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Terror in America: Coverage of the tragedy felt on campus and around the country. **Inside**

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TERRORISTS ATTACK U.S. | THOUSANDS FEARED DEAD

7:45 a.m. A hijacked airliner, believed to be American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767 from Boston to Los Angeles, crashes into World Trade Center's north tower.

8:03 a.m. Another apparently hijacked airliner, United Airlines Flight 175, also a Boeing 767 from Boston to Los Angeles, crashes into World Trade Center's south tower, erupting into a fireball of flame and smoke.

8:40 a.m. The FAA halts all flight operations at U.S. airports, the first time in U.S. history that air traffic nationwide has been halted.

8:43 a.m. Another airliner, apparently American Airlines Flight 77, a Boeing 767 en route from Washington-Dulles to Los Angeles, crashes into the Pentagon.

9:05 a.m. The World Trade Center south tower collapses, sending debris and dust cascading to the ground.

9:10 a.m. United Airlines Flight 93, a Boeing 767 jetliner en route from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco, crashes in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

9:28 a.m. The World Trade Center north tower collapses. One source speculated that flames fueled by aviation fuel melted the steel supports.

All times are Central Time. Source: The Associated Press, www.cnn.com

BLACK TUESDAY

Cancellation retraction generates confusion

BY BETH FRANCESCO, MATT WARD AND MONICA MOORE
Contributors to The Shorthorn

Conflicting e-mails from administrators Tuesday — who first closed the campus, then retracted the decision — caused confusion among students and employees.

After the first e-mail, a virtual exodus from campus occurred as news spread that university officials canceled the day's classes.

However, 11 minutes later, as some began leaving, officials changed their minds and sent another e-mail to all faculty announcing that the university would not close and that classes were not canceled.

"It was unfortunate that it unfolded the way it did. There was some confusion," said Dana Dunn, vice president for academic affairs. "This kind of confusion is an unfortunate consequence of situations like this."

University President Robert Witt was unavailable for comment.

UTA was among the few north Texas universities that stayed open. As administrators consulted officials at other universities, Dr. Dunn said, officials here were leaning toward closing the campus.

"We had some preliminary reports of closures and decided to move in that direction," she said. "We [then received] new information that some institutions were open ... and we had some guidance from the UT System."

A UT System official said that a mistake occurred at some point here and that the UT System asked all component institutions to remain open.

"All the information I have is that there was some miscommunication at the UTA campus," said Monty Jones, UT System associate director for public affairs. "Apparently, the president's office did not intend to put that out."

UT System officials, he said, did discuss closing campuses but decided against it.

"They talked about it, and there didn't seem to be a reason not to stay open. Our security was reviewed and all our institutions increased security."

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Associated Press: Chao Soi Cheong

Smoke billows from one of the towers of the World Trade Center and flames and debris explode from the second tower, Tuesday. In one of the most horrifying attacks ever against the United States, terrorists crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center in a deadly series of blows that brought down the twin 110-story towers. Another plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington D.C. adding to the tragedy unleashed on the country. Officials confirmed that two American Airlines jets and two United Airlines jets were hijacked and used in the attacks.

"The number of casualties will be more than most of us can bear."

Rudolph Giuliani, New York City mayor

Bush says 'our nation saw evil'

BY DAVID CRARY AND JERRY SCHWARTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the most devastating terrorist onslaught ever waged against the United States, knife-wielding hijackers crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center on Tuesday, toppling its twin 110-story towers. The deadly calamity was witnessed on televisions across the world as another plane slammed into the Pentagon, and a fourth crashed outside Pittsburgh.

"Today, our nation saw evil," President Bush said in an address to the nation Tuesday night. He said thousands of lives were "suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror."

Said Adm. Robert J. Natter, commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet: "We have been attacked like we haven't since Pearl Harbor."

Establishing the death toll could take weeks. The four airliners alone had 266 people aboard and there were no known survivors. Arlington County, Va., fire chief said deaths at the Pentagon ranged between 100 and 800.

In addition, a union official said he feared 300 firefighters who first reached the scene had died in rescue efforts at the trade center — where 50,000 people worked — and dozens of police officers were missing.

"The number of casualties will be more than most of us can bear," a visibly distraught Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

Police sources said some people trapped in the twin towers managed to call authorities or family members and that some trapped police officers made radio contact. In one of the calls, which took place in the afternoon, a businessman phoned his family to say he was trapped with policemen, whom he named, the source said.

Firefighter Rudy Weindler spent nearly 12 hours trying to find survivors and only found four — a pregnant woman sitting on a curb and three others in the rubble of a building in the trade center complex.

"I lost count of all the dead people I saw," Weindler said. "It is absolutely worse than you could ever

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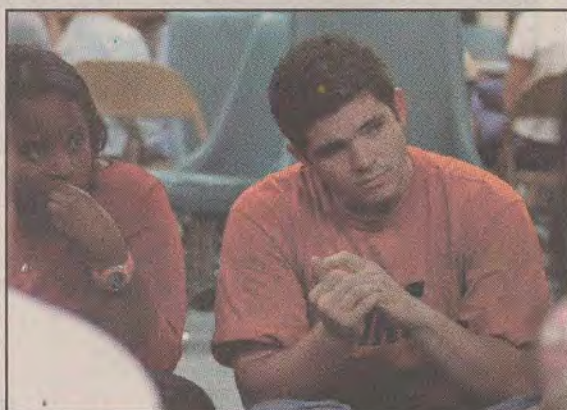
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The campus voices their feelings of sadness and outrage in response to the tragic episodes.



Campus religious organizations try to find comfort through worship after the attack.



Security was heightened around the state and travel comes to a standstill after the tragedy unfolds.



After terrorists shock America on Tuesday, world leaders send condolences while others celebrate the attack.

TERROR IN AMERICA

Attack stuns UTA community

The campus voices their feelings of sadness and outrage in response to the tragic episodes of Tuesday.

BY GJARED ROBINSON, ANGEL VERDEJO AND JASON HOSKINS
The Shorthorn staff

Anthony Martinez had a personal reason to watch the news about the terrorist activity Tuesday.

"One of my friend's mom works in the (World) Trade Center, and another friend of mine lives near the area of the Pentagon," said the mechanical engineering freshman. "I'm worried because I can't get in contact with them."

The World Trade Center and Pentagon explosions left students and employees in tragic disbelief, wondering where to go and what to do. All day, in television lounges and from radio stations, the campus community learned about the day's events, one leading right after the other.

For others like Martinez, having family members or friends in these cities or involved in the military has caused a greater impact than others. President Bush announced that the military would be put on high alert and would be prepared for any actions to be taken.

"I have a brother in the army," said aerospace engineering freshman David Manzano. "I really hope that we don't go to war."

For most Americans, the sense of helplessness and the knowledge of being caught off-guard has set in, which leads many to question the government and its efforts to prevent disasters such as this.

Mark Cichock, a comparative politics expert in international relations, said the country always should expect something like the actions of Tuesday, and he wonders how far the country should go to protect its citizens.

"You inevitably get into a situation where you wonder whether or not you're going to have to sacrifice some of your freedoms in order to protect the general security of the country — or what is perceived to be the general security," said the political science associate professor.

When asked about what steps the government can take to help with the current situation, undecided freshmen Mario Aguilar said he thinks there is nothing the government can do.

"This is one of the worse scenarios imaginable to happen to our country," he said. "You can't rewind and change reality."

Cichock said the government should be careful with its actions.

