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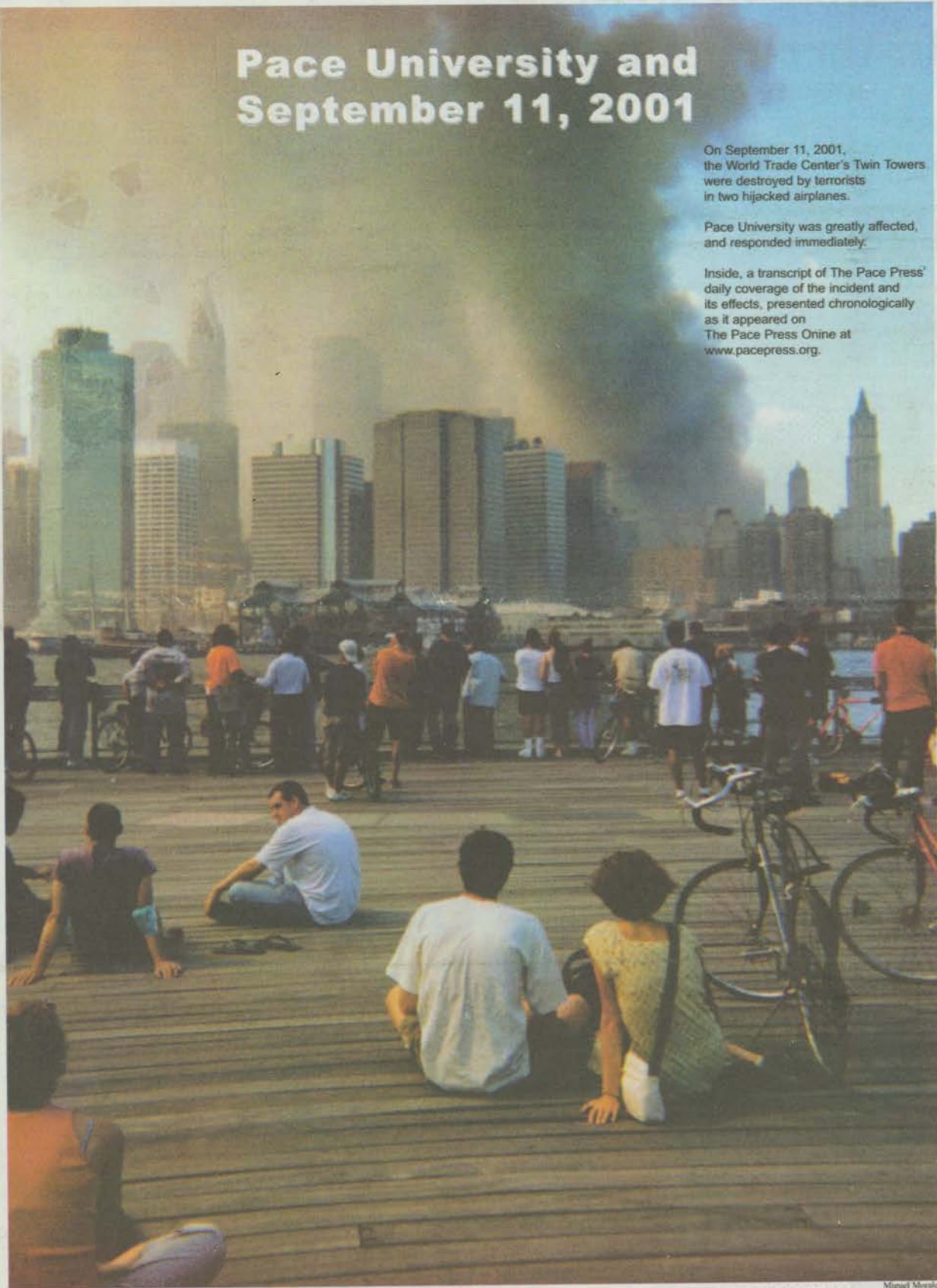
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## Pace University and September 11, 2001

On September 11, 2001, the World Trade Center's Twin Towers were destroyed by terrorists in two hijacked airplanes.

Pace University was greatly affected, and responded immediately.

Inside, a transcript of The Pace Press' daily coverage of the incident and its effects, presented chronologically as it appeared on The Pace Press Online at [www.pacepress.org](http://www.pacepress.org).



Miguel Morales

With all transportation to Manhattan suspended, crowds gathered at the Brooklyn Heights ferry terminal on Tuesday, September 11 to see the smoldering remains of the World Trade Center's Twin Towers. Each Tower was hit by a separate hijacked airplane at 8:45 and 10:03 in the morning; they both collapsed by 10:30 AM, killing thousands.

# World Trade Center destroyed in terrorist attack

### All University facilities closed today and Wednesday

By Shams Tarek

[Please check www.pace.edu for official University announcements.]

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, 5:00 PM -- Both towers of the World Trade Center, one-quarter mile away from the New York Campus and several off-campus residences, were destroyed this morning between 8:45 and 10:30 in a terrorist attack. All Pace University facilities will be closed today and Wednesday. Here is President Caputo's official announcement regarding the incident and its effect upon the University:

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Tuesday September 11, 2001 - 4:00 p.m.

To The Pace Community:

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operable and have phone messages once we get our phone service back.

3. The entire Pace community has responded in a magnificent manner and I want to thank everyone for your efforts. Our resolve must not waver!

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5. You may call 914-773-3400 in Westchester or 212-346-1800 in New York City.

Pray for those who have been lost and for all who are working to assist others.

David A. Caputo  
President

# Electricity, gas, data and voice networks on NYC campus crippled

### Pace.edu, major information outlet during WTC crisis, inaccessible to the public

### Students and staff in One Pace Plaza safe, calm

By Shams Tarek

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2001, 6:45 AM -- With utilities on the New York campus crippled by damage at the World Trade Center, calling the Pleasantville campus at (914) 773-3400 is currently the only way to communicate with Pace University. Students and staff on the New York campus are safe and calm, despite a high level of uncertainty about the availability of services.

The New York Campus' telephone and data networks are inoperative, as still are electricity and gas service. Water service is unaffected.

Staff and residents in One Pace Plaza cannot

communicate with the outside world via either telephone or the Internet. Pace.edu, a major information outlet during the ongoing crisis at the World Trade Center, is inaccessible, as is the New York campus' emergency telephone line at (212) 346-1800.

The outages are believed to be the result of the collapse of 7 World Trade Center yesterday at 5:30 PM, following the destruction of the North and South Towers earlier in the day by terrorist attack.

Several administrators in One Pace Plaza, including Security Director Richard Abbinanti, have mobile phone communications active between the

University's campuses.

President Caputo said late last night that he had posted four news updates on the University's website, and that another would go live by noon today. With the current outages, it is unknown when or how students, faculty, staff and their families will be able to get official information from the University.

The Pace Press Online, which is hosted on a commercial server in Boston and whose operation is not affected by damage at the World Trade Center, has offered to post official University updates on its website. Please check back at [www.pacepress.org](http://www.pacepress.org) for further information.

# Pace University NY loses power and gas

### Triage patients and personnel evacuated

### Third Trade Center building collapses

By Shams Tarek

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, 5:50 PM -- Triage patients and personnel were evacuated from One Pace Plaza after the building lost electricity and gas at 5:30 this evening.

The closing comes in the midst of much chaos in Downtown, after both Towers of the World Trade Center, one-quarter mile away from the New York Campus and several off-campus residences, were destroyed this morning in a terrorist attack.

7 World Trade Center, adjacent to the North Tower, collapsed at 5:30. The building housed the Trade Center's emergency management bunker, built after the World Trade Center bombing in 1993.

An estimated 20,000 workers were in the North and South Towers when they collapsed.

