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WTC service honors the living and the lost

Rescue workers and leaders are highlighted as list of victims continues to grow

By Raquel Battle

On September 26, the Pace community gathered for a "Service of Remembrance and Gratitude" in the wake of the terrorist attacks that leveled the Twin Towers and killed thousands on September 11. Over 750 students, faculty and staff attended the ceremony, including members of the New York City Police and Fire Departments.

The service, which was hosted by President Caputo, included greetings and words of consolation from Provost Marilyn Jaffe-Ruiz, Chair of the Board of Trustees Aniello Bianco, as well as representatives of the faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

Two separate moments of silence were acknowledged—one to honor the missing, government officials and rescue workers, and another for Pace students and alumni who were lost as a result of the attack. Four current students and 13 alumni were listed as missing as of September 25 [see story this page].

During the service, the National Anthem, "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful" were performed by Professors Pat Woodward

and Lee Evans. The ceremony ended with a "Ring of Light" in which participants lit candles and stood in single file around the campus.

President Caputo mentioned those Pacers who escaped the attack on the World Trade Center.

"I want to acknowledge the many members of the Pace community who survived and especially the staff of our World Trade Institute who were in the offices of the World Trade Center when the attack occurred," he said. "They all made it out and for this and other miracles of the day, we are truly thankful."

Speaker Dr. Kevin Cahill of The Center for International Health and Cooperation told the audience of his experience as a doctor working in troubled parts of Africa, Asia and South America for over 40 years. He spoke of seeing death and disease on a massive scale and witnessing senseless slaughter and starvation, comparing it to the World Trade Center attacks.

"We have been spared such scenes in the United States—geography isolated us from recent conflicts," said Cahill. "But we must remember the specter of death and destruction is

known in almost every other part of the world."

"We must not forget that London and Stalingrad, Dresden and Hiroshima, Dubrovnik and Grosny have all been almost obliterated from the earth, and yet, with courage and hard work and with help from friends and former enemies, they came back to life as cities and societies," he added.

Cahill also encouraged the Pace community to stay strong during this time.

"To you who have lost loved ones and to you who are physically or mentally scarred by this trauma, do not be afraid," he said. "Do not underestimate your capacity to heal and to grow for you can, and you simply must, go on and we must learn from this disaster."

Cahill also spoke of the symbolism of lighting candles as part of the ceremony.

"The flame has long been a symbol of the search for knowledge and truth," he said. "You in your University years are the new generation that must carry on that search and you must now know that here in New York, you are no longer alone."

"You have lived through an incredible peri-

od that binds us all together," he continued. "It is important that you go forth in confidence and in love using the power of the mind and the heart rather than the tools of revenge and violence. I wish you well in this difficult endeavor."

The service was followed by a reception in the Student Union where many students exchanged sentiments and shared stories of their experiences following the attacks.

"I hope students come together and unite and realize that breeding ignorance is at the heart of the terror that brought the towers down," said student Reem Kasi.

"We are all traumatized—we saw body parts in the street as well as other atrocities," said Theresa Sberna, a resident from 75 West Street. "We are trying to pull each other out of this devastation."

The University held another memorial service on the Pleasantville campus on October 2. An additional service of remembrance that will highlight the lives of the lost students and alumni is currently being planned.

Finals week and study days cut to make up for WTC attack closing

By Shams Tarek

Both fall 2001 semester study days and their ensuing final exam period have been eliminated on the New York campus to make up for the nine-academic-day closing after the September 11 terrorist attack on the nearby World Trade Center.

A make-up study day for the New York campus will be held on Monday, January 14, 2002. A make-up final exam period for New York campus day students will be held from

January 15 to 18. The new final exam period is optional; Provost Marilyn Jaffe-Ruiz is suggesting that professors who don't want to use it instead give additional projects, papers and other "innovative and creative" assignments to fulfill course requirements before the end of the semester.

New York campus and Midtown Center evening students will take finals during their last class meetings between December 16 and 22. Midtown

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At last count, 29 Pacers lost in WTC attack

Victims acknowledged at services on both campuses

By Shams Tarek

As of the last official count dated October 3, four current students and 25 alumni from the University have been identified as victims of the recent terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

The list of victims is being continually updated by the University. It is not likely that more current students than are already known about have died, as professors were required to take attendance stringently during the first week of resumed classes and no new names have been added since September 25.

The University will likely never know exactly how many alumni were lost in the attack, as it does not track the employment of former students and therefore cannot know exactly how many Pacers were in the World Trade Center on September 11. The Alumni Office has sent letters to alumni in its

database and is calling for alumni to report missing peers on its Web site at www.pace.edu/alumni/. The University is currently in the process of contacting the families of the victims; President Caputo said that a full memorial is planned, but no date is set yet.

The four current students and 13 alumni were acknowledged during the University's first "Service of Remembrance and Gratitude," held in the Civic Center Gym on September 26 [see story this page]. Six alumni were added to the list for the second Service, held on the Pleasantville campus on October 2, and six more alumni have since been added to the list, available on the University's Web site at www.pace.edu. The current students are not on the online list, which is run by the Alumni Office.

A list of all the Pacers lost on September 11 is on page 6.

