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# Indian poet urges return to natural world

By RACHEL STIFFLER  
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Consciousness united will help us keep our lives in balance  
Peace/ Words are Consciousness/ Only way to live.

An American Indian-activist, read samples of his poetry Monday night in Hamilton Hall, illustrating his theory that many of the problems Americans

face stem from man's losing touch with his origins in the natural world.

John Trudell, a Santee Sioux originally from Nebraska, gave the speech as part of his Celebration of Life Tour. The Carolina Indian Circle sponsored his appearance.

"In the industrial society, we believe that creating the biggest bomb and spreading the most destruction and terrorism is power," Trudell said. "But it is not.

"We are part of the natural world. The Earth is our mother. We abuse the Earth, our mother. We can't solve the problems of racism and sexism... because they are perpetuated through the way we treat the Earth."

Television conveys the image that our lives would be better if we owned more

material things, he said. "It tells us that our worth is what we buy."

He said no one should be deceived into thinking that the pursuit of material gains and achievements are what life is all about. "We need to understand that that's not what the purpose of life is. That's not why we were created.

"The contradiction of education is that it seems like we're being fed data and statistics to help machines run, not knowledge that will help us to be able to live."

Trudell said solutions to the problems of Native Americans and of society would come from the creative minds of the people only after they open their minds and take an objective look at the world.

"We must remember that the Earth is our mother and our life, he said. "The

Earth is consciousness. If we would clean our minds and get in touch with the consciousness of the Earth, our power and sense of identity would come back."

Trudell criticized the "one-God" system. He said that God does play a role in the universe, but only in conjunction with the Earth. "As soon as they told us that there was only one God and that he was a jealous God, everyone started turning against the Earth.

"It was under the one-God system that people were brought under control," he said. "It is incredible the number of wars and human sacrifices that were made (to prove that point)."

Peace proclamation not enough  
Our responsibility — to emancipate Earth.

## 5 survivors found, but search future uncertain

From wire reports

MEXICO CITY — Plans were being made Tuesday to halt the search for survivors in the wreckage of the earthquakes which shook Mexico City Thursday and Friday. But the rescue of five survivors — including three babies — strengthened the argument of volunteers that the search should be

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continued.

Meanwhile, gravediggers were working around-the-clock to prepare cemetery plots for more than 3,000 victims. The official death toll rose to 3,100, and city officials said they believed another 2,000 were still trapped beneath the

rubble of some 400 toppled buildings.

### Consumer prices steady

WASHINGTON — The government said Tuesday that consumer prices increased only 0.2 percent in August, the same as recorded in May, June and July.

The four-month, low-increase streak has held the annual inflation rate through August to 3.3 percent, marking a 13-year low.

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