The attack came in the form of two hijacked com-

mercial airplanes that were flown into the Towers. The first jet hit the North Tower at 8:45 AM. The second jet hit the South Tower at 10:03.

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City authorities brought a generator to One Pace Plaza after it lost power Tuesday.



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The University set up an emergency call center in the Pleasantville campus' Butcher Hall when phone and Internet service at Pace New York went down.

## Chronology: Pace University New York and the World Trade Center attack

By Shams Tarek

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2001, 1:55 PM** – Below is a chronology of events in and around the Pace University New York campus in the light of yesterday's terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, which is a quarter-mile away. All Events are on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

**7:30 AM:** 18 members of the New York Campus security staff report to duty as usual; they will not leave their posts for at least 17 hours, with no alternate to relieve him, will be on duty for at least 24 hours, with only two 15-minute breaks during that time.

**8:45 AM:** The first plane, a Boeing 767 American Airlines flight (11) from Boston to Los Angeles carrying 81 passengers and 11 crew members, crashes into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Pacers in Maria's Tower witness people jumping out of the North Tower.

**9:03 AM:** The second plane, a Boeing 757 American Airlines flight (77) from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles carry-

ing 58 passengers and six crew members, crashes into the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

**9-9:30 PM:** President Caputo and his executive board are having a meeting in the Midtown Center. After hearing about the crashes, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Leonard Sippel, whose office is in charge of the Security Department, goes to One Pace Plaza.

**9:17-9:40 AM:** The FAA shuts down all New York City area airports and, wide, the Port Authority closes all bridges and tunnels in New York City.

**9:43 AM:** United Airlines Flight 175, carrying 56 passengers and nine crew members from Washington, DC to Los Angeles crashes into the Pentagon building in Washington, DC.

**10 AM:** Students in classes in One Pace Plaza are told that there is an emergency at the World Trade Center and are made to evacuate to Maria's Tower.

**10:05 AM:** 80 minutes after the first collision, the South Tower of the World Trade Center collapses. Huge clouds of smoke pour

through the streets, sending pedestrians on a frenzied rush up Church Street, Broadway and Park Row. Smoke also pours in through the windows in Maria's Tower, forcing residents to wear masks.

**10:10 AM:** The Pentagon partially collapses.

**10:10 AM:** United Airlines Flight 93 from Newark to San Francisco crashes in the woods in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

**10:13 AM:** The United Nations building evacuates.

**10:28 AM:** The North Tower of the World Trade Center collapses, sending more debris, dirt and smoke through the streets.

**10:30 AM-noon:** President Caputo and several other members of the executive board are taken to One Pace Plaza from the Midtown Center by special police transport.

**10:53 AM:** New York's primary elections scheduled for today are postponed.

**10:57 AM:** New York Governor George Pataki orders all state government offices closed.

**11:02 AM:** Mayor Giuliani orders an evacuation of Manhattan south of Canal Street.

**NOON:** Commuters are allowed to leave the campus.

**2 PM:** Maria's Tower occupants are evacuated to the C-Level Gym following (false) rumors of a gas leak.

**2:49 PM:** Subway and bus service are restored in New York City.

**4 PM:** President Caputo publishes his first emergency message of the day on www.pace.edu. The message tells readers that One Pace Plaza and its students are safe, but that "phone service is erratic" and "Communications are difficult between campuses." Three updates follow by 11:30 PM.

**4:30 PM:** Maria's Tower residents are allowed back up to their dorms.

**5:30 PM:** The 47-story 7 World Trade Center collapses from fire-related stress. Electricity and gas service to One Pace Plaza and several local offices and residences are lost. Panic spreads in One Pace Plaza, where, under automatic emergency lights,

students start to worry about the building's vulnerability. Without essential utilities, the triage center set up by the New York City EMT in the Admissions Lobby is evacuated.

**7:45 PM:** The New York Police Department reports that at least 78 officers are missing in the disaster area. City officials also estimate that up to 200 City firefighters may have already been killed in the Towers' collapse.

**11:30 PM:** A large generator the size of an 18-wheel truck is moved next to One Pace Plaza on Spruce Street in preparation for use as the building's main source of power until regular service is restored. Gas is still unavailable, telephone service is erratic and water service starts to become intermittent. The data network is down, cutting off Internet access to the building. Later in the evening, www.pace.edu goes offline and the New York Campus' emergency information number, (212) 346-1800, "has been changed or disconnected," according to an automatic message. The number and website are still unavailable as of 1:53 PM on Wednesday, September 12.

### Other Known Events Without Time Information:

- 41 Park Row is evacuated; a security guard is put on 24-hour watch in the lobby to report fires.

- Dr. Richard Raskin of the Counseling Center is brought to Maria's Tower with several doctoral psychology students to assist students and staff. President Caputo and Dean for Students Marijo Russell-O'Grady describe the move as a precautionary measure.

- Dean O'Grady is evacuated from her home and brings her husband and one-year-old son to One Pace Plaza. The family spends Tuesday night in the building.

- 135 William residents are evacuated to Maria's Tower.

- 75 West Street residents are evacuated to Battery Park City. As of 11:30 PM on Tuesday, September 11, Dean for Students O'Grady doesn't know the exact whereabouts of the students "but heard from the Resident Assistant that they're okay," staying with friends in the area.

# New York campus provides triage, shelter, counseling

*University officials maintain relative calm, order in One Pace Plaza despite mass casualties and destruction at World Trade Center 1/4-mile away*

*WTI students, faculty, staff unaccounted for*

By Shams Tarek

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2001, 8:45 PM—Tuesday was a long, chaotic day for most people on the New York campus, which is a quarter-mile away from the site where two hijacked commercial jumbo jets flew into and destroyed each of the World Trade Center's Twin Towers. Mayor Giuliani estimated at a news conference today that the death toll could be in the thousands. President Caputo and other high-level University executives, while maintaining a calm and positive attitude, acknowledged the gravity of the situation.

"It's very sad," said President Caputo yesterday. "It's a very sad day."

The University will be closed until further notice. While there is no official information about whether any Pace students, faculty or staff were seriously injured or killed in the attack, President Caputo is sure that most, if not all, Pacers are okay.

"Our students are accounted for and we have set up phone service for them to call home, but phone service is erratic," said Caputo.

Several Pace students had breathing problems due to their asthma and the smoke from the explosions. Residents on the sixth floor of Maria's Tower said that smoke poured in through open windows and filled the hall, forcing residents to wear the same masks people were wearing on the streets below.

Pace University had property for its World Trade Institute on the 55th floor of the World Trade Center. President Caputo does not know which, if any, faculty, staff or students were in the Institute, an academic branch of the University, at the time of the attack.

"We think all our people got out, but we don't know yet," Caputo said last night at 11:30.

While students, faculty and staff tried to make sense of the situation as it was still early in its development, University management prepared for a full-scale emergency.

President Caputo and his executive board were in a meeting in the Midtown Center when they found out about the first jet crash. Executive Vice President

for Finance and Administration Leonard Sippel, whose office is in charge of safety and security, left the meeting and arrived at One Pace Plaza before either Tower collapsed. President Caputo and other executive administrators arrived at the scene by special police transport after the two Towers had collapsed.

Safeer Chowdhry, Supervisor of the Security staff at the time of the attacks, described a scene in which both Pace students and pedestrians from the street turned to the University for help.

"It was chaos, just chaos," Chowdhry said. "We had students in the gym, the Downtown Theater, the Spotlight, the Student Union. Some students had breathing problems. One man came in with a broken hip. Outside, it was like you were in the middle of a dust storm."

When asked what was the University's policy on giving medical attention to victims walking into the building, Chowdhry said, "If someone comes in and he's injured, what do you do?"

Students were made to leave classes and evacuate to Maria's Tower and other locations in One Pace Plaza at 10 AM. The New York City EMT cleared out the Admissions Lobby and made it into a triage center for victims from the attack scene. Many of the patients were New York City police officers, firefighters and other emergency workers.

