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Professors react to America's reaction

By Thomas V. Carrow
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The recent attack in Afghanistan has some professors at the university questioning the basis for violence, and others predicting the repercussions of that distress.

"Afghanistan could be left in a mess," said Anne Bennett, a professor of political science and an expert on international relations, raising the question - What ultimately happens to Afghan communities?

The Afghan people are trying to organize in order to counter the potential aftermath of the conflict, their country left without a government, in shackles, Bennett said.

With regard to foreign assistance, part of President Bush's campaign for the White House included a clear opposition to nation-building, a promise he soon forgot when dealing with the situation in the Balkans, she said. Bush refused to vacate

that area and chose to nation-build, the process of democratic development on foreign countries.

"So we really don't know what will happen or what America will do," Bennett said.

The U.S. abandoned efforts to reconstruct Afghanistan after it funded their decade-long fight against the Soviet Union. "A lot more is going on behind the scenes than people know," she said.

Bennett did not explicitly endorse America's reaction to Sept. 11 - using violence as the diplomatic choice - while her colleague, Steven Parker, strongly agreed with the president's aggressive mindset.

"It is necessary that [the U.S.] sends a message to those that harbor people

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Political Science Professor Steven Parker talks with students Wednesday about American politics.

Strikes, bombing on Afghanistan to continue



courtesy of Reuters News

Opposition Northern Alliance soldiers return from a front line position after a battle near the town of Charatoy in Northern Afghanistan Oct. 10.

By Ken Campbell
Massachusetts Daily Collegian

(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass. - The United States and British Armed Forces conducted a "very successful" attack on 30 sites in Afghanistan with missiles and bombs, according to officials.

"Based on our early assessment, we believe that we have made progress toward eliminating the air defense sites that have located around the country," Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said in a briefing Monday afternoon. "We also believe we've made an impact on the military airfields that were targeted."

Targets included al Qaeda training

camps and Taliban military installations, according to British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"At 5:30 p.m. British Time [1:30 p.m. EDT] yesterday [Sunday] a series of air and cruise missile attacks began on the terrorist camps of Osama bin Laden and the military installations of the Taliban regime," Blair told a recalled Parliament. "These were carried out by American and British Armed Forces with the support of other allies."

Blair went on to explain the targets

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Professors analyze biological threats

By Nora Vinh
UNLV Rebel Yell

Top officials in the U.S. government recently told the American people that a terrorist attack in the near future is very likely, meaning biological and chemical weaponry may become the enemy.

Several chemistry and biology professors at UNLV explained the problem.

"Bio-terrorism is not as easy as hijacking a plane or detonating a bomb," said Penny Amy, a microbiology professor. "And we are protected

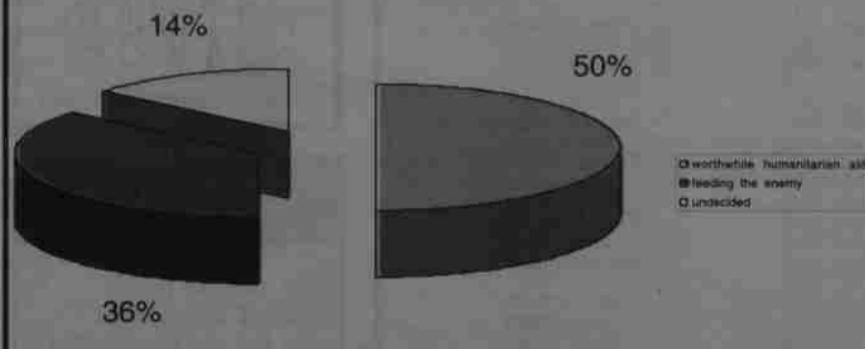
from many [biological agents] by vaccines."

Anthrax is the most common example of a biological weapon, Amy said, because it doesn't have to be kept in special conditions. "Most other agents are pretty fragile," she said.

A terrorist could plant an agent of disease near a food crop, devastating America's farmlands. Other agents with high mortalities can multiply upon touch - person-to-person contact - spreading in large waves across the

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Do you think that dropping food for Afghans after we bomb them worthwhile humanitarian aid or feeding the enemy?



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British military aids join strikes

By Alex Kingsbury
DC BUREAU

(U-WIRE) MANCHESTER, England – British Prime Minister Tony Blair acknowledged that British forces took part in Sunday's missile strikes against the Taliban government in Afghanistan, saying the attack on Sept. 11 "represented the worst terrorist outrage against British citizens in our history."

Blair reiterated President Bush's statements that the strikes were directed against military sites of the terrorist network al Qaeda headed by Osama bin Laden and the Taliban government.

British missile-firing submarines located in the region took part in the attack. Blair said British warplanes would be in use in a few days. He gave no indication of the proposed length of the attack.

Blair has been an integral part of the international coalition that President Bush has been working to form in the wake of the attacks.

He has been on two whirlwind tours, first of the site of the attacks and more recently to visit many Middle Eastern countries considered important in forging a diverse and inclusive alliance against the terrorist supporting Taliban.

French President Jacques Chirac said that French troops would be used in the attacks.

German Chancellor Gerhard



A Royal Air Force VC-10 prepares to take off in Turkey Monday for daily mid-air refueling of U.S. fighters.

courtesy photo

Schroeder said that Germany supported the U.S. retaliation "without reservation."

Many have taken to calling Blair the most important of American ambassadors.

"This is a moment of utmost gravity for the world," Blair said Sunday. "None of the leaders involved in this action want war. None of our nations want it. We are peaceful people."

But he called the cause "just" and said that Britain was

resolved to punish those responsible.

In response to many who have said that committing British forces to a military effort would make the U.K. targets for terrorist actions, Blair said there no specific credible information pointing to an attack.

Hours before Sunday's strikes in Afghanistan, Osama bin Laden took to the airwaves on the al-Jazeera television

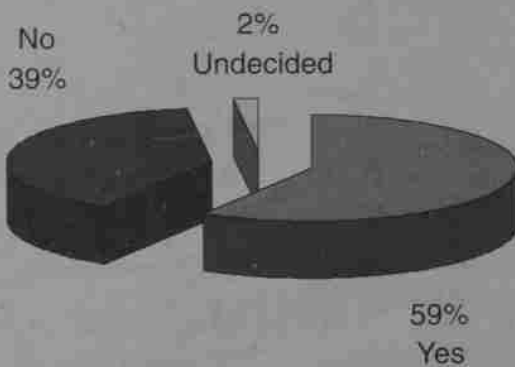
service in a rare address. He thanked God for the attacks on the "greatest" building in America and issued a threat to Americans.

"I swear by God neither America nor the people who live in it will dream of security before we live it in Palestine," he said.

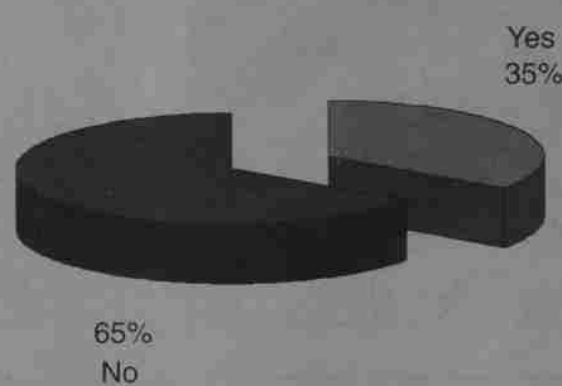
He said he was happy the United States is "full of fear, from its north to its south, from its west to its east."

Jaime Spotteson questioned 74 students – 37 males and 37 females – on Oct. 9 for this unofficial poll

Have you become more patriotic since the Sept. 11 attack?



Are you concerned about your civil liberties taken away since the attacks?



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Campus address set for Thursday

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All students are invited to attend President Carol C. Harter's annual State of the University Address, which is set for 2 p.m. Thursday at the Cox Pavilion.

Dr. Harter's address will be followed immediately by a reception in the concourse area that connects the new Cox Pavilion with the Thomas and Mack Center. All faculty, staff, and students are urged to join their colleagues for this event.

The State of the University Address, which was originally scheduled for Sept. 11, was postponed due to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"The past few weeks have been a time of national tragedy and mourning," President Harter said. "President Bush has asked all of us to do our best to proceed with normal activities. In keeping with this request, I believe it is important for us to find occasions to join in the true spirit of community and collegiality. I have, therefore, rescheduled my annual State of the University Address for Oct. 11. I hope everyone will join me in welcoming new and returning students, faculty, and staff, as well as some special guests. But most important, I trust you will help me celebrate the strength of our campus community."

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Moratorium on student visas no longer a threat

By Nicholas Weeks
UNLV Rebel Yell

As part of America's attempts to implement stronger security measures, Senator Diane Feinstein of California proposed a controversial bill that would put a moratorium on student visas. When influential members of academic and international communities recently called the idea "drastic," Feinstein withdrew the plan.

The six-month moratorium was intended to give the INS time to create an electronic database to track all foreign students in the United States. The information in the database would include each student's name, citizenship, field of study, number of credits completed and a copy of his or her application.

"I think it was ridiculous," Senator Feinstein proposed the

bill basically to stop terrorism, but putting a freeze on student visas would have no effect on that," said Sook Hollingshead, Director of International Student Services at UNLV. "All it would do is prevent students from returning to the United States to finish their schooling."

The bill would have mainly affected foreign students in America on expired visas, making it difficult for them to leave or return to the country. Feinstein initially said the proposal was necessary in order to close a loophole in immigration policies that allowed terrorists to enter the country illegally.

"[Feinstein] is pointing her finger at one percentage of the population. Look at the millions of people who travel on tourist visas," Hollingshead said.

Terrorists in both the Sept.

11 attacks and the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center reportedly entered the country with student visas but never actually attended college.

David Ward, President of the American Council on Education, proposed a set of less disruptive measures as an alternative to Feinstein's proposal. Ward's bill makes it "unnecessary to pursue more far-reaching actions."

Senator Feinstein is still likely to support \$32 million in additional federal funding to the INS to help implement the electronic database to track students.

"If we can get cooperation from the schools with regard to the student-visa reporting requirements, the moratorium will not be necessary," Feinstein said in a statement.

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like bin Laden," he said, "to demonstrate what will happen to them if they harbor terrorists."

He cited the usage of the atomic bomb against Hiroshima at the onset of WWII. "That was not to end the war, but to demonstrate an important message to the rest of the world."

