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up the flag on the day of the attacks after noticing that not many Greek chapters or other campus groups had American flags displayed.

"You look around campus, and it seems like there's really not that much support," he said.

Showing support for those affected by the crisis was particularly important to members of Pi Kappa Alpha, he added, because one fraternity member had a parent who was in the World Trade Center at the time of the attack.

Brooklyn said the ASUO is planning ways to aid victims of the attacks, such as starting a fund for the relief effort. The Muslim Student Association and Students of the Indian Subcontinent (SISC), will work with the ASUO to create that fund, she said.

The International Student Association, SISC and the ASUO also plan on hosting a benefit dinner to raise money for the relief effort, ASUO Vice President Joy Nair said.

ASUO members want to prevent students from becoming targets of discrimination as a result of prejudices ignited by the incident, Brooklyn said.

On Friday, the ASUO will join the International Students Association in hosting a discussion about the attacks during ISA's scheduled Coffee Hour, held weekly in the International Resource Center from 4 to 6 p.m.

Brooklyn said it will be a forum "dedicated to peace" that will provide students and others who attend with an opportunity to reflect on recent events.

ISA co-director Shruti Shah said members of ISA felt it was important to address the attacks because many international students may feel scared for their safety after seeing America become the target of terrorism.

"We have a lot of students who come into this country every year," she said. "It is sort of our responsibility, in a way, to make sure international students' rights are protected."

ISA also wants to raise awareness on the issue to prevent harassment or discrimination against students of Middle Eastern background.

At the ISA Coffee Hour, there will be a poster for students to sign to support a peaceful resolution for the attacks, Nair said. That poster will be circulated at other campus events and will then be sent to President George W. Bush.

Faculty members are also responding to the attacks. On Tuesday, Concerned Faculty for Peace and Justice, a group formed several years ago in opposition to the Persian Gulf War, will hold a "teach-in" from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom.

History professor Daniel Pope, a member of the group, said the event will be a non-partisan discussion centering on education and reflection about the attacks. A schedule of speakers has not yet been set, he said.

As many groups hold their first meetings of the year in the next few weeks, other campus responses to the attacks may follow.

Kawezya Hutchinson, co-director of the Black Student Union, said the group has not discussed a response to the attacks because most members are just now returning to campus.

But she said she is optimistic that when students are back, the strong show of support in communities across the country will also be evident at the University.

"In the country you've just seen people come together so much," she said. "Hopefully that will be true on this campus as well."

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Campus Interfaith Ministry

What: University faculty members and ministry staff will speak during a "peace dialogue"

When: Tuesday, Sept. 25

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: The Koinonia Center at 1414 Kincaid Street

The ISA and the ASUO

What: A discussion of the attacks

When: Friday, Sept. 28, during the ISA's weekly "Coffee Hour"

Time: 4-6 p.m.

Where: In the International Resource Center at the EMU

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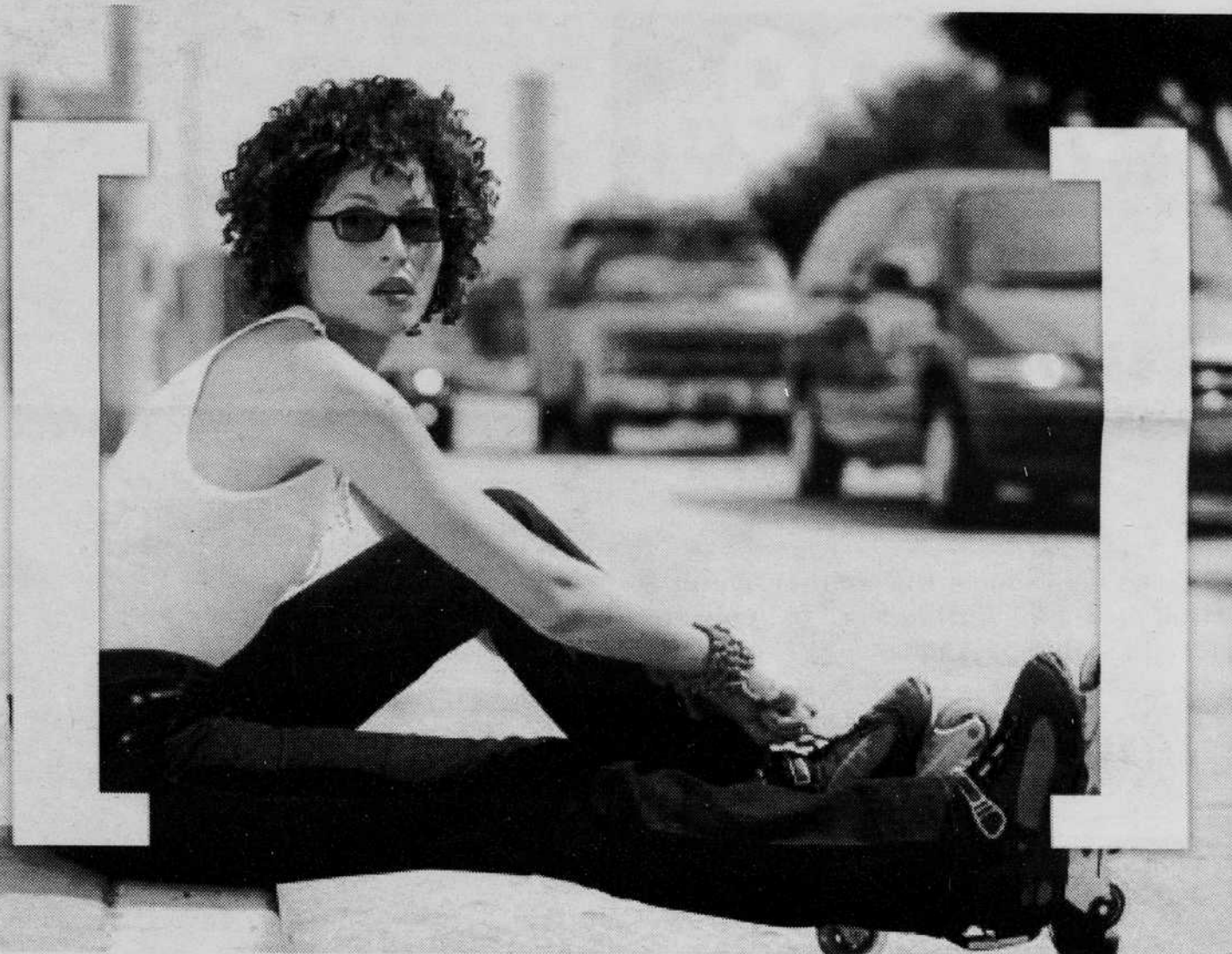


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