"I'm hoping the United States is going to take a marked response that says we're not going to go and attack a country for the sake of relieving our frustrations," he said.

The news spread fast around cam-



Education sophomore Michelle Lynde wipes tears from her eyes after hearing about Tuesday's terrorism attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. "I am amazed that something like this could happen in America," she said.

pus, each new person adding to the puzzle of facts.

Communication freshman Jessica Moffatt was in the UTA Bookstore when she heard the news and ran to a television to see people running away from the World Trade Center.

"I was stunned. I thought that it was unreal," she said. "We have to be real cautious now. You never know who is capable of doing what."

Psychology senior Ana Pineda was leaving class when she heard of what unfolded. She said it seemed to be an event that occurs in the movies. Like others, she still doesn't know all the information and doesn't know what to do.

Some hope that this will not lead to bigger worldwide conflicts.

"I pray this doesn't start World War III," said microbiology junior Monica Eaton.

Tim O'Banion, a computer science and engineering sophomore, said something like this could prompt the government to go to war.

Others feel that this sort of attack was overdue and that now we must look at our options.

History graduate student Shelene Anderson said whoever was responsible for the outcome or the number of lives that may have been lost.

"These people don't care; they just didn't care," she said. "Think about their people," she said. "The families of the terrorists are compensated. They are well taken care of by their government, and the individuals responsible are treated like heroes."

History graduate student John Glaze said he wasn't surprised, also noting that it was only a matter of

time. A former military intelligence agent of 21 years, he emphasized that this operation was well-planned, well-organized and well-funded.

Some believe President Bush should act immediately, while others feel it is too early to make a rational decision.

"I would prefer, as compared to a lot of other people I know, to actually see them brought to justice rather than simply see them wiped out," Cichock said. "I would actually like to see them stand trial in New York for the crimes that have been committed."

Mixed feelings and emotions have spread throughout campus as students look into how this may affect the country and community.

"I first heard the news ... and thought it was a joke. I can't believe it happened," O'Banion said.

Terrorism hit close to the campus in recent years when Wadil Hage, part

of the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya in 1998, was arrested near campus that year. Acts of terrorism like these have left some students unsure of their safety.

"What the hell is going to happen now?" Glaze asked.

Cichock said that although residents should be concerned, they shouldn't jump to conclusions.

"I don't think there is a need to overreact in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, but certainly people have got to be concerned," he said. "I don't think it's a need right now for people to be closing schools and sending kids home except for the sense of we need to be paying attention to what's going on and be aware of fact that the world is not that far from us."

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International students fear stereotypes

Some foreign students say they are shocked and worried after hearing about the attacks.

BY TY ALLISON AND JEREMY HOLLINGER
Contributors to the Shorthorn

Manouchehr Dashti and Nima Ghamari are from Iran. Some of the looks they received Tuesday were unsettling, they said.

When Dashti, a computer science and engineering senior, heard news of the violence in New York and Washington, D.C., he and other friends immediately recalled what happened when the Oklahoma City bombings occurred.

"They initially said four Middle Easterners did it," he said. "I thought that something was fishy — an act like that. I knew that was organized crime."

Dashti has a friend who felt ostracized the day of the bombings.

"He went to work, and nobody talked to him. He's a friendly guy; that hadn't happened before," he said. "He grabbed his coffee and went to the back. It's the nature of humans to want to blame someone."

The International Office received Tuesday what Assistant Police Chief Jim Ferguson called a "crank call."

He said he expects no further incidents directed toward the university.

The office would not comment.

Ghamari, like Dashti, is aware of some people's panic.

"In the first minute, everyone just wants to know who did it," the computer science and engineering senior said. "I don't care who did. It's just that they should be punished."

Most students contacted Tuesday said action must be taken but not toward those who have done nothing wrong.

Amit Kumar came to America eight months ago. The electrical engineering graduate student said a small group probably committed this act.

"Tension is created when something like this happens, but people shouldn't feel threatened from international people in general," he said. "This is not a threat from man to man."

Dashti knows people will be looking at him with disapproval.

"I try not to think about it. I have too much studying to do," he said.

Vikran Vijayak, an environmental engineering graduate student, said that this is the way things are in other parts of the world.

He said he hopes the situation doesn't escalate, such as other world calamities have.

Mechanical engineering graduate Vinay Chandra is concerned about being deported.

"We are worried about the future and staying over here," he said. "It's a tough time. I don't know how soon America can come back. You just hope and pray."

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75% of UTA students consume 0-4 drinks when they party

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Wednesday, September 12, 2001

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EDITORIAL/OUR VIEW

Don't bring the attack here too

Students are encouraged to know the facts and not act out in anger

EDITORIAL
ROUND-UP

The issue: Terrorist attacks rock the Northeast
We suggest: Students remain calm and stay focused on school.
Who to call: Counseling is available from the Counseling and Career Development Office. Call 817-272-2737

Media coverage of Tuesday's attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., and the reaction from around the world give the impression that we already know who is responsible for these attacks. Footage of street celebrations accompanied by music, dancing and jubilation from some parts of the world points to various groups, even before all the facts are known.

The UTA community should remain calm and remember that it is not our job to assess blame or expedite justice.

We have been wrong about blame before when it comes to terrorist attacks.

In 1995, the media and the public were quick to assume the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was the work of a plot from outside our borders. In 1996, when a TWA Boeing 747 liner went down over Long Island Sound, once again, terrorists from outside the country were assumed responsible.

The media and the public jumped to the wrong conclusion in both cases. The explosion in Oklahoma City turned out to be the work of Americans disgruntled with their own government. TWA Flight 800 went down because of mechanical failure rather than the work of terrorists.

While yesterday's attacks are most certainly the work of people seeking to harm the United States, our record demonstrates how fast we are to blame certain boogymen. The most appropriate thing for the UTA community, and all civilians, to do is to remain calm and let professionals investigate and bring the perpetrators to justice.

No legitimate avenue exists for any civilian to mete out justice in the United States. One of the beauties of our system, which today came under attack, is that there are recognized procedures for the administration of justice. All are innocent until proven guilty, and no one is guilty by

association. To suspend these principals in a moment of anger would be to stoop to the level of our enemies and would cheapen the ideals we hold dear.

Our sympathy, help and hearts go out to the families of Tuesday's victims. Our best wishes also go out to the law enforcement officers who will bring to justice those within this country who had a hand in these attacks and also to the military personnel who defend our country outside its borders.

Part of what makes this country great is that we do not condone the descent to mob rule, even when emotions run high.

COMPOUNDED
SORROW

A student realizes that Tuesday's tragedy gives him a bond with the families of those involved — dealing with the death of loved ones

The most painful personal tragedy of my life quickly was compounded Tuesday morning by what appears to be the worst act of terrorism in the nation's history.

As I sat eating breakfast at D/FW Airport, preparing to embark on the most difficult odyssey of my life — a trip to Florida for my father's funeral — news of a devastating human disaster unfolded.

I'm a journalism student as well as a human who doesn't enjoy flying, so when the restaurant's television began broadcasting breaking news about an airline crash, I eagerly and curiously tuned in.

A fireball was all that remained of the second of two hijacked planes that crashed into the World Trade Center towers in New York City, eventually causing their collapse. Soon after, a third hijacked airliner



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went down just outside the Pentagon, causing serious damage. Another plane plummeted to a remote area southeast of Pittsburgh. Officials fear that all the passengers were killed, and that thousands might be dead or injured on the ground as a result of the four horrifying attacks.

These images stunned and horrified me. They also made me realize that my already grueling day would become much more difficult.