The U.S. cannot tolerate terrorism, he said.

And what about the state of Afghanistan?

"We are looking to facilitate this Northern Alliance," he said, referring to the rebel forces that oppose the ruling Taliban in Afghanistan and occupy about

10 percent of the country in the northeast.

Intimidating other nations in order to defend oneself - the policy of deterrence - is not the appropriate moral choice for the world, said Barbara Brents, a sociology professor who leans toward the Christian attitude of "turning the other cheek."

"I don't believe that killing is anyone's job," she said. "I personally don't believe that violence solves any problems caused by violence."

"We already know that innocent civilians are getting killed, and they will continue to be killed. We have not seen the end of this," she said.

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Construction strike could delay new law site

By Eric Leake
UNLV Rebel Yell

A labor strike that began last Thursday against D & K Drywall could delay the Dickinson Library renovation and Boyd Law School's relocation to the former library next fall.

"D & K started out on the project a little bit ahead because some of the other trades were behind," said Daniel O'Shea, a senior organizer with the local carpenter union representing the strikers. "That's not the case anymore."

Although the Dickinson renovation is on schedule, O'Shea said that if the strike is not resolved, "it certainly has the potential to create those kind of problems."

The \$15 million Dickinson renovation started earlier this year. When completed, the renovated library will house administrative offices and the Boyd School of Law, which is currently in the old Paradise Elementary School.

"Project schedule is exceedingly important on that job because it really needs to get done next June so the law school can move and be ready for the fall class," said Thomas Hagge, associate vice president of facilities management and planning.

The university acts as a client on the taxpayer-funded project, so the state public works board is overseeing the job.

"The time the university would become very interested is if we thought it was impacting schedule, and even then, although we wouldn't have any contractual ability to influence things, we would try to do as much arm twisting as we could," Hagge said.

Superintendent for the job Lynn Pollock declined comment, and said nobody could comment from Martin Harris Construction, the prime contractor for the renovation.



Jummel Hidrosollo / UNLV Rebel Yell

Strikers picket in front of the former Dickinson Library Wednesday. A labor strike against D & K Drywall may stall the Dickinson renovation project.

vation. Martin Harris subcontracts D & K.

D & K won the renovation contract through their low bid, which they afforded because they do not provide their employees any benefits, O'Shea said.

D & K laborers across the valley went on strike last week accusing D & K of unfair labor practices. Formal charges were filed against D & K this week.

O'Shea said Hispanic workers with D & K approached the carpenter's union three months ago because they were paid less than their white counterparts, and because of multiple discrimination issues.

Hispanic and other laborers then started organizing a union, O'Shea said, but D & K engaged in illegal tactics to bust the organizers.

"The company has broken just about every law I know of," O'Shea said. "They've illegally

terminated people, they've laid people off, they've threatened people."

D & K management did not return calls Wednesday seeking comment.

O'Shea said D & K is funneling replacement workers to the Dickinson project to keep it on schedule "because they're worried about that project more than the others."

The state-funded Dickinson project pays better than most because it is a prevailing wage job, paying the area's average wage. D & K's work with the project could affect its continuing working relationship with the state.

Strikers said the university is understanding so far and that students seem to be supportive.

Without negotiations, there is no foreseeable end to the strike in the near future.

"When I've got a owner

walking through a picket line who punches a guy with a camera, I'm not going to sit down and negotiate with that guy," O'Shea said. "Things settle down."

"When the company wants to sit down and talk about it, then we'll sit down and talk."

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Regent Kirkpatrick discusses funding

By Julie Albertson

UNLV Rebel Yell

Nevada's struggling tourism industry will likely lead to cut-backs at UNLV and other Nevada campuses, Regent Tom Kirkpatrick said at a press conference Tuesday.

"You better believe they'll make some cuts," Kirkpatrick said.

"I don't think we'll cut programs. I think we'll have larger classes, fewer choices. If you don't get in early and get your class, you're in a world of hurt, those kinds of things," he said. "We'll have to do more with less."

Kirkpatrick, a retired UNLV professor emeritus, said Nevada is in a lot of trouble when it comes to higher education.

"This state's kind of screwed up if you want to know the truth," he said. "It's how we fund higher education. Look how this state gets their money. They get it from the casinos and they get it from sales tax."

He said the state's heavy reliance on those two sources leaves Nevada vulnerable when the tourism industry falters.

"When those sources drop we're in trouble," Kirkpatrick said. "They've dropped right now, so we're going to be short that money this biennium."

"Two years from now you can bet your bottom dollar that (the Legislature) will come after higher education and say 'we need some money back. How are you going to give us some money back?'"

If that happens, it will coincide with an expected increase in tuition at Nevada schools. Tuition is raised every biennium in an amount equivalent to the increase in the cost of living.

"We will not go with any (additional) tuition increase until we get input from everybody it affects," Kirkpatrick said, "and that includes students."

"I would like to keep the tuition as low as I can, and I think we're pretty much committed to doing that, but we're under pressure all the time from the legislature."

Kirkpatrick also addressed another aspect of the post-tragedy tourism fallout that

affects some UNLV students.

Gov. Kenny Guinn has asked the Board of Regents to see what it can do about offering tuition assistance for Nevada residents who have lost jobs as a result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"We will talk about that at the next meeting," Kirkpatrick said. "I don't know what we can do."

"I don't see us doing too much, because how do you do that? How long are we going to pay tuition for them? One quarter? Two quarters? Three years? They're just going to stay permanently unemployed if we give them free tuition. You've got to watch how you do it, and I don't know how you do it fairly."

"I would like to do something," he added.

Kirkpatrick said he does hope plans to build the Nevada State College in Henderson are indefinitely halted in the money crunch.

"I wrote the governor a letter saying 'It's hard to save any money in this system, but I can tell you how you can save \$14 million bucks. Just don't build the building in Henderson,'" he said.

A vocal opponent of the Nevada State College, Kirkpatrick said funds should be allocated according to wherever the greatest need is demonstrated, and that nobody has demonstrated a great need for the college in Henderson.

"If we did not start that college," he said, "could we accommodate those 500 students next year at UNLV or the community college? Could we not use those funds much better if we allocate them to UNLV?"

Kirkpatrick also sought to clarify his position: "People think I'm against that college in Henderson. I am not against a college in Henderson, I'm against the way we've done it."

Kirkpatrick contends that the system did no research and no studies to see whether the college was even needed or to determine the best location for a new college.

"The city of Henderson came along and said 'If you'll put a college over here we will go out and raise a lot of money to help.'"

Kirkpatrick said despite promises from leading Henderson citizens, including mayor James Gibson and Assembly Speaker Richard Perkins, to raise as much as \$50 million for the college, supporters have raised only \$300,000-\$400,000.

"My contention is that if they don't keep their part of the bargain, why the hell should we keep our part of the bargain?"

"I think we will eventually build a college in Henderson, but should that be the number one priority? I just think it ought to be done systematically and it ought to be done fairly," he said.

Kirkpatrick also commented on Chancellor Jan Nichols' announcement that the system will move forward with the college's July 2002 opening despite the failure to receive funding at the Sept. 25 meeting of the Interim Finance Committee.

"The Chancellor has to be positive whether she believes that or not," he said. "That's her job. They could open a school, but I don't know how the hell they're going to do it if they're going to do it right."

Kirkpatrick, who spoke out against the funding of the Henderson college at that meeting, predicts funds will not be granted at the November meeting either.

He has also expressed serious concerns about the man appointed to head the college, Richard Moore, Moore's appointment as president was controversial, and

Kirkpatrick has not been shy in questioning that decision.

"Richard Moore had an attorney send me a letter and threaten to sue me if I wasn't nicer to him...I'm an elected official. He can take his letter and his attorney and stick it up his - I'm very displeased with Dr. Moore."

Kirkpatrick, midway through his first term on the Board of Regents, has not been pleased with the role of the system's presidents in general. He said the Board of Regents is not in charge of the higher education system, as stipulated by the state constitution.

"The chancellor and the presidents run this system," he said. "If I had my way, I would make sure the regents made the policy and then hired individuals to implement that policy. And if they didn't, I'd fire them."

Kirkpatrick is one of two regents who recently voted not to continue the employment of UNLV President Carol Harter.

He spoke briefly of the issues surrounding the Board of Regents' Aug. 28 closed session meeting with Harter, saying the delay in her \$14,000 raise was complicated.

"Most people think it had to do just with the donors complaining about her," he said. "That was just a small part of it. There was another area that was much more impactful on the system."

Kirkpatrick said he will probably vote no when Harter's raise is again considered in the

board's October meeting.

"I don't know yet," he said. "I'm still objective about it, but I'll probably vote no. I wouldn't be surprised if, I may not be in the minority in that vote."

Kirkpatrick said Harter will already benefit from recent changes to the housing and car allowances for UCCSN presidents whether she gets the \$14,000 raise or not.

"I think (her housing and car allowance) totals about \$18,000 a year," he said. "But you've got to remember some schools furnish houses, very fancy homes, for presidents."

Kirkpatrick also added that the raise that she's going to get "is a hell of a lot more than anybody else got."

He said: "My personal opinion is that professors ought to be paid more than the football coach, more than the president, more than anybody else. We ought to value professorship that much. I just don't think she ought to make that much more than the average professor."

Kirkpatrick has also been critical of fellow regents. He has gone so far as to tell board members they are derelict in fulfilling their obligations to the state.

"You have to do what's right," he said. "If they don't like me, that's their problem, not mine. I'm a nice guy and I've worked hard all my life. I'm a good person. If they don't like what I do, that's just too damn bad. They can kiss my you-know-what."

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0553PST The Afghan opposition Northern Alliance says the United States could launch air strikes against the Taliban "imminently".

0825PST Reuters agency reports three large flashes in the sky 40-km [25 miles] north of the Afghan capital, Kabul.

0827PST Several loud explosions heard in Kabul and electricity supplies are cut, city residents tell AFP agency. Anti-aircraft fire heard.

0845PST Eyewitnesses report at least four large explosions in Kabul, and a black plume of smoke rising over the city.

0855PST AP agency reports sporadic anti-aircraft fire. CNN reports explosions in the southern city of Kandahar, where the Taliban headquarters is located.

0900PST President Bush addresses America and confirms British forces assisting the US military action.