The triage center was evacuated at 5:30 in the evening, when the collapse of 7 World Trade Center cut off electricity and gas to One Pace Plaza. The University brought an emergency generator the size of an 18-wheel truck to Spruce Street at 11:30 last night.

When the triage center was in a working state, the sight was not a hopeful one. When asked whether there were any patients left spending the night in the Admissions Lobby, Chowdhry replied, "There are no patients in the center because everybody was," and was at a loss for words.

According to the limited information currently available, no students, faculty or staff at One Pace Plaza or its nearby residences were physically injured in the attack or its aftermath, which laid

debris and about three inches of dust and ashes over local streets.

The structures of One Pace Plaza, 41 Park Row and all off-campus residences were unaffected, said President Caputo.

Classes were being conducted at One Pace Plaza when the two jets hit the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center at 8:45 and 9:03 in the morning, respectively. Students were made to leave class and go to Maria's Tower or the gym at 10 AM.

Some students in the Maria's Tower residence, like Mehreen Khan, initially thought nothing of the blasts.

"I thought it was thunder, but then I saw that it wasn't dark," Khan said.

"When someone said there was an explosion at the World Trade Center," said Maria's Tower resident Blaire Silverman, "I thought it was a joke."

But the reality of the situation was apparent to most students when they returned to their dorms and looked out their windows to see the South Tower of the World Trade Center collapsed, and the North Tower smoking. Some residents saw victims jumping out of the North Tower, said 6th-floorer Christine Reina.

Dr. Richard Raskin of the Counseling Center and some of his doctoral psychology students were brought to Maria's Tower to help students and others experiencing psychological trauma. The decision to bring in Raskin and his assistants was a precautionary measure, said both President Caputo and Dean for Students Marijo Russell O'Grady.

Commuting students and faculty were allowed to leave the building at noon. Further chaos ensued two hours later, however, with a false rumor about a gas leak. Everyone in Maria's Tower was forced to evacuate and go to the C-Level Gym.

"There were no set directions," Khan said. "The Director of Security was giving everybody orders."

Students took the stairs and by doing so, inadvertently tripped fire alarms.

At 4:30, the rumor was dispelled, the students' security was confirmed and residents were once again allowed to go back to their dorms. Only one hour



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National Guard medics and privates set up a triage center in the Admissions lobby.

later, though, panic struck again.

The 5:30 PM collapse of 7 World Trade Center that cut off electricity and gas to One Pace Plaza made the building go dark and quiet as lights and air conditioning shut down.

"Basically it was another disaster to add to everything else," Silverman said.

"Everybody started screaming," Dean O'Grady said. "We got on the P.A. and calmed everyone down."

"It's been difficult in the sense that people are scared, rumors are floating around and everybody is dispersed," Dean O'Grady added. "There's a lot of anxiety; people are scared."

Dean O'Grady has recent experience in managing non-critical-yet-challenging emergency situations like this one; exactly one year ago, she was helping sort out housing for over three hundred students left homeless with less than three days notice when 106 Fulton, a new University dorm, was suddenly shut down by City authorities for, among others, fire code violations.

Dean O'Grady, who was evacuated from her own home at 7 PM, spent the night in One Pace Plaza with her husband and one-year-old son. She spent most of the night walking

around the B-Level conferring with President Caputo and other officials and staff or resting in the Spotlight Café.

Despite the day's chaos and confusion, things had calmed down by 11 PM. The University's top leaders were very positive and energetic.

"I think everyone was terrific today," said Frank McDonald of the Security Department. "Everybody's been doing a great job."

"Our number one commitment today was that everyone was as safe as they could be," Caputo said. "Everybody's been magnificent—the security staff, maintenance, the R.A.'s, Marijo."

Leonard Sippel was upbeat about the prospect of Pace's emergency generator being installed.

The students in One Pace Plaza were less optimistic than reflective or sardonic.

"It makes you realize your own mortality," Khan said of the attack.

"The hardest thing about today was trying to believe it was real," added Silverman.

"Oh, we lost a good mall," said one unnamed Maria's Tower resident, as overheard by Reina.

Others, Khan said, made "ignorant comments about Israel and Palestine" or "were just getting off on

it, calling friends and telling them they were part of the event.

The most cynical people in contact with the attack seem to be the emergency workers at or near the attack site.

"They haven't found any bodies yet, but there's going to be a hell of a lot," said one firefighter in One Pace Plaza looking for a telephone yesterday around 11 PM.

"There's nothing you can do down there," said one construction worker on Pace Plaza who just came from the attack site. "It'll take a week to clean up. The building is tilted."

"I saw the first plane," said a Verizon employee on Broadway and Leonard Street named Joe. "It was like something out of a dream. It was surreal. And we saw the second one; the explosion blew right out of the building on the other side."

"I was in the service and I've worked with explosives," Joe added. "Those planes didn't make those buildings fall, no way."

Joe gave a reporter asking how best to see the attack site a word of advice.

"Don't go too close; don't bother," he said. "You might see something you don't want to see."



EDITORIAL

# The world will never be the same

Last Tuesday's terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, which destroyed one of the most famous symbols of human endeavor in the world and killed over five thousand innocent fathers, mothers, siblings, children and friends, was the single most deplorable and life-altering event this generation is likely to ever see.

### War will never be the same

We hope the United States acts responsibly and effectively in response to the attack. There is much talk right now about going to war and fighting terrorist enemies. But in the case of the World Trade Center attack, which was most likely planned and executed by a wide network of people of all levels of involvement and awareness in a number of countries, including our own, how do we define the words "terrorist" and "enemy"? What can we do to whom under the Geneva Convention, the rules of war drafted in 1949 that we still follow today, in the age of small arms, global communication and civilian terrorism? How do we define war, when our potential enemies live not only in far-away, hostile locations but also in the streets we walk every day? In this war, there are no battlefields (only our cities), no uniforms (only what we wear every day), no weapons (only box cutters and airplanes), no concrete chain of command (only the sprawling reach of the Internet and the dollar).

Before moving forward, the United States and every nation of the world will have to redefine the rules they live by.

### The University will never be the same

Pace is the closest university campus to the World Trade Center. Undoubtedly, no university was and will be affected by last Tuesday's attacks as much as ours. Our closeness to the Trade Center and the industries it supported used to be nothing but an asset; it may still be, but now it is also a reminder, sobering if not somber, of the significant terror that struck the world on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

The good that has emerged from last Tuesday's tragedy is much more evident than anything else at Pace University, though. The moment disaster struck, the administration mobilized with utmost urgency and care to help and protect its students, faculty and staff, but particularly

its students. President Caputo has been an outstanding leader throughout last week and continues to be so today. He has not only worked tirelessly as an administrator to manage the crisis' effects upon our University, but has been ceaseless as a symbol of strength, resolve and care. President Caputo has slept in our dorms and has eaten in our cafeteria. He is making a personal effort to keep us informed and confident that we will endure. The Pace Press commends President Caputo.

Others in the community besides President Caputo have also made incredible efforts to help the University's students and each other. Both campus' Deans for Students and their staffs have worked non-stop since Tuesday to ensure students' comfort and safety. Our friends in Pleasantville, in particular, have been extremely generous in opening their residence halls and hearts to displaced New York Pacers. Faculty members like Professors Bill Offutt and Nancy Reagan, who went to great lengths to keep students and others informed about the New York campus during the University's information blackout last week, also deserve commendation for their generosity and care. Staff departments like Safety and Security and Buildings and Grounds worked around the clock throughout last week and this week to ensure the safety and comfort of everyone in the Pace University community. The Pace Press commends them. The Mail and Dining Services departments, those most used but least noticed of University divisions, have also done everything they could to make sure Pacers make a seamless transition back to University life. The Pace Press commends them, too.

