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## Nation shocked by events of World Trade Center attack



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Around 10:30 am, Simone Smith, a musician and Lower East Side resident, awoke to an incredibly loud rumble. "At first I thought it was thunder," she said, "it did storm the night before. But then I heard screaming, so I ran to my window to see what the hell was going on."

The view from her 23rd floor window projected an image that Smith swears will haunt her forever. "I saw black smoke," she said, "and then all at once this brown cloud surrounded everything. I could hear crumbling as this roar. I was devastated."

What Smith and thousands of other New Yorkers witnessed at 10:30, on September 11 (ominously abbreviated as 9-11), was the collapse of the North Tower of the World Trade Center. This, the second tower to collapse in the time frame of 30 minutes, and the first tower hit by a high-jacked, domestic, United States airplane.

This tragedy joined many others in what *The New York Times* declares as "the worst and most audacious attack in American history." This "attack" would soon amount to four hijacked planes, 266 dead passengers, and at least 50,000 additional deaths throughout the country.

Ironically enough, the day started innocently at 8 am. According to *The New York Times*, that's when American Airlines flight 11 left Boston's Logan airport, headed for Los Angeles. Minutes later, United Airlines flight 93 left Newark for San Francisco and American Airlines flight 77 left Washington for LA. At about 8:15, another plane at Logan Airport, United Airlines flight 175, left for LA.

At 8:48am, the nightmare began. Flight 11 from Boston struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center. According to CBS news, a select few onlookers saw the plane hit, but the majority of New Yorkers were oblivious.

Then Fox News, ABC, CNN, and various other news cameras zoomed in on the Twin Towers, just in time to reveal a devastating image. Flight 175, the Boeing 767 itself, flew into the South Tower. This was all around 9 am, less than an hour after the plane took off.

President George W. Bush was in Sarasota, Florida, reading to school children, when he finally heard the news of, at that point, what was being called an attack.

In New York, people began evacuating. Emergency crews arrived



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Above: A fiery blast rocks the World Trade Center after being hit by two planes September 11, 2001 in New York City.

Left: Rubble burns at the remains of the destroyed World Trade Center towers September 12, 2001 in New York City.

in the dozens. At 9:15am, President Bush released a statement condemning the attacks. He immediately boarded Air Force One, and flew to Washington. Simultaneously, CNN reported that an airplane struck the Pentagon. It was flight 77.

The Federal Aviation Administration first grounded all New York City flights. Forty minutes later, they continued to ground all domestic and international flights.

Manhattan shut down as well. At 9:30 a.m., all bridges, tunnels, highways closed.

As rescue workers attempted to evacuate the two towers and to sabotage the blaze now roaring in the building, the steel, 110 story, South Tower of the World Trade Center

began to weaken - unaware to anyone. According to *The New York Times*, the South Tower collapsed at 9:58 am.

"I watched the tower crumble into this cloud of smoke," said Timothy Browne, a Jamaica Queens native, who works at a publishing company on 8th Avenue and 34th Street, almost 20 blocks from the Center. "A crowd began to form at the office window and the city disappeared before us into dust," he said, "some were crying and grabbing the hands of the people next to them. Others, like myself, just stood there in disbelief. It was as if this was a movie. It was terrible."

According to Fox News' timeline, the second tower collapsed at 10:28 am. Within this next hour, Lower

Manhattan, The United Nations headquarters, Los Angeles and San Francisco airports, the White House and Capitol Building, were all evacuated. The country gradually shut down, as the surreal destruction mirrored the Apocalypse.

"We were on our way down when the second plane hit our building," said one, 24th floor witness in *The New York Times*, "we could hear what was going on from the firefighters' walkie-talkies. Everyone started to panic."

The nation glued themselves to the television, and to their cell phones. Phone calls flooded the emergency hot-line set up for friends and family of World Trade Center employees. Members of Congress, without any thought of

bi-partisanship, united. Newt Gingrich warned of a 21st century Pearl Harbor... and a 21st century war.

