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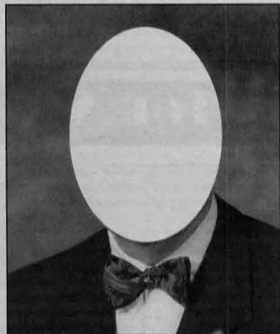
Who Will Be the Next UB President?

by Earl Hunt

Chances are you've seen him - making his way across Mt. Royal toward the Merrick School of Business; ambulating down a corridor of the Academic Center, exchanging greetings with passing students; or standing behind a lectern, sharing an anecdote in a muted, South-Virginia drawl that only adds to the story's appeal. Behind the trademark bow tie and charm, Dr. H. Mebane Turner sports an academic, social, and business acumen that has earned him great success and respect as President of the University of Baltimore and member of the community. But on June 30, 2002, Dr. Turner will officially step down from the position he will have held for 33 years.

Who will take his place? Who will make that decision?

The search for the next UB President began in earnest in May 2001 when the University System of Maryland formed a UB Presidential Search and Screening Committee. The Search Committee, chaired by Laurence Katz, dean emeritus and UB law professor, comprises not only staff and faculty members, but also students, alumni, community representatives, and two *ex officio* representatives (one the Chancellor Liaison and the other from the Board of Regents). Since the committee's formation, it has moved quickly to establish a process that will ultimately lead to a new University of Baltimore President in the summer of 2002.



The Search Committee met three times this past summer, establishing guidelines, setting expectations, defining its role in the process, and setting that process in motion. They met again twice this semester as of September 28. Although the committee will not make the "final" decision, it is charged with seeking candidates for the

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Financial Aid Frustrations?

Recent changes and helpful hints may ease the pain.

by Karen Daniels

One of the toughest things about going to college for many of us is paying for it. In turn, one of the most frustrating things about paying for it is trying to obtain financial aid. For some, the frustration arises from what seem like complicated forms and procedures. For others, it comes from the seemingly endless wait and the anxiety that accompanies the question, "Will my financial aid arrive in time to pay the tuition bills?"

What you may or may not be aware of is that the University of Baltimore's Financial Aid department has made important changes and improvements recently. Two years ago, all forms, processing and other paperwork were handled manually. In 2000, some areas, such as manual determination of eligibility and awarding, were automated. This increased the number of applications processed per day significantly. For the current year, all processing is being handled electronically, which cuts processing time by at least three weeks for mailing time alone.

Robin Sullivan, Associate Director of the Financial Aid department, smiled as she recalled the glitches encountered along the way to automation. One such glitch occurred during the current year, when promissory notes were not sent to students as expected. Due to the

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UB Students Sit on System-Wide Student Council

The voice of the student body has yet another platform for addressing issues

by Jim Givans
UB Student Representative to the Council

The University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC) held its first meeting on September 23, 2001 at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus - and you were represented. The Council is made up of two representatives from each of the 11 degree-granting institutions currently in the University System of Maryland (USM). Your University of Baltimore representatives are Law student Mike Connolly and Liberal Arts major Jim Givans.

The USM Board of Regents formed the University Student Council in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Council is charged with serving "in an advisory capacity to the Chancellor" and it "may from time to time make reports and recommendations to the Board." The Board of Regents reports to The Maryland Higher Education Commission, which in turn reports to the Governor. The Council's primary function is to propose new policies and policy changes to the Chancellor and the Board of Regents that have direct bearing on students and student affairs of the system as a whole. By doing this, the SSC convenes at the Chancellor for the majority and minority views of its constituents, the student bodies.

The SSC also functions as a network for sharing ideas and concerns of general interest to students and acts as a resource

for student government associations of the individual campuses. Student governments voice their concerns to the student representatives, and the representatives subsequently voice those concerns to the other members of the Council to determine if the concern is a system-wide issue. The proposed topics for discussion this year include financial aid, public safety and security, parking, housing, counselor/advisors/staff involvement with student affairs, customer services, course evaluations, and handicapped accessibility and support.

The SSC recently drafted a policy regarding students who are called to active military duty during a national or international crisis or conflict. This policy recommends that the President of an institution allow a full or partial refund of tuition and fees and prorated refunds of room and board fees based on the actual days of occupancy. As an alternative to tuition refund, the President (or designee) could allow a student who has been called to active military duty to receive an "incomplete" for a course and extend the time permitted to complete the course. The President could also allow exceptions to other policies to assist students called to active duty, such as allowing them to withdraw without suffering academic penalties. With the recent activation of many Reserve and National Guard units, this policy recommendation could help relieve the frustration and disappointment that many of our military students might experience.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 14, 2001, from 12:00 to 4:30 at the University of Baltimore's Business Center, room BC-003. Our planned discussion topics are alcohol/drinking policies and public safety/security throughout the system. Other topics may also be introduced. So if you have concerns that you think need to be addressed in future meetings, let Mike Connolly or Jim Givans know by leaving a message in our inbox in the Center for Student Involvement office (AC-114). We ask that you speak with your student government leaders first, however, to let them try to resolve the issue. If they can't, then you or they can pass it on to us, and we will present it to the SSC to determine if it is a system-wide problem and make recommendations to the Chancellor.

Mike and I will make every effort to keep you informed throughout the year either through the UBPost or by visiting the various student government meetings. Remember, together we stand strong. So get involved with your clubs, organizations and student governments and help make a difference.

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Jim Givans (left) and Mike Connolly,
UB representative for USMSC

Dress for Success

by Hanju Lee

Are you ready to take your first step into the real world? Ready for upcoming job interviews? Or do you have no idea how to even prepare for a job interview? Whatever your situation is, you may want to learn how to make your first impression...well, impressive. Does it really make a difference how you dress and act when job hunting? In many cases, yes, it does. After all, 80% of first impressions are based on how you look.

A recent USA Today article spoke about job candidates showing up in jeans, purple sweat suits, and spiked heels or sneakers. Other applicants sported body piercings and spiked hair. Still others chewed gum or showed up in rumpled clothes or with their pants falling down. One recruiter even told a candidate with his trousers down below his hips to "Pull your pants up." According to the article, the outlandish dress can cost candidates the job. If you are convinced that it does make sense to dress your best for the interview, regardless of the dress code of the



Appropriate dress can make or break
a job interview

organization, here is an opportunity for you to get professional advice on how to "Dress for Success."

On October 29th, 2001, between 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., the Career Center will present a "Dress for Success" work-

shop in the BC Atrium. It will include a fashion show featuring clothing from Talbots & JoS. A. Bank, a presentation on appropriate business attire, and YES, an opportunity to have your own outfit critiqued by experts from the International School of Protocol.

Last year, when the "Dress for Success" workshop first came to UB, hundreds of students participated, hoping to upgrade their dress skills for the professional business world. It was a resounding success. In response to student evaluations of last year's workshop, the student fashion show and personalized critique will once again be the workshop's highlights. This year, six student models from diverse majors and ethnic groups will be dressing up for success (and for their fellow students) at the workshop.

