beings relate to one another," said Mayor Richard M. Daley, who counts the book as a favorite.

When she learned of the project, Lee, 75, who rarely speaks publicly and declined an invitation to Chicago, wrote to the library. "People of all backgrounds and cultures coming together to put their critical skills to work – nothing could be more exciting," she wrote.

That people are being asked to discuss a book and not an emotionally charged news story about, say, racial profiling, might allow for that, some say.

"It's not real, but it gets at real issues, and gets you talking about those issues," agreed Laura Washington, editor and publisher of The Chicago Reporter, which deals with racial issues.

"This is a book that so many people have been influenced by," said Claudia Durst Johnson, a former chairwoman of the English Department at the University of Alabama, who will discuss the book in Chicago next month. "And it continues to influence."

Vintage music: One man's tapes are another man's treasures

Associated Press

TOWSON – Johnny Cash's gritty baritone poured from the loudspeakers, straight out of 1962, and Joe Lee was floored.

Lee, a rare records dealer, had come to suburban Baltimore to examine a collector's offerings, but he forgot about the albums after hearing some of the thousands of vintage country and bluegrass performances that Leon Kagarise, a self-taught electronics whiz, taped in the 1950s and '60s.

The pristine reel-to-reel recordings were buried for decades in the packrat clutter cramming Kagarise's three-bedroom house before Lee spotted one during his visit three years ago.

The tapes since have drawn notice from folklorists for their documentary value and from record companies eager to capitalize on the popularity of old-timey string band music exemplified by the big-selling "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" soundtrack.

Kagarise and Lee hope to spin the tapes into gold.

"People are starved for music from the heart," said Lee, who has gotten nibbles from half a dozen record companies, the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution.

He hopes to get some of the material released next year, the 50th anniversary of Harry Smith's "Anthology of American Folk Music."

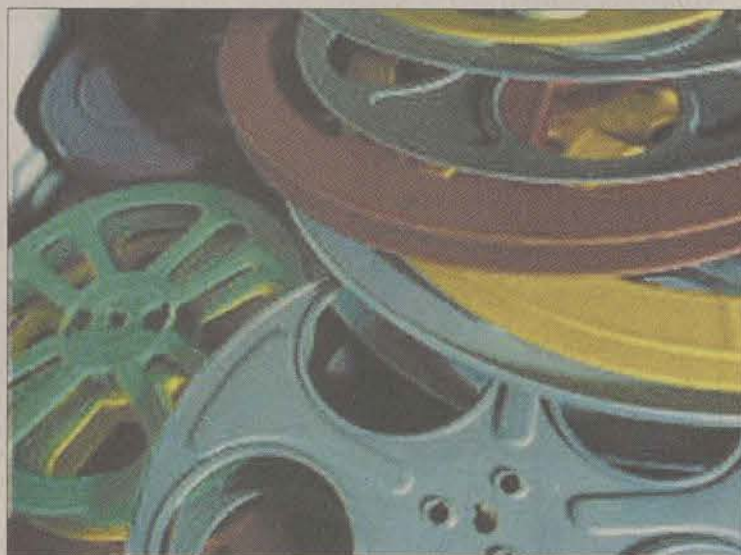
"If I were to put together a three-CD sampler of this stuff that went from group to group, large and small, and had it out next year, I could sell a million copies."

It's no exaggeration that the pool of material is broad: Kagarise, 64, a retired electronics technician, estimates that from 1958 to 1964 he taped 20 live shows a year at outdoor "music parks" in Maryland and Pennsylvania. Each Sunday show featured a top name such as Cash, Bill Monroe, Ralph Stanley, George Jones or Flatt and Scruggs, plus several lesser-known and regional acts.

Kagarise said he first heard bluegrass music broadcast from a Cincinnati station in 1956.

"I loved it. I just absolutely loved it," he said.

He said he started attending outdoor concerts "and I thought, 'You



Special Photo

A PRICELESS COLLECTION: Self-taught recording guru Leon Kagarise has been taping live country and folk music since the 1950's. His unique collection is drawing significant attention from rare records dealers and music anthologists.

know, I ought to be recording this – it's so good."

In those days, before bootleg recordings began robbing country performers of royalties, Kagarise (pronounced kag-ah-RICE) would lug suitcase-sized recorders to concerts and set up professional quality microphones beside those the performers used.

"I was very lucky," he said. "Nobody cared if you recorded the big stars."

He also taped live performances on local country music television shows from the 1960s into the 1970s, tapping into the electronic guts of the TV set for undistorted sound.

"He has, in effect, unfiltered examples of what country music in those days actually sounded like," said Judith McCulloh, executive editor of the University of Illinois Press and a trustee of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

Kagarise doesn't know how many tapes he has. They number in the hundreds, and each tape might hold as many as 16 hours of music.

"I just wanted to preserve the music for all time," he said.

Constant recording kept him too busy to listen to his tapes – until now. With all the interest in his collection, Kagarise now spends up to five hours a day in his armchair, surrounded by six-foot stacks of albums, tapes, electronic gear, cataloging the music booming from his tape deck.

Living alone in the ranch-style house, he rummages for tapes he stashed long ago behind heaps of old concert posters, antique clocks, stereo receivers, television sets and stuffed animals.

"I'm a terrible junk collector. I just enjoy old things," he said.

He leaves Lee to deal with the record companies and the copyright issues that must be settled before any of the collection is released. And while Kagarise recorded the music out of love, he sees it as his ticket to greater comforts than his Social Security income can buy.

"I've put a lifetime into this. I've put thousands and thousands of hours into it and I think that's worth something," Kagarise said.

He is encouraged by the success of the "O Brother" soundtrack: "That's strictly old-time bluegrass and people have responded in such great numbers," Kagarise said.