0908PST US attacks have destroyed a command base at Kandahar airport, CNN reports. Also reports the Defense Ministry in Kabul hit.

0914PST Taliban confirm bombing of Kabul, according to Afghan Islamic Press [AIP]. Downing Street confirms British involvement.

0916PST Reported explosions in the north-eastern city of Jalalabad. Northern Alliance Defense Minister Dr Abdullah Abdullah says at least three nearby training camps may have been hit. Attacks came around 15 minutes after Kabul hit.

0925PST CNN reports cruise missiles fired from US and British ships, PA says attacks began with missile launches.

0930PST Taliban confirm some bombardment near Kabul airport, say AIP.

0935PST Pentagon official says Tomahawk cruise missiles launched by US and British ships, and US submarines, AP agency reports. Targets reportedly include air defenses, military communications and terrorist training camps.

0951PST UK Prime Minister Tony Blair confirms British missile-firing submarines used for attacks. British warplanes will join the attack in the next few days.

1016PST Kabul residents fleeing airport area and ignoring a curfew, AIP says. Also claims

electricity restored to the city.

1021PST AFP reports explosions and fires around airport at northern Taliban-held city of Mazar-i-Sharif. Afghan opposition forces report "dozens" of US helicopters and jets flying overhead.

1034PST Osama bin Laden and Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar both survived the strikes, the Taliban ambassador to Pakistan tells AP agency.

1035PST Pakistan says it provided designated air corridors allowing US forces to carry out strikes, but no Pakistani airbases were used.

1047PST Afghan opposition forces are shelling Taliban positions north of Kabul, Reuters reports.

1051PST US military officials say 15 land-based bombers, 25 strike aircraft and 50 Tomahawk missiles were used in the attack. B1, B2 and B52 bombers used.

1055PST US Defense Secretary says Taliban anti-aircraft weapons and planes targeted to minimize the threat to US forces. Also says strikes are ongoing.

1100PST US officials say humanitarian aid being dropped simultaneously by air into Afghanistan. No information about damage to or loss of any American planes.

1109PST A Taliban spokesman tells AIP the US-led attacks caused no significant damage to Taliban targets, AFP reports.

1137PST Senior Taliban official claims an unidentified plane brought down in Farah province during the attacks.

1151PST UK Ministry of Defense confirms three British submarines - HMS Trafalgar, Triumph and Superb - involved in the strikes. Only Trafalgar and Triumph carry cruise missiles.

1256PST AP reports exchange of rocket fire between Northern Alliance and Taliban forces, 25 miles north of Kabul, one hour after the US air strikes.

1305PST Another large explosion is heard in Kabul after a jet flies over the city, AFP reports. A Taliban official is quoted as saying the attacks have been renewed.

1310PST Reuters says witnesses report strong explosions rocking northern districts of Kabul, near the city's airport. Also reports fighting between the Taliban and opposition in border regions.

Military Strikes: Quotes

Source: BBC

As military strikes begin against targets in Afghanistan, Western leaders and key figures in the region gave a reaction.

"In this conflict there is no neutral ground, there can be no peace in a world of terror... We did not ask for this mission but we will fulfill it."

US President George Bush

"They were given the choice of siding with justice, or siding with terror. They chose terror."

UK Prime Minister Tony Blair on Afghanistan's ruling Taliban

"These attacks, which have been launched regardless of the world public opinion, especially the Muslim nations, will damage the innocent and oppressed Afghans and are unacceptable."

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman

"At this difficult, solemn and dramatic moment, all Europe stands steadfast with the United States and its coalition allies to pursue the fight against terrorism."

European Commission President Romano Prodi

"This is going to be a prolonged, sustained effort over several days."

US Pentagon official

"We are ready for jihad."

Rehmatullah Kakazada, the consul-general for Afghanistan's ruling Taliban

"America was hit by God in one of its softest spots. America is full of fear from its north to its south, from its west to its east. Thank God for that."

Prime suspect Osama Bin Laden speaking in a film reported to have been made on Sunday

"We support the Afghan people against the al-Qaeda, a foreign presence in their lands, and the Taliban regime that supports them."

Donald Rumsfeld, US Defence Secretary

"The struggle against terrorism is a complex and merciless fight that is taking place on many fronts."

French President Jacques Chirac

"The international community is united that the threat to international peace and security created by terrorist actions must be countered by all means - in accordance with the charter of the United Nations."

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"END STATES WHO SPONSOR TERRORISM"

By Leonard Peikoff

Fifty years of increasing American appeasement in the Mideast have led to fifty years of increasing contempt in the Muslim world for the U.S. The climax was September 11, 2001.

Fifty years ago, Truman and Eisenhower surrendered the West's property rights in oil, although that oil rightfully belonged to those in the West whose science, technology, and capital made its discovery and use possible. The first country to nationalize Western oil, in 1951, was Iran. The rest, observing our frightened silence, hurried to grab their piece of the newly available loot.

The cause of the U.S. silence was not practical, but philosophical. The Mideast's dictators were denouncing wealthy egotistical capitalism. They were crying that their poor needed our sacrifice; that oil, like all property, is owned collectively, by virtue of birth; and that they knew their viewpoint was true by means of otherworldly emotion. Our Presidents had no answer. Implicitly, they were ashamed of the Declaration of Independence. They did not dare to answer that Americans, properly, were motivated by the selfish desire to achieve personal happiness in a rich, secular, individualist society.

The Muslim countries embodied in an extreme form every idea—selfless duty, anti-materialism, faith or feeling above science, the supremacy of the group—which our universities, our churches, and our own political Establishment had long been upholding as virtue. When two groups, our leadership and theirs, accept the same basic ideas, the most consistent side wins.

After property came liberty. "The Muslim fundamentalist movement," writes Yale historian Lamin Sanneh, "began in 1979 with the Iranian [theocratic] revolution..." (NYT 9/23/01). During his first year as its leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, urging a Jihad against "the Great Satan," kidnapped 52 U.S. diplomatic personnel and held them hostage; Carter's reaction was fumbling paralysis. About a decade later, Iran topped this evil. Khomeini issued his infamous Fatwa aimed at censoring, even outside his borders, any ideas uncongenial to Muslim sensibility. This was the meaning of his threat to kill British author Rushdie and to destroy his American publisher; their crime was the exercise of their right to express an unpopular intellectual viewpoint. The Fatwa was Iran's attempt, reaffirmed after Khomeini's death, to stifle, anywhere in the world, the very process of thought. Bush Sr. looked the other way.

After liberty came American life itself. The first killers were the Palestinian hijackers of the late 1960s. But the killing spree which has now shattered our soaring landmarks, our daily routine, and our souls, began in earnest only after the license granted by Carter and Bush Sr.

Many nations work to fill our body bags. But Iran, according to a State Department report of 1999, is "the most active state sponsor of terrorism," training and arming groups from all over the Mideast, including Islamic Jihad, Hamas, and Hezbollah. Nor is Iran's government now "moderating." Five months ago, the world's leading terrorist groups resolved to unite in a holy war against the U.S., which they called "a second Israel"; their meeting was held in Teheran. (Fox News 9/16/01)

What has been the U.S. response to the above? In 1996, nineteen U.S. soldiers were killed in their barracks in Saudi Arabia. According to a front-page story in The New York Times (6/21/98): "Evidence suggesting that Iran sponsored the attack has further complicated the investigation, because the United States and Saudi Arabia have recently sought to improve relations with a new, relatively moderate Government in Teheran." In other words, Clinton evaded Iran's role because he wanted what he called "a genuine reconciliation." In public, of course, he continued to vow that he would find and punish the guilty. This inaction of Clinton's is comparable to his action after bin Laden's attack on U.S. embassies in East Africa; his action was the gingerly bombing of two meaningless targets.

Conservatives are equally responsible for today's crisis, as Reagan's record attests. Reagan not only failed to retaliate after 241 U.S. marines in Lebanon were slaughtered; he did worse. Holding that Islamic guerrillas were our ideological allies because of their fight against the atheistic Soviets, he methodically poured money and expertise into Afghanistan. This put the U.S. wholesale into the business of creating terrorists. Most of them regarded fighting the Soviets as only the beginning; our turn soon came.

For over a decade, there was another guarantee of American impotence: the notion that a terrorist is alone responsible for his actions, and that each, therefore, must be tried as an individual before a court of law. This viewpoint, thankfully, is fading; most people now understand that terrorists exist only through the sanction and support of a government.

We need not prove the identity of any of these creatures, because terrorism is not an issue of personalities. It cannot

be stopped by destroying bin Laden and the al-Qaeda army, or even by destroying the destroyers everywhere. If that is all we do, a new army of militants will soon rise up to replace the old one.

The behavior of such militants is that of the regimes which make them possible. Their atrocities are not crimes, but acts of war. The proper response, as the public now understands, is a war in self-defense. In the excellent words of Paul Wolfowitz, deputy secretary of defense, we must "end states who sponsor terrorism."

A proper war in self-defense is one fought without self-crippling restrictions placed on our commanders in the field. It must be fought with the most effective weapons we possess (a few weeks ago, Rumsfeld refused, correctly, to rule out nuclear weapons). And it must be fought in a manner that secures victory as quickly as possible and with the fewest U.S. casualties, regardless of the countless innocents caught in the line of fire. These innocents suffer and die because of the action of their own government in sponsoring the initiation of force against America. Their fate, therefore, is their government's moral responsibility. There is no way for our bullets to be aimed only at evil men.

The public understandably demands retaliation against Afghanistan. But in the wider context Afghanistan is insignificant. It is too devastated even to breed many fanatics. Since it is no more these days than a place to hide, its elimination would do little to end terrorism.

"If our appeasement has led to an escalation of disasters in the past, can it do otherwise in the future? The survival of America is at stake. The risk of a U.S. overreaction, therefore, is negligible. The only risk is underreaction."

Terrorism is a specific disease, which can be treated only by a specific antidote. The nature of the disease (though not of its antidote) has been suggested by Serge Schmemmann (NYT 9/16/01). Our struggle now, he writes, is "not a struggle against a conventional guerrilla force, whose yearning for a national homeland or the satisfaction of some grievance could be satisfied or denied. The terrorists [on Tuesday] . . . issued no demands, no ultimatums. They did it solely out of grievance and hatred—hatred for the values cherished in the West as freedom, tolerance, prosperity, religious pluralism and universal suffrage, but abhorred by religious fundamentalists (and not only Muslim fundamentalists) as licentiousness, corruption, greed and apostasy."