For more information, stop by the Career Center (AC-114), call (410)837-5449, or visit www.ubalt.edu/careercenter.

Have a nagging question?
Don't know whom to ask?
Now you can ask:

Dear UBie

Dear UBie,

I am an international student who started at UB in the fall of 2000. I was hoping you might help me solve a problem concerning a failing grade I received during that fall semester. I strongly believe that the grade given by the professor was unjust for several reasons. First, I never missed a day of class. Second, I turned in all of my projects on time. And third, I experienced what I consider other unfair and unprofessional treatment from the professor during and after the semester. For example, I was given a zero in one of my class assignments, although I submitted it on time. When I approached the professor about this, I was told that she was concerned only about the final project, not the class grade.

When I received my final grade, which was based on my final project, I asked the professor if there was a way for me to get a better grade. She told me that I could redo the final project for a better grade and that I'd have to submit it, at the latest, by the end of May 2001. I did the final project again and submitted it by the end of May 2001, as recommended. I sent an e-mail to the professor in the second week of June, asking about my grade. The professor told me to "Please be patient," that she'd been grading for the past 2 weeks, and that she'd review my project when I sent 5 minutes." By the third week of August 2001, I sent another e-mail to the professor to find out about my final project. I was told that, even though my project showed improvement, it did not justify a grade change. Prior to the grade change issue, my efforts to consult with the professor in her office were met coolly, and our discussions were limited to two or three minutes.

I am really concerned about the grade issue; it may even threaten my staying on campus. I have repeatedly contacted the professor, my advisor, and the department chairperson. I have filed official grade appeal letters. Nonetheless, it seems like there is no hope that I will get this resolved. What should I do? Is it too late for me to get a fair grade for the course?

Thwarted

Dear Thwarted,

Navigating educational processes can be a daunting task. It isn't my place to speak to the quality of the work you produced in class or whether you earned the grade you received, but I can explain how the system should work and make a suggestion on how you should proceed. The process has timelines. You may, indeed, still be within the allotted time frame for your grievance. If not, the provost has the authority to waive the time frame in extenuating circumstances.

The Student Policies and Procedures Handbook requires a student to submit an informal grievance within 60 days of an incident, which you did. In this case, the faculty member had several choices - to change the grade, to post an incomplete to let you "finish" the coursework, or to let the grade stand and requested that you redo the work within a certain period of time. This appears to be the situation here. Once the faculty member responds back to you within this informal process, and once you decide to pursue your grievance, that is when the Formal Grievance process would kick into effect.

The Policy states that you must put your concern into writing and submit it to the department chairperson within

A Student's Perspective



by Scott Fisher

The intent of this column is to share with you the experiences of your peers. Not only will it present the good, but the bad and the ugly of UB as well. That said, this edition is going to focus on the experiences of a second-year law student from just down the road in Columbia, Maryland. Colleen Jennings graduated from West Virginia University and savored the experience of attending such a large school sprawled around a small town - sort of the opposite of UB. But she is choosing neither oranges nor apples, just confirming that they are unique.

While enjoying her return to student life, Colleen has become active in the Women's Bar Association, UB chapter. According to Colleen, this organization "helps promote women in the field of law" and introduces specializations that they can pursue. Also, participating in the Women's Bar Association allows students to network with professionals already practicing in the field.

Colleen's first year is behind her, and one professor in particular has had a profound effect on her. She admits that Stacey McCormack's Criminal Law class has been the "best class I've had so far in Law School. I went from not having any interest in criminal law to now wanting to go into criminal law. So, it completely made me do a 180!"

"The goal of every student is essentially to prepare for a career after school. When it comes to career preparation, the Law School doesn't miss a beat. The instruction at

UB's Law School extends far beyond just reading and writing. Colleen remembers that "they tell you when you come in that law school doesn't teach you how to act like a lawyer; you learn that on the job. They teach you how to think like a lawyer."

Despite her many positive experiences at the University of Baltimore, Colleen has noticed a few things that need to be addressed. The condition of the Angelos Law Center is one of them. She expressed that the majority of her fellow law students are envious



Colleen Jennings

of the Thumel Business Center. "It's so nice over there, and we're like falling apart at the law center." She cited more comfortable chairs and discussion-provoking room arrangements as a good place to start. One campus-wide problem the aspiring lawyer noted is the lack of a multi-purpose area suitable for larger functions promoted by student organizations.

Additionally, she feels there is a great misperception that law students are elitists who don't care to mingle with the rest of the student body. Her defense: "The law students tend to stay in the law center because we are completely housed in there. We have a cafeteria downstairs, a library upstairs and we really

don't need to leave."

When asked what she would tell her friends about the University of Baltimore, Colleen replied, "I have enjoyed my professors, and that makes or breaks a school."

10 days. That would put you in early September. The chair must schedule a meeting with you and any other individuals the chair thinks will be helpful to the investigation. That meeting must occur within 15 days (about the end of September in this case), and a written response should be forthcoming to you within 10 days following the meeting (mid-October). Then, if you are not satisfied with the response, you have the right to proceed to the next step, to meet with the dean of the school or the provost of the university. Following that meeting, you will receive a decision within 15 days (end of October). This is the final decision and is binding.

Sometimes, however, the final arbitrator will decide to convene a hearing board to hear the complaint.

Given that you have been in contact with your advisor and the department chair, I suggest that you meet with the dean of the college or with the provost to determine your next available steps.

Dear UBie,

I am a business student who's been at UB for almost 2 years. I'd really like to know why there aren't any bridges between the buildings, such as between the parking lot and Law Center, the Academic Center and the Business Center. With our campus lying between several major roads, I've been nearly hit by cars several times. Many drivers don't seem to care much for the students who try to cross the street, regardless of the crosswalk signals. Is it possible to build bridges for the students, and if so, when would it happen? If not, why isn't it possible? I'd really like to know.

Dodging Traffic

Dear Dodging Traffic,

If there were a crosswalk above Maryland Avenue, there would be complaints about the stairs leading to it. Elevators

would have to be put in for students with disabilities. The walkway would have to be high enough so that trucks could drive below it. Remember the truck that hit the overpass on the Beltway? Jaywalking or dodging traffic is dangerous. It's why we have timed crosswalks. Crossing on the north corner at Maryland Avenue or Oliver Street allows you to follow the more pedestrian-friendly timed lights. But, we all are guilty of jaywalking (President Turner is the worst offender!).

The stairs are actually pretty good - one hit in 33 years, according to Dr. Turner. It would take mega-money and political connections to resolve the issues you raise. The State will tell us that they have better ideas on how to spend their dollars as long as there are timed lights and crosswalks. Baltimore hasn't yet moved in the direction of other pedestrian-friendly cities where cars must stop for pedestrians. That deserves consideration by city political forces.

