



U.S. missile kills 3 journalists

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AMMAN, Jordan — Dima Tahboub saw her husband conduct a live interview during the 5 a.m. news. She heard about the bombing at his office on the 6 a.m. broadcast. She saw another journalist announce his death during the 8 a.m. news.

Her husband, Tareq Ayyoub, was working as a freelance reporter-producer for the al-Jazeera television channel on Tuesday morning when a U.S. missile struck his office building, near Iraq's Ministry of Information.

Ayyoub, 34, who lived in Jordan, was the first Arab journalist to die covering the war. He leaves behind a 1-

year-old daughter, Fatma. His body is expected to return home Wednesday, five days after he left for Baghdad.

He was among three journalists killed Tuesday in downtown Baghdad. Taras Protsyuk, a Reuters cameraman, and Jose Couso, a correspondent with Telecinco Spanish television, died after a U.S. tank

fired on the Palestine Hotel, home to many foreign journalists who are reporting on the war.

As they mourned his death, Ayyoub's colleagues and many Jordanians openly questioned why his building was struck. They asked whether it was because it held the

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Election brief

Voting begins today in primary election

With about 80 candidates running for ASUO office and 19 ballot measures proposing changes to the constitution, busy University students might feel overwhelmed by elections, which begin at 9 a.m. today and run until 5 p.m. Friday. But ASUO Elections Coordinator Andrea Hall said students need to take the initiative and educate themselves on student government candidates. Even if students don't have time to pick up a Voter's Guide and beef-up on election information, Hall said picking next year's ASUO leaders is essential.

"Every student should exercise their right to participate in a democracy," she said.

ASUO election turnouts have hovered between 10 and 20 percent the past few years, with only 15.3 percent of the student population voting in last year's primaries, and only 10.5 percent voting in the general election.

Hall said students who aren't familiar with candidates and their goals can cut to the heart of the matter by visiting election hopefuls at the ASUO Candidates Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the concourse of the EMU.

For more information, full transcripts of the Emerald's interviews with the candidates in every contested race are available at www.dailyemerald.com. At the main page, moseover the "News" link, and when the menu pops up, click on "ASUO elections."

Once students have armed themselves with knowledge about the candidates, they need only log onto DuckWeb from any computer with an Internet connection — and vote.

— Jennifer Bear

International expectations

Jia Jia, an international student from China, explains differences between her educational experiences in China and the U.S.

Asian experience

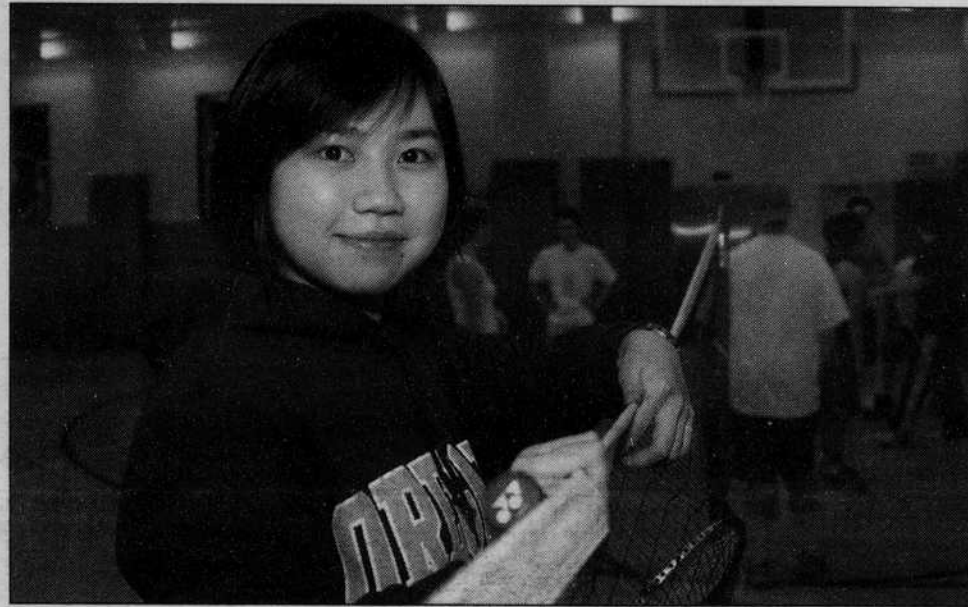
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Campus/City Culture Reporter

University life in the United States is not what Jia Jia had expected it to be. Jia, whose name translates into "happy," had never left her native China before enrolling in classes at the University in the fall of 2002.