Every word of this is true. The obvious implication is that the struggle against terrorism is not a struggle over Palestine. It is a clash of cultures, and thus a struggle of ideas, which can be dealt with, ultimately, only by intellectual means. But this fact does not depreciate the crucial role of our armed forces. On the contrary, it increases their effectiveness, by pointing them to the right target.

Most of the Mideast is ruled by thugs who would be paralyzed by an American victory over any of their neighbors. Iran, by contrast, is the only major country there ruled by zealots dedicated not to material gain (such as more wealth or territory), but to the triumph by any means, however violent, of the Muslim fundamentalist movement they brought to life. That is why Iran manufactures the most terrorists.

If one were under a Nazi aerial bombardment, it would be senseless to restrict oneself to combatting Nazi satellites while ignoring Germany and the ideological plague it was working to spread. What Germany was to Nazism in the 1940s, Iran is to

terrorism today. Whatever else it does, therefore, the U.S. can put an end to the Jihad-mongers only by taking out Iran.

Eliminating Iran's terrorist sanctuaries and military capability is not enough. We must do the equivalent of de-Nazifying the country, by expelling every official and bringing down every branch of its government. This goal cannot be achieved painlessly, by weaponry alone. It requires invasion by ground troops, who will be at serious risk, and perhaps a period of occupation. But nothing less will "end the state" that most cries out to be ended.

The greatest obstacle to U.S. victory is not Iran and its allies, but our own intellectuals. Even now, they are advocating the same ideas that caused our historical paralysis. They are asking a reeling nation to show neighbor-love by shunning "vengeance." The multiculturalists—rejecting the concept of objectivity—are urging us to "understand" the Arabs and avoid "racism" (i.e., any condemnation of any group's culture). The friends of "peace" are reminding us, ever more loudly, to "remember Hiroshima" and beware the sin of pride.

These are the kinds of voices being heard in the universities, the churches, and the media as the country recovers from its first shock, and the professoriate et al. feel emboldened to resume business as usual. These voices are a siren song luring us to untroubled sleep while the fanatics proceed to gut America.

Tragically, Mr. Bush is attempting a compromise between the people's demand for a decisive war and the intellectuals' demand for appeasement.

It is likely that the Bush administration will soon launch an attack on bin Laden's organization in Afghanistan and possibly even attack the Taliban. Despite this, however, every sign indicates that Mr. Bush will repeat the mistakes made by his father in Iraq. As of October 1, the Taliban leadership appears not to be a target. Even worse, the administration refuses to target Iran, or any of the other countries identified by the State Department as terrorist regimes. On the contrary, Powell is seeking to add to the current coalition these very states—which is the equivalent of going into partnership with the Soviet Union in order to fight Communism (under the pretext, say, of proving that we are not anti-Russian). By seeking such a coalition, our President is asserting that he needs the support of terrorist nations in order to fight them. He is stating publicly that the world's only superpower does not have enough self-confidence or moral courage to act unilaterally in its own defense.

For some days now, Mr. Bush has been downplaying the role of our military, while praising the same policies (mainly negotiation and economic pressure) that have failed so spectacularly and for so long. Instead of attacking the roots of global terrorism, he seems to be settling for a "guerrilla war" against al-Qaeda, and a policy of unseating the Taliban passively, by aiding a motley coalition of native tribes. Our battle, he stresses, will be a "lengthy" one.

Mr. Bush's compromise will leave the primary creators of terrorism whole—and unafraid. His approach might satisfy our short-term desire for retribution, but it will guarantee catastrophe in the long term.

As yet, however, no overall policy has been solidified; the administration still seems to be groping. And an angry public still expects our government not merely to hobble terrorism for a while, but to eradicate it. The only hope left is that Mr. Bush will listen to the public, not to the professors and their progeny.

When should we act, if not now? If our appeasement has led to an escalation of disasters in the past, can it do otherwise in the future? Do we wait until our enemies master nuclear, chemical, and biological warfare?

The survival of America is at stake. The risk of a U.S. overreaction, therefore, is negligible. The only risk is underreaction.

Mr. Bush must reverse course. He must send our missiles and troops, in force, where they belong. And he must justify this action by declaring with righteous conviction that we have discarded the clichés of our paper-liger past and that the U.S. now places America first.

There is still time to demonstrate that we take the war against terrorism seriously—as a sacred obligation to our Founding Fathers, to every victim of the men who hate this country, and to ourselves. There is still time to make the world understand that we will take up arms, anywhere and on principle, to secure an American's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness on earth.

The choice today is mass death in the United States or mass death in the terrorist nations. Our Commander-in-Chief must decide whether it is his duty to save Americans or the governments who conspire to kill them.

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STRIKES: Bush sends food

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were mostly located outside major settlements, but that three were located near Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan. Four other targets were near large cities, Blair added.

The Pentagon stressed that no civilians or civilian population centers were targeted.

"Every target was a military target. The reports indicating that there were attacks on Kabul are incorrect," Rumsfeld said. "The attacks were on the military targets surrounding the city. All U.S. military personnel and aircraft that took part in yesterday's strike are safe and accounted for, notwithstanding the statements by Taliban to the contrary, which are flat untrue. We believe the humanitarian assistance flights were successful, and they will continue today."

Over 37,000 meals were air dropped to starvation-plagued areas on Monday, the Department of Defense said in a released statement.

General Richard Meyers, Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said that the strikes were against a "broad" range of targets, and that for now early objectives have been completed.

"The broad category of targets that we struck yesterday included: early-warning radars, as we said before, ground forces, command-and-control facilities, al Qaeda infrastructure, and airfields and aircraft," Meyers said in a Defense Department briefing. "We did destroy some of the terrorist infrastructure and we did begin feeding and assisting the victims of the Taliban regime. Our Day One efforts were designed to disrupt and destroy terrorist activities in

Afghanistan and to set the conditions for future military action and to bring food and medical supplies to the Afghan people."

"Strikes are continuing as we speak. We are hitting targets that are similar to those we did yesterday," Meyers continued. "Today we're using about five bomber aircraft and about 10 carrier-based tactical aviation assets to conduct our operations."

Prime Minister Blair said the Britain would support the United States on all fronts.

"We are taking action therefore on all those three fronts: military, diplomatic and humanitarian. I also want to say very directly to the British people why this matters so much directly to Britain," Blair said. "Let us not forget that the attacks of the Sept. 11 represented the worst terrorist outrage against British citizens in our history. The murder of British citizens, whether it happens overseas or not, is an attack upon Britain."

The strikes utilized Tomahawk cruise missiles launched from ships, such as the cruiser USS Philippine Sea and the British submarine HMS Trafalgar. It is the first time the British have used the Tomahawk missile operationally. Bomber aircraft were also used, although no Tomahawks were launched from the air.

The Pentagon said that the attacks are the first waves in the war on terrorism, designed to clear the way for further phases of Operation Enduring Freedom, the campaign to stamp out global terrorism.

"These strikes are part of a much larger effort against worldwide terrorism, one that will be sustained and which is wide-

ranging. It will likely be sustained for a period of years, not weeks or months," Rumsfeld said. "This campaign will be waged much like the Cold War, in the sense that it will involve many fronts over a period of time and will require continuous pressure by a large number of countries around the globe."

"We will not stop until the terrorist networks are destroyed. To that end, regimes that harbor terrorists and their training camps should know that they will suffer penalties," Rumsfeld said. "Our goal is not one individual, it is not one group."

On Sunday, President George W. Bush addressed the nation, just hours after U.S. planes launched off the decks of aircraft carriers.

"These carefully targeted actions are designed to disrupt the use of Afghanistan as a terrorist base of operations, and to attack the military capability of

the Taliban regime," Bush said. "We are supported by the collective will of the world."

"More than two weeks ago, I gave Taliban leaders a series of clear and specific demands: Close terrorist training camps; hand over leaders of the al Qaeda network; and return all foreign nationals, including American citizens, unjustly detained in your country. None of these demands were met. And now the Taliban will pay a price. By destroying camps and disrupting communications, we will make it more difficult for the terror network to train new recruits and coordinate their evil plans," Bush continued. "At the same time, the oppressed people of Afghanistan will know the generosity of America and our allies. As we strike military targets, we'll also drop food, medicine and supplies to the starving and suffering men and women and children of Afghanistan."

Law fair set for this Saturday

By Angela Flores

UNLV Rebel Yell

The college of liberal arts is sponsoring a law fair this Saturday for undergraduate students. Representatives from 60 schools will advise and prepare students, as they begin their journey toward a graduate Law program.

The fair will be held in the FDH foyer from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"It will help students to form a realistic sense of where they might go to law school," Associate Professor Tim Irwin said.

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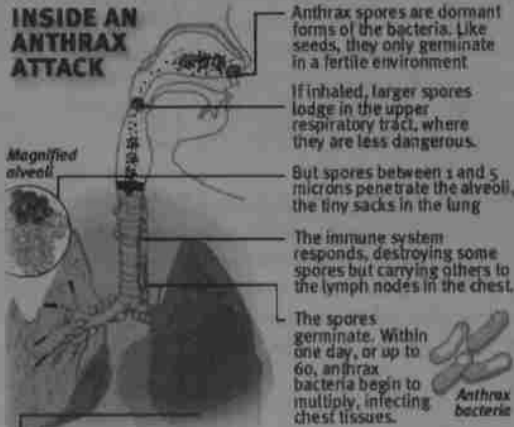
BIO: Govt. seeks answers



Stephen Carper, professor of biochemistry

"The major problem with biologicals is that a single individual can develop, produce, and distribute an agent."

INSIDE AN ANTHRAX ATTACK



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country.

"It would take some fairly well-trained people in key places to acquire the deadly cultures from any reputable source, and to be knowledgeable enough to grow large quantities of the material safely." That person must also know how to disperse the agent, she said.

And that is not a simple task.

"Some agents are easier to grow than others, like the Anthrax bacterium, but most are pretty difficult," said Stephen Carper, a biochemistry professor. "The major problem with

biologicals is that a single individual can develop, produce, and distribute an agent."

He continued, "If this individual works alone and keeps quiet about his/her activities, it would be very difficult to stop them."

"To work safely with these organisms or agents takes major financial resources, which could be provided by a government," he said.

