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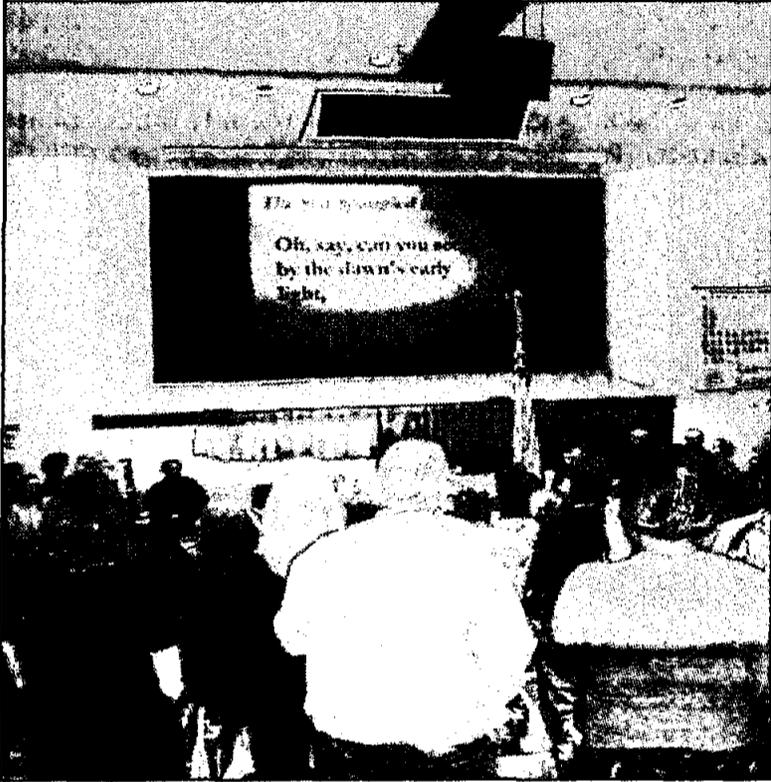
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Memorial service urges peace and hope



PT photo by Paul French

Participants stood solemnly as they sang the national anthem at last week's memorial.

By Rachael Devaney
Staff Writer

American flags waved throughout the solemn crowd as the students, faculty, and staff gathered to remember, offer support, mourn and pray for the deceased, the missing, and the survivors of the most destructive terrorist attack against America.

This Ecumenical Memorial Service, in room 200A of the Science building on Sept 25, was led by a diversity of religious leaders, who offered alternative solutions to the emotional hatred that crosses so many minds in this time of anger and confusion.

Healing, mentioned frequently by speakers throughout the 75-minute service, became the focus as words from the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, the Koran, and musical selections were spoken and sung.

"We come together in memory, encouragement, and commemoration for all the people who suffered due to

the disasters in Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., and New York City," said Fr. Lou Scurti of Campus Catholic Ministry, who introduced speakers throughout the program.

One by one, faculty, staff, and local religious leaders shared their thoughts and outlook on the tragedy. They gave insight on how the WPU community can move on despite the attacks.

"We should all be proud to be a part of William Paterson University," said Dr. Arnold Speert, president of the university. "We must be up to the challenge of wrestling with mayhem and find our new normal. We can pull together as Americans to ensure our freedom, and way of life."

Several campus groups provided the music for the program, including the WPU Gospel Choir, which sang "Awesome God," their voices filling the lecture hall, and moving members of the audience to tears.

Gerald Realms, a member of Memphis Church, also spoke on the

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More than 700 sign up to give blood at WPU Health and Wellness Center after attacks

By Jillian Allinder
Staff Reporter

Almost six times the number of faculty, staff and students signed up to give blood on campus following the disasters at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

Normally about 125 people sign up to give in the annual fall blood collection, which typically results in the 70-pint donations, according to Nancy Ellson, nurse practitioner/coordinator of the Health and Wellness Services.