Seriously though, our buildings were designed as stand-alone structures and would require major interior modifications before we could consider any linkages. And any plans for contiguous purpose would have to have multiple goals to get funded. The City needs the plan for a crosswalk on Mt. Royal. They said that two lights (Maryland and Charles) were enough and that if we proceeded on our own, they would construct a fence along Mt. Royal, forcing us to use the signal crosswalks.

It's an uphill battle. Got any friends in city politics?

If you have questions about life on campus or personal issues that you'd like to ask "Dear UBie," please send e-mail to ubpost@hotmail.com or submit in writing to UPPost, AC-312. Your name will not be published.

Presidential Search from page 1

position, conducting preliminary interviews and forums, then panning the field of prospective presidents down to fewer than a half-dozen for recommendation to the Board of Regents. The committee has contracted the search firm A.T. Kearney to assist in this monumental task.

So, how do you find likely candidates for President of an upper-level university? One of the first items on the committee's to-do list was to send letters out to the

Baltimore community, announcing Dr. Turner's decision to retire and the university's quest for candidates. Recipients included the Mt. Vernon/Belvedere Improvement Association and the Mid-Town Baltimore Benefits District Board, both of which have strong ties to the university. The Search Committee also placed "Position Announcements" in several key publications: the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Black Issues in Higher Education*, *Hispanic Outlook on Higher Education*, the *Baltimore Sun*, and the *Washington Post*.

Perhaps most striking is that the committee has also sought, and is actively seeking, comments and viewpoints - and nominations - from those who will be most affected by its recommendations, namely the UB community. The committee held a series of forums, for example. There were separate forums for students from each of UB's three schools - Law, Business, and Liberal Arts - and one forum open to all students. Other forums focused on gaining the perspectives of the faculty, staff, Alumni Board of Governors, and University Board of Visitors. During each forum, the committee extended its invitation to offer nominations.

"We considered it very important in the selection process to solicit responses from all the stakeholders," says Janice Jackson, one of the UB students sitting on the Search Committee. As Professor Katz put it, "People appreciate the opportunity to express their views; we appreciate their taking their time to express those views." When asked specifically about the role that students play in the process, Janice adds, "Students are vital in the decision-making process."

Unfortunately, the first round of student forums was "poorly attended." In an attempt to reach a broader student audience, the committee distributed a survey, which asked students, among other things, what they considered the most important characteristics and goals of a new president. Survey responses were lower than expected, despite the efforts of some staff, faculty, and student organizations. (I'd like to note specifically that the GBA handed out the survey to everyone attending its last general body meeting.) Not surprisingly, the survey response did get a boost when it became available on-line.

The responses have been no surprise either, according to both Professor Katz and Janice Jackson. Generally, students have restated a desire to see more of what we have already seen in Dr. Turner's presidency. Vision, leadership, growth, greater academic opportunity, improved facilities, a solid relationship with the surrounding community - they are all recurring themes.

The process is far from over. The Search Committee is still receiving and accepting nominations. But the "Best Consideration Date" is fast approaching. Sometime later in the fall, the committee will gather and review the applications and begin conducting interviews. The field of candidates at that time will be narrowed down to a dozen or so.

The opportunity for us, the UB community at large, to take part in this process has not passed, however. The

committee plans to conduct a second round of forums in January and February. The remaining candidates will attend these on-campus forums, offering a few remarks and responding to questions. The message to the students, says Professor Katz, is that "the process is working... I urge all students to participate in the January and February forums."

Sometime shortly thereafter, the Search Committee will once again reduce the list of potential presidents to roughly three to five names. These they will recommend to the University System of Maryland's Board of Regents for consideration.

The University of Baltimore, like the Presidential Search Committee, has a challenging future ahead of it. To meet those challenges, the university will need a strong visionary at the helm. The Presidential Search Committee is doing its part wholeheartedly to see to it that the right person is in place to take on that responsibility.

Who will take Dr. Turner's place? That remains to be seen. Who will make that decision? At least in part, you will.



Dr. H. Mebane Turner
portrait by Hanju Lee

Financial Aid from page 1

guarantor's own automation process, this was overlooked, therefore, no money went out on behalf of these students. Once the problem was identified, it was addressed quickly.

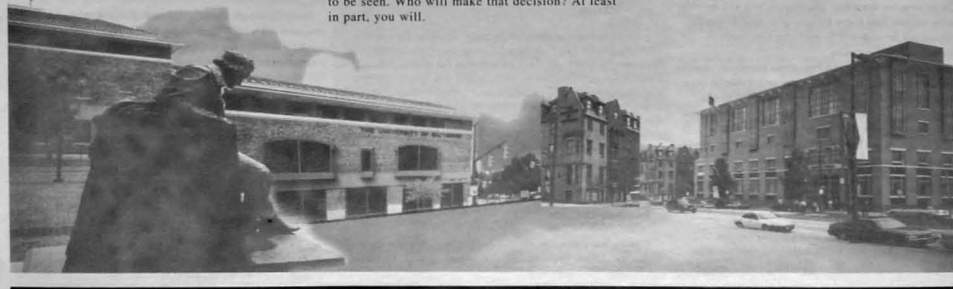
Normally if money is not received by the tuition deadline, the Business Office removes the student from the class list. However, a Void List is sent to the Financial Aid Office for review prior to the cancellation so that a student in the process of applying for aid is not cancelled. In most cases, the list contains students who have not applied for aid or whose application is incomplete. If a student's file just became complete and the award is not yet available, everything will be done to prevent the cancellation of the student's registration. Ms. Sullivan believes that the glitches will be worked out of the new system within the next year or so, dramatically improving processing time and service.

Unfortunately, this part of the procedure only accounts for maybe one-third of the back-ups in obtaining financial aid. The other two-thirds of the process to ensure obtaining financial aid in time hinges on applying and having the forms submitted by the deadlines. April 15 is the priority deadline. Students filing by this date will have priority in receiving aid available from federal and institutional programs such as FSEOG, FWS, F Perkins, and UB Grant. The last day to complete a file for timely notification of award is June 1st. After June 1st, there is no guarantee that the award will be processed in time to pay the tuition bill, late applicants must be prepared to pay their bill by the due date. You can submit the FAFSA form anytime after January 1st, so it may be a good idea to take care of this form while you are making your New Year's Resolutions.

This brings up another point: what forms are required? In a nutshell, for new students, three forms are required: FAFSA, UB Financial Aid Application and a Loan Data Sheet if applying for a Federal Stafford Loan. For returning students, only the FAFSA and UB Financial Aid Application are necessary. Both forms can be accessed through the Financial Aid website (www.ub.edu/fin-aid), and the FAFSA form can be filed electronically. If you currently receive financial aid or need to apply, this website is extremely informative and helpful. If you can't find what you need, a quick e-mail to your counselor should get you what you need.

In addition to filing early, the other thing you can do to help yourself is to READ EVERYTHING regarding the application process - i.e., the UB Guide to Financial Aid (available on the website), letters from the Financial Aid Office, e-mails (to you personally or to the entire UB community), papers accompanying the award letter, etc. This is imperative and, although it may be time-consuming, can save you from pitfalls along the way. This material contains important information that is essential to navigating the Financial Aid Application process.