The news, and eventually a mild panic, spread like a tidal wave through the terminal where my flight was scheduled to depart. Travelers crowded around televisions as they simulcast live images of burning buildings and injured bystanders. Immediately cell phones began buzzing all around, some with news from home and others with concerns about safety. People shouted details to others as the latest updates hit the airwaves.

Flashbacks of the Oklahoma City bombing engulfed my memory.

Almost immediately, the deadly incidents garbled the nation's airline system. Just as the enormity of what had occurred became evident, aviation officials grounded all commercial airliners.

That fact was particularly troubling for me. Instead of being trapped in an airport, I needed to be in Florida to help my family, through the legal and technical rituals relatives deal with after losing a loved one.

Desperation overwhelmed me as I realized that those tasks, which I hoped would help ease some of my pain and uncertainty, would have to wait at least another day. Thousands of families, whose relatives died in Tuesday's attack, will now, sadly, be doing the same thing.

After the news resonated among the masses at the airport, passengers and employees had mixed reactions. Many travelers, eager to arrive at their destinations, appeared frustrated and confused by the cancellations. Long lines formed at ticket counters, and employees fought back questions while attempting to keep order and sort baggage that had been pulled, at once, from all the terminal's planes.

The carnage created by the plane attacks obviously saddened many others. I noticed a few people with tears welling in their eyes as the horrible footage replayed over and over. When I flagged down an American Airlines employee for details, his voice trembled as he said: "One of ours went

down."

While this was happening, I paced along the terminal, looking for my bag while worrying about the delay and whether my round-trip ticket would be refunded. Eventually, I found the bag and came home to Arlington. Depending on the circumstances, I may be driving to Florida.

Soaking all this in as a citizen and as a budding reporter, I thought about my dad, and how much I already miss him. "Pops," as I often called him, was an average man. He was neither wealthy, nor famous, just an everyday parent who cherished time on the golf course, listened to blues music and loved his son.

In the grand scheme of things, my dad's death and my troubles Tuesday pale in comparison to what happened in New York City, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. I only wrote this as part tribute, part therapy — and to convey a first-person account of the commotion at the airport.

I also was struck by the juxtaposition of my painful emotions and the country's tragic nightmare. A heart attack took my father from me on Sunday, forever changing my life. Two days later, a band of terrorists shocked the nation, perhaps changing us all.

GUEST COLUMN

Voters
Wanted

SC President Shane Burke urges participation in the decision making process.

As students at UTA, you have an incredible opportunity to make your university experience memorable by getting involved in an organization or activity on campus. Research suggests that what most students learn in college is through interaction with other students in group settings.

Students at UTA are very fortunate to have so many opportunities to get involved on campus and be key participants in the decision-making process of our university on several different levels. Student Congress has been instrumental in addressing the more evident and articulated woes of the student body. However, the truth is that most students are not affiliated with Student Congress.

One area where students assume active roles in decisions and the implementation of existing programs is through university committees, of which there are more than 20. It may not be very well known, but UTA was the first university in Texas to install a Student Service Fee Advisory Committee. This committee is composed of nine students who make recommendations about how to allocate the Student Service Fee in a way that is determined to be most beneficial to the student body. Additionally, the Fee Oversight Committee is entirely made up of students who meet with both the president and provost to advise on the issue of fee changes. Also, with the passing of the \$9 fee this spring, a student committee will be formed to make recommendations regarding the allocation of the Recreational Sports Fee. UTA students are even given the opportunity to have a voice concerning UT System issues through representation at the UT System's Student Advisory Council.

There are other significant opportunities for students to get involved on this campus. I know that not all of you have the time to attend a Student Congress, Graduate Student Council or Constituency Council meeting. However, I am sure that every person on this campus has thought to himself or herself, at some point in time, that UTA could use some sort of improvement.

Constituency Councils represent all students within their college, the Graduate Student Council is the legislative body that serves graduate students and Student Congress serves as the legislative body for all students. All three councils strive to be accessible to all students of UTA in order to give people a chance for their voice to be heard. It is much easier for Student Congress to accurately make decisions affecting our constituents when you contact us, or your respective Constituency Council or Graduate Student Council representative, in order to let us know how you feel about an issue of concern.

I encourage all students who are interested in getting involved in any area of student governance to come visit the Student Governance and Organizations Office, located in the lower level of the University Center, or call 817-272-2293. You also can contact Student Congress at congress@uta.edu or attend general body and committee meetings every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Student Congress Chambers in the lower level of the University Center. As I said before, it has long been the tradition of students at UTA to play a key role in university governance. I hope that all of you will take the reins and help us keep the tradition going long into the future.



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LETTERS

Month highlights Hispanic cultures

As the number of Hispanics in the U.S. increases so does the growing awareness of our presence. The importance of Hispanics in American society, however, goes beyond our recent population growth. Hispanic Americans have fought in U.S. wars, participated in the civil rights struggle and contributed to the enrichment of American culture.

Throughout the United States, Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated September 15 through October 15. Hispanic heritage month serves as a time where Hispanics can come together and celebrate their culture and their contributions to American society. Hispanics include a variety of Latin American cultures: Mexican, Puerto Rican, El Salvadoran, Cuban and many others. Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of the similarity and the differences between these cultures.

In recent years the Hispanic community at UTA has come together numerous times to promote Hispanic Heritage Month. It brings out the best of us as we proudly show our contributions in all

areas of our society: education, service, entertainment and culture. This year's activities include a variety of cultural, educational and service events ranging from a Latino faculty and student dinner, a Hispanic youth conference, a display of Latino art, a health fair and a parade featuring a variety of Hispanic cultures. The celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month creates unity, pride and love for all cultures that are encompassed in the Hispanic community.

Lisa Garces,
sociology senior

Fragile life

The World Trade Center attack and the attack on the Pentagon were not just attacks on the buildings and their occupants. It was an attack on our very freedom. In this day and age, the magnitude of such acts cannot be explained by words. There simply are none.

Never in my lifetime have I felt so vulnerable and so afraid for my life and way of living.

This catastrophe is evidence of just how fragile our very existence really is.

Michael Guinn,
Alumnus

Tragic equation

I am an electrical engineering major, so I try to use math/logic to figure things out.

Pearl Harbor attacked = United States stifled and everything in United States closes

President Kennedy killed = United States stifled and everything in United States closes

United States attacked = [(4 commercial planes down(over 240 dead)) + (Both World Trade Towers destroyed (thousands dead))] + (Pentagon attack (hundreds? dead))] = (approximately) Pearl Harbor Attacked = President Kennedy killed = UTA IS OPEN?

UTA has sunk to an all time low by not respecting the magnitude of this disaster.

Tom Hoffmann,
electrical engineering senior

TERROR IN AMERICA

Counseling services offer support

For those people affected by the terrorist attacks, UTA and Arlington have counselors to help.

BY EBONY M. MOORE
Contributor to The Shorthorn

Area counseling and crisis services are helping people affected by Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the United States. Some services will

provide 24-hour counseling. The university's Counseling and Career Development Office is available to help the UTA and Arlington communities.

"We will probably be offering this service indefinitely because it may take weeks, months to even a year before a person is truly over this traumatizing event," Counseling Services Director Kenneth Farr said.

About seven counselors are available in the office, on Davis Hall's sec-

ond floor. It will be open in its regular hours of 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays. The office can be reached at 817-272-3671.

An off-campus hotline, the Center for Change, Discovery and Support will offer support from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., with 24-hour pager services. People can come to 7525 John T. White Blvd. or call 817-429-4769.