Calendar of Events

- 9/24 – 10/24 Senior Portrait Month
Mondays & Wednesdays, 10 AM – 6 PM
Thursdays, 10 AM – 7 PM
Campus Activities, (212) 346-1590
- 10/1 – 10/5 WTC Remembrance Quilt
11 AM – 4 PM, Caf 101
- 10/4 A Campus Forum on the World Trade Center Disaster
2:30 PM – 4 PM, 4:30 PM – 6 PM, Lecture Hall South

Phi Chi Theta Rush Information Session
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM, Fingesten Art Gallery

Highlights in Jazz
8 PM, Downtown Theater
- 10/5 V.I.P. Tryouts
Friday, 6 PM
Student Union
- 10/7 Convocation
Guest Speaker: Dr. Leon Botstein
Sunday, 1 PM, Downtown Theater
- 10/8 Deadline for submission of Get Well cards for WTC victims
Center for Community Outreach, 41 Park Row, 16th Floor
or Locker # 791 (near Theater on B-Level)
- 10/9 Stonewall Coalition Canadian Thanksgiving Fundraiser
Pace Yourself Kiosk and Front Lobby

PACE Board Talent Show Auditions
4:30 - 5:30 PM, 41 Park Row, Rm. 806
- 10/10 PACE Board Talent Show Auditions
Noon - 1:00 PM, 41 Park Row, Rm. 806
- 10/11 Freaky Greeks Party
10 PM, Student Union

PACE Board Talent Show Auditions
2:30 - 4:30 PM, 41 Park Row, Rm. 806
- 10/12 HOMECOMING
Spirit Competition, BBQ: 4 PM, Tent in Lot A (PLV)
Pep Rally, Fireworks: 5:30 PM, Tent in Lot A (PLV)
Homecoming Carnival: 8:30 PM, Wilcox Hall (PLV)
- 10/13 HOMECOMING
Student Organization Booths: 11 AM, Tent in Lot A (PLV)
Football Game (vs. Bentley): 1 PM, Finnerty Field (PLV)
Homecoming Bash: 9 PM, Wilcox Hall (PLV)

In the aftermath of terror, the Counseling Center provides professional help

By Rima Mehta

The Counseling Center, located on the 4th floor of 41 Park Row, is providing students, faculty and staff psychological support as well as suggestions on how to deal with emotional and physical reactions to the recent terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

"We are very much interested in helping students out so that they get back to the normal process," said Richard Shadick, the Center's director of training.

Shadick and Dr. Richard Raskin, director of the Center, spent time at the Maria's Tower residence counseling students since the day of the attacks, when counselors stayed overnight to provide additional help to students. When resident students were evacuated from the Downtown area, several counselors from the New York campus also traveled to Pleasantville to aid in counseling sessions there.

During the days following the tragedy, the main focus was on what the Center calls CSID, or Critical Incident Stress Debriefing. Counseling services were available at the Midtown Center, where students, faculty and staff were given the opportunity to meet and talk with counselors.

The Counseling Center offered "How To Help Students Re-enter" workshops for the faculty to help deal with students returning to class.

Shadick offered some examples of common reactions to traumatic incidents and gave some suggestions on how to deal with them, including talking to family and friends, trying to get back to the normal routine, getting adequate sleep, exercising, eating regular meals and keeping a journal to record fears and experiences.

The Counseling Center is also offering a series of four one-hour group sessions, called "Disaster Stress Relief Groups," as

follow-ups. Each group will be made up of approximately eight to ten people and will cover relaxation and stress management techniques. Students interested in attending should contact the Center.

Ann Fenichel, staff psychologist and coordinator of Students with Disabilities, explained that these sessions "will help people to recognize the impact of the tragedy and to learn to manage the stress as it is important to deal with the physical and mental reactions."

The Center has four licensed psychologists who are on the permanent staff. It also has four pre-doctoral psychology interns and two externs. Consultants have also come in to talk to students.

Group or individual counseling is available for all students. For more information, call the Counseling Center at (212) 346-1526, or visit its Web page at www.pace.edu/em/counseling.

New academic calendar

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Center day students, who missed 7 academic days, will have an official finals period December 19 to 21.

New York campus and Midtown Center day students will be on a Thursday schedule on Monday, December 17. Westchester campus day students will

be on a Thursday schedule on Monday, December 10.

Westchester campus day students, who lost two academic days, will have no change made to their finals schedule.

Westchester campus evening students will take finals during their last class meetings between December 14 and 20.

The spring 2002 semester will start on all campuses as originally scheduled, on January 22.

The cancelled study days were on December 12 and 14; the cancelled final exam period was between December 14 and 21 for day students and December 17 and 21 for evening students.