Remember, filing early and reading all material is the best and only guaranteed strategy.



Call for Submissions

The **UBPost** is calling for submissions from the UB student body.

We're looking for essays, poems, stories, graphic design work, photographs - well, just about anything - for a special **UBPost** issue planned for this winter.

Written submissions should be 500 words or less. They should be typewritten, double-spaced, and accompanied by an electronic copy (on disk and in Microsoft Word). Graphic design work should be scanned and formatted as 4" X 6" TIF files (300 dpi) or 4" X 6" or larger photographs.

Place submissions in the **UBPost** mailbox, located in the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) office in room AC-114. Written submissions can be e-mailed to ubpost@hotmail.com. All work should be "appropriate" for publication. Please include your name and contact information with your work.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 16.

The **UBPost** is a publication by and for students, so don't miss this opportunity to make your voice heard.

If you have any questions, call the **UBPost** at 410-837-4029 or e-mail us at ubpost@hotmail.com.

Publication of submissions is at the discretion of the **UBPost** editorial staff. There is no guarantee that your submission will be published.

Career Center Calendar of Events

Monday, October 29th
3:30 - 5:00 PM

Dress for Success
BC Atrium

Monday, November 5th
5:30 - 7:00 PM

Career Focus on Writing/Media
BC-003

Thursday, November 8th
3:30 - 5:00 PM

International Student Panel
BC-003

Thursday, November 15th
3:30 - 5:00 PM

Overcoming Barriers to Success
BC-135

Thursday, November 29th
4:15 - 5:15 PM

International Student Panel
Langsdale Library, Room 200

Do you know who your student government representatives are? Do you have issues or concerns you'd like to see addressed? Want to see what student government is all about at the University of Baltimore? Want to be involved?

If any of these questions strike a chord with you, then the following contact information will help:

Student Bar Association (SBA)
Phone: (410) 837-5694
Website: <http://law.ubalt.edu/students/sba.html>
Graduate Business Association (GBA)
Phone: (410) 837-4681
E-mail: officers@ubgha.com
Graduate Liberal Arts Council (GLAC)
Phone: (410) 837-4682
E-mail: ubglac@ubmail.ubalt.edu
Undergraduate Student Senate
Phone: (410) 837-4613
Website: <http://www.w.ubalt.edu/senate/>

CSI Fall 2001 Calendar of Events

Friday, November 2nd

Student Government candidate applications due to CSI

November 5th - 8th

Campaign Week

November 12th - 15th

Student Government Elections

Friday, December 7th

CSI Holiday Party for Students' Organizations and Clubs



Entertainment

Zoolander

Roll 'em

by Karen Daniels

Here's a chance to see a "really, really good looking" person who's empty headed - Where have we seen that before?

Is your brain already on overtime with schoolwork? If you need a break, try Ben Stiller's *Zoolander*. It's guaranteed not to tax your brain, but it surely will tickle your funny bone. Written by Ben Stiller and Drake Slatner, and under Ben Stiller's direction, *Zoolander*'s humor runs the full scale, from clever tie-ins to the Lincoln and JFK assassinations to an all-out "Three Stooges" style.

The basic premise is that *Zoolander* is a male model (unbelievably dimwitted) who has reached the peak of his career and is on a downward slide. He's never done anything besides modeling because he was "born really, really good looking." This makes him the perfect target to be brainwashed to kill the Prime Minister of Malaysia. Why would anyone want to do that? Because the newly elected Prime Minister has promised to bring fair wages and decent working conditions to the people of Malaysia, which would cripple the fashion industry, since most clothing is made there.

Zoolander's nemesis, Hansel, played by Owen Wilson, is the new fair-haired boy on the modeling scene. The rivalry is so fierce that it leads to one of the funniest scenes of the movie, a "walk-off." A "walk-off" is the male model's version of a challenge or a fight. They strut their stuff on a runway and the best model wins. The event climaxes as Hansel shoves his hand down his pants, gyrates, and pulls his underwear out without taking his pants off - pretty clever. Can *Zoolander* match this? All I can say is this scene will make you think twice or maybe three times about wearing a thong.

The ending is no surprise, but you will be forced to laugh even if you don't want to. If you liked *Get Smart* or *Austin Powers*, you definitely need to see *Zoolander*.

3 out of 4 stars (for silly humor only)

"Who Is Corky Romano?"

NEWFOUND RESPECT AMID THE MAYHEM AND MADNESS

by Jack Harger

At a recent sneak preview of *Who Is Corky Romano?*, I gained new respect for one of the stars of *Saturday Night Live*, Chris Kattan. This movie was non-stop fun from beginning to end.

The story opens at the "Poodle and Pussy," a veterinary hospital where Corky works as an assistant. The doctor shows up in an electric wheelchair, a set of golf clubs strapped to the back, and announces that he is taking off, leaving Corky in charge.

Corky is excited, of course, but things turn chaotic immediately. He has to contend, for example, with an ancient couple who claim they'd have no reason to live without their pet parrot and another old woman who'd rather put her obese and gluttonous cat to sleep than follow Corky's prescribed diet and vitamin regimen. Corky mistakenly puts them all in the same examination room. The bird and the cat (finally maneuvered out of his carrier) break free. Before you know it, the cat's running around the

room, bird in mouth, while the bird's owners watch on the verge of heart attacks.

Amid all of this chaos, Corky's brother calls. He informs Corky that their father, played by Peter Falk, wants to see him. We now find out that Corky is the black sheep of the family for choosing a career outside the family business - organized crime! His father is sick and under indictment by the Feds for kidnapping, murder, and nearly everything else in the book. The family needs someone unknown to go undercover in the FBI to obtain and destroy the evidence. That someone is Corky.

Corky reluctantly agrees. With the help of a computer hacker, who makes him a special agent with impeccable credentials, Corky enters FBI headquarters. Whether a veteri-

nary assistant or FBI agent, though, mayhem and madness are always right behind him. In one scene, Corky acts as interpreter for Asian drug dealers, but his interpreting skills cause a full-scale, hilarious shootout. Yet, no matter what the unlikely agent does, he comes out of this and other fiascoes smelling like a rose.

Does Corky ultimately succeed in taking care of "family business"? Escape your own chaotic life for a couple of hours and find out. *Who Is Corky Romano?* may not offer any answers, but this twist on the familiar undercover-cop theme will definitely offer you an opportunity to laugh.



3 1/2 out of 4 stars

Entertainment

BOB DYLAN

Sound Check

Love And Theft Dylan Still Has It Going On

by Karen Daniels

Not many musicians or singers can maintain their fame for forty years, but that's exactly what Bob Dylan has done. Dylan's latest album, "Love and Theft" is the forty-third album he has released in his forty years in the business - not a bad way to celebrate his sixtieth birthday. Dylan was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1989, and he won a Grammy Award for Album of the Year in 1998 for his album "Time Out of Mind."