In short, last week's tragedy has brought out the best of the University and its people. Today, we should all be proud of Pace University. Tomorrow, after we have weathered this tragedy on our hands with the individual care and resolve that we will now be known for, we should be prouder still.

The University should continue to harness the goodness and strength of its students, faculty, staff and administration in the days, weeks, months and years to come. We are first and foremost an academic institution, and should, as several faculty members have already noted, make sure to include the historical events of last

week in our curriculum and research, not only this semester but in the semesters to come. As the closest university to the World Trade Center, Pace University has not only the opportunity but also an obligation, not only to New York City but also to the world, to explore the causes, consequences and solutions last week's tragedy holds deep within itself. Last week's attack on America has effects on the worlds of politics, economics, society, religion, ethics, science, engineering, literature, art and business in infinite ways. Let us not ignore, as individuals and as an institution, the academic significance of our present situation.

We are not only an academic institution, but also a community institution. We have residential, spiritual, civic and commercial neighbors in the Downtown area, neighbors who we cannot ignore. We didn't ignore our neighbors last Tuesday, when we opened our doors to fire fighters, police officers, medical technicians and regular citizens who needed help. We must keep the arm we extended last week in that position for as long as anyone needs us.

A university is a pillar in any community; in our community, which includes New York's City Hall, Wall Street, numerous federal buildings and some of the oldest churches, temples and mosques in New York, being a pillar is an especially tough challenge. But the compassion, strength and leadership Pace and its people have shown in the past ten days makes The Pace Press confident that our university can be not only a pillar but also a beacon for

Downtown New York and beyond. Like many of our neighbors, we have been seriously disrupted last week. But we are enduring, and we will grow. Let us always give our neighbors a helping hand as we follow our unflinching path to ever-greater achievement and understanding.

The University has shown much care and understanding for its members and its neighbors since last Tuesday, in this most urgent period of crisis and resumption. We should never recede from this stance.

Last week's attack was of such great scale and consequence that most people cannot even begin to explain it right now, and will likely never be able to fully. We should take the utmost care to maintain our civility, common sense and basic belief in the goodness of our fellow man as we try to understand the events of last week. The people responsible for last week's evil, inhuman attack are few and isolated. They are outcasts, hiding on the fringes of humanity. They do not represent any group or ideology with a membership larger than, according to international intelligence reports in the news media lately, several hundred people at most. While we fulfill our responsibility as students of the human condition to make sense of last week's tragedy, let us also fulfill our responsibility as students of higher learning and maintain the openness, objectivity and understanding required of us to get through this, in one piece, together.

We will never be the same, but that's okay. We shall endure.

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**OFFICIAL PACE NY REOPENING SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, 9/19  
1. All Pace University staff from One Pace Plaza, 41 Park Row, TCU and 154 William Street report to One Pace Plaza Plaza.  
2. Mallory Center staff reports to Mallory Center and classes begin from Wednesday 9/19.  
3. Students who reside in Maria's Tower ONLY are to report to One Pace Plaza AFTER 2:00 PM on Wednesday, 9/19 and throughout the rest of the week.  
**Thursday, 9/20**  
1. All faculty and staff continue to report to One Pace Plaza.  
2. Students who reside in One Pace Plaza, TCU and William Street locations are to report to One Pace Plaza AFTER 10:00 AM on Thursday, 9/20 and throughout the rest of the week.  
**Friday, 9/21**  
1. Classes begin in the downtown campus.  
2. Resident students continue to report to One Pace Plaza.  
**Saturday/Sunday, 9/22-9/23**  
Resident students

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2001 - The Pace New York campus reopened today for faculty, staff and residents of Maria's Tower. Classes in One Pace Plaza resume Friday. Left, history professor and Honors Program director Dr. Bill Offutt in Caf 101 talking students about "PaceNews," an online discussion group he created on Yahoo! Groups with Professor Nancy Reagan to keep Pacers, mostly students, informed during last week's school closing. The group can be viewed at [groups.yahoo.com/group/pacersnews](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pacersnews)  
*[Media Credit: Miguel Morales]*

**Pleasantville takes broad steps to accommodate displaced New York residents**  
Country cousin gives stranded New Yorkers food, clothing, beds and company  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2001, 11:30 PM - With Maria's Tower check-in to begin just after the New York campus' reopening tomorrow, many New York Pacers will be seeing One Pace Plaza and perhaps even Lower Manhattan for the first time since evacuating the area last Wednesday at noon. For the New York residents who were able to live in the University's Westchester residence halls, the past week was a jarring combination of chaos and care.  
*[Click headline for full story]*

**With initial chaos behind, the search for victims begins**  
Two students, one professor unaccounted for  
"Awful amount" of alumni could be lost, dean says  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2001, 11:30 PM - With Pace New York's grounds physically safer and accessible and all current residents and staff accounted for, the University now faces the grim task of finding out if any current or past students or faculty were injured or killed in last Tuesday's terrorist attack against the World Trade Center.  
*[Click headline for full story]*

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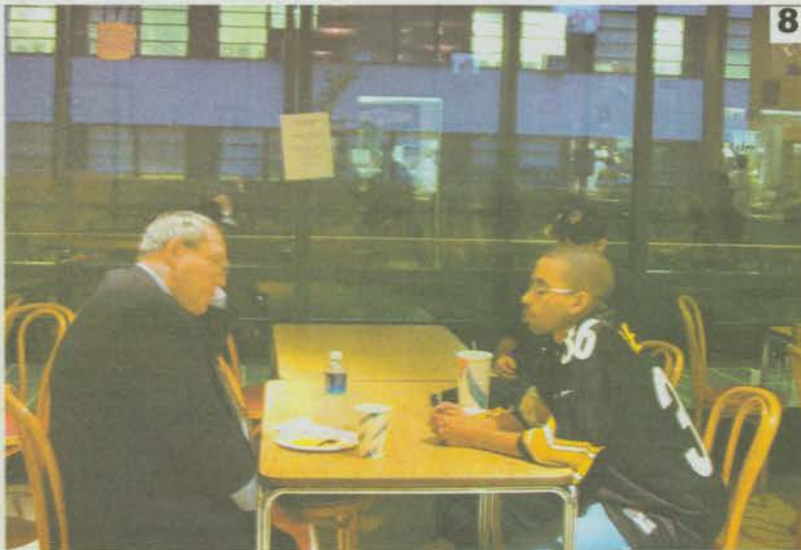
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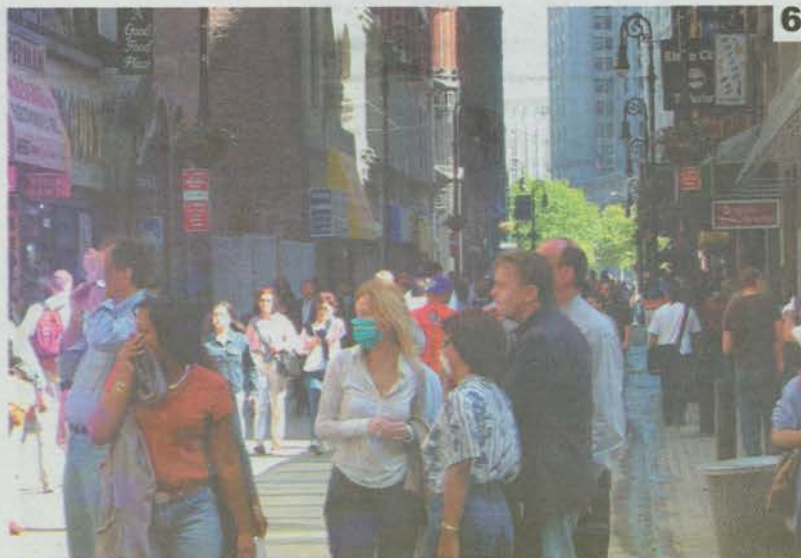