Authorities say biological weapons - like Anthrax and Small Pox - are available to several Middle Eastern countries.

In attempts to stave off a

potential bio-warfare attack, senate Democrats and the Bush administration last week finalized a broad anti-terrorism bill. Law enforcement and intelligence agencies can tap phones, monitor Internet e-mails and indefinitely hold non-citizens suspected of terrorist activity under the bill.

Amy said the government should provide "public education about biological warfare/terrorism so that the typical citizen can know what is realistic, what one should do in the event of an epidemic, and how to best protect oneself and family from such a threat.

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Slot machines overlook Nevada's beauty

By Nick Mojave
UNLV Rebel Yell

As a native Las Vegas – the few and the proud – I'm happy to say that I love this city with all my heart and soul. Again, the few and the proud. Something about this place rejuvenates me, makes me happy, and I'm tired of people bagging on Sin City.

A year ago, I was on a flight back to McCarran Airport when I overheard two old ladies behind me discussing what a horrible place this was, and how they'd hate to have to raise a family here. I took serious offense to that. I turned around and let them know that it bothered me, and they gave me this scornful look like I was convicted of murder or something. I told them that we don't notice the video poker in supermarkets because we're used to it, the only time we notice it is when we're out of town and it isn't there. They told me that this town was full of drugs, sex and violence, and I'm lucky to be alive.

This is the land of the free. We're supposed to be able to do whatever we want wherever we want, including gamble before or after we go get our produce. As for raising a family here, let's see, who will be more tempted to gamble? The 20-year-old from out of town that is seeing a slot machine for the first time in his or her life, or the 20-year-old who was raised here who has been exposed to them since his first trip to a buffet at age three?

Another pet peeve is the people that bitch about the mountains. Instead of seeing reds and grays and browns and greens and blacks, they just see brown everywhere. And it doesn't matter to them if it's noon or sunset; the mountains still look the same. I cannot even begin to

comprehend that. I mean come on, most of these people come from places that are covered in a carpet of green, so how can they even complain about our mountains being brown?

I've been to some of the most beautiful places on Earth, including Grenada, Spain, where former President Clinton said he saw "the most beautiful sunset he'd ever seen." Not one place comes close to the barren, golden grandeur of sunset in the Mojave Desert. My great-grandmother always said, "There ain't nothing like a Las Vegas sunset," and isn't that the truth. My favorite time is when the Spring Mountains have cast their long shadow over the entire valley and the only thing that is still getting hit by the sun's light is Frenchman's Mountain in the east. But in this desert, any time after the sun begins to fall to the eastern horizon is a beautiful time.

There are those who don't think our natural wonders are worth anything, and our artificial ones are lame just for being fake. Can these people honestly tell me they've even gone exploring in the Mojave? Have they ever been hiking up one of the side canyons at Red Rock? Have they ever seen one of the vistas at Mt. Charleston? Have they ever seen Dante's View at Death Valley by moonlight, made a day out of hiking Observation Point at Zion Canyon, or gone skiing at Brian Head? All these wonders are within three hours of this city, and those that haven't yet had the opportunity to enjoy them are missing some of the most beautiful scenery on earth.

I'm tired of people bagging on Vegas. If you don't like it, leave. We won't miss you. But before you go, at least try to love this place. It's easy, once you put your mind to it.

Hey deadbeats, live life to its fullest

By Raphael Peterson
UNLV Rebel Yell

Boom. We've all just died. Quicker than you can say, "Sweet Jesus," we have been eliminated by a nuclear weapon. That's it. Everything, good things and bad things, eaten up all gone. All that's left is ashes, promises that won't be kept, secrets that will never be told.

That's pretty much what could happen any day now.

It is now quite obvious that there are people who don't want any of us to exist simply because we are Americans. It doesn't really matter if you are Jewish, atheist or even Muslim; they will nuke us all.

That being said, we all should have that realization that every day is precious; every moment is worth more than a trillion dollars. It's not just the good moments, either, like getting laid for the first time or marrying the love of your life. Getting decked in the mouth and losing your job are just as precious, because you're alive, you're still here. You are not ashes yet, friends, so everything you do is gold.

What's funny about us humans, though, is after we get shaken up real bad, even as bad as what happened a month ago, we like to slink back into the hum drum routines that we had before. Some say it's because we want to have normalization, we want to have a sense that things

can still be as good as they were before. We like to think that we can watch "The West Wing" with the kids and have a beer during "Sportscenter," and go to bed as if this was a comfort.

Don't get me wrong. If you're happy with your life, you're five steps ahead of me, and I'm jealous of you. But even if you aren't happy that doesn't mean you should be complacent. If you have everything you want; you simply do not want enough. Shoot for the moon. If you want to ask that guy out, do not conform to the rules and wait for him to ask you out because tomorrow you may not even exist. If you want to get good grades, if you want to be a ballerina, if you have real passion for something, do it.

This has all been said before, and I know you don't need some punk sophomore imploring you to "live life to its fullest," but take a look around you in your classes and really look at your fellow students. They're all asleep, man. They just don't know it. Even the pick jocks that like to be loud and rowdy and the hard-ass frat boys that spent the whole night before banging chicks are asleep. Even all the really pretty girls with the Volkswagen Jettas their mamas and papas bought them. All these loser bastards are asleep in a world full of beauty, and so are you. It's time to wake up.

Patriotism is more than flag waving

By Elaine Vigneault
UNLV Rebel Yell

You drive around with your plastic American flag taped to your car antenna – the flag you bought on the corner of Tropicana and Pecos from the poor, pregnant Mexican. The flag that was made in Taiwan with petroleum products from the Middle East. You spent money on that flag, but you didn't even donate to charity. You didn't give blood, but you sure want some. In fact, you've never donated money or blood. You don't know your neighbor's names. You don't know your senators' names. You don't even vote.

I stared at that flag as you cut me off. I wondered what kind of patriotism you practice. I thought, "This is not patriotism; this is blood thirst." You are not proud to be an American; you are angry at non-Americans. You don't care about justice; you want revenge.

When I told you about the Taliban last year and asked you to sign a petition, you said it was a women's issue. You said my worries about Afghan women were irrelevant, trivial and distant. You still fail to recognize the fact that all human life is valuable, and that killing innocent people is wrong. You are apathetic to human suffering, unless, of course, the humans are American.

Now you tell me to turn on my car's headlights on Oct. 11 as a patriotic memorial to those who died at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Whether it's flags or headlights, our cars are being used to symbolize patriotism. Ironically, it is also our cars that best symbolize our dependence upon Middle Eastern oil. I will not turn on my headlights. I will not become a sheep to mourn the way you want me to. I will not support your vengeful and murderous patriotism.



Peace protests take no action

By Somer Weller
UNLV Rebel Yell

I have a question for those people who are protesting military action in Afghanistan: when was the last time you had your head checked?

These peace protesters are claiming that they are tired of violence and that war is not the answer. War is the only answer. We can't just sit here and accept that our country ran into a little bad luck. If we fail to take action against the recent terrorist attacks, then we are opening the door for even more bloodshed, violence and episodes like Sept. 11, which completely defeats the peace protesters' platform. Our country would be a sitting duck for terrorists who

would fear no retribution from the United States.

Some believe that innocent people shouldn't have to pay for what happened last month. I can only go along with that to a certain degree. Every person that died at the Pentagon, in the airplanes and in the World Trade Center Towers was innocent. These people were mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, brave firemen, rescue workers and heroes. It would be nothing short of disrespectful to not honor those people by taking swift and harsh military action in Afghanistan.

It has been said that only the perpetrators of the terrorist attacks be tried and punished. Well, it's too bad that the

hijackers are already dead, and the rest are a bunch of cowards who went into hiding. We should not waste years trying to track them down.

No matter how hard I try, I just cannot understand the peace protesters' view that war is not the answer. I am forced to wonder if they are protesting just to have something to protest about. How can these people take pride in their country and call themselves Americans if they are not willing to defend it?

Not taking military action in Afghanistan would be akin to spitting in the faces of the men and women who have fought so hard and given their lives to achieve freedom in our country.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

While I realize that the *UNLV Rebel Yell* is but a college newspaper, even college newspapers have standards to uphold. Had Hubert Hensen turned the piece which ran in the 10/1/01 issue in to me back in the days when I taught Eng. 101, it would have been returned to him with "Not acceptable college level writing. See me" written across the top. Mr. Hensen and I would have then had a discussion about the basics of constructing a well rounded logical argument with supported opinions, not to men-

tion the fact that his little misinformed screed could be perceived as racist.

Moreover, a brief trip to www.howstuffworks.com to research topics such as "how mufflers work" and "how turbochargers work" might begin to shed some light on the magnitude of Mr. Hensen's intellectual bankruptcy. There are other more technical Web sites, books, and magazines out there, but for basic research and explanation of concepts, I find howstuffworks.com the best. Mr. Hensen should come to the library staff

there is happy to get students started in the fundamentals of conducting basic research.

Finally, I am the owner of a 1988 Honda CRX SI. My car has given me over 60,000 trouble free miles, is fun to drive on long road trips, handles like a dream, has very low emissions and gets gas mileage far superior to gas guzzling V8s. It takes me where I need to go, quickly, efficiently and cheaply. Hardly a purposeless vehicle.

Katherine Keller

To the Editor:

I loved Mr. Hensen's article on the Honda car in the 10/01 issue. I couldn't agree more! The Japanese flood us with their automobiles at what seem to be OK prices, then the other shoe falls when you have to get something fixed on them. Nine

hundred dollars to replace the window control motor is just one example. That's where they get us. We are stuck with their cars, so we get stuck with their jacked up prices for repairs, which seem to be endless. And to make matters worse, they won't buy our cars in return.

They have half of America's forests submerged in their ports, the export/import balance is way in their favor. It seems bombing us in Pearl Harbor didn't work, so they'll destroy us through our economy! I kid you not!

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Hanna Fletcher

Hanna's Humor

Hello Prozac

There shouldn't be anything funny about depression because ... well, depression is just plain depressing.

But when I ended up at Student Psychological Services last week having a Mariah Carey-like mental breakdown, I couldn't help but laugh at myself. Apparently the pressure of graduate school, a successful singing career and a Latin heartthrob boyfriend is just too much for me.