Bob Dylan has been credited with affecting change in the 1960s with songs such as "Like a Rolling Stone," "Desolation Row," and "The Times They Are A-Changin'." Life Magazine selected him as one of the 100 most important Americans of the 20th Century for the profound effect of his lyrics set to a mixture of folk, blues and rock music. Change is actually something that can be generally associated with Dylan's work. The mood and style of his work changes from album to album.

This change can be seen when comparing Dylan's last album, "Time Out of Mind," and the current album, "Love and Theft." "Time Out of Mind" was dark and moody, reflecting the difficulties of his life and his health problems at the time. As a listener, if you weren't feeling down prior to listening, you would certainly have slipped a few pegs afterward. This isn't necessarily bad; somber music is great to listen to when you are at the bottom looking up.



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With the new album, those of you who were looking forward to more music to be blue will be disappointed, but it won't last long. The music of "Love and Theft" is carefree and flowing, with a bit of Frank Sinatra thrown in with the folk and blues this time. This album is easy to listen to anytime, regardless of your mood.

"Love and Theft" features twelve songs, with all lyrics and music written by Bob Dylan. Each song is a walk through the mind of a great artist and his style is certainly reflected in the lyrics. In "Summer Days," he asks, "Well, my back's been to the wall so long, it seems like it's stuck. Why don't you break

"Love And Theft"

my heart one more time just for good luck?" It doesn't appear that Bob is an optimist, but he does like to stick with rhymes! Fortunately, when the rhymes are put to music, they are transformed from what may seem like silly prose into the wondrous of an individual who you will feel deep in your heart.

I have always found that people either truly like or truly dislike Dylan's work. As a listener previously not appreciative of Bob Dylan's talents, I believe "Love and Theft" is without a doubt the album to unite the two views. While listening to this album, I found myself swaying, tapping my feet, and chuckling at the lyrics. Dylan's final words in "Summer Days" are "I know a place where there's still something goin' on." That place appears to be Dylan's mind and career. Check out Dylan's forty-third album, "Love and Theft" - you'll be glad you did.

Horace Copes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): The fact that you are intimidating will come in handy today. Enjoy it; use it to your advantage. Take heart in knowing that the covering of others will ultimately make them stronger.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You know that bad grade you're worried about getting on the last assignment? Well, it's a given, so stop worrying about it. Move on. Set your sights on the next project you haven't begun.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You may notice that others are whispering about your paranoia today - between the points and snickers, that is. The good news is that you'll come into some money in the afternoon, when your therapist discovers that you've been over-billed. So go out and have a great dinner tonight. It's on all of us.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Use that massive vocabulary you've acquired in college today. Seize every opportunity to pontificate upon the nuances of the

vernacular. Innumerable colloquies await infused prolixity through lexical dexterity.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): This is the day to complete unfinished business - like your 1998 taxes, for instance. Don't let today's pressing matters interfere with your determination. There's always tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Taurus figure prominently in your fortune... or maybe Toyota Previas. I can't remember, but either way, watch out for traffic!

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): "Co-dependency" is your watchword for the day. Don't overlook enabling relationships as a means to meet all your needs, no matter how selfish. If guilt tries to put a damper on your pleasure, remind yourself that everyone in your life contributed toward making you the way you are.

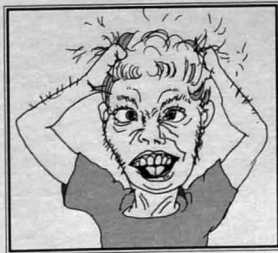
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): "Good things come to those who wait," so... (continued next month)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Try to quiet the noise in your head, for you may miss Love's gentle tapping at your door. If the noise continues, press your ear firmly against the door. If that doesn't work, just open the door. As a last resort, stand at the open door and shout at passersby. Still no luck? Just crank up the head volume and rock on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Capricorn - Wasn't that a song by the Irish Rovers? Regardless, other people will seek your guidance today. From this, you will learn a valuable lesson: other people are really messed up. Count your blessings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): The wisdom of the ages is whispered in the beating wings of the dragonfly. Sounds deep, doesn't it? It makes no sense, you know. But if you're willing to buy it, I've got material for the next twenty years.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You must remain alert today. Someone will try to divert your attention from serious endeavors. Be wary of parody. It may present itself anywhere, at any time. Also be on the lookout for mixed metaphors. They could keep you burning the midnight oil at both ends, and you don't want to end up robbing Peter to pay the piper.



FOOD
REVIEW

The Corner Stable

Not Your Off-the-Rack Ribs

by Jack Harger

If you like dining in a casual atmosphere, great food, and a lot of fun, The Corner Stable in Cockeysville is for you. Since 1972, this small restaurant (seating 110 people, including the bar) has drawn countless patrons to 9942 York Road, at the intersection of York Road and Church Lane.

This culinary gem may look quite plain, but from your first visit, it will be forever on your list of favorites. During the summer, barbecued fare - like pit beef, ham, and sausage sandwiches - can be purchased from a "pit shack" just beyond the restaurant's side door and brought into the bar to be enjoyed with a beer or other favorite adult beverage. It's almost a shame to see summer's end.

Twenty years ago, The Corner Stable was more bar than restaurant, but that changed with the growing popularity of its food. Back then, the owner's wife sang top-forty and old torch songs with a small band on weekends. But with the introduction of their now famous baby-back ribs, the bar was literally cut in half; the bandstand was taken out, and more tables were added. You can still order a meal at the bar, but your best bet is to wait to be seated at a table. On weekends, you can count on waiting for up to half an hour for seating.

The rectangular dining room is awash in shades of red and accented by dark wood-paneled beams, much like those of a stable for which it was named. Even though it's always pleasantly cool and dark inside, the glow of red neon provides adequate light for dining. And it's just dark enough to be comfortable when conversation is your main objective. Although The Stable (as it's known to locals) is a casual eatery, the employees' dress - black pants or skirts, red or white tops, and black vests for the bartenders - lends an almost formal air to the restaurant. Expect a smile and fast service from the bartenders. Well versed in the art of "mixology," they are capable of serving everything from an ice-cold beer to the most tantalizing of frozen drinks.

As for the food, most of it is good old-fashioned bar food. But it's The Stable's baby-back ribs that keep the customers coming and the kitchen busy - to the tune of 300 racks of ribs a night! Imported from Denmark, the ribs are both meaty and tender. Steeped in a unique, dark-brown barbecue sauce and slow-cooked until the meat slides off the bone, these succulent dainties (along with your favorite drink) are a fine meal. To have the complete Corner Stable experience, however, order the full dinner or a side of fries. The French fries are cooked in pure peanut oil to a crispy gold on the outside, with moist potato on the inside. And The Stable doesn't cook anything else in their oil that could alter the flavor of their fries, like fish or chicken. That makes for a truly tasty fry.

