

BOOKS

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there was so much to read for school," said Ransom, a sophomore English major. "Being part of the club gives me incentive to read the stuff I want to."

Although Handy said he still read roughly the same amount since he joined his book club, he said he now chooses different styles of books. "I have read things I wouldn't have read otherwise," he said.

Handy added that reading and talking about a variety of books added spice to his understanding of novels.

Margaret Grayson, the sales floor manager of the Bull's Head Bookshop, was of the same mind.

She said the store offered a 20 percent discount on books sold to book clubs.

"It's our way of helping," Grayson said, explaining the discount. "Book clubs are just a great way for people to get together and discuss topics."

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Porch said when walking around campus Monday afternoon, he noticed an improvement in the drivers' and pedestrians' awareness of safety. "I crossed two different intersections, and on three or four occasions, I noticed people stopping at crosswalks."

But graduate student Peter Elkan, who also waited at the South Road crosswalk, said cars often did not stop for pedestrians. "In general, I would say about 50 percent of the cars I encounter stop."

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Hussein Laid to Rest as Jordan Mourns

Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan - Against a tableau of haunting images - a riderless white stallion, a sea of sodden black flags, a pale queen in tears and a simple white burial shroud - Jordan's beloved King Hussein was laid to rest Monday under a gray-veiled sky.

Dignitaries and leaders from all over the world - some from states sworn to enmity - lionized the king, a testament to the enormous stature that belied Hussein's status as the monarch of a small desert kingdom who preached

peace in a war-ridden country.

The funeral produced some stunning scenes of reconciliation, including a handshake between a radical Palestinian guerrilla leader and Israeli President Ezer Weizman. Nayef Hawatme's guerrillas commanded a school in Maalot in 1974, killing 24 Israelis.

The king was buried on a day dominated by extraordinary images. Ordinary Jordanians viewed Hussein more as a father than a monarch, and wept from the heart. Grief-stricken, they pelted his coffin with flowers. Police had to strain to hold back surging crowds

seeking a final glimpse of Hussein.

Echoing the poignancy of the proceedings was the appearance of the king's riderless white stallion and Noor, the American-born queen, glimpsed briefly in the palace doorway as she watched her husband's casket borne off for a solemn procession through Amman, his capital.

The five-hour funeral was also the occasion for some delicate diplomatic pas de deux, drawing sworn enemies like Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Syrian President Hafez Assad. The two stayed well apart, but

even so, their presence at the same event was unprecedented.

Some of the hundreds of dignitaries attending put aside pressing problems to hasten to Amman; impeachment-shadowed President Clinton and ailing Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who spent only a few hours in Jordan before flying back to Moscow.

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