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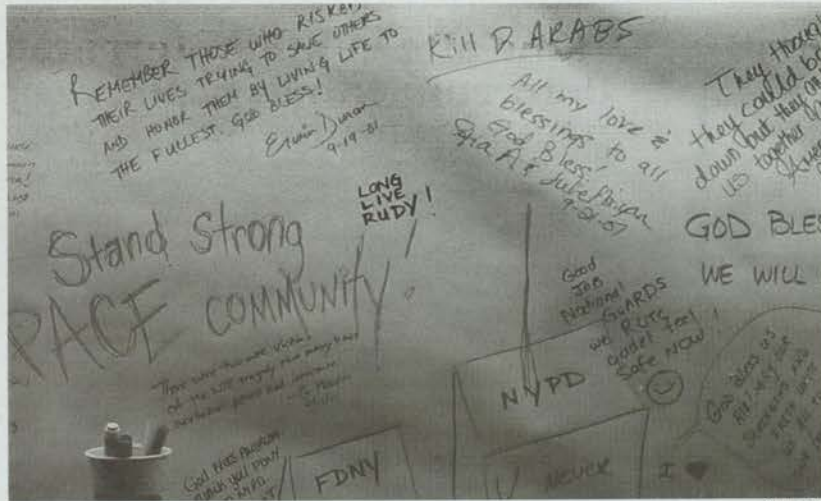
Food Drive: We will be accepting donations of non-perishable food beginning Tuesday September 24th. The donated items will be delivered to City Harvest which supplies ingredients to local restaurants and kitchens that are preparing meals for the WTC rescue workers, and other displaced and hungry people in NYC. Canned vegetables, fruits, rice and other high protein food may be dropped off in boxes placed in the lobby of 41 Park Row and 1 Pace Plaza, and at the Spotlight Cafe in the Student Union.

Remembrance Quilt: Every member of the Pace community may imprint one square in the Remembrance quilt with their thoughts. Help create a visual representation of how this tragedy has touched our lives, pay tribute to the heroic rescuers, remember the victims and promote a message of peace in our times. The quilt will then be hung prominently on campus. Stop by CAF 101 anytime between 11:00 am and 4:00 p.m. beginning Thursday September 27th to contribute to the making of the remembrance quilt.

Teach-In : The Center for Community Outreach is collaborating with several campus offices in helping organize a teach-in to educate our community on several issues that have been brought to the forefront because of recent events. Monday October 1st at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Also on Thursday October 4th at 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. Location TBA.

Scholarship Fund: The Office of the Center for Community Outreach will accept donations of money that will be directed to a scholarship fund in the memory of a slain firefighter.

To find out how you can help in these efforts, or for more information call the Center for Community Outreach at 212 346 1807, or email ccomy@pace.edu



Shams Tarek

While no violence has been reported on campus related to anti-Muslim sentiment following last month's terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, hate speech is evident on bulletin boards in One Pace Plaza. Here, the phrase "Kill D Arabs" was written on a board near the SARS office; the writing was crossed out on September 24.

University concerned about backlash against profiled students

No physical violence reported but hate sentiment is evident

By Melissa Hemdal

In response to the recent terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, the University is taking several steps to ensure the safety and well-being of its Arab-American and Muslim students and anyone who may be mistaken for them.

While most administrators and staff members concur that it is better to be vague than specific about a sensitive issue, at least one explicit statement has been observed on a message board at the downtown campus.

Amidst words of hope ("This too shall pass") and peace ("War is wrong!"), a message urging readers to "Kill D Arabs" was written on the bulletin board at One Pace Plaza's 1st floor south corridor. The message was crossed out on September 24.

Dr. Richard Shadick, director of training at the Counseling Center, said that his biggest concern following the attack on the World Trade Center is preventing Muslim or Arab students from being targeted as "objects of hate."

Although he gave no specifics on whether Arab or Muslim students have visited the Counseling Center with such experiences or concerns, Shadick explained that all people are "hardwired to think dichotomously. We think in terms of either-or, black-white."

"People want a simple reason," Shadick added. "The challenge then, from my point of view, is to help people become more complex, responsible thinkers."

"It is easier to say 'Arabs' than to say 'militant Islamic fundamentalists,'" he added.

The Counseling Center has been reaching out to student organizations, namely the Muslim Student Association and the Arab Alliance, to give them a chance to talk about their feelings.

"Their homeland has been attacked and now they are singled out as objects of hate," Shadick said. "That is double the trauma."

The Counseling Center is also offering a series of debriefing sessions for faculty, staff and students to help all cope with the unprecedented tragedy.

"We're trying to stress the importance of not focusing hatred on Muslim- or Arab-Americans," Shadick said. "People need to understand their own emotional reactions instead of displacing them."

Katherine Stoessel, assistant University ombuds, said that although she is not aware of any specific cases of harassment or violence against Muslim or Arab students, there is a general University concern that such incidents may occur.

"I think that it is safe to say that Middle-Eastern students are feeling concerned and they may feel isolated, even fearful to reach out for help," Stoessel said.

Stoessel feels that the community is doing a "great job" combating the problem.

"Since there is a lot of ignorance about Islam, it has been positive to address this at different levels," she said. "It is really on the radar screen now and I think that is excellent."

Jan Spears, University Director of International Programs and Services, also said that she is unaware of any specific occurrences of hatred directed towards Muslim or Arab-American students. She added that "it is not really something you want to publicize."

Spears has sent a message to all international students on the department's email listerv encouraging individuals to contact the office if they have felt threatened.

"We are trying to be as available to students as we can at this time," Spears said. "There are a lot of traumatized students."

Aid to students in need will be done on a more "individual basis," Spears said. Some informal get-togethers are also being planned, "in order to have people interact."

"Many Arab-American students are also fearful for their friends and family throughout the country," Spears said. She added that Pace does not have very many Middle-Eastern students, but, rather, a larger number of Muslim students from non-Arab countries.

"These students may also be targeted because of their appearance," she said.