But now the World Trade Center's fires have extinguished and the recovery efforts have begun. Early Wednesday morning, nine victims were found alive under the debris, but 82 bodies were recovered. The healing has begun, but there is no estimation of when the sorrow will end.

"Police made us evacuate the building," said Browne about the hours following his view of the decimated tower, "eventually I found myself hiking across the Brooklyn Bridge."

"During my walk I heard a small crowd near me," he said, "they were singing 'God Bless America.'"



# Officials band together for Pace Community

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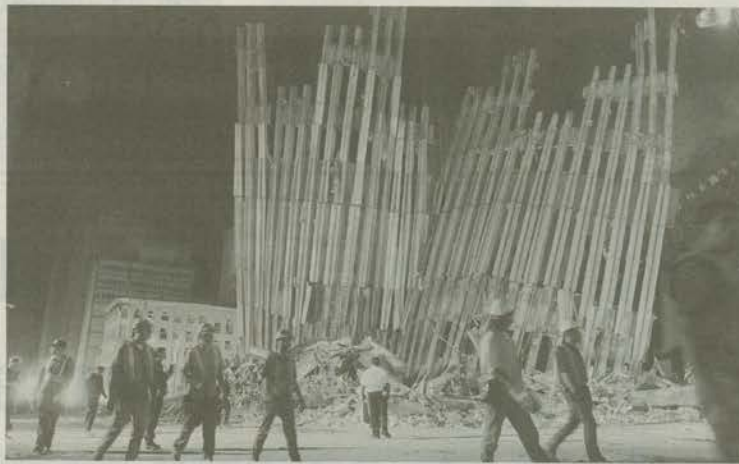
In response to the national tragedy before all of us, Pace University officials held town meetings on the Briarcliff and Pleasantville campuses to inform and calm any fears or worries students may have.

Ron Nahum, Associate vice-president of Finance directed the Briarcliff meeting of about 75 students and faculty. Nahum expressed his emotions over the tragedy that had taken place. But he, along with a dozen members of the school's faculty, wanted to make sure the students were updated on what was going on here at Pace as well as with their emotions and feelings in this time of utter confusion, chaos, and shock.

"All operations are as normal as they could be (on the Pace campuses). There is no danger to any of the students, faculty, or staff on the Manhattan campus. President (David) Caputo took a motorcade to the city campus and is in charge of the University," said Nahum.

Briarcliff residents welcomed some residents of the Manhattan campus after the meeting. The Manhattan residents had to be bused to the Westchester campus after the Manhattan campus was evacuated after Tuesday's disaster. "These students are international students or students that do not have somewhere close enough by," said Dara Spey, of counseling services.

Patty Munsch, Assistant Director of Student Life and Campus activities, spoke to the students to give them information about blood donations, clothing and food drives, and a water collection campaign set up by Sodexo-Marriott. The campaign that is set up is for bottled water to be donated at the cafeterias. For each bottle donated



Rescue workers clear debris from the remains of the destroyed World Trade Center towers September 12.

Photo by Spencer Platt/Getty Images

by a student or faculty member, Sodexo-Marriott will match the contribution.

Betty Torrance, a professor in Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, along with a number of her colleagues, described her feelings on the attack against our nation.

"I feel a real deep sense of grief, and a sense of loss. Life as we knew it has changed. There's no way life will be the same again. Things are going to be different. There is a need for compassion, a need for understanding. For me, the day of infamy will be September 11, 2001," said Torrance.

Ethics professor, Gerard Vallone, spoke about how the blame for a few individuals' actions should not be placed on an entire country or group of people. He also commented on United States President George W. Bush's statement how the attack was a "cowardly act."

"This was not a cowardly act," said Vallone. "These people looked at their actions as a duty to

their beliefs."

Members of the Counseling Services and Psychology Department made the time to be available for students to come and talk about the events that took place. They welcomed any students to come talk about their reaction. On the Pleasantville campus, Dr. Rosa Ament, from Pace's Counseling Center, passed out a worksheet to faculty staff and students regarding the best ways to handle "critical incident stress."

"Right now what you're going through maybe anger, shock and denial," said Ament, "this tragedy has an impact that will effect us for weeks."