1. Tuesday, September 11 - The World Trade Center's Twin Towers seconds after the South Tower was hit by the second hijacked airplane. The event caused much chaos and confusion at One Pace Plaza and paralyzed all of Lower Manhattan and much of the world. [Shimon Reece]

2. Thursday, September 13 - Cars crushed and burned by debris from the Twin Towers were brought to Frankfort Street, adjacent to One Pace Plaza, on Wednesday. They were loaded on flatbed trucks and removed the next day. [Miguel Morales]

3. Saturday, September 15 - National Guard medics and privates set up a triage center in One Pace Plaza's Admissions lobby after the Twin Towers collapsed. When the Guard left Pace on September 18th, they left their flag as a gift. [Morales]

4. Sunday, September 16 - Union Square Park was a public coping ground since Tuesday, as 14th Street was the closest most visitors could be to the attack site without residential or commercial identification. The Park recalled the spirit of 1960's activism, filled with vigils, debaters and musicians. [Shams]



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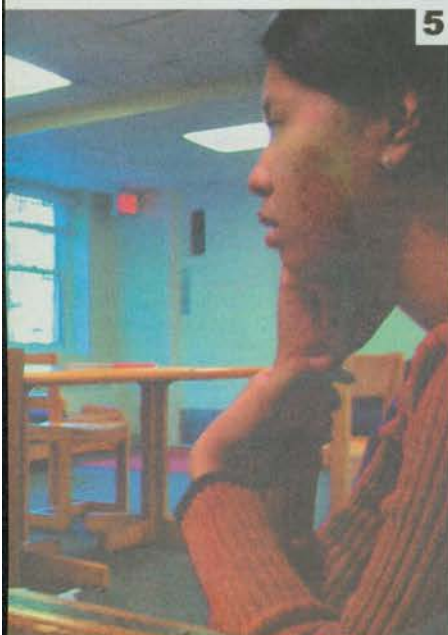
[Tarek]

5. Monday, September 17 - About 25 New York residents were relocated to the University's Westchester campuses during last week's ordeal. Here (left to right), Pedro Plum y, Quant  James and Rudy na Cabana talk about their September 11th experiences in Pleasantville's North Hall residence. [Morales]

6. Monday, September 17 - The City opened up Wall Street and gave pedestrians easy access to the neighborhood once again; many visitors came to get a glimpse of the remains of the World Trade Center. There was still a little powdered concrete in the air. [Morales]

7. Tuesday, September 18 - The National Guard, New York City Police, New York City Sanitation and regular civilians share the corner of Church and Chambers Streets. [Tarek]

8. Thursday, September 20 - President Caputo chatted with a resident during an informal Presidential dinner in Caf 101. He later spent the night with residents in Maria's Tower. [Morales]





## All students evacuated from New York campus

*Activity lessens inside One Pace Plaza as more WTC buildings fall*

*Campus to reopen next Wednesday*

By Shams Tarek

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2001, 1:20 AM — All students were evacuated from One Pace Plaza at noon yesterday, said Bill Link, University Director of Physical Plant.

Most residents went to stay with friends and family off campus. 56 residents, with no friends or family in the area to stay with, were taken to the St. George Hotel in Brooklyn Heights, a University dorm residence. Many of the students taken to the St.

George Hotel were bussed to the Pleasantville campus.

Students at 75 West Street and 135 William Street were evacuated on Tuesday, the day of the terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center that caused three buildings, including the Center's two main towers, to fall that day.

New York City officials forced all occupants to evacuate 41 Park Row yesterday in fear of damage from 1 Liberty Plaza, a building in the World

Trade Center that they suspect will collapse soon. Debris from several standing Trade Center buildings continued to fall throughout the day yesterday.

Casualties are expected to be in the thousands, Mayor Giuliani said in a news conference yesterday.

The University's Pleasantville campus is scheduled to reopen today, including regularly scheduled classes. The New York campus is scheduled to reopen next Wednesday.

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## In the aftermath of tragedy, tension is trumped by tenacity

*Anti-Muslim demonstrators are shunned on a Downtown corner*

By Shams Tarek

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2001, 8:20 PM — Two anti-Muslim demonstrators in front of the Islamic Council of America's Madina Masjid on 1st Avenue and 11th Street were shouted away by about two dozen local residents today.

The demonstrators arrived in front of the mosque around 7:45 in the evening with an American flag hung with two banners.

"We shall have our vengeance upon you," was written on the top banner.

"Shame on you," was written on the bottom banner.

A few local residents saw the demonstrators and immediately started shout-

ing in unison. "Go home, go home, go home!" The crowd soon grew to about two dozen, with just as many silent bystanders.

New York City Police officers and New York State troopers stood on either side of the two demonstrators, protecting them from an increasingly noisy and seemingly impatient crowd. At 8:11 PM, the demonstrators started to walk away. A six-man phalanx of State troopers followed them.

"We're just Americans, just like you," one of the demonstrators said as he turned back to the crowd and held up his flag.

"That's not American," one of the louder anti-demonstrators said. "You are a disgrace."

Shobir Aemad, a cleric at Madina Masjid, was not

surprised by the neighborhood's reaction.

"Those two men came here with the banner, but the community said, 'no,'" Aemad said. "All different kinds of people—Christian, Jewish, Muslim—everybody, they know Muslim people have a right to be here, that they are a peaceful people."

"Our community people helped," Aemad added.

Aemad said that today's incident was the first in which his mosque has been the target of any anti-Muslim sentiment since Tuesday's terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, which many citizens and government officials believe to be the result of a fundamentalist Islamic plot against the United States.

## Wednesday reopening of New York campus to be reevaluated Monday

*WTC cleanup likely to take months*

*Electrical service is weeks away*

*Transportation, commerce steadily resuming regular activity*

By Shams Tarek

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2001, 11:30 PM — While Mayor Giuliani continues to implement aggressive plans to get Lower Manhattan back to working order, University administrators are acknowledging the difficulty in being ready for their official Wednesday, September 19th reopening date.

President Caputo and his executive council will reevaluate the Wednesday reopening at a meeting in Pleasantville on Monday. If necessary, a new date will be announced then.

"We're scheduled to open on Wednesday," President Caputo said today. "Whether or not we'll be able to remains to be seen."

"The buildings are in

excellent shape," New York Director of Safety and Security Richard Abbinanti said yesterday. "But frankly there are a lot of other factors at play here."

Some of the obstacles faced by the University in its effort to reopen the New York campus include the area's lack of power, gas and telecommunications, the disrupted state of transportation to, from and around the campus and the ongoing use of the Admissions lobby by the National Guard as a triage center.

The diesel-fueled emergency generator powering One Pace Plaza, Abbinanti said, could be removed at any time by New York City authorities, who provided it so that triage could be performed in the building. Abbinanti suggested that

two generators would be needed to run the school in its entirety.

Con Edison and general construction crews continued to work on the streets around the New York campus yesterday. The area lost power, gas and telecommunications when those utilities' infrastructures were buried below the rubble of nearby 7 World Trade Center, which collapsed at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, the day two hijacked jumbo jets slammed into and toppled the Twin Towers.

"The power plant that serves this part of Manhattan is in the basement of Building 7," said Ray Flores, Service Manager of the electrical service company Gordon L. Seaman, contracted by Con Edison to help with the restoration effort.

"You're looking at weeks before you get regular service back."

A Con Edison employee on Fulton Street named Jerry said regular service for the area "ain't gonna happen for a while."

Full pedestrian and vehicle access in the immediate area of Tuesday's attack, a couple thousand feet from Pace New York, is likely to take months. A rescue worker gave an account of an immeasurably large amount of debris to remove.

"The skin of the Tower collapsed and folded over itself as it came down," said George Kroenert, a Parks Department employee who is helping with the cleanup efforts. "You can't get into the other floors."