First, I had absolutely no time for a depressive episode. It certainly wasn't scheduled in my 2001 Rebel Planner. Thursday 1:00 - Career Center. 2:00 - Core I Seminar. 4:30 - Complete nervous breakdown. Run through Pida Plaza screaming in Jane Fonda-like manic aerobic rage while punching my own face. Possibly, I could handle an emotional collapse during the next academic year when I had more free time. But frankly, emotional breakdowns consume way too much time, and I'd hoped to wait until I was well into my 60's and retired before I lost my mind.

Second, perhaps if I had actually planned my depression, I could have experienced it on a more convenient day. But, no, I had to get sad on the day reserved for emergency appointments at Student Psychological Services. After requesting to see a counselor, the student assistant asked me very loudly if I planned to kill myself because only emergency appointments were available. How do you answer that question? "Well, yes, I did try to cross Maryland Parkway today on foot if that could be considered a suicidal episode." If you have ever thought about killing yourself, it's not really something you want to share with a freshman student aide.

Luckily she was mistaken, and I was able to see a coun-

selor right away without hurling myself onto a pair of scissors at the front desk. Good thing too because it turns out I'm severely depressed and need to be on drugs. A part of me just cringed when I heard the counselor mention anti-depressants. I mean, if I need to take pills in order to be happy, then perhaps I should have a lobotomy. Now that I've started the medication, that reasoning seems ridiculous, but at the time I felt I could probably do without my brain and perhaps even donate it to the biology department for insanity research.

The counselor also suggested getting weekly emotional support. Fortunately, they have a support group for practically everyone - women only, graduate students, men who love women who love men, alcoholics and people with violent dogs. Well, maybe not, but they should. They also go on wellness hikes, which my counselor also recommended for me, although I don't know how healthy it is for a suicidal person to hang off the edge of a cliff.

And just in case I planned on exiting the building out of the fifth floor window, the counselor asked me to sign a document promising I wouldn't kill myself that day. I wondered if I should have made a note in my Rebel Planner? Would she sue me for breach of contract if I did commit suicide? Could I obtain a lawyer if I was dead?

I've only been on anti-depressant medication for a week, so I'm still waiting for the humorous 'I'm on drugs' experience to help complete this article. Until then I hope to see you all at the "My parents never loved me/ I hate my major/ I've fallen and I can't get up/ Let's go hiking support group." It may do us some good.



Three UNLV students compete for Miss Nevada



By Jon Castagnino
UNLV Rebel Yell

UNLV undergraduate Jenny Valdez was crowned Miss Nevada USA as she defeated two fellow college-mates and nine other women during competition at the Community College of Southern Nevada Sunday.

The event consisted of three rounds – a personal interview with the five pageant judges and swimsuit and evening gown presentations.

Valdez, along with UNLV undergraduate Elizabeth Muto and graduate student Mia Neat, advanced to the final round of five women, having to answer one question each.

First up was Muto, who was asked to describe what Las Vegas and the world might be like 10 years from now. The crowd responded immediately with applause when she said, "We must rebuild the heart of America... rebuilding the Twin Towers bigger and better than

"I wanted to compete for the opportunity to be a good role model..."

Elizabeth Muto,
UNLV student and Miss Nevada USA contestant

before... and once again make America the economic powerhouse of the world."

Valdez was asked if racial profiling should be allowed in the United States to increase national security efforts. The crowd again erupted in applause when Valdez answered with an emphatic "No," and continued with we "should support government decisions ... and remember what it means to be an American."

Last to answer in the finals was Mia Neat. She was asked who is a better role model to our children, Britney Spears or

Venus Williams. Neat said that Spears is a better role model because the Britney Spears Foundation helps kids improve their skills in performing arts, adding that Spears is a person that "made her own dreams come true."

Muto commented on competition.

"I wanted to compete for the opportunity to be a good role model, not only for my peers, but our children," said Muto.

This year was the second time Muto entered the pageant. Last year she was first runner-up to UNLV graduate Gina Giacinto.

Muto is adopted, and hoped to use the title of Miss Nevada USA as a platform to find her biological parents who abandoned her as an infant. She also saw the crown as a chance to use many community service efforts to help children within Nevada.

Valdez represents Nevada at the Miss USA Pageant in February.

UNLV student Jenny Valdez recently became Miss Nevada USA 2002.

courtesy photo

Discover the special events industry



By Michael Lundin
UNLV Rebel Yell

This weekend the International Special Events Society (ISES) is offering an opportunity to discover what the special events industry is all about when its Las Vegas chapter hosts the first Western Regional Education Conference.

The RESPEKT – Regional Education Summit for Professional Excellence, Knowledge and Training – will bring together a mix of ISES and UNLV industry professionals who will conduct carefully evaluated and selected seminars on a wide spectrum of event industry disciplines.

The event will be held at UNLV's Stan Fulton building, which houses the International Gaming Institute, located on the corner of Swenson Street and Flamingo Road. This will offer a perfect environment to learn about the industry and its disciplines, and meet event professionals from all corners of the world.

The ISES Las Vegas Chapter will also produce the 2001 WESTIE Awards Show, themed "Theater for the Mind" on Saturday. The WESTIEs (Western ISES Excellence) Awards is a gala and awards show where industry profes-

sionals come together in a social atmosphere of alliance, sponsorship, competition and recognition with an opportunity to meet event producers as they are honored for their achievements over the past year.

UNLV students will play a key role in both the conference and the awards show.

"They're going to be able to apply what they have been learning in textbooks," said UNLV professor and awards recipient Kathy Nelson. "It's part of a capstone class and they will be working in management positions, getting experience in things like advertising and promotion."

Fellow UNLV professor and awards recipient Nancy Matheny shared the same sentiment.

"They'll be able to see a special event from start to finish," said Matheny.

Students in Matheny's class Tourism and Convention Administration (TCA) 496 Entertainment on the Road, Pat Merl's class TCA 498 Production Show Management, Robyn Hadden's class TCA 488 Special Events Management and Kathy Nelson's class TCA 490 Festivals and Events Management, will get a chance to work with industry professionals in a fluid working environment.

Whether you are seeking networking or educational opportunities, the combination of the WESTIE Awards show and RESPEKT offers something for everyone in the events and hospitality industry.

Homecoming: a time for spirit



Jeantell Jackson / UNLV Rebel Yell

The LDSSA window painting is among the many to be judged in the championship.

By Greg Swiszc
UNLV Rebel Yell

It's time for UNLV to welcome new royalty. Come Saturday, last year's Homecoming Queen Samra Dayani and King R.J. Peltyn must give up their crowns to the incoming heirs of the throne.

Representatives from different organizations will compete to wear those crowns. Normally, one would think that it's just a popularity contest. Other than belonging to a campus organization, the only requirements that candidates must meet include attending a few meetings, be at the Homecoming game a little

early and, most importantly, look amazing in formal wear.

The elections for king and queen end Thursday, so make time to vote for friends ... actually the best candidates. The winners will be announced Friday night during the bash at Sam Boyd Stadium. A presentation will follow during the half-time show at Saturday's game.

Besides the king and queen elections, organizations have come together for float building and tailgates.

Most of the floats are completed and ready for judging, and several members from organizations participated in

Wednesday's Variety Show. Other events that teams will compete in are the window painting competition and the powder puff and cheer competition. The trophy presentation for the winners of the Homecoming Championship is before the game.

Afroman will perform at the Friday Night Bash before all things finally end when the Rebels kick the San Diego Aztecs off the Rebel Island. Don't forget your scarlet and gray.

Greg Swiszc, staff writer for the UNLV Rebel, can be reached at unlvry@yahoo.com.

AFROMAN



courtesy photo

Student government presents Afroman at Rebel Ruckus at the Sam Boyd Stadium Practice Field Friday. The singer and songwriter's latest tribute "Because I Got High" is one of the most requested songs today. Gates open at 4 p.m. and activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Students with their UNLV identification receive free admission.

The Ball Point

Humor is the best weapon against uneasiness

Before Shave



After Shave



Could it be????

By Erik Ball
UNLV Rebel Yell

The country is dealing with a mighty enemy, a foe unlike any other. A man who hides in shadows. A very ugly man who holds press conferences in front of the space mountain ride at Paki-Disney Land.

This strike our country is leading will last many years, many columnists say, and still late night talk shows and comedians are piddly pattyng around the entire topic.

Now, I'm no historian, and I'm sure I'll mess up some sort of political lingo somewhere in this column, but for the most part I'm very aware of what's taking place overseas. George W. seems to be doing a fine job, and the country is supporting him for the most part. What I do not understand is why we are not featuring

bin Laden in South Park episodes yet. Let's let Will Ferrell have his hand at the bearded goon.

David Letterman went on record saying, "This is a very difficult time that needs to be taken seriously." When Dan Rather wept next to the usually snappy Letterman, I had flashbacks to James Stewart, poems about dogs and a seemingly befuddled Carson. When these big dogs of late night are forced out of their element, it makes for some very uncomfortable television.

Bob Hope needs a successor, someone to swoop down and attack the remaining uneasiness with sharp wit. The American people need to find their happy place within the comedic rib-

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'Bandits' impossible to label



courtesy photo

Billy Bob Thornton, Cate Blanchett and Bruce Willis star in a bank robbery spree that hits theaters Friday - "Bandits."

By Martin Holmquist
UNLV Rebel Yell

"Two's Company, Three's A Crime" is the tagline the latest Barry Levinson film, "Bandits," which hits the theaters this Friday. Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton and Cate Blanchett star in this comedy about a gang of bank robbers.

Joe Blake (Willis) and Terry Collins (Thornton) are escaped convicts on a bank robbery spree looking to get enough money to move to Mexico and open up a restaurant/night club. They devise an original scheme that proves to be very successful - hold the bank manager and his

family hostage in their own home the night before the heist, have dinner and sleep over, then open the bank with the manager and his family in the morning before business hours. This method avoids bank robbers' usual problems with breaking in or controlling employees and customers.

They rob banks all along the West Coast, soon become famous as the "Sleepover Bandits" and their plan is flowing perfectly until Terry almost gets run over by Kate Wheeler (Blanchett). He tries to hijack her car, but the desperate and neurotic Kate refuses to get out, making her a hostage. The prob-

lems start when Joe becomes romantically involved with Kate, leading to a complicated love triangle.