Voted one of "Baltimore's Best" by Baltimore Magazine in 1996, The Corner



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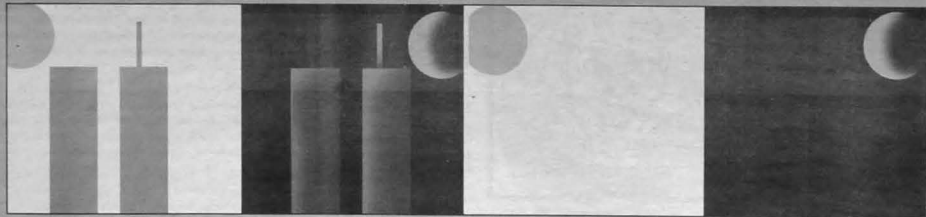


Stable has also received accolades from the Towson Times and numerous other publications. I go out of my way to try a restaurant's ribs, but The Corner Stable's are by far the best I've had anywhere. I once knew someone who worked there who shared the secret to cooking Corner Stable ribs. I've never been able to replicate that tasty, tender rack of pork ribs. There's just no substitute for the real thing. I suppose. So, if you're looking for a great and affordable dining experience, and if thoughts of baby-back ribs are lingering on your mind, do yourself a favor, head on over to The Corner Stable in Cockeysville. The best is worth the mess!

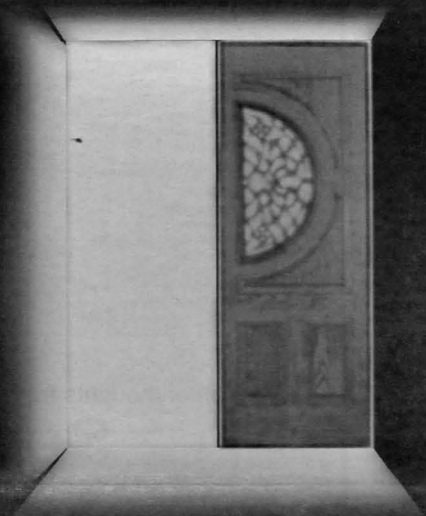
Gizzard

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The Aftermath of Error

UB faculty and students awakened by the events of September 11

by Tommy Navare

Business Major - Graduate Student

If you are like most people I know, you witnessed history as it occurred on television, on and after the 11th of September. Television took us on a journey -

America Under Attack - America Mourns - America Fights Back - that we will describe to our children and grandchildren in the decades to come. Gradually shock turned to anger, and anger turned to grief as nerve-shattering images appeared on national television.

The repercussions of the tragedy still haunt us. The University of Baltimore appropriately closed around noon that Tuesday. The whole neighborhood around Mount Royal Avenue and Charles Street took on a morose pall that day. Radio stations stopped playing music and news channels put commercials in the back seat. It was a day that will no doubt "live in infamy" for all of us.

On the University of Baltimore campus, reaction to the tragedy was strong. When school reopened on Wednesday, the UB community huddled in groups discussing nothing but the events and the possible consequences. The chaos in everyone's mind was evident in the (temporary) sense of futility at work and in classes.

We have a fair number of international students on campus, students of various religions and countries. The obvious, yet useless, discussions among UB students the next few days were very noticeable. Some discussions became debates, while few debates turned to arguments.

During the aftermath of these events, UB's personality as a whole came out through strong leadership. Dr. Dennis Pelletier, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services and friend to many, warmly reassured international students during an International Students' Association meeting that they (the students) are an integral part of the school and the country. In the wake of finger pointing and scapegoat attitudes, students remained harmonious through the days that followed. The Law School's Dr. Eghbal spoke positively about how this country treated him when he first arrived from Germany.

The aftermath is more than overshadowed by the woeful tragedy itself. Jim Nash (name changed), a Business major at UB, lamented, "My friend is still 'missing' inside the rubble. The condition of his family is indeed sadder than the loss of a true friend." Jim's attitude has changed. "Everything that I do in my daily routine seems useless." He adds, "The futility of life is more than evident."

Ashish Banerjee, an undergraduate in Marketing at the School of Business and a student from India could not believe what had happened for days. "I thought this was the most powerful nation in the world. Who would want to do this against such a country? It will be interesting to see what kind of military response will be planned," he wonders, being passionately interested in weaponry and international relations. In the days that followed, Ashish could not help but talk about drawing America's attention to Kashmir, in India, where "terrorism is not a new game."

"This could well be the start of the next world war," was the first response of Michael (name changed), who later agreed that the gravity of the situation would not trigger worldwide conflict as he had anticipated.

Katherine, a staff member at UB says she will feel unsafe for a few weeks no matter how many measures are taken

September 11th was a wake-up call... It was bound to happen sooner or later.

I'm very concerned about the U.S. going to war. We are doing the same thing as the people who bombed the WTC.

I couldn't believe how people could do such things to other people. No matter what his or her religion or belief is, no matter what the political issue one tries to solve is, killing those innocent people and harming many others both physically and psychologically should have never happened. We must stop the hatred that would bring more misery and sadness to our world.

I'm scared to walk around in public places. As an international student from the Middle East, I feel somewhat forced responsibility on top of my natural sympathy and sorrow for those victims and families. I also worry about my family and friends back home. I never felt any worse or more threatened than I have these past three weeks.

I'm saddened by the hatred and vengeance I witness in Americans today. Many of my fellow citizens cheer on the advent of military action and somehow believe that this makes us more patriotic. Military action, while necessary, does not make us more dedicated patriots or citizens. The perpetrators of this heinous crime must be brought to justice through military intervention. However, this evokes no feelings of pride or patriotism in this citizen. Rather, it brings feelings of regret and remorse. Remorse at the fact that we will be ending lives. The Taliban has brought on the punishment that they will soon receive; however, I gain no pleasure in being the administrator of this act.

Shocking! That morning I turned on the TV and saw all the smoke billowing out of the first tower. At that time, I felt it must have been an air traffic problem. Then the second one came! That's when it was obvious that it was a terrorist attack. I am pleased with Bush's reaction. Although he may not be the brightest president ever, he has definitely surrounded himself with great people. I am glad they avoided quick reactions and have taken the time to investigate and do it right. Let's support his decision and do our individual parts to win this new war!

I empathize with those whose lives have been touched so profoundly - I cannot feel their personal grief. However, I experience collective grief. What do I think about the terrorists? Meet force with greater force.

Sorrowful event, afraid American way of life may change. Attacks on people because of their color or religion disturb me to the highest extent.

I have some Mid-Eastern neighbors and it sounds silly, but I can't treat them as well as before. It's very unfair, and I realize that it'll be an issue that all Americans have to work out! America is formed of different races and people. How can we go on our American Spirit? We have to think about it and take it seriously!

A collection of thoughts from around the UB campus

September

I feel very sorry about the September 11th tragedy. I believe that what happened is tragic and that terrorists - those who threaten our lives - should be punished. We should not punish countries, but terrorists.

for national security.

