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## American Airlines Flight 587 crashes in Queens

■ While the cause of the crash in New York remains undetermined, officials said preliminary reports point to accident, not terrorism

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NEW YORK (KRT) — An American Airlines jetliner bound for the Dominican Republic from New York with 260 people aboard plunged into a seaside neighborhood moments after takeoff Monday morning, raising fears of another terrorist act and again rattling the shaken airline industry.

The cause of the crash, which appears to have killed everyone on board, remained undetermined, but officials said preliminary evidence pointed to an accident — not an act of terror. Six other

people were reported missing on the ground in Queens.

Eyewitnesses said the plane, a 13-year-old Airbus A300, appeared to explode shortly after takeoff from John F. Kennedy International Airport, then broke apart and went into a nosedive. It scattered debris, including an engine that appeared to separate in-flight, across several blocks and into a nearby bay as it hurtled to the ground. A key issue for investigators will be whether the engine, one of two on the plane, fell as a result of mechanical failure or sabotage, or whether the engine's separation helped cause the crash.

By midday, authorities had recovered the plane's flight data recorder, and National Transportation Safety Board officials said it would be flown to Washington for analysis by federal safety experts.

The fiery crash came two months and a day after the terrorist attacks on the World

Trade Center and the Pentagon. Authorities, however, warned the public not to assume the incidents were related.

"People shouldn't speculate as to the cause," New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani told reporters at an impromptu news conference near the crash. "It may well have been an engine failure. ... We shouldn't jump to conclusions."

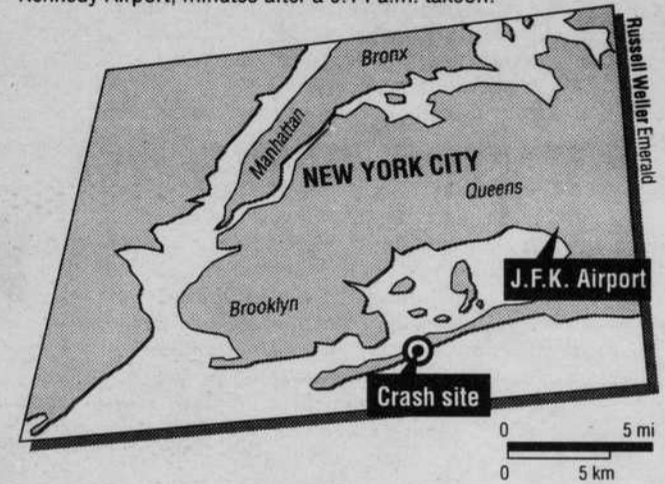
Nevertheless, U.S. fighter jets scrambled to patrol air space above New York. Bridges and tunnels into the city were closed, and all three major New York-area airports shut down for a period of time.

U.S. spy agencies also combed through intelligence reports and eavesdropping transcripts looking for any clues that pointed to a terrorist attack, a U.S. official said.

An estimated 175 of the passengers on American Airlines Flight 587 were

### Plane crashes in New York

American Airlines Flight 587 crashed about 5 miles from Kennedy Airport, minutes after a 9:14 a.m. takeoff.



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## LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

■ Students can now follow their wanderlust and get academic credit on one of two Pacific Challenge trips

By Erin Cooney  
for the Emerald

Swimming with hundreds of dolphins, bungee jumping from the spot where the sport was invented, whitewater rafting, skydiving and surfing are only a few of the activities Emily Garten experienced on her trip to New Zealand and Australia last winter.

Not only did Garten get to spend 60 days "down under," but she earned 18 upper-division credits doing it. Garten went on the trip through a nonprofit organization called Pacific Challenge.