It's impossible to label "Bandits" as a comedy, drama or romance, as it has elements from many genres. This is what makes "Bandits" so good. It doesn't adhere to the clichés of love triangles or bank robbery films, but is unique and unpredictable. It is one of the funniest movies of the year, at the same time as it gives some very interesting insight into relationships

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Dance Dance gets Recognition



Dance Dance Revolution relies on a series of carefully planned moves.

file photo

By Jeff Hoyt
UNLV Rebel Yell

Las Vegas held its first ever tournament for the rhythm game Dance Dance Revolution Sept. 29. Hosted by ddr.magisystems.net and held at the arcade inside the MGM Grand, the competitors, including several UNLV students, faced off in one of two categories: Perfect Attack and Freestyle.

The basis of Dance Dance Revolution is to follow preset arrows with your feet that are timed with music coming from the machine.

In Perfect Attack, the challenge is to land each step in perfect time to the music. Two UNLV students, Victor Ramirez, a film major, and Shawn

Walker participated in the event.

While neither placed in the top three, they made their presence felt among the other 20 participants, including several who traveled from California to compete.

"It was a lot of fun," said Ramirez when asked about the event.

First place went to Las Vegas resident Junior. The Freestyle competition proved much more exciting to watch, even with only 15 people involved, including this writer.

The basis of freestyle is to put an emphasis on style over accuracy, making it more like a choreographed dance than simply following the steps.

Shawn Walker had this to say about the event. "Freestylers like Kid Zero, Jenith and Biggs really demonstrated how intricate and exciting a simple game like DDR can really be."

Judges of the event included Ramirez and CSC major Chris Deguzman. First place, and a Playstation 2, went to Kid Zero, visiting from California.

The tournament as a whole was handled well with only minor hang-ups that could be expected for a first run competition.

With a participant count of 35, and a viewing crowd of over 50, it can be considered a success.

Owner of ddr.magisystems.net, Benjamin Fields, is pushing for more tournaments in the Las Vegas area come next year as a result of the success from this one.

'Bread and Tulips' spreads the joy of life

By Michael Lundin
UNLV Rebel Yell

"Imagine your life. Now go live it." This enchanting tagline for Silvio Soldini's "Bread & Tulips" peaked my curiosity enough to go see a film I had never heard of, with no clue as what to expect.

Left behind by a tour bus while on a family vacation, 40-ish housewife Rosalba decides to hitch a ride home rather than wait for her husband to return for her. With plans on returning home ahead of schedule, Rosalba realizes she's never been to Venice and suddenly decides to take a slight detour.

Warm-spirited Rosalba quickly falls in love with Venice and its people. Along her way she encounters Fernando Grazia, a melancholy waiter who speaks in verses and puts her up in his spare bedroom. He's an energetic masseuse, and the anarchistic owner of a flower shop where

Rosalba finds employment. She dutifully calls her furious husband, letting him know of her spontaneous plans to take a little vacation in Venice. Not knowing what to think, he sends a wannabe detective after her in hopes of tracking her down and bringing her back.

"Bread & Tulips" engages the viewer with the concept of being able to control your own destiny. Although it seems like a fairy tale idea just to drop your whole life in favor of doing what you really want, Soldini raises the awareness of living your life based on happiness versus conformity.

By changing her outlook on life, Rosalba begins to live in accordance with her heartwarming personality. Upon encountering the amateur detective, she begins to feel the pressure and responsibility of returning to her family. The fantasy of Rosalba's thoughts and action remain grounded in a simple story where

emotions often lead the way to an unknown future.

As a light comedy with deep and emotional characters, "Bread and Tulips" engages us to follow what Rosalba will do next.

It is however the phenomenal acting that really makes you care about the characters and the situations they find themselves in. Licia Maglietta's radiant Rosalba is an enchanting individual, only blossoming more and more throughout the film while Bruno Ganz's ("Wings of Desire") Fernando lends a sensitive and reflective hand to Rosalba's conventional life.

It's been a while since I saw such a heartwarming film that spread the joy of life through its sincerity and smiles. An inspiring story like so needs to be shared with the world to express that the soul of mankind lies in his ability to pursue the art of happiness.

Copperpot to blow the lid off Ruckus



Jamie Tario / UNLV Rebel Yell

Copperpot will perform Friday at Rebel Ruckus. They can normally be found at the Boston on Monday nights.

By Jamie Tario
UNLV Rebel Yell

Rebel Ruckus attendees this Friday at the Sam Boyd practice field have the opportunity to discover one of the Valley's hidden treasures, a sorely overlooked Las Vegas commodity — the band Copperpot.

Copperpot is a young band with drive and vivacity. Lead singer Brandon Kiser, a UNLV senior slated to graduate this December with a degree in Entertainment Management, is ably backed by guitarists Matt Bazzell and Donnie Stifter, Jared Owens on bass and Jamie Urcioli on drums. The five, whose friendship dates back to Little League, came together while still attending Green Valley High School, where Kiser, Owen and Stifter were in orchestra.

Copperpot's music, which is self described as "good old rock n' roll," consists of purely original verse and innovative music pumped with personality and diversity.

Songwriting duties are not doled out, but rather just happen, as inspiration often stems from personal experiences.

"The music comes first, then lyrics," said Bazzell. "I've noticed the words seem to come out naturally while we are practicing or playing a song."

"The words are about what is going on at that time in the life of whoever is writing it. No one sits down and contemplates

what they are going to write about, it just naturally flows," he said.

These songs are not solely the effort of just one band member, but an amalgam of all.

"What's beautiful about our band is that Matt has a style of playing, Jared has a way of writing, as does Donnie," said Kiser. "When you have got three completely different personalities like this and three different styles of writing, that's how we get our sound. It's a different sound, and the more people you have involved with the writing, the more diverse the sound is."

Copperpot, who has been playing at The Boston on Monday evenings for close to one year, possess an admirable commitment to their music. They also have a loyal following of devoted fans, many of whom have been supporting Copperpot since its beginning six years ago.

"I think we've progressed, and fans can see that," Stifter said.

While the band continues to evolve in a world of harmony vastly shifting, Copperpot remains dedicated to their true commitment.

"We have been from the start, and will be until the end, friends playing music together," Bazzell said. "Just having fun playing music."

Copperpot plays every Monday night 10 p.m. at The Boston — 3417 S. Jones Blvd.



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bing of the extreme situation we are currently in. These droll, funeral eulogies talk show hosts deliver are merely reiterating the hardcore facts we already are tired of hearing.

The comedy central bomb "That's my Bush," the White House spoof that played Hungry-Hungry Hippos with everyday economics, was yanked from its time slot and now sits on the dusty storage room shelves next to "Kids in the Hall." Although the show was terrible to begin with, Comedy Central should have capitalized on this opportunity to bring to the public an outlet for political potty humor, and attempt to resurrect a one-line joke stretched into a silly little show. We need this sort of thing.

We need to be sensitive to those lives lost in what definitely will be recognized as the worst terrorist attack against America ever. However, we need to sooth our own souls. We need to return to normalcy through abnormal, off-handed humor.

If I'm going to have to endure the craziness that is war once again, then I'm going to approach the subject with a light heart. *The Onion*, the on-line parody of hardcore journalism, states it perfectly, "A shattered nation longs to care about stupid bullshit again."

The fear of future attacks, biochemical warfare and a possible draft will leave people restless. It is only after I crack a joke or two about bin Laden and what the inside of his big hat must smell like that people begin to ease up and move forward with positive emotion.



BANDIT



courtesy photo

Bruce Willis plays a handsome action hero in his latest movie "Bandits."


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between people and ridicules media's obsession with out-laws.

Director Barry Levinson ("Good Morning Vietnam," "Rain Man") is a master at making realistic films that are at the same time humorous and entertaining.

"Many directors, when they film comedies, put 'quotes' around the jokes and big emotional moments, hammering them home," said Executive Producer and Writer Harley Peyton. "Barry approaches it in a way that's real."

Levinson's intimate relationship with his actors is apparent. They all give very strong performances, especially Thornton. He plays a neurotic, hypochondriac who is a "bundle of phobias." Thornton shows why he is considered to be one of the greatest actors of his generation, delivering a hilarious, over-the-top performance that should put him in the race for best actor in next year's Golden Globes and Academy Awards. Playing opposite Willis' handsome, action hero character, the duo deliver a solid one-two punch that carries the film, making it one of those films that you sim-



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Wilkes brings experience to young squad

By Randall M. Larson
UNLV Rebel Yell

As the UNLV Volleyball team continues its season, they are looking to Blaire Wilkes, middle blocker, as a leader. Wilkes was a part of the 1999 Long Beach State team that went undefeated and won the national championship. Now she is a part of a young team that needs her leadership in an immense way.

"There's not really a leader. That's one thing we are trying to do now - we are trying to find a leader," said Wilkes. "Some games some people play well, and then some games they don't."

A leader is definitely lacking. The Rebels are on a four game losing streak. It isn't going to get any easier this weekend when Wilkes and her teammates travel to Utah to face BYU and the University of Utah. Both teams are ranked in the top 25, and BYU is on a nine game winning streak.

But the Rebels are not lying down just yet. They are focused in practice and are working hard to come out on top this weekend.

"This week we are having good practices so we can go in with good confidence," Wilkes said. "Last week we didn't real-

ly have that great of a week, and it showed in the games. Hopefully, this week we can turn it around."

This season Wilkes has become an attacking force for the Rebels. Last year Wilkes was fourth in kills and a .242 hitting percentage, but she was hampered by an ankle injury midway through last season. She also was second in blocks last year averaging 0.93 blocks per game.

"I am involved in almost all the plays because on the defensive end I have to block every ball whether it is in the middle or on the outside, and offensively, if we aren't hitting the ball, then my job is to hold the other opposing middle blockers," Wilkes said.

This season she is currently second in kills and is a part of the best blocking corps in the Mountain West Conference.

Along with Sheila Ocasio-Clemente and Michelle Johnson they are out blocking opponents 140.5 to 75.

Wilkes is a local talent. She played at Durango High School and was a critical part of their team in 1998. She and current teammate Shannon Chase won the state title their senior season.

Wilkes started playing vol-



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Junior middle blocker Blair Wilkes (11) goes up with teammate Tera Mayes at the net to attempt a block during a home match at Cox Pavilion earlier this year.

leyball during her eighth grade year as part of the Nevada Juniors club team. Chase was on that team as well.

As a junior, Wilkes will have one more season, and then she hopes to play professionally overseas or on the national team.