More than 50% of the international students I talked to believe that the anger of the terrorists against America had its roots in history and in America's foreign policies. Not surprisingly, more than 90% of the American students on campus supported the President's decision and did not point to any specific reason behind the attacks. Although every person has a strong opinion about the events and the aftermath, the act itself cannot be neglected. The most powerful nation on this planet has been challenged. Whether the response will be really a "secretive" action or a conventional war is anybody's guess (when this was written). The terrorist attacks were planned to perfection, to say the least, and they point to a hole in America's intelligence capabilities. The future is a test of America's resolve, its power, and its intelligence resources. It is also a test of the people who are so used to freedom and prosperity.

The billion-dollar question of "whether such attacks will occur again" still haunts every freedom-loving person on the street today. No matter how hard we try, our lives changed on 11th of September and the days after. It could have been the loss of a loved one, grief for the innocent

people who died in the tragedy, the stoppage of the stock markets, or the ghost of guilt and uncertainty that haunts us every time we go to clubs or football games.

What most significantly surfaced in these times, though, was national pride. The flag was more in demand than ever; the National Anthem was played everywhere; and strangers joined hands in mourning in churches all across America. This sense of unity is what makes America the great land it is.

The fearless firefighters and policemen of New York City prove that heroes still dwell in our society. I remember seeing an image of people running down the stairs of the World Trade Center after the first plane hit it, while one firefighter struggled in the other direction in an attempt to save others. That's our hero, the true American hero. He has a family at home and he watches the Simpsons, too. He likes Chinese food and follows baseball. He is one of us. But he goes the other way up the stairs. America salutes you! God bless America.

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Every Coin Has Two Sides

Another Student Commentary on September 11, 2001

by Brandy Baker

On September 11, 2001, over 6,000 lives were lost in New York, Virginia, and the Pennsylvania countryside. These tragic deaths, the result of the most horrific attacks in our history, are being mourned by most of the human race. Despite constant news coverage since the attacks, there are many facts our mainstream media have omitted from the discussion of the Bush administration's "War On Terrorism." The exclusion of these facts from the debate over war clouds the picture the American people see of the current crisis:

The Bush administration is in violation of international law; President Bush has called the horrifying September 11 events "an act of war." Only countries can commit acts of war; the individuals responsible for the atrocities of September 11 committed acts of terrorism. By declaring "war" on Bin Laden and his vast network, Bush has elevated Bin Laden to the status of a nation. Calling for Osama Bin Laden, "dead or alive", he is acting as judge, jury, and executioner. All defendants in America have the right to defend themselves against all accusations, especially one as serious as these. The United Nations Security Council met and unanimously passed a resolution

denouncing the attacks. They have not authorized the use of force by the US or any coalition. An article written by Michael Albert and Sharon G. "Five Arguments Against War" discusses the right of the US to act in self-defense and correctly asserts that "it has long been clear [in] UN doctrine that self-defense does not allow countries to themselves launch massive reprisal raids - precisely because to unrestrained reprisals would lead to an endless cycle of unrestrained reprisals."

The role of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan: Why do they hate us? Fortunately, as we go to press, this question is starting to be explored in depth by many Americans. The key to unlocking a large part of this mystery lies in US foreign policy. In 1991, the UN imposed sanctions on the Iraqi people after the Gulf War; the US was the driving force behind them. The Gulf war did not last a few months; it has lasted over a decade, and in reality, has never ended. Iraq is still bombed every day and 5,000 children die a month as a result of these sanctions. Former senior UN official Dennis Halliday resigned over the sanctions, calling the policy in Iraq "genocide."

In 1998, President Clinton bombed a pharmaceutical factory in Sudan. The casualties are unknown since the United States blocked an inquiry by the UN.

Allegedly, this network of terrorists counts membership in the thousands from many countries. Our president has said that the terrorists who hi-jacked the planes on September 11 and their supporters hate democracy and freedom. While it does not in any way excuse the attacks of September 11, it is easy to see that the curtailment of democracy and freedom in other countries by the US government would breed a fanatical hatred that could lead to the events of September 11.

The Bush Administration has supported the Taliban, despite the Taliban's deplorable record of human rights abuses and its harboring of suspects wanted for previous attacks on US interests. In his televised September 20 speech to a joint session of Congress, President Bush criticized the Taliban government for their treatment of the Afghani people. What hypocrisy! In May of this year, the Bush administration gave the Taliban Leadership of Afghanistan \$43 million. In a New York Times editorial (5/22/01), Robert Scheer states, "[E]nsure your girls and women, harbor anti-U.S. terrorists, destroy every vestige of civilization in your homeland, and the Bush administration will embrace you."

Most Palestinians did not celebrate the terrorist actions in the United States. Immediately following the terrorists acts of September 11, our media showed a single clip of some Palestinians rejoicing upon hearing the news of America's attack. Many Palestinian citizens, organizations, and leaders have condemned the attack. While those specific individuals in that particular film clip may have cheered, the Independent Palestinian Network has been publishing photos of Palestinians who were in mourning with the rest of the world (<http://www.infopal.org/docs/spics.htm>).

The media do a disservice to the public by not disclosing all of the facts around this expected war. The most recent Gallup survey shows public support for Bush's war at 85%. Are most of the people in this country aware of the policies this government has imposed on the Middle East; are they aware of the ramifications this government's policies have had on the populations in that part of the world? Most do not know. If they did, 89% of the population would be for a peaceful solution. Most of the US population would support a short-term solution that administers justice to the terrorists, long-term solutions that would end and stop US imperialism.

The September 11 attacks were a great tragedy, but we cannot be terrorists ourselves. Historian Howard Zinn has called for the US government not to revert to what he calls "old ways of thinking. [When we react with violence to an attack], we are simply repeating the same violence and human tragedy. Perpetuating it, not stopping it."

This incident was very devastating and shocking. It was held on American's since this generation hadn't experienced an act of terrorism in a long time. I truly sympathize with the victims. However, I think it's time for the U.S. government and citizens to ask themselves why this thing happened in the first place. Apart from the obvious reasons that the U.S. media are reporting, I think that there are deeper issues that the U.S. has failed to address, which may have caused such anger from the terrorists. Bombing innocent victims, of course, is definitely not a way to make a point. The U.S. should be careful so that the same thing will not be repeated.

I'm still reeling from it. The American flag looks different to me. I finally understand the symbolism behind it.

On the Daily Show of Thursday, September 20th, Jon Stewart had the most eloquent words to describe the thoughts and feelings of everyone. If you haven't seen it, or heard it, go to: <http://www.comedycentral.com/shows/thedailyshowwithjonstewart>. Check on "September 11, 2001: A Reaction."

At first I was surprised, but after a few minutes, I thought about why some people may feel anger toward the U.S. Part of me felt that our government's foreign policy choices were partially responsible for the deaths of all those people in NY and Washington. I also became afraid of the fact that the Bush administration would react in a way that may make this situation worst.