"I was in what they call 'the pit,'" Kroenert added. "It's a mangled mess, a 40-

foot drop to the bottom. There are probably basements and subbasements 100 feet down. I've never seen so much mangled metal in my life."

"It's a bucket brigade," Kroenert said of the cleanup procedure. "There are lines of people sending hundreds of buckets out of the pit. The pit's still smoldering. They'll be pulling steel out of that place for months."

41 Park Row remains evacuated indefinitely, by order of the City government, because of fears that more buildings in the World Trade Center may collapse. The building also falls within the no-access zone, which is guarded by National Guard troops at Spruce Street and Park Row in the northeastern corner, Nassau Street to the west and Chambers Street

in the northwestern side.

Despite the problems in the area, transportation in Lower Manhattan is steadily improving.

The 14th Street no-vehicle, resident-only border was moved south to Canal Street today, opening all businesses and public spaces north.

The A train is stopping at the Fulton Street-Broadway Nassau station.

The 4 and 5 trains are stopping at the Brooklyn Bridge, Fulton Street-Broadway Nassau and Bowling Green stations.

The 6 train is stopping at the Brooklyn Bridge station.

The New York Stock Exchange is expected to be reopened, with strict security controls, Monday morning at 9:30.





# All World Trade Institute students, faculty, staff accounted for

University division was on 55th floor of One World Trade Center

By Shams Tarek

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2001, 11:30 PM - All World Trade Institute (WTI) students, faculty and staff are safe and accounted for, President Caputo said today.

"I heard from the director of WTI late Wednesday," Caputo said in a telephone interview from his office in Pleasantville. "Our understanding is that everyone is out, everyone is safe."

WTI is an international business-training center

purchased by the University in 1997 that operated on the 55th floor of One World Trade Center, the second of the three office buildings to collapse in Tuesday's terrorist attack that has left hundreds dead and over 4,000 missing.

# New York campus to reopen Wednesday

Midtown classes resume Wednesday; Downtown classes resume Friday

While top administrators manage logistics, Pacers wonder how to cope

By Shams Tarek

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2001, 11:30 PM - The New York campus will reopen tomorrow, after eight full days of near paralysis here and ongoing marathon crisis management by administrators and faculty at the Midtown Center and Pleasantville. Activities for the week include faculty, staff and resident check-in, housing relocation and special events to help Pace New Yorkers cope with the recent terrorist attack against the World Trade Center a quarter-mile away from campus.

While subway access and pedestrian traffic are serviceable, the nearby restricted area is still a major crime scene with the attention of city, state and federal authorities and telephone and Internet access are still unavailable; University officials are suggesting that students, faculty and staff bring additional picture identification and personal cellular phones.

On Wednesday, New York staff are asked to begin to report to One Pace Plaza; faculty, if returning, will need to. Classes will resume at the Midtown campus, and Maria's Tower residents may check in after 2 PM.

On Thursday, 75 West Street, 135 William Street and The College of

Insurance (TCI) residents are to report to One Pace Plaza after 10 AM. Staff and faculty reporting will continue this day.

Classes will begin on the New York campus on Friday.

A detailed schedule, as published by the University Monday at 3 PM, is available at [www.pace.edu](http://www.pace.edu), on this newspaper's website at [www.pacepress.org](http://www.pacepress.org) or by calling the University Information Hotline at (877) 974-2665.

Returning students, faculty and staff will have access to a number of services set up by the University to help ease the transition back to university life after last week's

Counseling services will be available on Mondays and Tuesdays in the Midtown Center and on Wednesdays at One Pace Plaza. Organized by Counseling Services director Richard Raskin, the sessions will employ senior graduate psychology students and the Dyson College's McShane Center and will include special sessions for international students and Pacers from the World Trade Institute, a business-training center owned by the University that was located on the 55th floor of One World Trade Center.

There will be free dining for all Pacers at One Pace Plaza from

Wednesday to Sunday. Dean for Students Marijo Russell O'Grady and Director of Campus Activities Dawn Knipe will be hosting speakouts and other group coping activities in the days and weeks ahead.

While Maria's Tower and 135 William Street residents may return to their rooms when they check in on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, students living on other campuses will have to wait for instructions on where to go.

"We don't believe 75 West Street and The College of Insurance will be available this semester," said Interim Vice President for Student Services Jeff Harter. "The building is looking at leasing additional space in Manhattan."

Meal plan and housing bills may change, Harter said. Residents relocated to a room more expensive than their current arrangement will only have to pay the cheaper fee.

With a rather swift return to business as usual at the New York campus, a move which is keeping in step with the business and residential activity of the surrounding neighborhood, some Pacers are unsure of what getting back to 'normal' will be like.

"I don't know how the faculty will respond to starting classes on Friday

# As American leaders call for return to normalcy, New York campus makes swift progress

Safety, critical utilities near full restoration

Decision to reopen on the 19th to be reevaluated Monday

By Shams Tarek

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2001, 5:45 PM - As President Bush and Mayor Giuliani urge and help New Yorkers to return to "normalcy" tomorrow, the University's New York campus is making swift progress in being ready for its own official Wednesday reopening date.

Maria's Tower residents were allowed to return to their dorms this weekend, one at a time and by permission from the Safety and Security department, to retrieve personal belongings left behind during the Wednesday afternoon evacuation.

A new electricity generator, rented by the University, was brought to Spruce Street last night and was being prepared for use today. President Caputo and his executive council will decide Monday whether or not to connect the generator to One Pace Plaza's power network, said Victor Jabar, New York Director of Buildings and Grounds.

The emergency generator powering One Pace Plaza right now was provided by Con Edison so that the building's Admissions lobby could be used as a triage center for city and federal authorities following Tuesday's terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Regular electrical service to the area is expected to be weeks away.

"Con Edison reassured us that we'll have their generator as long as we need it, until power is restored," Jabar said.

Both the Con Edison and the new Pace-rented generator will need to be active in order for One Pace Plaza to receive the full power needed to run classes, offices and common areas throughout the building, Jabar added.

Land telephone service on campus and in the surrounding area is still inoperative; it is not known when it will return. Wireless phone service seems to be much improved today over the last few days, possibly due

to Verizon's replacement of 10 of its local downed cellular antennae with seven mobile towers.

Internal pace.edu websites, including the email servers at [stmail.pace.edu](mailto:stmail.pace.edu) and [fsmail.pace.edu](mailto:fsmail.pace.edu), are now accessible from the University's network; it is not known, however, when external sites will be available to Pace users. Pace.edu is now accessible, with a few bugs, from any non-Pace computer connected to the Internet.

Downtown New York's problems with electricity, telephone and Internet service stem mostly from Tuesday's collapse of 7 World Trade Center, which was on top of a major traffic hub for all three utilities.

Despite the lapses in these relatively complex, relatively high-tech services, the New York campus seems to be in good shape.

"We have full gas and water service; full water pressure and full steam," Jabar said.

"We had a structural engineer check out One Pace Plaza and 41 Park Row," said Dennis MacDougall, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management. "There is no structural damage and no evidence of asbestos contamination. The air quality is good. If the transportation is back and power is okay, we'll still operate."

MacDougall added that the presence of the National Guard's triage center in the admissions lobby and the lack of telephone and Internet services are not likely to keep One Pace Plaza closed for classes.

On Canal Street today, life continued with little indication, besides an uncommon abundance of American flags and the presence of City police checkpoints at most corners, that the nation's most deadly terrorist attack in history had just occurred a few blocks away. The artery was crowded with shoppers and cars and free of the dusty layer of powdered concrete that covered it just a few days ago.

While Mayor Giuliani opened up car and pedestri-

an traffic down to Canal from 14th Street this weekend, Police, State troopers and National Guard troops expanded the "frozen zone" and increased their enforcement efforts to keep people away from it.