Hit close to both homes

Muslim-American student leaders on the aftermath of the attacks

By Vladimir Lik

The terrorist attacks on September 11 have spawned outbursts of anti-Arab and anti-Muslim sentiments across the country. According to Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, the NYPD alone registered 56 anti-Muslim incidents within ten days of the attack on the World Trade Center.

Osman Ali, president of the Muslim Students Association and Ahmad Maaty, president of the Arab Alliance, shared some of their thoughts on the attack, its impact on the Muslim community at Pace and beyond and some possible reasons that led to it.

Ali said that although he expected some backlash, he felt that the nature in which people reacted went beyond his expectations.

"I knew Muslims would be targeted whether we did it or not," Ali said. "But what happened to our freedom of religion?"

"As an American citizen, I am extremely hurt and violated," Ali said of both the terrorist attacks and the bias incidents.

Ali is especially saddened by what he called racism at Pace. A recent communication on a message board next to SARS

read "Kill D Arabs." The message was crossed out on September 24.

"I've always promoted Pace with pride," said Ali. "We talk about how great Pace is and the value of a Pace diploma. Well, the value of the degree depreciates because of this."

Ali said that he has not feared for his personal safety during recent because of the strength he draws from others.

"I know a girl who was approached by a stranger and advised to remove her hijab [head covering] because if she looks Muslim, she could die," Ali said. "The girl gave the best answer to the stranger: 'I'd rather die with it on than off.'"

Ali added that women who wear these head coverings should keep them on against all odds.

Maaty condemned the deadly terrorist act and ventured to explain why they happened.

"These attacks occurred because of the United States' foreign policy," Maaty said. "The U.S. exploits the Middle East and its economies and those economies which it don't care to exploit, it makes suffer through useless sanctions."

Both Maaty and Ali believe that U.S. support of

Israel was a motive for the terrorists.

"The U.S. will hold Iraq to follow UN sanctions, but won't hold Israel to the same sanctions," Maaty said.

Ali was also concerned that the United States has done little in the region of Kashmir and instead continues to remain in the West Bank, attempting to settle differences there.

"There are Muslims dying in Palestine and Bosnia for no reason," Ali said. "There's a holocaust going on right now in Bosnia. Muslims are being sought out and slaughtered and women are being raped. It's not fair."

Both Ali and Maaty strongly agreed that killing Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the government's search for organizers of the attack, will not signify the end of terrorism. Ali believes that bin Laden is being used as a scapegoat.

"Maybe he's involved, but he's a pawn on an entire board," Ali said. "He's not the king, he's not the queen and he's not the most powerful piece. He's just a piece you use to save your queen."

Maaty said that although the death of bin Laden may end the terrorist attacks he's allegedly

ordering, it won't change the sentiments of his followers.

"I believe his followers will be more motivated," Maaty said. "A change in U.S. policy should be for common citizens in the Middle East and not for the terrorists."

As for the situation at Pace, measures are being taken to prevent harassment of Muslim and Arab students.

A Statement of Non-Discrimination appeared in the Pace Community Bulletin, which was distributed during the first week of classes after the tragedy. The Bulletin also explained that the University's Affirmative Action Office is available to handle any allegations of harassment.

The Counseling Center has also held workshops instructing professors how to conduct first-day classes and deal with returning students.

The Muslim Students Association and Arab Alliance plan to collaborate on specialized forums designed to combat prejudice, both presidents said. Both organizations are also planning to reach out to other ethnic groups on campus to help in diversifying attendance at the events.

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Students return to residence halls

By Melissa Hemdal

Resident students were displaced for over a week after the unprecedented terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on September 11. As students returned to One Pace Plaza to continue classes on September 21, all are attempting to readjust to a campus environment that has been incontestably changed.

Maria's Tower and William Street residents returned on September 20. The 75 West Street residence, because of its close proximity to the attack site, will not reopen for the remainder of the semester.

"West Street was not destroyed," said Nichole Gagnon, a Residential Life coordinator. "There are a lot of rumors flying around. Pace had only the third floor of the building, and only two windows were blown out."

"It is just so close," said Gagnon. "And it smells bad down there."

West Street and College of Insurance (TCI) residents have been relocated to 160 Bleeker Street and 310 55th Street.

One former West Street resident currently living at the Bleeker Street location described the new housing as being "Alright, but it is no West Street."

Another former West Street resident who has been relocated to William Street shares a similar sentiment. "It sucks," he said.

Several William Street residents expressed feelings of uneasiness upon returning.

"I don't think we are sure how we are feeling. Everyday is different. It is like a roller coaster," a resident explained.

"I don't want to go home [to visit my family]," said one resident, "because I'm afraid I won't come

back."

Although some students have decided not to return to the University, an employee of the Residential Life office said, "it is not a huge number. Much less than expected."

A resident assistant in Maria's Tower said that he had assumed that the first-year students would be very affected, but, in fact, "It has hit returning students more, I guess because this is our neighborhood."

A first-year, out-of-state student said that she feels "perfectly safe" at Maria's Tower and in the area.

"There are armed guards everywhere," she said. "I don't feel threatened."

But another longtime resident of the Downtown area expressed a different sentiment.

"Nothing is back to normal," she said. "Not when you live here. We can't open our windows, we can't go to our food stores, some subway lines are not running. It is not back to normal."

Residents in Brooklyn expressed a general sense of safety.

"I have no reservations about anything," said one Tillary Street resident. "The fire department and the police department are right next door, so I feel safe. Also, the buses run to and from school, so that helps."