Not only is it a shame, its something that needs to be addressed by military force.

It is very sad and disheartening that innocent civilians were killed and that their loved ones were left with empty hearts. I think what even makes it sadder is that families cannot find the bodies of the victims and at least give them a proper burial and pay last respects. However, I think there is more to what meets the eye. America has in the past terrorized other countries, especially third world countries. It has taken advantage of those countries, financed their civil wars, and encouraged other countries to sanction their neighbors over petty issues or issues that did not concern America or affect the American people. In these civil wars, thousands to millions of women and children have been killed. The number of orphans and disabled people hurt during these wars has escalated. Poverty has stricken these countries, and America has contributed to the suffering. I do not believe that anyone in his or her full senses would want to hurt innocent civilians without cause. Obviously, the American media are showing people what they want to see and hear. Someone must know what is happening but acts surprised as a nation certainly not so are their country, a defining outside. It's very clear that Americans are bitter because of these bombings, but there are people more bitter than they are in this world, and retaliation wouldn't do any better... what if the leader of the terrorists has planted them all over America, only waiting for America to react? The millions of people would be killed... MORE PEOPLE WOULD DEFINITELY GET HURT. I think the only thing that we can do as Americans is to pray to God, so he can guide our leaders and give them more wisdom and judgement. Let's ask God to remember the families who were terrorized and let the victims REST IN PEACE! But more importantly, let's ask God to forgive America of the sins it has committed as a country, because we cannot keep on asking for blessings when we need forgiveness first. GOD FORGIVE AND BLESS AMERICA!

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I'm scared.

The events were obviously tragic. I think that whoever is responsible for the attacks should be dealt with accordingly. America should be prepared for this

I don't feel safe anymore. The blithe, light feeling I always carried with me is gone. I know it is temporary. I grant myself the right to grieve. Then I will again postulate happiness, opportunity, safety and work from that hypothesis. No one will determine my happiness. I will survive!

I felt very sick, almost as if I was right there with the people as they were dying. I can't imagine being in a position where jumping off one of the tallest buildings in the world is better than the alternative. If there is an upside, at least not as many people died as originally thought.

I believe it was a tragedy that could have been avoided. As a nation, we have the best technology to track these terrorists and their plans. Someone failed our people, and we paid for it - paid dearly for it. As a free nation, we must realitate and rid us of this threat for future generations. We must pull together as a world alliance. ... May God have mercy on us and our friends and families.

My sense of security is forever lost. I find myself afraid to do things and travel to places I've never thought twice about before. I feel, however, the discrimination against the people here who appear to be different is outrageous. We have to act as one, together, under one nation and one God. Someday we will get back to a sense of serenity in our own homeland.

The tragic events of September 11th made me realize that I've taken so much for granted. I feel scared and unsafe. I'm afraid our response to this will be that we become more of a police state that takes away the freedom that these people despise. I will always remember where I was when the attacks happened. I now can relate to my parents and the death of JFK. This is a time of fear and compassion, a moment of crisis that brought an outpouring of love. We will never forget and we will never let those who did this forget.

In addition to feeling grief for all those who suffered, I feel sad for my children and grandchildren. As a child, I watched images of Vietnam on TV. As an adult, I watched images of Desert Storm on TV. Those images were terrible, but they didn't touch me because the destruction wasn't in my homeland. I have never been to Vietnam - my daughter has been to New York. I could feel safe as a child while the fighting was far away, but my children have had that feeling of safety taken away. Will it ever come back? I don't think it will in my lifetime.

in all of its aspects. There will be danger here. It's a scary thought, but it is a fact.

As an American, I am willing to be scared as long as the innocent people that died at the hands of these evil people are avenged. America needs to be brave. We cannot be brave without being a little scared.

It is horrible to think about the ugly forms that human extremes can take. I am scared because we are apparently at the mercy of hatred-driven fanatics who don't have any appreciation for peace, respect or freedom.

An eye for an eye is a sword for a sword the end of the world

The initial feeling of anger and fear has subsided some. The determination of the country to try and move forward and come together has been inspiring. But I sometimes worry that the backlash in the form of violence or internment of people of Middle Eastern descent or the martyrdom of those involved will make matters worse. I hope I'm wrong.

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The attacks were terrible for all and absolutely heartbreaking for some, particularly for those directly affected. But some beneficial results for Americans will emerge. One has already manifested itself, which is the resurgence of patriotism and nationalism evident in the country today. Another benefit will be the focus of our lawmakers on external enemies, instead of them looking for internal enemies, i.e., making dumb laws that turn more Americans into criminals.

The terrorists attack on the United States was very unscrupulous and inhuman. On September 11, 2001, when I saw the attacks, I in fact wept for humanity. Since then, the attacks have caused great tension and fear in me. Each time I go near or enter any tower, I pray, "God, please be my savior." But the memories of the attacks have threatened my existence psychologically. Therefore, those terrorists involved in the suicidal attacks must be brought to justice and account for their malicious deeds. I extend my great sympathy to the families of all victims involved in the attacks. God Bless America.

The attacks on Muslims in the U.S. make about as much sense as the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon do. Attacks on our fellow Americans must stop now.

Confused, scared, yet confident in our country.

We can destroy terrorists and their infrastructure, but when we do that, there's always going to be another "bad guy" to take their place. Think it's never going to end. Are we making it better or are we making it worse? I wish I were more educated as to what the history is behind hate and terrorism. Maybe I'd have a better understanding.

It took the tragedy on September 11, 2001 for the nation to come together as one and realize that no matter how different we are in race, gender, or religion, we are all still Americans, and we treasure the foundation that this country was built on. I hope that we, as Americans, continue to treasure being Americans and do not wait until another tragedy happens for all of us to come together.

I feel the terrorist attack was more than an attack on America and its way of life - it was an attack on humanity itself. While no one has owned up to carrying out the crimes, there have been associations made with Osama Bin Laden and Muslims. After hearing the opinions of fellow countrymen and those who study Islam, I feel Bin Laden is doing a disservice to Muslims everywhere. He speaks for terrorists - period! Muslims are a peace-loving people and wouldn't go to such horrific ends for their religion. I hope that Americans everywhere can band together and not fall into "profiling" or casting blame on Muslims or people of Mid-Eastern descent. That kind of attitude will only add to the trauma of what our country has experienced.

What were my first thoughts after the bombing of the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon? How could this be? I live in the United States. I am an American - the United States, Americans, we are invincible. At least, I thought so. My feelings parallel the feelings of a young teenager who loses a friend, loved-one, etc. due to a drunk driver. How could it be? I am invincible. As awful as the tragedy was, it was additionally an eye opener. The tragedy has forcibly provoked not only the United States, but the world as a whole to see the state of chaos the world is in. I think the tragedy has compelled many to realize once again the significance of community and family and to start abandoning somewhat the idea of personal prowess and prestige. As a country, we must return to a communal society, versus the narcissistic society of yesterday.