Pedestrians on Fulton Street were stopped at Gold Street today; visitors to One Pace Plaza last night were allowed in the building only with National Guard escort. On Friday night, the western end of Fulton Street was open as far west as Nassau Street and visitors to One Pace Plaza needed only to show identification at Gold Street to walk the south face of the building, along Spruce Street, freely.

Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik said in a press conference today that a number of people who consider the attack site "a tourist attraction" and other "people with bad intentions" were arrested for trespassing into the frozen zone.

University officials do not know how long the National Guard will be in One Pace Plaza and its immediate vicinity.

Most areas east of Broadway and south of Canal Street are expected to be accessible by vehicles and pedestrians on Monday. 4, 5 and 6 trains are stopping at the Brooklyn Bridge station, but only the Federal Plaza exit is open. 4 and 5 trains are stopping at Bowling Green, and are expected to be stopping for exiting passengers at the Fulton Street station.

A free ferry service will be available between Brooklyn's Pier 4 at 58th Street and 1st Avenue and the Whitehall Ferry Terminal in Manhattan on Monday. The ferry will run one way to Manhattan between 9 AM and 3:30 PM and to Brooklyn between 3:30 and 9 PM. The Staten Island Ferry will resume service and NY Waterway will resume service to W. 38th Street and Pier 11.

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# New York campus to reopen Wednesday

*Midtown classes resume Wednesday; Downtown classes resume Friday*

*While top administrators manage logistics, Pacers wonder how to cope*

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and I don't know how the students will respond, either," said Dr. Tom O'Sullivan, chair of the Philosophy and Religious Studies department, today. "They may want to get back to normal and move on, but that's not my response. This situation raises a hundred issues that are worthy of academic study. I think we need to tackle some of these issues as students and teachers."

O'Sullivan doesn't think he could just restart teaching classes as if nothing of great consequence has happened. He thinks the Pace community will need a lot of time before

things will get back to normal.

"The fact that five thousand people who I rode the subway with, shopped with, had a beer with, walked the streets with, were all murdered the other day, makes my blood run cold," O'Sullivan said. "Everyone I've spoken with in the faculty agrees that for the first one or two classes we should talk about what our experiences are and how we feel about them. The only thing we can do is understand what has happened to us."

O'Sullivan stressed the need for members of the Pace community to band together and give each other emotional and moral support.

"What we need is for students and faculty to be having coffee together," O'Sullivan said. "The students need the faculty to reassure them, and the faculty need the students to reassure them; maybe this way we all reassure each other."

O'Sullivan also believes Pace cannot ignore the events of last week on an institutional level.

"I believe we have a special responsibility, not just for ourselves but for the world, to think and talk about what happened last week," O'Sullivan said. "There's a special way in which we're involved that no other university is. We have the resources in our

faculty to produce conferences and publications of interest to the whole world related to this."

Dr. Bill Offutt, professor in the History department and director of the Honors Program, is another faculty member who has been very student-centered during this past week. Offutt, along with Professor Nancy Reagin and some others, have been keeping a small community of students informed about developments on both campuses via email throughout the week. Late last week he created a "Pace News" message board on Yahoo! Groups, on which he posted some further updates and words of encouragement for stu-

dents.

"There are lots of things to be worked out, and you need other people to work them out with you," Offutt wrote. "You need a lot more than just to have classes start again. You need a chance to work through your feelings, to talk with your friends and with strangers who will now be your friends for having gone through the same horror. And I don't mean simply that there will be counselors available. I mean you need to have a chance to decompress, to reorient yourself, to get through a lot of stuff that we are all feeling."

"Many people will be scared, frightened, anxious of being so near to WTC,

or of even being back in Manhattan," Offutt added. "And all of us, I expect, will have that feeling in the pit of the stomach that is sort of like having to throw up, only it feels far worse and lasts longer."

"I hope that students will gather, on the steps and around Pace, simply to talk with one another, with me and with other faculty and staff who will be around," Offutt wrote today. "I promise no cure, for there really is none, but I think the problems will ease once we get back together on campus. I know I'll feel better once I'm back on campus with you."

## With initial chaos behind, the search for victims begins

*Two students and one professor are unaccounted for*

*'Awful amount' of alumni could be lost, dean says*

By Shams Tarek

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2001, 11:30 PM - With Pace New York's grounds physically secure and accessible and all current residents and staff accounted for, the University now faces the grim task of finding out if any current or past students or faculty were injured or killed in last Tuesday's terrorist attack against the World Trade Center.

There are currently two students unaccounted for who were employees of companies in the World Trade Center at the time of the attack, according to Jeff Harter, Interim Vice President for Student Services and Interim Pleasantville Dean for Students. Joan Mark of the Co-Op department is currently trying to follow up with students who had internships in the building.

While all faculty have not been followed up with, one CSIS professor is currently unaccounted for, Harter said. He did not know the professor's name

when he was interviewed at 3 PM yesterday.

The number of alumni who may have been victims of the World Trade Center attacks is unknown, as the University doesn't actively track the employment status of its former students.

"My guess is we had an awful amount of alumni, but I have no idea about them," Harter said. "I don't know how we're trying to find out."

[Harter referred The Pace Press to Nancy Walker, Vice President for University Advancement, who is in charge of the University's contact with alumni, for more information. This newspaper will follow up with Walker and others for upcoming reports on the status of alumni, students, faculty, staff and families.]

Both Twin Towers were felled in last week's attack, as was the World Trade Center's Building 7. Over five thousand people are reported missing.

While the University knew the day of the attack that all 75 West Street resi-

dents left the building safely, most of their whereabouts were unknown. Much progress has been made since then.

"We have followed up with about all the students," said Harter. "We did some phone calls; to my understanding, we got through to just about everyone."

Harter commended the bravery of Tracy Jackson, coordinator for New York Auxiliary Student Services.

"She did a really heroic job; she went back to the building about three times to make sure people got out."

All current students, faculty and staff from One Pace Plaza and 41 Park Row are accounted for, as are all 135 William Street, Maria's Tower and College of Insurance (TCI) residents and staff (while TCI was sold to St. John's University last spring, Pace still had 18 students taking classes and living in the school's building on 101 Murray Street).

## Pleasantville takes broad steps to accommodate displaced NY residents

*Country cousin gives stranded New Yorkers food, clothing, beds and company*

By Shams Tarek

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2001, 11:30 PM - With Maria's Tower check-in to begin just after the New York campus' reopening tomorrow, many New York Pacers will be seeing One Pace Plaza and perhaps even Lower Manhattan for the first time since evacuating the area last Wednesday at noon. For the New York residents who were sent to live in the University's Westchester residence halls, the past week was a jarring combination of chaos and care.

There are about 25 New York residents in Pleasantville and Briarcliff (most are in Pleasantville's North Hall). After much chaos on the day of the attack, with multiple evacuations and relocations within One Pace Plaza, as well as the presence of New York City police, fire firefighters, EMT and pedestrians from the street, the New Yorkers' stay in Westchester could not be more different.

The New Yorkers were greeted with a warm recep-

tion. The University bought bed sheets, pillows, blankets and toiletries for the students, many of whom came with just the clothes on their backs. Students who had no money were given a small stipend for their daily needs; those who needed warm clothing were given money and taken to the Galleria Mall to buy them. Resident assistants also started a clothing drive for their New York campus brethren.

"Everyone at the Pleasantville campus has been taking care of us and that has made it a lot easier," said Maria's Tower resident Rudynna Cabana.

"We're trying to be hospitable to the students," said Interim Vice President for Student Services and Interim Pleasantville Dean for Students Jeff Harter.

Pleasantville officials also arranged activities for the displaced New Yorkers, who were bored away from New York and their friends. On Friday, the University gave the students free movie passes to the Hawthorne Complex.