"So far, the only response that we've gotten is from our regular

clients," counselor Kathy Snow said. "Everyone is in a state of stupor. People have been responding that they don't know what to talk about because now their problems are so insignificant."

The Crisis Intervention Hotline also is providing 24-hour support for Tarrant County. Counselors can be reached at 817-927-5544.

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CRISIS HOTLINE NUMBERS

Counseling and Career Development Office: 817-272-3671
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UTA Community Service Clinic (\$10 fee, by appointment only): 817-272-2165
Crisis Intervention Hotline: 817-927-5544
Dallas Crisis Services: 214-233-2233
Center for Change, Discovery and Support: 817-429-4769

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"This is one of the worst scenarios imaginable to happen to our country. There's nothing they can do, you can't rewind and change reality."

Mario Aguilar
undeclared freshman

"I pray this doesn't start World War III."

Monica Eaton
microbiology junior

"This is like something out of a movie."

Anna Pineda
psychology senior

"I'm ex-military so my first reaction is what are we going to do now? What is the president's reaction? The U.S. can't see something like this happening. The first thing is the government is trying to figure out how they cannot be blamed. Everyone in Washington is trying to cover their ass."

Shelene Anderson
history graduate student

"I was not surprised, it was only a matter of time. The operation was well planned, well coordinated and well funded. What the hell is going to happen now?"

John Glaze
history graduate student

"I was in the bookstore and overheard people talking about it. I was stunned. I thought it was unreal. I saw people on the television running from the buildings."

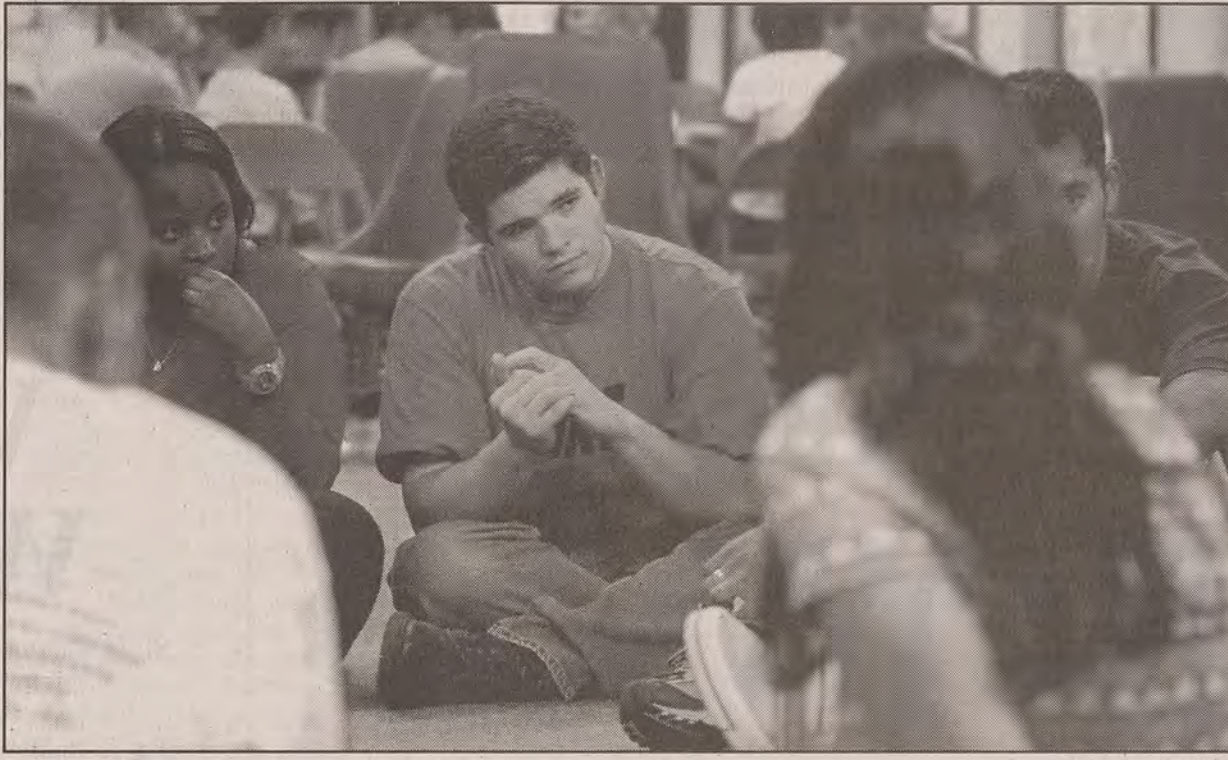
Jessica Moffatt
communication freshman

"You always have to expect something like this. Maybe not something of this magnitude — I don't think anyone had an inkling that this particular attack was going to occur."

Mark Cichock
political science associate professor

"I'm incredibly happy to be alive. I'm amazingly sad."

Kate Kettles
governmental relations director



The Shorthorn: Bob Booth

History junior Allen Almodovar discusses the day's events Tuesday night in a prayer group at the Baptist Student Center. He is not sure how he is coping Tuesday night after the attack on the United States. Almodovar, a native of New York City, still has family there. Since 8 a.m. Tuesday, his cousin David Turano has been missing. Turano recently started a new job and was delivering something to one of the company's offices on the 110th floor of one of the World Trade towers. Turano recently graduated from college and was planning to be married in a few months. Almodovar's sister, Vivian, was scheduled to be at work at 8 a.m., but took care of some personal business before going to work. She was tied up in traffic for two and a half hours trying to get to work, but never arrived — the building she worked in was destroyed. Since the attack, Almodovar has talked to his sister, aunt, uncle and grandmother. Twelve hours later, no one has heard from his cousin David. "It's in God's hands now," he said.

Power of Prayer

Campus religious organizations try to find comfort through worship after Tuesday's attack.

BY TY ALLISON
The Shorthorn scene editor

For Matt Stead, it's a time for prayer.

"We realize there is evil in the world and people with evil intent," the Christian Campus Center director said in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks Tuesday. "It's hard; some people are bent on not following what God would have us do. He gives us free will. We live in a fallen world."

Several campus religious organizations held prayer and worship services Tuesday.

The Baptist Student Ministry had a prayer and worship service at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

"We do this in an attempt to see that this goes beyond the temporal," said Director Joel Bratcher. "This helps with the healing process because people have a place to share their pain."

About 50 students had circulated through the ministry as of about 2 p.m. Tuesday in reaction to the news.

Televisions were set up for students to watch the coverage. Also, Bratcher

said, the center offered a refuge. "No one said a word. There was an incredible sadness."

The Wesley Foundation had a prayer meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church.

Robin Wilson, chair of the foundation's board, said the meeting was intended for people of all faiths and backgrounds.

"The minister called, and they invited the Muslims to come," she said.

Mavericks for Christ also held prayer services at North Davis Church of Christ at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Usual activities will resume Wednesday at the Baptist Student Ministry with its free Noonday lunch and international student night Thursday. The Christian Campus Center also will have a service Thursday afternoon.

Bratcher reminded people that anger turned inward achieves nothing. He called on a higher power to turn the negative tide.

"When you see images of the capital being bombed, you realize we are all vulnerable," he said. "The Bible teaches us that there is a sense of justice in the world. God is just. He said, 'Vengeance is mine.'"

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Police and Fire increase involvement

Arlington prepares for the worst by organizing an emergency center and hopes for the best after the terrorist attacks.