A St. George resident said he feel, "a little left out, but I am glad to be left out."

When asked if he had reservations about living in New York City, he replied, "I'm not sure that I fear another threat. I think our government is doing all it can to protect us."

On September 11th, West Street and TCI resi-

dents "evacuated themselves," according to Gagnon. Several took refuge at William Street.

"Most were crying when they came in," said one William Street resident. "They were running for their lives and said that body parts were all around them."

135 William Street was evacuated by early evening, but several residents ran as soon as the dust from the collapses began to settle.

"We kept running up and down the steps, trying to think what we should do next," said one resident. "People were running in from the streets to breathe. We finally stayed in one apartment, taped the windows shut, and cut t-shirts into strips to cover our mouths. When it cleared, we took off."

Fifteen students from William Street went to Maria's Tower on the evening of September 11th, where they were given a place to stay for the night.

One Pace Plaza, including the Maria's Tower residence hall, was structurally sound, though the building had no dining services and was operating on temporary generators. Residents were evacuated on September 12. [See "New York campus provides triage, shelter, counseling," September 21.]

Presently, 31 students have been relocated to Bleeker Street; 11 have been relocated to 55th Street.

"The leases are up in December," Gagnon said. "Then I guess we'll just take it from there."

West Street residents, accompanied by Pace Security and several police officers, were permitted to enter the building and collect some belongings on September 20.

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Students begin planning events to commemorate WTC attack

By Shams Tarek

Student leaders, led by Dean for Students Marijo Russell O'Grady and Director of Campus Activities Dawn Knipe, met at 3 PM in the Faculty Dining Room on September 21 to plan events and activities in light of last month's World Trade Center attack and its effects.

Future planning meetings will target general students as well as student leaders. Campus Activities will also create an email listserv specifically for discussing World Trade Center-related events and activities.

Representatives from 15 student organizations including The Pace Press participated in the meeting. Some of the most popular ideas during the brainstorming session included a simultaneous balloon release by thousands of students, volunteer work and educational programs.

Following is a complete list of event and activity ideas student leaders came up with at the meeting, pre-

sented in the order the ideas were mentioned. Ideas mentioned by members of The Pace Press are denoted. Students, faculty or staff with additional suggestions may contact Dawn Knipe at dknipe@pace.edu or (212) 346-1590.

- Big brother/big sister mentoring for WTC orphans
- FDNY/NYPD widow and orphan fund
- Ribbon sale for Red Cross
- Ethnic food fair/food drive
- Invite NYPD, FDNY, National Guard and rescue workers into One Pace Plaza for rest, food
- Regularly scheduled blood drives
- "Build Confidence" campaign for organizations to talk to students, especially freshman, who are thinking of leaving Pace after the WTC attack [The Pace Press]
- Terrorism symposium
- History lectures related to the WTC attack
- Discussion with Office of Multicultural Affairs and all campus religious groups

- "Shop Across America" campaign to help stimulate economy
- Long-term volunteer pool among Pacers
- Holiday toy drive for WTC orphans
- Pace to be leader in helping rebuild WTC
- Support programs for WTC families
- Day care for WTC families
- Program to help Pace students who lost property in WTC
- Sell balloons to Pacers and have them release them all at same time—to conclude march across Brooklyn Bridge
- Public reading of names of victims
- September 11th Memorial Day [The Pace Press]
- Art exhibition/musical concert/comedy relief
- Candlelight vigil
- National remembrance quilt
- Integrate Pace's WTC activities with Project Pericles, a multi-university program to incorporate civic competency into higher education [The Pace Press]

- Special WTC memorial edition of Aphros (University's annual literary magazine)
- Video diary, shown on WPUB (campus radio station)
- Lecture on financial impact of WTC attack
- Restructuring of UNV 101 curriculum to incorporate WTC [The Pace Press]
- Outreach program to keep general Pace student

- community (i.e., students not in any organizations) involved
- Have future event and activity planning meetings open to general Pace student community [The Pace Press]
- Faculty-student hang-out day
- T-shirt donation for rescue workers
- Family visits
- Campus posters supporting University's Muslim population [The Pace Press]
- Brooklyn Bridge peace march
- Joint memorial with colleges near Oklahoma

- City bombing site
- Combine WTC charity with Walk for the Cure
- Recognize Pacers in the military
- Lecture on military intelligence bureaus [The Pace Press]
- Scholarships for victims
- WTC/September 11th memorial tree [The Pace Press]
- University-wide moment of silence
- WTC/September 11th time capsule
- Thank-you card for Mayor Giuliani, FDNY chief, NYPD chief, other city leaders



Dawn Knipe, Director of Campus Activities, led students in planning events addressing the recent terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Miguel Morales



Lecture introduces perspective of developing nations on the globalization of terrorism

By Katerina Kaufman

Professor Mark Kirton of the University of Guyana gave a lecture on September 25 explaining the perspective of developing nations on international terrorism.

Kirton contended that globalization, which for most nations means westernization, certainly has positive effects on the developing world, including values of democracy, technological advances, and economic opportunities.

In contrast, however, he explained that as developing nations modernize, westernize, and interconnect with the world, they are faced with greater socioeconomic disparities, as well as elimination of their unique cultural identities.

"Crime, violence, and terrorism among nations increase as national boundaries perish", he said.