On Saturday and Sunday were trips to the Palisades and Galleria Malls, respectively.

The New Yorkers were put up in what Harter calls "semi-private" spaces; vacant spaces in the resident halls or other places where the students can close the door and get some privacy." The five students interviewed by The Pace Press yesterday did not complain about the arrangements.

"In one way they appreciate what we're doing and in another they're annoyed they have to be here," Harter said of the New Yorkers.

The 25 New Yorkers in Westchester are mostly Maria's Tower residents, who are mostly freshmen. About 60 New York residents were initially sent to Westchester; the rest left to go home or stay off-campus. The rest of the New York campus' residents are either in the University's Brooklyn Heights dorms in the St. George Hotel or Tillary Street residence, or have left to stay with family and friends.



Miguel Morales

Dr. Bill Offutt, history professor and director of the Honors Program, has created, along with Professor Nancy Reagin, an online discussion group on Yahoo! Groups called "PaceNews." The group's page, at [groups.yahoo.com/group/pacenews](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pacenews), documents the latest news from Pace; the professors created it when all of the New York communications, including telephone and Internet, became inoperative.

## One Pace Plaza triage volunteers speak of an ordeal

By Luis Vasquez

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2001 — The Admissions lobby of One Pace Plaza, which was turned into a triage center yesterday, was very crowded with rescue workers, police officers and volunteers today.

Two volunteers, Crystal Harlacher and Mela Malin, rushed to the center to provide assistance to victims and rescue workers.

Upon hearing the news of the attacks, Crystal Harlacher, Community Affairs Director at Jamaica Estates Volunteer Ambulance Corp, and Mela Malin, a former Cornell University Hospital nurse, rushed to the scene to provide assistance to victims and rescue workers.

"I came down here at noon yesterday, right after the second tower collapsed," said Malin, a former Cornell University Hospital nurse.

"My fiancé and I were bussed here from New Jersey with a lot of friends and other volunteers," said Harlacher, Community Affairs Director at Jamaica Estates Volunteer Ambulance Corporation. Harlacher arrived at the scene just as the second World Trade Center building to collapse, the North Tower, fell.

According to Harlacher, crowds of people, many still in close proximity to the collapsing tower, started running in all directions as they became engulfed in smoke.

"I was able to run from the smoke and debris but many people were caught in the middle of everything," Harlacher said. "I had never seen anything like that in my life."

Harlacher described a scene where one of her friends, in desperation, jumped two stories from the North Tower.

"He was forced to jump from the second floor because he was scared it would collapse," Harlacher said. "He was found alive but badly injured, with broken bones."

Rescue teams and volunteers responded quickly to the situation by setting up triage centers providing immediate medical care all over the downtown area.

"I helped set up the triage next to Duane Reade," said Malin, who had worked in several triage centers in the area, including one in the Brooks Brothers on Church Street south of the World Trade Center. "The basement in that store was being used as a type of morgue where we put the bodies that were declared dead upon arrival. We tried our best to save as many people as we could."

As conditions in the World Trade Center area got more and more dangerous, many of the nearby triage centers were evacuated and set up farther away, like in the Admissions lobby of One Pace Plaza.

"After the fires started expanding, we had to move the triage to Pace University because it was very unsafe to stay that close to the burning, unstable buildings," Malin said.

The triage center at One Pace Plaza was used mainly to treat rescue workers with minor injuries.

"The most common injuries were cuts on arms and legs, eye irritations, burned eyes, sprained ankles and some other minor injuries," Malin said. "If it was a very serious injury, the patient was rushed to the nearest hospital."

# History professor on the reasons and consequences of the WTC attack

By Tinamarie Vella and Anjeza Bojku peoples."

As many people are still in disbelief about the collapse of the World Trade Center Towers, many are also speculating on the reasons and motives behind the terrorist attack. Bill Offutt, American history professor and director of the Honors Program, discussed some of the possible reasons that might have provoked the attack, and, putting it in perspective, theorized about possible consequences.

"America's historical support of the state of Israel and America's war against Iraq in 1991, which led to our placing troops in Saudi Arabia near the Muslim holy places of Mecca and Medina" are reasons that might have sparked a lot of indignation among Arabs, Offutt said.

Offutt also cited America's enormous influence as a factor for it being a target.

"America's position as the only superpower, both economically and militarily, and its dominant force for secularization and modernization, [leads to] American dominance over the economy, politics and culture of the world," Offutt said. "Such power historically produces resentment and reaction among weaker powers and

Another reason for resentment, Offutt said, may be the fact that once the Soviet Union disintegrated, the United States abandoned Afghani rebels it once armed against the Soviets.

Offutt compared the attack on the Twin Towers to other historical killings, such as the attack on Pearl Harbor and the assassination of John F. Kennedy, adding that the latter is the best analogy, as it shook the nation to its core.

"For many years, people would ask each other, where were you when you heard the news?" Offutt said. "That is how this event will be."

Offutt also offered some insight into what could this event mean for the nation. He explained that the assassination of John F. Kennedy was regarded by many as the kickoff to the 1960's in its cultural sense, for both good and bad, in that it made anything possible.

"That is how I see this event," Offutt said. "As unimaginable, unbelievable, generation-defining and likely to let loose forces, for good or ill, that we are only dimly aware of right now."

## Chaos on the streets: Eyewitnesses describe falling buildings, smoke clouds

By Luis Vasquez

Lonzano said.

As the story of the attack on the World Trade Center was unfolding last week, first-hand accounts by witnesses revealed much about the immediate impact experienced in the area. Gary Lonzano, a bystander, and a police officer who wished to remain anonymous, were two such witnesses who recalled their ordeal as they tried to escape the horror of hundred-story buildings burning and collapsing two blocks away.

"I was at my car at around 8:45 AM when the first plane hit the tower," the officer said.

"I was standing to the right of both towers when the second plane hit," said Lonzano.

Minutes following the attacks, crowds were in shock, dazed and confused.

"Some people started crying and covering their mouths in shock," the officer said.

"I saw people running towards the towers and away from them," said Lonzano. "People just stood there looking at the sky and watching people fall from the buildings."

As the situation worsened, rescue workers at the scene told crowds to leave immediately.

"Cops started yelling for people to get away from the buildings," Lonzano said.

Just before the South Tower collapsed, as the top floors of both buildings were on fire, big pieces of debris were falling down upon the World Trade Center Plaza.

"There were tons of pieces of metal falling to the ground. Some hit the fountain around the towers and splashed water about 30 feet in the air," said the officer.

"I saw people jump out of windows and metal fell from the buildings,"

After the collapse of the South Tower, crowds grew desperate in trying to get away from smoke and flying debris.

"I started to run and I noticed that people ran in weird directions, up the street, left and right—anywhere they thought they would be safe," Lonzano said. "They stopped running, looked, kept running, stopped and looked again and continued to run from the cloud of debris."

The officer, who was near a restaurant at the time of the collapse, pulled people in as they were running for safety.

"I started to pull people in the restaurant and away from the cloud of debris," the officer said. "All of a sudden, the entire place went dark. It was like someone had painted the windows black."

"It was moving pretty fast," Lonzano said of the cloud of smoke.

As the smoke dispersed around the area, the crowd in the restaurant tried to leave, but just as people were about to get out, the second Tower collapsed.

I pulled more people in the restaurant," the officer said. "Some people banged on the doors and we let them in before they could get hurt."

With the large smoke cloud hovering outside and the huge crowd inside, the restaurant became very hot. The crowd then moved to the basement "where there was a freezer," the officer said.

The officer suffered no injuries in his efforts to rescue people. Lonzano, however, was knocked down in the street as he and others were running away from the wreckage and oncoming debris of the South Tower.

"A guy stopped and came back, picked me up from the ground, patted me on the back, asked me if I was okay and kept running," Lonzano said.



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