BY GRETCHEN RAKIEC
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The city readied an Emergency Operations Center and raised fire and police awareness Tuesday after terrorism attacks on the East Coast. The mayor encouraged residents to maintain perspective.

"I'm deeply concerned about these tragedies that have struck our nation," Mayor Elzie Odom said. "My plea to the citizens of Arlington is just to remain calm and prayerful for the victims, the families, those who have lost their lives and those who are missing."

Campus police added officers to patrol Tuesday, but Assistant Police Chief James

Ferguson said if there are no other incidents, normal shifts will resume sometime today. He said the department is working together with Arlington police.

The emergency center brings together city, police, fire and transportation department heads and officials from outside agencies such as TXU, the Arlington Independent School District and the Red Cross.

Arlington Fire Chief Robin Paulsgrove set up the center, but it won't be activated unless the city receives an "incredible threat" or an "event occurs," said Gary Pipes, Arlington city emergency management coordinator.

Arlington Police Chief Theron Bowman increased the number of police officers on the streets, and fire department training was canceled.

"We just put our companies back in their districts," said Arlington Fire Lt. Marvin Shafer. "It brings staffing levels up a little bit." Odom asked residents to dial 911 only in

the case of true emergency. Shafer said the few calls received Tuesday afternoon were routed to the emergency center.

"Something like this is terribly disconcerting to everyone," Pipes said. "People are worried to see an attack like this on American soil — rightfully upset."

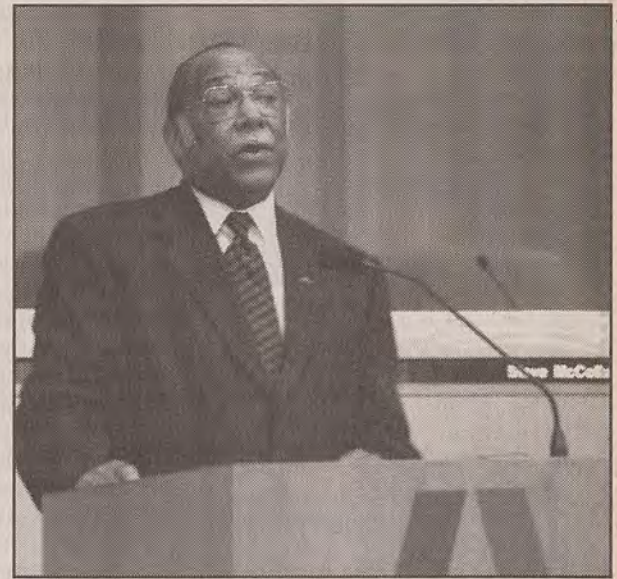
He said people with questions can call the Emergency Management Office at 817-459-6941.

Shafer said the city is waiting to see what happens before other decisions are made.

"We don't know what the total picture will look like Wednesday," he said. "We've made some preparations, but for the most part we're waiting to see how things unfold."

Odom said that in case of emergency, information will be made available on Arlington Cable Channel 5 and the city's Web site, www.ci.arlington.tx.us/.

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Mayor Elzie Odom makes a speech at the Arlington City Council Chamber on Tuesday. The meeting was a televised press release announcing that an Emergency Operations Center had been set up but not activated and to inform that police and fire involvement had been heightened.



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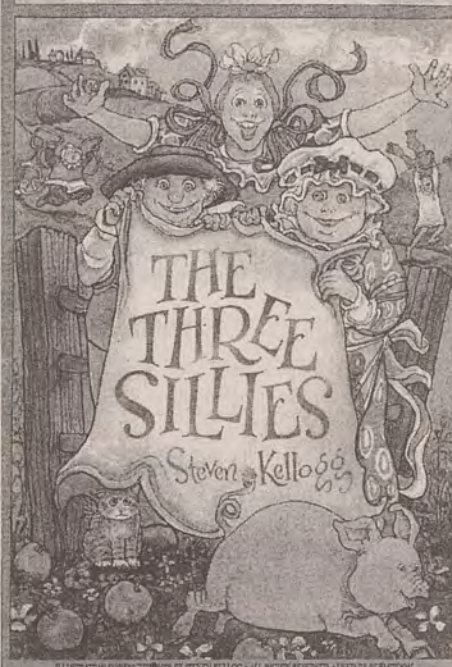
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TERROR IN AMERICA

Attack

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imagine." No one took responsibility for the attacks that rocked the seats of finance and government. But federal authorities identified Osama bin Laden, who has been given asylum by Afghanistan's Taliban rulers, as the prime suspect.

Aided by an intercept of communications between his supporters and harrowing cell phone calls from at least one flight attendant and two passengers aboard the jetliners before they crashed, U.S. officials began assembling a case linking bin Laden to the devastation.

U.S. intelligence intercepted communications between bin Laden supporters discussing the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, according to Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The people aboard planes who managed to make cell phone calls each described similar circumstances: They indicated the hijackers were armed with knives, in some cases stabbing flight attendants. The hijackers then took control of the planes.

All of the planes were bound for California and thus loaded with fuel. At the World Trade Center, the dead and the doomed plummeted from the skyscrapers, among them a man and woman holding hands.

Shortly after 7 p.m., crews began heading into ground zero of the attack to search for survivors and

recover bodies. All that remained of the twin towers by then was a pile of rubble and twisted steel that stood five stories high, leaving a huge gap in the New York City skyline.

"Freedom itself was attacked this morning and I assure you freedom will be defended," said Bush, who was in Florida at the time of the catastrophe. As a security measure, he was shuttled to a Strategic Air Command bunker in Nebraska before leaving for Washington.

"Make no mistake," he said. "The United States will hunt down and pursue those responsible for these cowardly actions."

At the Pentagon, the symbol and command center for the nation's military force, one side of the building collapsed as smoke billowed over the Potomac River.

The first airstrike — on the trade center — occurred shortly before 8:45 a.m. EDT. A burning, 47-story part of the trade center complex, long since evacuated, collapsed in flames just before nightfall.

Emergency Medical Service worker Louis Garcia said initial reports indicated that bodies were buried beneath the two feet of soot on streets around the trade center.

"A lot of the vehicles are running over bodies because they are all over the place," he said.

Said National Guard member Angelo Otchy of Maplewood, N.J., "I must have come across body parts by the thousands. I came across a lady, she didn't remember her name. Her face was covered in blood."

For the first time, the nation's aviation system was completely shut down as officials considered the frightening flaws that had been

exposed in security procedures. Financial markets were closed, too.

Top leaders of Congress were led to an undisclosed location, as were key officials of the Bush administration. Guards armed with automatic weapons patrolled the White House grounds and military aircraft secured the skies above the capital city. National Guard troops appeared on some street corners in the nation's capital.

Evacuations were ordered at the tallest skyscrapers in several cities, and high-profile tourist attractions closed — Walt Disney World, Mount Rushmore, Seattle's Space Needle, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

The Federal Reserve, seeking to provide assurances that the nation's banking system would be protected, said it would provide additional money to banks if needed.

In Afghanistan, where bin Laden has been given asylum, the nation's hardline Taliban rulers rejected suggestions he was responsible.

Bin Laden came to prominence fighting alongside the U.S.-backed Afghan mujahedeen — holy warriors — in their war against Soviet troops in the 1980s. But former followers say he turned against the United States during the 1991 Gulf War, seething at the deployment of U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War campaign to oust Iraq from Kuwait. He has repeatedly called on Muslims worldwide to join in a jihad, or holy war, against the United States.