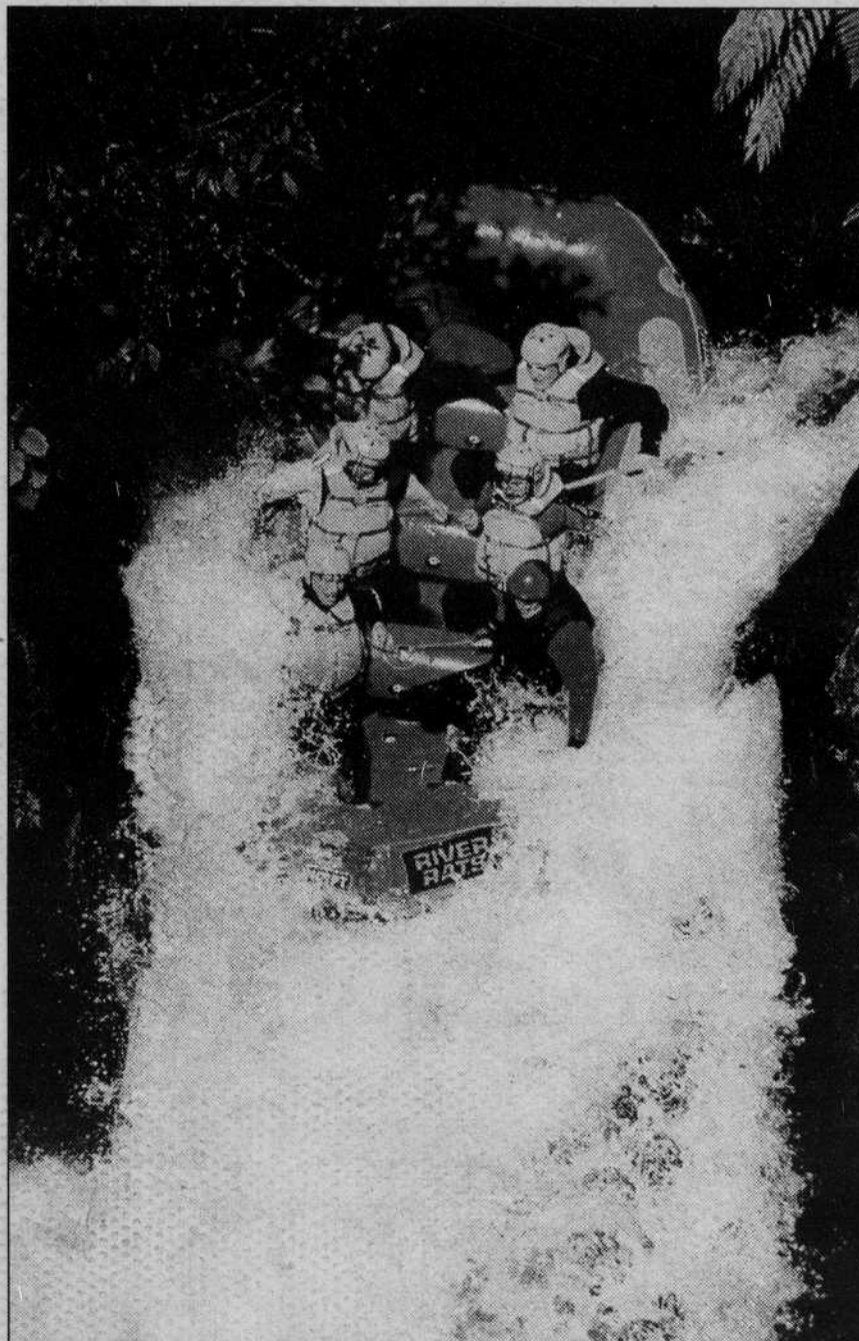
The organization offers two trips a year. The New Zealand and Australia trip leaves in the winter and a trip to Southeast Asia, which the group offered for the first time this year, leaves in the fall.

Pacific Challenge specializes in adventure tourism, focusing on what its founder, David Wright, calls "experiential education."

Jason Bussanich, a senior journalism major at the University, found out just what experiential education is when he went on the New Zealand and Australia adventure. Bussanich, who heard about Pacific Challenge from a friend, said his trip was "like (MTV's) 'Road Rules' on steroids."

Participants in the New Zealand trip set out at the beginning of January and return in March. The itinerary consists of 37 activities spread out over 60 days. According to the Pacific Challenge brochure, the first three days offer black-water rafting. Unlike whitewater rafting, this sport involves inner tubing on an underground river.

Bussanich said rafters wear helmets with lights, but they turn off the lights once underground. The natural light from trails of glowworms light up the caves for the rest of the trip. The adven-



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## Ballot issues plagued by low student participation

■ Students can have a say in how more than \$8 million in student incidental fees are allocated — and all they have to do is vote

By Kara Cogswell  
Oregon Daily Emerald

The ASUO special election begins today, but many students don't seem to know — or care — about the issues on the ballot.

"I didn't even know there was an election," sophomore Matt Klahn said.

Low student interest in campus elections is nothing new. In last year's ASUO spring election, only 9 percent of the student body voted.

### ASUO Special Election

Vote on DuckWeb today and Wednesday

**Monday:** Measures on the ballot this week

**Today:** What students think about the incidental fee

Two measures on the ballot for the special election affect how student incidental fees are allocated. This year, more than \$8 million — which works out to more than \$170 per student, per term — go to fund programs such as student unions, football tickets and the Designated Driver Shuttle.

Students involved with the ASUO have tried to get the word out about the special election by posting bright yellow fliers around campus. The ASUO will also place a voter's guide to the ballots in today's Emerald.

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Whitewater rafting is but one activity students can participate in on one of Pacific Challenge's two trips offered each year to Australia and New Zealand and Southeast Asia.