"I would like to know how I can deal with my anger," said a distraught, teary-eyed Ingrid Barnes (from Adult Education). She soon pointed to a small boy sitting next to her at a Gottesman table. "I won't let freedom be taken away from him or other children."

Ament comforted with the ad-

vice that talking about frustrations is the best way to deal with anger. "And you've already started," she continued.

Joseph Morreale, Vice President of Planning and Assessment, held the Pleasantville meeting among faculty that included Marie Warner, Joseph Ryan and Margaret Fitzgerald of the Criminal Justice/Sociology/Anthropology Department, and MaryJo Prezioso and Beth Klingner from the Dyson Deans Office.

Morreale, who, from the time of the World Trade Center attack, has been on 24 hour call, led a discussion similar to the Briarcliff meeting: students were informed of Pace New York's temporary stay on campuses and Deanna Vatan spoke of how the Pace Community may donate for rescue workers.

John Barkat, from the University's Ombuds department, who are working closely with the Counseling Center, spoke on the importance of mental health. "We know that at times you may think it selfish for wanting to break down and cry," he said, "or you may even feel guilty for moments of levity, and force yourself not to laugh. Feel free to do both."

Beverly Kahn, Associate Provost of the Dyson School of Arts and Sciences, instructed students on how they can use their education as a source of strength. "This is the time for you to use your leadership qualities and help others," she said, "show that you are an educated person. Do not put any blame on innocent people who are of certain race or religious groups."

The faculty in both meetings stressed that whatever feelings the students have about the tragedy, that the staff and faculty at Pace University would do whatever they can to help. "Feel free to come to us for help in dealing with this," said Morreale, "we can't stress enough that our number one priority is the students."

## newsbriefs

### Pace University suffers communication problems

Pace University has suffered telecommunication problems due to the World Trade Center attack. As a result, the University has provided accommodations.

Pace students cannot make nor receive telephone calls, because, according to Jeff Harter, Vice President of Student Services in Westchester, all of Pace's AT&T hub circuits were handled near the World Trade Center. With the exception of the New York City campus, students may have phone contact between Pace's 3 other campuses. "It is very difficult to communicate with colleagues in New York," said Harter, "however, it is possible to have internal communications with White Plains, Pleasantville, Briarcliff campuses, and Pace administration."

Phone banks have been set up to allow students to make calls. "There are phone banks in Briarcliff's Dow Hall in the Phonathon room, and in Pleasantville's Kessel Campus Center in the Butcher Suite," said Deanna Vatan, Acting Director of Student Life and Campus Activities. Resident Assistants' offices also contain phones for outgoing calls.

Because of an inoperative server, the Pace Internet service is also not functioning. According to Harter, the University does not know when it will be repaired. "But we are doing our best to fix things," he said, "the University is doing everything it can possibly do."

### Volunteering efforts underway

The University is offering a variety of ways Pace students may be involved in recovery efforts for the victims of the World Trade Center attack.

For blood donations, Deanna Vatan, Acting Director of Student Life and Campus Activities, advises to contact the Red Cross in White Plains. "Initially [Student Life] wanted Pace for the Red Cross's center for donations," said Vatan, "but they've had so many offers they can't accept them all."

Instead, students may call the Red Cross at (914) 946-6500. "Since Tuesday (September 11), there have been three hour long lines," said Debbie Levesque, Director of Residential Life, "but don't let that discourage you. The best thing to do is pick up a ticket and try again later in the week."

The Red Cross in White Plains, however, is in need of volunteers. Although it is not certain exactly what type of volunteer work is needed, students may contact the above number or visit the center at 106 North Broadway in White Plains.

Student Life in association with The Salvation Army, is also holding a food and clothing drive for rescue personnel. "The rescue workers are in dire need of portable drinks such as bottled water and Snapple," said Deanna Vatan, "and they are in need of portable food such as potato chip bags, and crackers."

According to Vatan, there is also a collection for work clothing (ie: jeans, boots, t-shirts). These donations along with food and drink donations may be dropped off at the Student Life office in the Kessel Campus Center. "The Student Life transport will take them to the Salvation Army," said Vatan, "we'll make more than one trip if needed."