Abdel-Bari Atwan, editor of the Al-Quds al-Arabi newspaper, said he received a warning from Islamic fundamentalists close to bin Laden, but had not taken the threat serious-

ly. "They said it would be a huge and unprecedented attack, but they did not specify," Atwan said in a telephone interview in London.

Eight years ago, the World Trade Center was a terrorist target when a truck bomb killed six people and wounded about 1,000 others. Just the death toll on the planes alone could surpass the 168 people killed in the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

This is how Tuesday's mayhem unfolded:

At about 8:45 a.m., a hijacked airliner crashed into the north tower of the trade center, the 25-year-old, glass-and-steel complex that was once the world's tallest.

Clyde Ebanks, an insurance company vice president, was at a meeting on the 103rd floor of the south tower when his boss said, "Look at that!" He turned to see a plane slam into the other tower.

"I just heard the building rock," said Peter Dicerbo, a bank employee on the 47th floor. "It knocked me on the floor. It sounded like a big roar, then the building started swaying. That's what really scared me."

The enormity of the disaster was just sinking in when 18 minutes later, the south tower also was hit by a plane.

"All this stuff started falling and all this smoke was coming through. People were screaming, falling, and jumping out of the windows," said Jennifer Brickhouse, 34, from Union, N.J.

The chaos was just beginning. Workers stumbled down scores of flights, their clothing torn and their lungs filled with smoke and dust.

John Axisa said he ran outside

and watched people jump out of the first building; then there was a second explosion, and he felt the heat on the back of his neck.

Donald Burns, 34, was being evacuated from the 82nd floor when he saw four people in the stairwell. "I tried to help them but they didn't want anyone to touch them. The fire had melted their skin. Their clothes were tattered," he said.

Worse was to come. At 9:50, one tower collapsed, sending debris and dust cascading to the ground. At 10:30, the other tower crumbled.

Glass doors shattered, police and firefighters ushered people into subway stations and buildings. The air was black, from the pavement to the sky. The dust and ash were inches deep along the streets.

Bridges and tunnels were closed to all but pedestrians. Subways were shut down for much of the day; many commuter trains were not running.

Meanwhile, at about 9:30 a.m., an airliner hit the Pentagon — the five-sided headquarters of the American military. "There was screaming and pandemonium," said Terry Yonkers, an Air Force civilian employee at work inside the building.

The military boosted security across the country to the highest levels, sending Navy ships to New York and Washington to assist with air defense and medical needs.

A half-hour after the Pentagon attack, a United Airlines Flight 93, a Boeing 757 jetliner en route from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco, crashed about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Airline officials said the other three planes that crashed were

American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767 from Boston to Los Angeles, apparently the first to hit the trade center; United Airlines Flight 175, also a Boeing 767 from Boston to Los Angeles, which an eyewitness said was the second to hit the skyscrapers; and American Airlines Flight 77, a Boeing 757 en route from Washington-Dulles to Los Angeles that a source said hit the Pentagon.

Giuliani said it was believed the aftereffects of the plane crashes eventually brought the buildings down, not planted explosive devices.

Hyman Brown, a University of Colorado civil engineering professor and the construction manager for the World Trade Center, speculated that flames fueled by thousands of gallons of aviation fuel melted steel supports.

"This building would have stood had a plane or a force caused by a plane smashed into it," he said. "But steel melts, and 24,000 gallons of aviation fluid melted the steel. Nothing is designed or will be designed to withstand that fire."

At mid-afternoon, Giuliani said 1,500 "walking wounded" had been shipped to Liberty State Park in New Jersey by ferry and tugboat and 750 others were taken to New York City hospitals, among them 150 in critical condition.

Well into the night, a steady stream of boats continued to arrive in the park. "Every 10 minutes another boat with 100 to 150 people on it pulls up," said Mayor Glenn Cunningham. "I have a feeling this is going to go on for several days."

"I must have come across body parts by the thousands. I came across a lady, she didn't remember her name. Her face was covered in blood."

Angelo Otchy
National Guard member

Classes

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he said. Despite UTA's decision to remain open, several colleges and schools on campus decided to close anyway.

For many architecture students and faculty, the loss of two historically significant buildings was devastating, they said.

That is why the School of Architecture decided to close its doors Tuesday despite the administration's e-mail message, architecture officials said.

After the initial e-mail stating the campus would close, architecture Dean Martha LaGess gave an emotional speech to people still in the building, said an architecture employee who declined to be identified.

Those emotions were running high all over campus with the schools of Education, Nursing and the Art and Art History, Political Science and Communication departments closing by mid-afternoon.

Nursing Assistant Dean Josie O'Quinn said most nursing staff and faculty decided they didn't want to stay after receiving both e-mails.

"They were too distraught, and so were the students," she said.

She described the scene upon her arrival on the sixth floor of Pickard Hall as chaotic with students clustered around televisions and talking on cellular phones.

She said there was no reason for students to be put in the position of learning when they weren't going to be productive.

Other professors agreed. "I don't think that's something students or faculty can oversee," said Andy Anderson, art and art history chair. "At some point, I had to make

a decision. We were told to close classes, and that's the appropriate thing to do."

He said that Tuesday was not a day when students and faculty should be in class and that people should be with their families.

Mathematics associate professor Jianzhong Su said he decided to continue his class despite the conflicting e-mails.

"Some of these students put in a great effort to drive so far, and they deserve to be taught something," Su said.

No students will be penalized for not going to class. In the second e-mail, instructors were asked to offer "maximum flexibility" to students.

Language Acquisitions Director Scott Williams said he shut his lab after the first e-mail.

"We got an e-mail from the university saying, 'Shut the classes down.' So I sent my staff home. Then I get an e-mail saying to disregard," said

Williams, who added that it was too late to call anyone back.

Reaction among students was mixed. Some students heading toward campus from Centennial Court Apartments were told by other students returning from class that the university was closing.

Others heard the rumors and called university officials, who said that the campus wasn't closed.

"They should have just stuck to one decision," said communication freshman Marisa Alvarado. "I walked to the P.E. Building, and it was canceled anyway."

A spokeswoman for Texas Christian University said administrators there decided to close the university at about 10:30 a.m. to give students a chance to deal with Tuesday's events.

"Part of the decision was to allow students to digest the tragedy that occurred," said Tracy Syler-Doctson, TCU's communication assistant director. "We felt if we held classes, this would be the topic of discussion anyway, not academic issues."

Officials at Texas Wesleyan

University also decided to close their campuses and the law school. Many students there have children, a spokeswoman for the university said.

"We gave some thought to keeping it business as usual," said Caren Handleman, vice president for university advancement. "We have a lot

of parents in school here, and they were concerned about their children."

University of North Texas System officials decided to close their campuses in Denton, Fort Worth and Dallas at 11 a.m. No one could be reached for comment at the Denton

campus, but the university's Web site states that the campuses were closed "out of respect for those involved" in Tuesday's terrorist attack.

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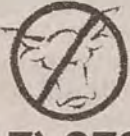
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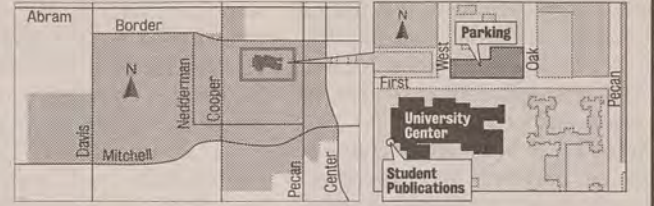


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A: The most important sexual organ is your brain. If your girlfriend is feeling pressure, then that is definitely going to make it harder for her to get aroused. If she starts worrying about it, then she won't be able to get excited and become lubricated. So you

have to go back to square one. You have to forget what you've seen on porn tapes; pretend that you have never had sex before and slowly, slowly work your way back toward having intercourse. If you can't do it yourselfs, then you'll need the help of a therapist. But the more pressure you put on each other right now, the less likely it is that you'll be able to effect any positive changes.