Kirton explained that developing nations become exasperated in attempting to gain a foothold in the world's affairs and associ-



Shams Tarek

Professor Kirton in LHN.

"the breeder of terrorism." He also said only the U.N. could ease the Middle East conflict and provide a truly global guiding force for democracy, justice and tolerance.

Students were also given the opportunity to speak. Asif Gangat, a CIS major, referred to the lecture as "academia meets reality."

Other students expressed their skepticism about the U.N.'s ability to adequately address issues of terrorism and prevent future incidents.

Several students believe that the United States will not abandon its post as the world's policeman by changing its foreign policy and participating in the U.N.'s effort. The U.S., they said, will choose to lead and thus perpetuate the new world disorder.

The lecture, sponsored by Political Science professor H.R. Clarke and the Model United Nations Team, drew a large crowd, completely filling Lecture Hall North.

ations they were forced to become entangled with by the Western powers.

"The New World Disorder has led to a new movement of rage against Western Imperialism, which contaminates culture with Western views and values," Kirton said in reference to September 11. These movements will increase in their destructiveness and randomness."

Kirton suggested that the United Nations is the only organization that has the resources to address the globalization of terrorism through an integrated agenda of reducing economic disparities, which he called



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EDITORIAL

With the return to normalcy, every moment is a look back



In these first weeks back following the New York campus' reopening, students, faculty, staff and administration seem to be making fine progress in what the nation is calling the return to normalcy. The PACE Board is showing movies in the Student Union, courses have resumed and we're all paying for food on campus again (it was free for all Pacers and their visitors between September 19 and 23). But as we continue to strive for some semblance of life as it was before September 11, we will also be frequently reminded of the tragic events of that day and their effects, for a long time to come. The world has changed forever; Pace is, we should hope, firmly entrenched in that world. The University and its people should treat every moment from now on with those assumptions and do everything it can to be a leader in not only the return to normalcy but also the establishment of a safer, more enlightened community and society.

The New Academic Calendar: An Exam Deferred

The Pace Press applauds Provost Marilyn Jaffe-Ruiz and her team for creating a new academic calendar that is probably as least disruptive as it could be, while maintaining the class time that is so essential to a Pace education [see story page 1]. The New York campus was scheduled to close the fall semester on December 21, and, under the new schedule, it still will; we are concerned, however, about the (optional) January final exam period.

The entire fall semester, having been kicked off by the worst public act of violence in American history, will be one marked by an immediate closeness, both time wise and physically, to tragedy. Students, faculty and staff alike will need the distance of a full Holiday Break to have a really fresh start when the spring semester starts on January 22. To bring students back in the middle of January to take exams disrupted because of a terrorist attack will only recall in their minds that terrorist attack, and would do much harm and little good in terms of a return to normalcy. The Pace Press urges all professors on the New York campus, as has Provost Jaffe-Ruiz, to not use the January final

exam period and instead allow students to complete their course work in December. Students will return in January renewed with the confidence, strength and resolve necessary to live their lives and pursue their educations as they intended to before September 11.

Memorializing the Victims and Recognizing the Heroes

At least 29 Pacers have died in the attack on the World Trade Center [see story page 1]. Countless others, along with members of the National Guard, New York Police Department and New York Fire Department, risked their health and safety and served dutifully to help manage the aftermath of the attack as it affected the New York campus and its surroundings. While the heroes were recognized appropriately at the University's Service of Remembrance and Gratitude [see story page 1], the victims were only given a brief mention. That treatment was with patient, if not grim reason-it is still too early to be sure that all Pacers are okay, and contacting families will take much time and sensitivity. President David Caputo and his team, in having to arrange for an appropriate memorial for the victims, have a heartrending task ahead of themselves; The Pace Press wishes them great strength for the effort.

We would also like to see a physical memorial erected, in public view on Pace Plaza, honoring the victims and heroes of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks, Pacers and all else. With the immediate danger of the attacks far behind, Pacers and all people of the world will one day face the danger (much lesser, of course) of forgetting the tragedy and bravery of September 11. Putting a memorial on Pace Plaza will not only honor those for whom honor is due, but will also act as a statement to the community and the world that Pace University New York shares the pain felt by everyone affected by the attacks and is open to help anyone who may need it.

A Safer Post-WTC Pace

Speaking of community, the important issue of safety after the recent terrorist attacks shouldn't be overlooked. While no crimes have been reported to the Security

Department, small incidents of hate in recent days are evident on campus [see stories page 3]. While the incidents known about haven't been more serious than written epithets directed to the general population of Muslims and Arabs, they are hate incidents nonetheless and may point to more dangerous strains of violence elsewhere or in the future.

To an Arab, Muslim or any other Pacer, to see the words "Kill D Arabs," as were written by some illiterate ignoramus on the bulletin board near the SARS window last month, is painful and frightening. To ensure a safe environment for all Pacers, especially Muslims, Arabs and anyone who may be mistaken for them, every incident, no matter how small or transient, should be reported to the

Security Department. The Security Department, meanwhile, should make a proactive effort to find hate incidents on campus and address them promptly and thoroughly.

The University should take this emphasis on safety a step further and emulate other universities in New York by creating a 'safe haven' program in which anyone in the neighborhood facing immediate or potential danger can go to a Pace-owned building for help. This would not only provide a greater sense of safety for Pacers and people living and working in the City Hall area, but would also be a message to the community saying, "We are strong, we care about you and we are here to help."

