



Photo by Kristy Pipher

The Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) held their Mid-Autumn Festival in the Quiet Study area at the CUB on Oct. 9. The celebration included rite and music, reservation, a knowledge contest, a lantern contest, a karaoke contest, food and dancing.

Your Horoscope

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Libra (September 24-October 23): Keep your temper! Things might develop that are not what you planned. You need to keep that in mind when you are making plans. Have a backup ready. So, don't lose your cool; it just complicates matters and hurts people you might not want to hurt. Besides, after you're done throwing a temper tantrum, you look very silly to people who observed your moment of anger.

Scorpio (October 24-November 22): Once you have your mind set on something, you cannot be steered from the path. Your determination will be helpful to you in academic or career areas. Many are impressed by your ability to set goals and work hard to attain them. Keep your sights high. It will be quite an accomplishment if you reach your mark.

Sagittarius (November 23-December 21): Use caution when dealing with someone who is in need of encouragement. You may see things in a different light, but be tactful. Don't be quick to blurt out what they might not be ready to hear. It doesn't hurt to pump someone up who needs a little lift.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20): Let it go! Someone who says something that offends you probably didn't mean to do so. Don't hold a grudge; it could upset a friendship. Is that really worth it?

Everyone says things without thinking - not meaning to hurt anyone's feelings. Smile and let it go.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19): Be careful to be a little more appreciative to loved ones. You have been under a lot of stress. They understand, but it isn't fair to be so hurtful so often. Try to vent your frustration in other ways besides taking it out on them. Stress comes and goes and you will always need support from friends and family. Let them know that you appreciate their patience with you.

Pisces (February 20-March 20): Things in your love life have not exactly been smooth lately. They will get better, just keep your eyes and ears open. But be wary of fast love. You don't need your heart broken again before it has healed. Don't be easily led into another relationship. Be sure of what you want, not of what feels good.

Aries (March 21-April 20): You are the life of the party and everyone enjoys you. The daredevil that you are could be a misleading guise to a prospective love interest. That person might doubt your sincerity in a relationship because you so frequently act like a court jester. Don't give people the wrong impression of you. Be real more often.

Taurus (April 21-May 21): You have been missing a friend that you have lost touch with. Don't hesitate. Give that person a call. They will probably be glad to hear from you, and have

undoubtedly missed your friendship. It warms the heart to rekindle a friendship.

Gemini (May 22-June 21): You are a very communicative kind of person. You can easily tell others what you are thinking and feeling. That is an admirable asset, but don't forget to talk with those who care about you the most. Open up to your loved ones; they need it more than you do.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You can be changeable and moody and that can mislead others. Try to be more constant with friends. It is frustrating to them when they don't know what kind of mood you are in when they are with you.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Things have brightened up for you a bit. You have been able to deal with a situation that had been plaguing you for months. Keep yourself on the positive side. You have spent quite a bit of time down in the dumps. Steer clear of situations that drag you back down.

Virgo (August 23-September 23): You have been overcritical and harsh lately. Ease up a little; it takes a lot more energy to be miserable than it does to remain civil to others. Things have been stressful for you lately, but the load will lighten soon. So, put on a smile and look forward to kicking back and relaxing.

"Three Kings" Will Blow You Away

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Three Kings will be one of the finest films to come out of 1999. The movie, directed by David O. Russell, treads into difficult film territory. The Gulf War Generation now has their *Apocalypse Now*.

The story seems simple enough. Four U.S. soldiers decide to re-enter Iraq after the war has ended because of a map that locates stolen Kuwaiti gold. This, by itself, had the makings for a good action movie. Fortunately, it proved to be much more than that.

Russell should be applauded for creating a work of art that binds the generic action fare with an artistic element.

Of course, the U.S. boys get involved in much more than they bargained for, and violent confrontations ensue. However, they also come upon many moral and ethical questions about themselves, their supposed enemy, and the country they are fighting for.

The cast members and their acting are excellent. Archie Gates is played by George Clooney, who effectively shows a strong but silent type of special-forces leader.

Ice Cube as Chief Elgin is amazingly believable as a moral blue-collar baggage handler / weekend warrior.

Music video director Spike Jonze plays the part of Conrad Vig. His role could be labeled as comic relief. It but combines his crazy redneck role with an insight into the innocence of the Gulf War soldiers, specifically that of the ill-prepared reservists.

The actor that stands out is Mark Wahlberg. His portrayal of Troy Barlow is excellent by showing a young soldier who enlisted as a way to provide more money to his starting family.

One of *Three Kings*' strongest moments is when Barlow is "interrogated" by a member of the elite Iraqi Republican Guard (played well by Saïd Taghmaoui). Barlow realizes that he is not much different than the "aggressors." Wahlberg handles the role amazingly well.

Where the movie departs from

MOVIE REVIEW

Three Kings

Starring George Clooney, Ice Cube and Mark Wahlberg

Nicole's Grade: A+
Dan's Grade: A+

the typical *Raiders of the Lost Ark* action style is in its shocking black humor and eclectic soundtrack. The humor is dark, but never tasteless, and provides quite a biting commentary on the Gulf War.

The soundtrack itself is a monumental achievement, that ranges from 1991 pop hits (i.e. Snap's "The Power") to Arabic techno. The music always feels appropriate for the scene, and adds a strong artistic touch to the movie. *Three Kings* has one of the strongest soundtracks to emerge in a long time.

The selection of songs is well thought out. Each song has a purpose in the movie and it is evident down to the choice of the selected verses of each chosen song.

In our opinion, music can make or break a movie. It was refreshing to see someone take advantage of the power of a soundtrack.

Don't look to this soundtrack for favorite Top 40 hits you can bop along to in your car. The music in *Three Kings* offers much more than a catchy tune.

There really are not enough words in the English language to express what you will feel after you see this movie.

If you remember the Gulf War, you will appreciate the details of the pop culture icons and the feeling of the American people that may have been forgotten in this short time.

Russell and his ensemble cast will blow you away with the overall quality of *Three Kings*. It will make you think hard about a time, and a war, that made us "proud to be an American."