Q: Is masturbation a good thing? Especially if you're not interested in really having sex?

A: Masturbation is good way of releasing sexual tension. While it is frowned upon by certain religions, it cannot cause you any physical harm, and so it is a "good" thing. Of course, there is such a thing as too much of a good thing. If someone is masturbating so much that he or she doesn't have time for homework, friends and sports, then it is not a good thing. But in moderation, it gets my seal of approval.

Dr. Ruth answers your questions to Dr. Ruth Westheimer c/o King Features Syndicate, 235 E. 45th St., New York, NY 10017

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TERROR IN AMERICA

UTA officials stranded but safe

BY SARAH FEATHERSTONE, PAT GILLESPIE AND MONICA MOORE
The Shorthorn staff

After a terrorist attack on the U.S. mainland Tuesday and commercial airline flights across the country were canceled, several university employees have been kept away from home without a clear picture of when they'll be back.

Governmental Relations Director Kate Kettles was on a flight that took off at 7:50 a.m. from D/FW Airport to Washington, D.C., for a conference on state universities and colleges.

Halfway through her flight, the

pilot announced that a plane crashed into a World Trade Center tower, and he said that her plane would return to Metroplex. He then announced they would land in Memphis, Tenn., where she spent the night.

She said flight attendants reminded passengers individually where the plane's exits were located.

Kettles asked one, "We're OK, right?" The flight attendant replied, "We're OK, but we just want to remind you where the exits were."

Kettles said that even though it's a tough situation for the country, she is thankful.

"All I keep thinking is, 'That

could've been us.' Obviously, I'm relieved that it wasn't us," she said. "I still don't feel safe. I'm just stunned."

She said she plans to rent a car and drive back with three women who she met on the flight Tuesday. Every rental car dealership was closed, so she had to stay the night.

"I'm incredibly happy to be alive; I'm amazingly sad," she said. "I don't care about going to any conference. I just want to be home."

Jamie Rogers, an industrial and manufacturing systems associate professor, was at a conference in Washington, D.C., when the Pentagon was attacked. She was in

the building across the street from the State Department building, which was evacuated because of a rumored car bombing.

"We were in the middle of our programs, and the alarm went off, and we were standing outside," Dr. Rogers said, adding that the first thing she did after being evacuated was to call the university and to tell everyone she was all right. She still didn't know about the New York attacks. "As soon as I hung up and saw the black smoke, I thought, 'Oh no.'"

SARAH FEATHERSTONE, PAT GILLESPIE AND MONICA MOORE
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Blood drive today in Fort Worth

People interested in giving blood to help victims of Tuesday's attacks can donate via a Service and Community Outreach Office blood drive today.

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Students can meet in front of Central Library during the blood drive. Students also can bring blankets, food and other supplies to donate.

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—G Jared Robinson



The Shorthorn: Nick Mantzel

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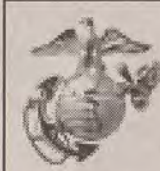
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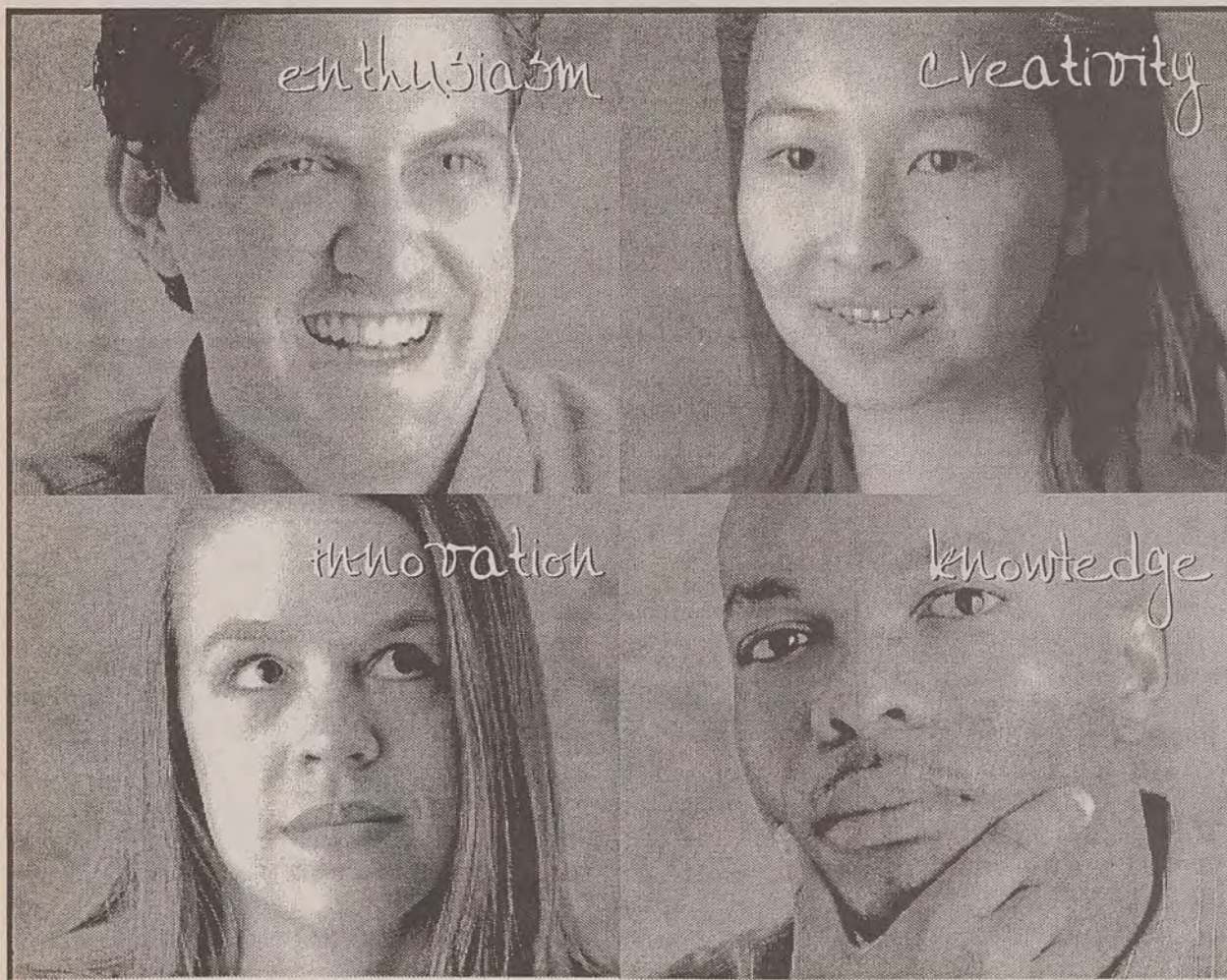
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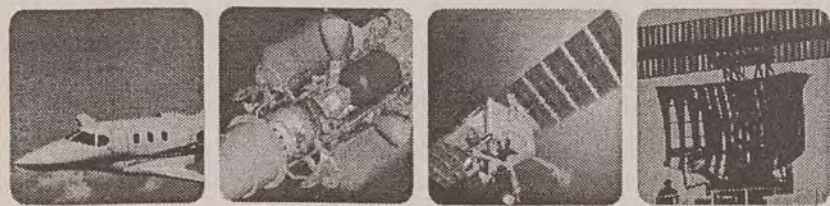
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TERROR IN AMERICA

World leaders offer sympathy

BY BETH GARDINER
Associated Press

LONDON — Governments around the world offered condolences to an America that looked more vulnerable than ever after Tuesday's terror attacks, but thousands of Palestinians celebrated in the West Bank and in Lebanese refugee camps.