— Compiled by Michelle Picciano

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### BLOOD DONATIONS:

Westchester Medical Center  
493-7000

Hudson Valley Blood Services  
914-784-4600

White Plains Hospital  
681-2777

### VOLUNTEERING:

American Red Cross  
106 N. Broadway, White Plains  
914-946-6500

### FOOD DRIVE:

Bottled Water, Snack Food, Drinks, Mobile Foods - 773-3767  
or drop off in Upper Student Life in Kessel Campus Center

### CLOTHING DRIVE:

Work clothes, T-shirts, Work gloves - 773-3767  
or drop off in Upper Student Life in Kessel Campus Center

### CAMPUS INFORMATION:

773-3398



# editorial

## We will pass this test

It was a day that will forever be burned into our minds. Horrible images so unreal, so unbelievable, that it looked like a Hollywood movie. But it was not. It was a cold, hard, reality that many cannot even comprehend. Watching Tuesday's events unfold was a long agonizing dream that did not seem to end. Waking to hear that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center was enough. To then watch as moments later another jetliner plunged into the second tower was unreal. Seeing two of the staples of New York crumble to 100 feet of garbage with thousands buried - alive and dead - underneath it.

Then reports come in that the Pentagon was struck. You can only begin to wonder. What else can happen? What is going on? When will I awake? But you do not wake up. You sit down with your closest friends, glued to the television, waiting for some good to come. But it only gets worse. You call your family to make sure everyone is alright. You have no idea who was there. Did you know someone there? Your mind begins to calculate all the people in your life that could have been there. You fear: Do I know someone in there?

You sit listening to the news reports, watching a jetliner become a bomb right in front of your eyes, over and over and over again. You still cannot believe what is happening. You try to take your mind off of it, any way you can. But you cannot, for it is everywhere. Every television channel. Every radio station. It is all anyone can talk about.

The biggest disaster in American history took place in the prime of our lifetimes, and it will change the way we live our lives forever. Four jetliners were hijacked in what possibly may be the most strategically orchestrated attack in the history of our lives, as well as our country. A few words enter the minds of every American. Fear. Grief. Anger. Retaliation. War. Sadness. Confusion. Disbelief.

These words are what America feels right now. President Bush stated on Tuesday, "The resolve of our great nation is being tested. But make no mistake: We will show the world that we will pass this test. God bless."

America will not fall to pieces. A great saying goes, "what does not kill us will only make us stronger." It does not get any more true than that. We will come back fighting. We will rebuild. The wounds will heal, and all that will be left is a scar. That scar will remind us of our mortality. But more so, it will remind us that we are survivors.



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Smoke billows from the World Trade Center's twin towers after they were struck by commercial airliners in a suspected terrorist attack Sept. 11 in New York City.

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## Is this the third World War?

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Hundreds lined the sides of the west-side highway on Sept. 13, to show their support for the never-ending day of searching through the rubble for possible survivors.

Some compare the disaster to Pearl Harbor. Others call it a war. Whatever the title, this direct attack to American freedom is certainly worse than any devastation New Yorkers and Americans have ever seen before.

All that remains is debris, a suspicious finger pointed at Osama bin Laden, and hurt and angry Americans. The terrible images of the suicide jumpers, each hit and the even-

tual crumble of the twin towers will be forever etched in our minds as well as the mind's of future generations.

Whether we know someone who experienced the terror first hand or did ourselves on TV, the fear instilled in Americans, especially New Yorkers, is very real. Many could not fathom the effects of the disaster, or the estimates of the dead. But as each day passes, it seems to sink in more.

It is rumored that in a book of predictions by Nostradamus, he foresees a third world war (the first two already predicted in earlier chapters, as well as the reign of Hitler). He foresees a great city burning in the ninth month and the first year

of the millennium; and that from the sky will fall terror. It goes on to describe that two twin brothers will fall and that in the chaos, a great leader will succeed.