The 17-year-old freshman found the University via an online search engine and chose it for two reasons. First, she said a big city such as New York City is not a good place to study because of distractions, and second, she was offered a full-ride scholarship.

Jia said while she cannot compare the University to one in China because she never attended one, education in China as a whole is more competitive.

"There's a large population, so we have to find the best way to select good people — having more tests," she said. "Students have to learn a lot of things while they are in high school."



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Jia Jia, a 17-year-old freshman, had never left her native China before enrolling in University classes. She was shocked to see student involvement in anti-war protests and politics.

The pre-business student said education in China is much more difficult than the University, and that the material in Math 251 she already learned in high school.

Because education is difficult, students concentrate on studying instead of other issues such as politics, she said, adding that she was

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Religious, racial hate mail infiltrates ASUO

ASUO President Rachel Pilliod opened a "forward and disturbing" letter targeting homosexuals, religions other than Christianity and non-white races

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An envelope containing a packet of information described as hate mail was sent to the ASUO office during spring

break, to the attention of the "Student Body Government." ASUO President Rachel Pilliod, who was not in the office during the last few days of the break, opened the mail on the morning of March 31 and immediately reported the incident to DPS.

"It was the most forward and disturbing letter I've received all year long," she said, noting that she has received negative phone calls and other forms of communication at various points during the year.

The mail, which included an unsigned letter that referred to "we Christian students" and three double-sided, photocopied pages of text, makes specific

derogatory comments toward black people, homosexual people and people of the Jewish faith. The letter quotes various religious references, including some attributed to the Bible and the Vatican.

"It was rather graphic and very hateful," Pilliod said.

The mail included a poem titled "The Saddest Story Ever Told," which described the "sins" of interracial marriage and the importance of finding "racial pride." Another page, titled "What Homosexuals Do," negatively described stereotypes of gay and lesbian people and offered statistics supporting the accusation that homosexuality

sparked the AIDS epidemic.

The majority of the information in the packet attacked Jewish people, claiming they have a "stranglehold" on the American media and teach that "evil is good and good is evil." On the backside of the letter, poorly photocopied images and an underlined article were accompanied by the statement, "Adolph Hitler and Robert E. Lee were the most morally pure historical figures in the last two centuries."

Hal Applebaum, executive director of Oregon Hillel, the foundation for Jewish campus life, said such hateful

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Funding cuts put KRVM in danger

4J School Board may have to cut funding for KRVM due to the decrease in state funds, anywhere from \$2 million to \$10 million

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The telephones at KRVM have been ringing off the hook lately.

Since the 4J School Board announced it may cut funding that KRVM depends on for survival, the community response has

been tremendous, said Carl Sundberg, the station's general manager. A school board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. today at the 4J School Board on 200 N. Monroe St. to review this year's proposed cuts including those to the station.

Barbara Bellamy, the board's director of communications and intergovernmental relations, said the board is expecting the state to decrease school funding by anywhere from \$2 million to \$10 million. In an effort to avoid having to lay off additional teachers or decrease school hours,

the district Superintendent George Russell proposed to eliminate the \$100,000 in district money spent on KRVM.

KRVM also receives funds from underwriting, member contributions and a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Bellamy said school board cuts to KRVM won't necessarily lead to its demise. However, if the district funded fewer than five staff positions at the station, KRVM wouldn't be eligible for much-needed CPB funds.

One option is to sell the station to

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Patrick Wilson, in the booth at the studio in the EMU, is news director at KWVA 88.1 FM, which faces budget cuts similar to KRVM.