People on every continent watched in horror as astonishing images of terror in the United States filled their television screens. But in the West Bank town of Nablus, Palestinians cheered and distributed candy to passers-by, and Iraqi television played a patriotic song that began "Down with America!" as it showed the World Trade Center towers collapsing.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat offered his sympathy to Americans and said he was horrified by the devastating attacks, which also hit the Pentagon.

Leaders around the world — including most in the Middle East — offered messages of support.

Afghanistan's Taliban rulers condemned the attacks and rejected suggestions that suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden, who has been given asylum in Afghanistan, could be behind them.

"It is premature to level allegations against a person who is not in a position to carry out such attacks," said Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban ambassador in Pakistan. "It was a well-organized plan and Osama has no such facilities."

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, one of three countries that recognize the Taliban's government, condemned the attacks and called for cooperation to combat the "modern-day evil" of terrorism.

Key indexes sank on world stock markets and many European and Asian airlines canceled flights to the United States and recalled planes already in the air.

Britain and Belgium banned commercial flights over their capitals, and Britain warned its citizens traveling in the United States to beware of possible further attacks. Israel closed its airspace to foreign flights and evacuated staff from diplomatic missions and Jewish institutions around the world.

Sheik Ahmed Yassin, whose Islamic militant Hamas group has carried out a series of suicide bombings in Israel, said he was not interested in exporting such attacks to the United States.

"We are not ready to move our struggle outside the occupied Palestinian land. We are not prepared to open international fronts, however much we criticize the unfair American position," Yassin told reporters in Gaza City.

In Ein el-Hilweh, Lebanon's largest refugee camp, where about 75,000 Palestinians live, revelers fired weapons in the air, witnesses said. Similar celebratory gunfire was heard at the Rashidiyeh camp near the southern city of Tyre.

Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, whom the United States has accused of backing interna-



People flee lower Manhattan across the Brooklyn Bridge in New York on Tuesday following a terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, below right.

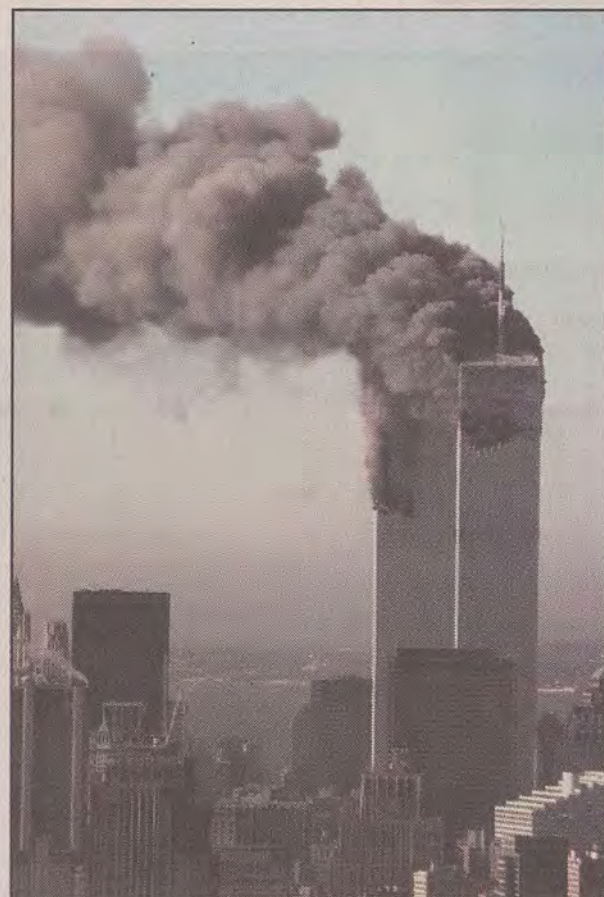


A helicopter flies over the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., as smoke billows over the building. The Pentagon took a direct, devastating hit Tuesday from a commercial aircraft, and officials were evacuated as an apparent terrorist attack quickly spread fear through the nation's capital.

tional terrorism, called the attacks "horrifying" and urged Muslim aid groups to offer help "regardless of political considerations or differences between America and the peoples of the world."

Syria's government condemned

the attacks and offered condolences to the United States and the American people, the official Syrian Arab News Agency reported. Syria has also been at odds with the United States, which has accused it of backing terrorism.



Associated Press: Patrick Sison

Texans, airports heighten security

BY MATT CURRY
Associated Press

DALLAS — Terrorist attacks on the East Coast brought daily activities to a halt Tuesday in Texas, where security was heightened, air traffic was grounded and numerous events were canceled.

Federal agents and bomb-sniffing dogs patrolled mostly empty terminals at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, hub of Fort Worth-based American Airlines, which said it "lost" two planes in the terrorist attacks — Flight 11 and Flight 77, carrying a total of 158 people.

Texans reacted with shock to the devastation from the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon. They gathered for prayer and candlelight vigils.

"Tonight we gather to share in the sorrow of our fellow man and to mourn the senseless taking of innocent life," Gov. Rick Perry said during a candlelight vigil at the UT-Austin.

"Let us pray for our nation, our communities and our citizens to bind together. Because together, one nation, under God, we are strong enough to overcome any adversity."

In Texas, as in the rest of the country, air travel was grounded.

"I guess we're at war now. We just need to figure out with who," said Scott Lieberman, a 40-year-old cardiologist from Tyler who had been planning a flight to Washington. "I think this is worse than Pearl Harbor. It brings a whole new meaning to 'Day of Infamy.'"

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison promised swift action against the perpetrators.

"If any country harbors these people, they should be the subject of attack by the United States," she said. "The fact that it was so organized and so well-researched and that it could come off this way means there were a lot of resources available to this organization that did this."

Access to President Bush's ranch near Crawford was limited, with traffic diverted two miles away.

Texas military bases took extra security measures, restricting access to their installations.

Texas Task Force One, a Texas A&M University-based search and rescue team is expected to be in either New York or Washington by Wednesday.

The force, made up of experts from fire and police departments from around Texas, is one of only six teams in the nation certified to deal with weapons of mass destruction, A&M System spokeswoman Brenda Sims said. Among their tools are specially trained search and rescue dogs.

Perry urged calm and said state government offices were continuing to operate.

Texans responded immediately to the tragedy by visiting blood donation centers in what American Red Cross officials called a "tremendous outpouring" of people wanting to help.

Security was tighter than usual around the Texas Capitol complex, as was the case at federal and state buildings elsewhere.

The competency hearing for Andrea Yates, the Houston mother accused of drowning her five children, was postponed Tuesday after word of the attacks was received.

In San Antonio, the burglary trial of boxer Tony Ayala Jr. was also suspended.

The federal building in downtown San Antonio was evacuated midmorning, the San Antonio Express-News reported in a special edition. Specially trained dogs sniffed for explosives throughout the structure, but turned up nothing.

Arcy Longoria, a spokeswoman at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, said the renowned burn-treatment hospital was prepared to receive patients or send medical personnel to the crash scenes.

"All of our emergency essential folks know they are on-call status," she said.

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