Praise for The Press

To the staff of The Pace Press,

quibble with the quality of the writing.

Faculty so often write to complain about reporting or writing in The Pace Press that it would seem a major injustice to let your superb service to the entire Pace New York community in the days after September 11 go unacknowledged.

From what I saw, Mr. Shams Tarek deserves special praise, but all of you must share in the achievement. Your special addition of September 21 showed the same outstanding quality. Keep up the good work.

Throughout that period The Pace Press Online was an excellent connection for all of us to Pace when it was impossible for us to be here. Your articles were informative, responsible and sensitive and no one could

Sincerely,
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OPINION

The day the earth stood still

The worst day in American history and the beginning of its finest era

By Charles Mujahes '00

No, no words can explain the horror of September 11th. America and the world were attacked by insane geniuses who believed they could cripple our great nation. Yes, the very symbols of the world's financial security have been completely destroyed; yes the center of the United States military was nearly crushed; but the United States of America still functions and will become stronger than ever.

Those who have studied the U.S. bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki should now realize what the people living in Tokyo, Japan felt twice at the closing of World War II. Now look at the advanced state Japan is in today.

The "Day of Horror" will actually be a modern equivalent to the Battle of Stalingrad or the Battle of Midway as it will be the turning point where the good guys begin to win. The 21st century did not begin on January 1st, 2001. Rather, it began on September 11th, 2001, as a new world psychological atmosphere smothered all first-world democratic nations.

Like the rest of New York and Washington, D.C., Pace University will rebuild and will continue to establish itself as one of the major private universities in the northeastern United States. If you are a

The 21st century did not begin on January 1st, 2001.

It began on September 11th, 2001.

Pacer who cares about Pace and has school pride, you will lift your head up in this darkest hour of humanity's existence and enhance your efforts to be both a student and a caring resident of the United States.

We still shall rein supreme, even in the face of great evil and grotesque mentality. Stay strong and determined! I extend special congratulations to Mr. Richard Abbinate, Associate Director of Safety and Security (NY campus), Deans for Students Marijo Russell O'Grady (NY) and Geoffrey Harter (PLV), Provost Marilyn Jaffe-Ruiz, Senior Associate Provost Joseph Morreale and President David Caputo for their leadership during these past weeks. God Speed and be aware that Pace is here for you and will pass this historical test with flying colors.

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Returning to a New Normalcy

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1. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 — As Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Marilyn Jaffe-Ruiz was in charge of drafting a new academic calendar that would make up for the class days lost after the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center [see story page 1]. Here, Dr. Jaffe-Ruiz talks with some residents after President Caputo's daily community meeting.

2. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 — Danny Holmgren of Campus Activities at the University's information table in front of One Pace Plaza. Campus Activities, the University department in charge of all student organizations, held a meeting with student leaders today to brainstorm ideas for events and activities related to the recent attack on the World Trade Center [see story page 5].

3. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — Visitors continued to crowd Lower Manhattan near the World Trade Center in an effort to see the attack site firsthand. Here, the view west from Broadway, with a badly damaged 5 WTC in the distance and One Liberty Plaza to the left. That building was believed to be near collapse during the first few days after the attack.

4. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — While classes officially started on the New York campus on the 21st, this day was the first day back to school for most Pacers. Bulletin boards around One Pace Plaza were covered with white sheets of paper and supplied with markers this week for students to commemorate their World Trade Center experiences and express their thoughts. While most comments call for peace, some promote war and at least one promotes retaliation against civilians [see story page 3].

5. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 — Recovery workers at the World Trade Center removed a large standing segment of the shell of the South Tower today;

it will be preserved for a future memorial. The removal, combined with high easterly winds and further progress in the clean-up effort, gave the smoke and odor from the site a particularly noticeable presence in the air around the Pace New York campus. Here, a view of 5 WTC looking west from Broadway.

6. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 — A "Service of Remembrance and Gratitude" was held in the Civic Center Gym today, at which victims of the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center and the people helping the University and the City with the recovery were acknowledged in song and speech. The service was followed by a candle-lighting ceremony around One Pace Plaza and a reception in the Student Union [see story page 1].

7. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — With no day or evening classes scheduled today for Yom Kippur, the New York campus was once again devoid of students, as it was one week ago between the reopening of the campus and the resumption of classes. Local businesses around Lower Manhattan, like The Beekman Deli, continued to show their support for their country and their neighbors. As more and more visitors come to Lower Manhattan to see the fallen World Trade Center, City authorities tried to control pedestrian traffic by banning photography from the street. Right, a view west from the 6th floor of 11 John Street.

8. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 — Donald Scherer, president of the Battery Park Residents Association, discusses access to the neighborhood with a federal official in the Schimmel Lobby. The association held a highly publicized meeting at 6 PM tonight. Most residents were frustrated by access, transportation and the lack of dependable information about their ability to return to their homes.

Miguel Morales (1, 7, 8), Shams Tarek (2-6)





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Prime suspect: Osama bin Laden

By Tinamarie Vella

The State Department calls bin Laden "one of the most significant sponsors of Islamic extremist activities in the world today." It also says that bin Laden was involved in at least three major attacks: the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, the 1996 killing of nineteen soldiers in Saudi Arabia and the 1998 embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. Bin Laden is now once again prime suspect, this time in the recent attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

A Saudi Arabian exile, bin Laden has been granted a safe haven by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban government. While he hides, he has called for a holy war against the United States and for the killing of Americans and Jews.