Steve Burton, a spokesman for Rounder Records, which has expressed interest in the collection, acknowledged that music marketers are looking for new ways of packaging old-timey music.

"Here you have country music at its most basic," he said. "It's like an old 1954 Dodge: you look under the hood and the only thing you've got in there is an engine. No catalytic converters, no air conditioner, no crap. It's just stripped-down country music."

'What Dreams May Come' offers hope in hereafter

By Joe Ben Deal

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"After life there is more."

That is the theme of Richard Matheson's spiritual exploration of death and beyond in his novel, "What Dreams May Come."

In light of recent events, I find comfort in Matheson's words. The characters, he points out in a brief note to the reader, are the only part of the novel that is fiction. "With few exceptions, every other detail is derived exclusively from research."

He includes a bibliography of over eighty books that he used for research.

I was intrigued so I read the introduction in which a character receives a manuscript from his dead

brother, dictated to a psychic despite her protests. I kept reading.

Matheson's narrative reads smoothly and is so completely understandable. It's as if I was having a conversation with someone, not reading a novel. Before I knew it, I was reading the final phrase of the book. "If the manuscript is true, all of us had better examine our lives. Carefully."

Of course the manuscript is not true, right? The dead brother and author of the manuscript, constantly challenges reality, claiming it's all a dream. The novel is a story within a story and a reality within a dream. The narrator realizes that "the mind is all" and "everything we do and every thought we have is real."

"Never forget," the narrator reminds the reader, "We pay for every act and thought and feeling we commit... People are not punished for their deeds, but by them."

I became engrossed in this novel and all the ideas it presents so I read it again.

The major theme is that life continues after death for everyone whether you believe in it or not. Death is just a continuation of life, but it is affected by what you do in this life.

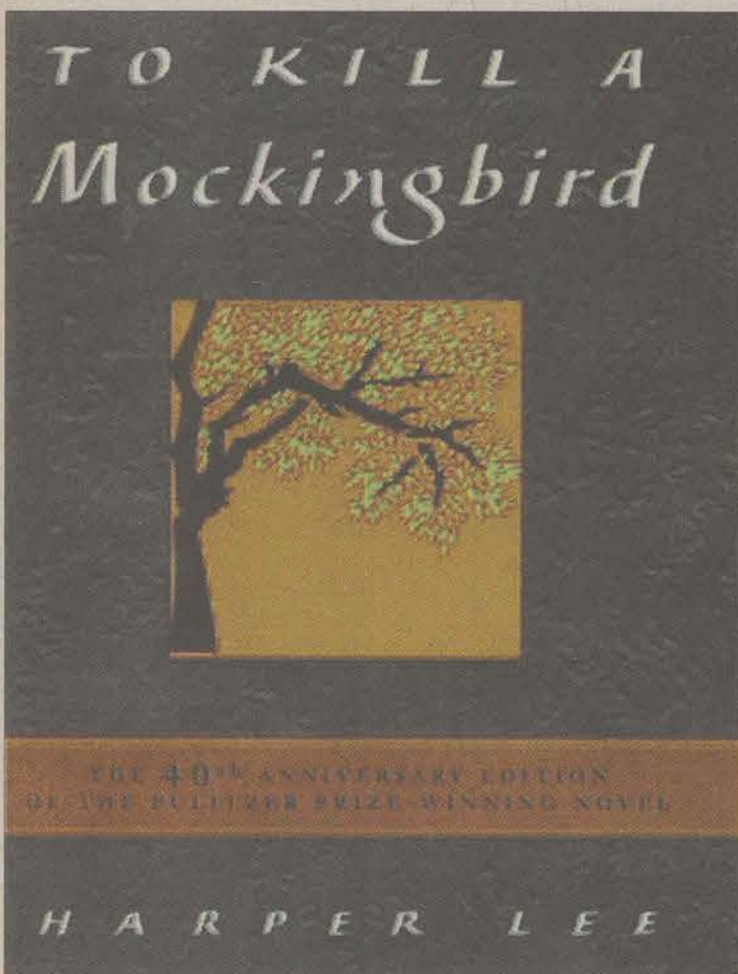
Despite all these ideas and themes, the book does not smack you over the head with theories and sermons about how to live your life and what the afterlife is like. The book follows its fictional characters through the afterlife and a through a story that just demands to be finished once it is started. The afterlife just appears around the characters as they move through the story.

Chris Nielsen, the narrator, dies in a car accident at the beginning. As Chris learns about the afterlife, his wife grieves and ultimately commits suicide. She is trapped in a hell of sorts where she is to remain till the year she would have died originally if she had not chosen to take her life. Sound confusing? It's not when you're reading Matheson's narrative.

If you don't read the book because you've seen the movie, then you are being robbed of an amazing experience. The book is so much more than the movie and doesn't even end the same way.

As I was reading the book, I thought it had only two logical conclusions, but then Matheson gave it a completely unique ending.

I loved it. I couldn't contain myself and had to tell everyone about this book. I lent it to a friend to read, but she said it might be a while before she finished it because of school work. I talked to her two days later and she had consumed it as quickly as I had. I smiled and said, I told you so.



Special Photo

FINDING COMMON GROUND: Chicago Public Library's first annual "One Book, One Chicago" program hopes to encourage all citizens of Chicago to read the classic novel "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Asian Culture Day

Tuesday, September 18, 2001

<p>Presentation</p> <p>"Jihad and the Open Society: Where Do We Go From Here?"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Vernon Egger Department of History</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Lane Van Tassell Associate VP for Academic Affairs and Professor of Political Science</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Russell Union Room 2080</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:15am until 12:30pm</p>	
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