So we have yet to see what will come of this heinous act of terror. Will we have a third world war? If we attack the nation of this "faceless coward" as George W. Bush calls the terrorists, are we not just ending more innocent peoples lives, just as the lives of innocent American civilians have ended? How do we fight back such evil, but remain a strong, virtuous superpower?

It is hard to make such a decision in times like the present, where hatred and confusion easily conclude these questions.

**Our prayers** and wishes go out to those who lost their lives in this tragedy, and to the families and friends of those victims. *new morning* remembers all those who lost their lives. Our most gracious thanks go to all those who have volunteered their services, donated their blood, clothing, and food, and to the University faculty, staff and students who have made our safety their number one priority. Together we can overcome this national tragedy.

God bless,  
New morning staff



## Pleasantville, Briarcliff campuses house Pace New York students

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Pace's Manhattan campus suffered no casualties and small damage as a result of the World Trade Center attack. Consequently, residents from Pace's New York campus are temporarily housed in Pleasantville and Briarcliff dormitories.

Pace's Manhattan campus is located one quarter mile from the World Trade Center and the school's World Trade Institute was located on the 55th floor of the Center.

"Thus far in the Pace community, we haven't lost anyone," said Joseph Morreale, Vice President of Planning and Assessment, "even people at the World Trade Institute got out [of the World Trade Center] on time."

According to Ron Nahume, Associate Vice President of Finance, there was very scarce amount of structural damage involving windows in one of the campuses' non-main buildings. "But everything and everyone are fine," said Nahume, "our main buildings [on Pace Plaza and Park Row] are sound."

Jeff Harter, Vice President of Student Services in Westchester attested to some electrical damage. "The campus lost electrical power [because of circuit hubs located on the World Trade Center] and so [engineers] connected the campus to auxiliary generators," he said, "but that wasn't enough to power the buildings for long."

Because of electricity loss, and the dangers from smoke, resident students are temporarily housed in Valley House, Dow Hall and New Dorm on the Briarcliff Campus, and Martin and North Hall on the Pleasantville campus.

"There are approximately 1000

resident students at Pace in New York," said Morreale, "the majority of these students are in commuting distance and have gone home. Those who could not return home because they are International students or they live far from New York, will find housing on the Briarcliff and Pleasantville campus."

Stacy Irvine, Safety Coordinator for the New York campus said about 63 students were bused from New York to Pleasantville and Briarcliff. "Not all have decided to stay, though," she said, "more students have actually traveled home to their families."

"We watched the whole thing from my friend's dorm," said a freshman from Pace New York, who asked to remain anonymous. "It was unbelievable. I never imagined seeing anything like that. I've only been here for a week, but with seeing that, I've had enough etched in my mind for a lifetime."

Buildings and Grounds and Residential Life have found rooms for the students, particularly ones with bathrooms.

According to Debbie Levesque, Director of Residential Life, the university is trying hard to give the students privacy. "We want to spread the students out among the campuses as best we can," she said, "we want to provide them with as much privacy as we can."

Pace New York will resume classes on Wednesday, Sept. 19. The University plans on housing these students at least until classes resume, Morreale insists that all procedures are taken with the best interest of the students in mind. "There's one important thing to remember here," he said, "Pace faculty and staff will do whatever is necessary to help our students through this tragedy. The University will get through this. We are determine to go on."



Photo by Mario Tama/Getty Images

A firefighter reacts to the situation in the area where the World Trade Center buildings collapsed.

## Many civilian Americans show their patriotism in a time of need

By Chris Martone  
News Editor

Tuesday morning 9:10 a.m. on Sept. 11, I awoke in a state of shock. My fellow housemates ran into my room to wake me up and let me know the horrible news. The World Trade Center was hit by an act of terrorism.

As I watch with my close friends in disbelief and others in tears I said to myself, "Is this a dream?" It was not a dream; it was a horrible nightmare.

It felt like a scene out of the movie "Independence Day." But unfortunately it was not a movie. It was an event that will live on in the history books for ever.

As I watched in distress through-

out the day, I wondered what I, a 20-year-old student at Pace University, could do for my country. It was President John F. Kennedy that said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country."