Bin Laden is a wealthy man, whose money and power stem from the inheritance of his family's construction business in Saudi Arabia. Bin Laden left his homeland in 1979 to fight against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, where the Afghan jihad was made possible with American

dollars and had the consent of the governments of Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. It is believed that bin Laden received security training from the CIA.

While in Afghanistan, he recruited fighters from around the world and imported equipment to aid the Afghan resistance against the Soviet army. There is a possibility that thousands had joined him in the battle against ideas that rejected religion in Afghanistan.

Bin Laden turned against the United States after the Soviet withdrawal at the end of the Cold War. The "Arab Afghans," as bin Laden's associates were called, turned their fire against the United States and its allies in the Middle East. Bin Laden later returned to Saudi Arabia to work in the family construction business, but was expelled in 1991 because of his anti-government activities. He spent the next five years in Sudan, until the United States prompted the Sudanese government to expel him. He then returned to Afghanistan.

[Source: BBC News Online]

The Taliban: Afghanistan's fundamentalist rulers

By Tinamarie Vella

The Taliban have been providing a safe haven for Osama bin Laden, prime suspect in the recent attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. But, who are the Taliban? In 1994, the world was first exposed to this group. They were appointed by Islamabad, Pakistan to protect a convoy trying to open a trade route between Pakistan and Central Asia.

The Taliban is made up of fundamentalist Afghans and former Islamic mujahedin (fighters). They proved to be effective bodyguards by driving away other mujahedin groups who attacked and looted the convoy. The Taliban continued and took over the nearby city of Kandahar. In 1996, this advance led to the capture of Kabul, Afghanistan's capital city.

The support of the Taliban comes from Afghanistan's Pashtun community, which was disillusioned with existing ethnic Tajik and Uzbek leaders, but it was not only a matter of ethnicity. Some were weary of the present anarchy in many areas of the country and were pleased by

Taliban's successes in driving out corruption, restoring peace and allowing commerce to start once again. The Taliban refused to deal with existing warlords and caused a lot of killing and destruction, but earned respect.

The Taliban's aim is to set up the world's purest Islamic State, which bans television, music and cinema. In order to stop crime, their attempts are reinforced by Islamic law and include public executions and amputations. Many regulations forbid girls from attending school and women from working. These regulations got the Taliban in trouble with the international community. Women's lack of access to health care has also caused some problems among the majority of Afghans.

As of now, the Taliban is in control of all of Afghanistan, with the exception of the far north portion of the country, which is the last fort of the ethnic Tajik commander, Ahmed Shah Masood. The Taliban continues to try to get international recognition. In the United Nations, the Afghan seat is still held by the former president, Burhanuddin Rabbini.

[Source: BBC News Online]

Al Qaeda: An international terrorist network

By Tinamarie Vella

In 1998, the United States government issued an indictment that Osama bin Laden allegedly heads an international terrorist network called al Qaeda, which means "the base" in Arabic.

It is believed that bin Laden and Muhammad Atef founded al Qaeda, which was dedicated to opposing non-Islamic governments with force and violence, in 1989. Bin Laden and Atef both sat on a majlis al shura (consultation council), which discussed and approved major plans, including terrorist operations. Al Qaeda had ties with other terrorist organizations, including the al Jihad group based in Egypt, the Islamic Group, which was once led by Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman and other jihad groups in other countries. Al Qaeda has also formed alliances with the National Islamic Front in Sudan, with representatives of the government of Iran and its associated terrorist group, Hezbollah.

One count against al Qaeda is the conspiracy to kill United States nationals. Bin Laden and others had set up training camps and guesthouses in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia and Kenya for the uses of al Qaeda and its affiliated groups. Also, bin Laden and others have provided currency and weapons to members of al Qaeda and associated terrorist groups in various countries throughout the world.

In 1991, bin Laden established a headquarters for al Qaeda in Khartoum, Sudan. Several businesses were established and operated to provide income and support al

Qaeda's traffic in explosives, weapons, chemicals and spies.

Bin Laden also issued fatwas (rulings on Islamic law) stating that US forces stationed in Saudi Arabia, Yemen and the horn of Africa should be attacked. Members of al Qaeda provided military training and assistance to Somali tribes that opposed the United Nations intervention in Somalia.

In 1993, people who had been trained by al Qaeda participated in an attack on the United States military personnel who were serving in Mogadishu, Somalia as part of Operation Restore Hope. The attack resulted in the killing of eighteen United States Army personnel. An attempt was made by bin Laden and others to release elements of nuclear and chemical weapons.

The bombings of the United States Embassies in Nairobi and Dar Es Salaam are the second and third counts against al Qaeda. Those charged for the bombing in Kenya created an explosive device that damaged and destroyed the United States Embassy and caused the deaths of at least 213 Kenyan and American citizens.

The same were charged for the bombing in Dar Es Salaam, along with al-Owhali, Mustafa Mohamed Fadhil, Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, Fahid Mohammed Ally Msalan and Sheikh Ahmed Salim Swedan, who caused the deaths of at least eleven American and Tanzanian citizens.

[Sources: PBS.org and Frontline.org]

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