She says she doesn't want to get a real job. Currently, she is majoring in kinesiology, but doesn't have any plans pursue that field right now.

Wilkes hopes that everyone on campus will come out to see their matches.

"It's not what they expect, if they come out they will have a good time and fill the Cox," Wilkes said.

Side-outs

Sheila Ocasio-Clemente is leading the nation in blocks for the fourth week in a row.

Last week the freshman averaged 2.08 blocks per game. On the season she has is averag-

ing 2.16 blocks per game.

"I go hard. I try my best every game and do the things my coaches tell me to do. Being tall helps, too," Ocasio-Clemente said. She didn't expect to be at the top this fast, but is happy to be there.

Along with Ocasio-Clemente sophomore Michelle Johnson is 16th in the nation, and is averaging 1.62 blocks per game.

The Rebels take on Utah on Friday and BYU on Saturday.

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Senior midfielder Anita Pedford (10) earned the Mountain West Conference's Player of the Week Award for her play over the past few games for the Lady Rebels.

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this season and are coming off a dramatic come-from-behind victory against UC Riverside in which they scored three goals in the last 10 minutes of the game to win 3-2.

The favorites going into the season in the conference were San Jose State. However, a lackluster performance by the Spartans has allowed the label of favorite to go to Denver as the Pioneers are currently ranked No. 25 in the nation.

UNLV has got to be considered in the mix as they have had

a tough non-conference schedule and three of their four losses have come against teams that were ranked when they played them.

The men's soccer team has also beaten Connecticut, the defending national champions, convincingly 6-1 just two and a half weeks ago.

The men play San Jose State on Friday and play Fresno State on Sunday.

So this weekend both teams embark on their quests for conference championships and hopefully a spot in the NCAA tournament.

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Rebels set for Homecoming clash with SDSU

By Adam Hill
UNLV Rebel Yell

After losing to BYU the last time the Rebels played a home game two weeks ago, John Robinson boldly predicted the Rebels would not lose a game the rest of the year.

UNLV then went on the road and smacked arch-rival UNR 27-12 to earn their first victory on the road to seven in a row.

This week, the competition gets a little tougher as the Rebels prepare to host MWC-rival San Diego State in a Homecoming clash.

The Rebels went against the common collegiate practice of scheduling a far inferior opponent to beat up on and make the campus happy on Homecoming weekend, and will instead take part in a crucial conference game seeking their first MWC win of the year.

The Aztecs were an example of that logic as they trounced Eastern Illinois last week in their Homecoming affair, 40-7.

In the series history, the teams have split their 10 all-time meetings. Last season, the Rebels knocked off the Aztecs 31-24 in San Diego. The year before, SDSU took the last meeting in Las Vegas, 37-7.

After struggling mightily in the beginning of the year, the

special teams are looking much better for UNLV as of late, providing for a positive outlook the rest of the way.

Dillon Pieffer has looked good on his field goals and extra points, while new kickoff man Hubi Schulze Zumkley has also done a good job.

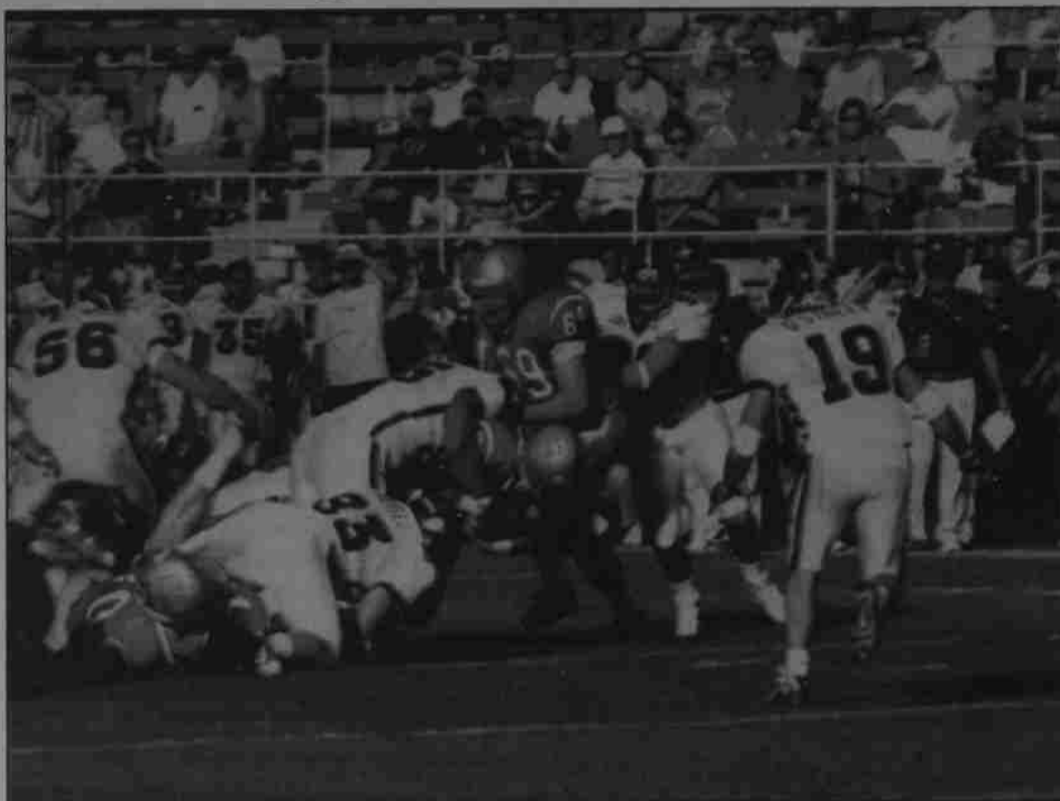
Gary Cook was especially impressive last week, however. The freshman punter was named MWC special teams player of the week by the conference.

He punted six times for a 45.3 yard average, including a 64-yard boomer. He also pinned the Wolfpack inside their own 12-yard line twice in the contest.

Cook is the third UNLV punter to win a conference award in recent years as Ray Cheetany was honored last year and Joe Kristosik took the award twice in 1999 while the Rebels were in the Western Athletic Conference.

Another freshman, Dominique Dorsey, continued to impress as he racked up 10 yards per carry on 18 carries last week. He also still leads the nation in kickoff returning.

His role continues to expand each week, and he will look to have a solid day against San Diego State this week in front of



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Joe Haro (with the ball) has lost some of his carries to emerging star Dominique Dorsey, but the two make up an explosive running back tandem for the Rebels as they return home to battle San Diego State on Saturday afternoon.

the home crowd. Jason Thomas showed signs of emerging from his early season slump, and his emergence would make UNLV a top competitor in the Mountain West Conference race.

As for San Diego State, the

Aztecs have been using a two-quarterback system this year, and that will not change Saturday. They will start Adam Hall over Lon Sheriff, however. Hall has been the backup, but has seen action in every game. They will flip-flop in the

game, but both will likely see action. Their main focus though is their ground game and Larry Ned. Stopping him will be the main challenge Saturday.

The action gets underway at 4 p.m. and will be broadcast regionally on ABC television.

Conference season ahead

By Ben Turner
UNLV Rebel Yell

Now that we are in the middle of soccer season it is time for both the men and women teams to step up and prepare for conference play. The Mountain West and Mountain Pacific Sports Federation are both up for grabs, and UNLV has a chance to win a conference title in either of them.

The women's team competes in the Mountain West, which is starting to become a much more balanced conference as perennial power BYU is looking a bit weaker than they have the past few years. Utah, the other dominant team in the conference, has shown that they can be beat as well.

While both of those teams are still performing at a high level, they are not the invincible juggernauts they once were.

In fact, UNLV trailed Utah for best record in the conference going into this week's action. Utah is 6-3-0 on the year while the Rebels are 6-3-2. BYU stands with the third best record at 6-4-1.

UNLV is also the hottest team going into conference play after winning their previous four games, all by shutout.



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Junior forward Kelly Frederick (white jersey) and the rest of the Rebels now set their sights on the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation and a possible NCAA berth.

BYU is on a two game losing streak as they lost to Wake Forest and No. 18 Virginia last week, both 3-2 decisions in overtime. Utah is coming off a 2-0 loss to No. 3 Portland.

Head Coach Dan Abdalla says that the balance in the conference will make for a very interesting finish to the season.

"I think that 5-1 or even 4-2 will take the conference, and there are three or four legitimate

contenders who could do that," he said.

So on Thursday the Rebels look to beat the Cougars for the first time in school history and then play Utah on Sunday in a pair of games that could go a long way to deciding the conference.

The men's team, which competes in the MPSF, is 5-4

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Win over UNR just the first chapter

By Mike Villa Jr.
UNLV Rebel Yell

How 'bout that! The monkey jumped off our back as the cannon stayed red and UNLV fans finally raised their arms in triumph.

UNLV put their first check in the win column by scoring all 27 points in the second half while burying rival UNR in Reno, 27-12. When it seemed things couldn't get any worse — a 6-0 deficit at halftime — the Rebels decided enough was enough and took control. Most importantly, the suspense of "The Prophecy" made by Coach John Robinson is alive and well.

After losing 35-31 to No. 20 BYU, Robinson decided to take a page out of New York Giants' head coach Jim Fassel's book and predicted winning the remaining games on the schedule. It seems Robinson has given the Rebels the type of rallying cry they so desperately needed.

So starts Robinson's book of prophecies — chapter one of seven was written last Saturday.

The Rebels played with increased confidence on offense and continued to play stingy defense throughout the ball-

game. Perhaps the biggest, but not surprising boost the Rebels had was the play of freshman tailback Dominique Dorsey. Dorsey used his trademark style of running through holes as fast as he could to post 180 yards on just 18 carries. After his latest performance, it is clear Dorsey should be the starting tailback.

There were other bright spots for the Rebels as well. Cornerback Kevin Thomas had two interceptions and safety Sam Brandon had 12 tackles despite an injured elbow. The offensive line was impressive as well, making huge holes for Dorsey and Jason Thomas to run through.

Homecoming has arrived yet again, which brings along with it the Aztecs from San Diego State.

The Rebels must not overlook anyone. Taking care of one team at a time will ensure success from here on out, and hopefully the Rebels will continue to come together — one game at a time. Maybe this dramatic theme is what we all needed to ease early season frustration. Chapter two of "The Prophecy" will be written Saturday afternoon, and the Rebels will be the authors.