Then the television reports revealed that there was a shortage of blood in Manhattan. It was the least I could do for the many Americans who were injured trying to save others. Many firefighters and police officers were severely injured.

When I arrived at the Hudson Valley blood drive in Elmsford there were lines around the block. One of my friends and myself waited for six hours to give our blood to those in need. If I had to, I would have waited throughout the night to do-

nate my blood for the good of saving someone's life.

While I was there I watched many young children handing out cookies and juice and many medical students from New York Medical School volunteering their time to the blood drive. Many people at the blood drive yesterday were willing to do whatever it took to aid the many people that were in need of blood in Manhattan. Everybody at the blood drive united together to help the good of mankind. I witnessed a great level of patriotism from all Americans at the blood drive.

September 11, 2001, a day of infamy, was the day I realized how proud I am to be a citizen of this great United States of America.

## We may have lost the battle, but we will win the war

By Chris Martone  
News Editor

September 11, 2001 is a day that will be remembered in the history of the United States forever, the day that this great nation was exposed under fire.

It all started at 8:48 a.m. when American Airlines flight 11, a Boeing 767 out of Boston headed for Los Angeles, crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center. Then eighteen minutes later at 9:06 a second plane also coming from Boston, United Airlines flight 175, crashed into the south tower.

Then an American Airlines Boeing 767, Flight 77, left Washington's Dulles International airport bound for Los Angeles. It hit the western part of the Pentagon at 9:40 a.m. Finally, United Airlines flight 93, a Boeing 757 flying from Newark to San Francisco, crashed near Pittsburgh, raising the possibility that its hijackers had failed in whatever their mission was.

There have been indications that the hijackers on the four planes were armed with knives. Barbara Olsen, a legal correspondent traveling on American flight 77, managed to reach her husband, Solicitor General Theodore Olsen, by cell phone. She told him that the hijackers were armed with knives and box cutters.

It is assumed that each of the four



Photo by Spencer Platt/Getty Images

Dust swirls around south Manhattan moments after a tower of the World Trade Center collapsed.

planes were not operated by the pilots during the time of impact. It is believed that hijackers of each plane were flying the planes themselves when they hit their target.

No American pilot in their right mind, even as a hostage, would ever vow to crash a 767 into the World Trade Center. In all, over 250 people perished in the four planes and several more were discovered dead elsewhere.

Numerous firefighters, police officers and other rescue workers who responded to the initial disaster in Lower Manhattan were killed or in-

jured when the buildings collapsed.

The collapse of the towers caused another World Trade Center building to fall seven hours later.

A day later, Five World Trade and One Liberty Plaza also came tumbling down. Luckily no people were inside those buildings which came down 24 hours after this fatal disaster.

It was determined that the plane that hit the Pentagon was actually destined for the White House or Air Force One. The attacks affected our country's financial headquarters and our military headquarters. But as

President George W. Bush said "These acts of mass murder were intended to frighten our nation into chaos and retreat. They have failed."

He went on to quote from Psalm 23: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for you are with me."

And as Americans were wondering on the morning this tragedy occurred, "who would do such a horrible thing to innocent civilians?" The answer: Usama bin Laden, and his terrorist network.

U.S. intelligence intercepted com-

munications between bin Laden supporters discussing the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon. The FBI continues to search locations in south Florida and central Florida. Nobody immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks.

But the scale and sophistication of the operations, the extraordinary planning required for concerted hijackings by terrorists who had to be familiar with modern jetliners, and the history of major attacks on American targets in recent years led many officials and experts to point to Usama bin Laden, the Islamic militant believed to operate out of Afghanistan.

Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban rulers rejected such suggestions, but officials took that as a defensive measure. American intelligence officials believe that bin Laden's ties with the Taliban are increasingly close and that his freedom of movement may have increased in recent months.

A recent videotape of bin Laden in Afghanistan showed him and his followers engaged in combat training, including firing heavy weapons and storming buildings.

Bin Laden and many Afghans will get what they deserve in due time. They may have won the battle on Sept. 11, 2001 but, we the United States of America will raise above this and win the war.