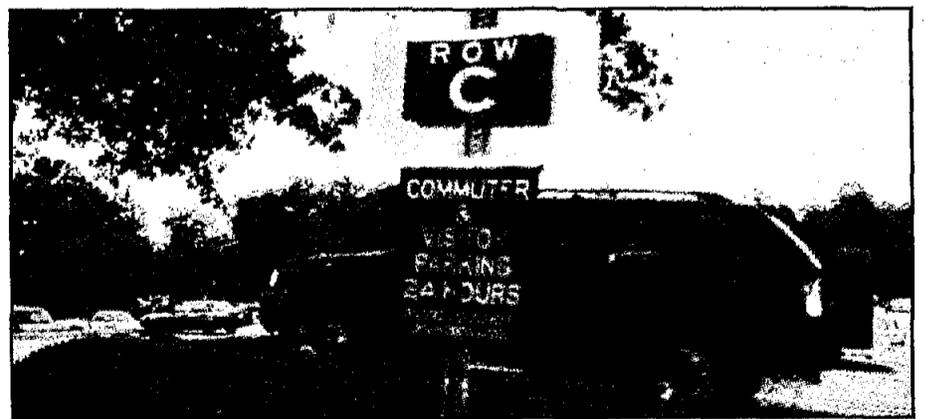
In the week after the attack, 400 people signed up to donate, and since then the

number has grown to more than 720.

Many students were under the impression that the blood-drive was to take place the week of the tragedy — it is now planned for October 8 and 9.

Ellson said there were too many walk-ins at the Community Blood Services and they were too booked to come in the actual week of the attacks to host a blood drive on campus, as many expected them to. Ellson also noted that many of the victims in the disasters were casualties and that the donated blood would have gone to waste.

"To do a blood drive
SEE BLOOD DRIVE, PAGE 11



PT photo by Robin Kavanagh-Charman

Commuters: The silent majority

By Diane Koziol
Staff Writer

College is a place where many individuals are first introduced to the real world pressures of independence and responsibility. Although the introduction into adulthood is generally associated with residents, many students believe the organizations and services at William Paterson University do not recognize the plight of the commuter.

Even though 74 percent of William Paterson University's undergraduate students are commuters, according to Director of Campus Activities Francisco Diaz, there is not an active organization that deals with the needs of commuter students.

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Students react to agedy at campus memoria:ervice

By Paul French
Yamira Ledesma
Felicia Pettiford
Staff Writers

Josh McMahon, a freshman, from Matelson Hall, said he attended the Ecumenical Memorial Service on September 25 in part because he was a member of the Gospel Choir, but "I would have come anyway."

When asked what should be done next, he said "Pray. Just pray and get wisdom. That's what I'm hoping the president is doing."

Michael Cecala, was holding a flag in his hand and wearing a red, white, and blue ribbon pinned on his shirt. A freshman from North Tower, the political science major said he came to the memorial because "I want to show support any way possible."

When asked what comes to mind when he thinks back on the event of the past two weeks he said, "Just hor-

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No more excuses: Absentee voting made easy for students

By Pioneer Times
Staff

Are you going to vote in this year's governor's election? Do you pay tuition? Are you happy with either? Here's your chance to have your say about these issues and more.

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey has an information site on the web at www.lwvnj.org/guide that includes information about how to participate in this year's November election via absentee ballot.

According to the site, absentee ballots are available to registered voters who:

- * Expect to be absent from the state on Election Day
- * Are ill or have a disability
- * Will be observing a religious holiday on Election Day
- * Are living on a college campus
- * Will be working at the time of the election

To have a ballot sent to you, fill out the form that appears in this issue of the Pioneer Times and send it to your county clerk's office, a list of which appears at www.lwvnj.org. You may also apply for an absentee ballot in person at your county clerk's office, download an application form from www.lwvnj.org/req-form/html, or send a letter with the following information:

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- Nature and hours of my employment on election day

A voter may apply for an absentee ballot by completing an Absentee Ballot Application and mailing the application to their County Clerk by mail up to 7 days prior to the election. A voter may also apply in person to the County Clerk until 3:00 p.m., the day before the election. The County Clerk cannot accept faxed copies of an Absentee Ballot Application since an original signature is required.

Pioneer Commentary

Faith and remembrance

While rescue and construction workers continue to sift through the rubble that was the World Trade Center, most Americans have moved on and resumed their normal routines. People worry about their jobs and students are consumed with their assignments. For those directly affected by the

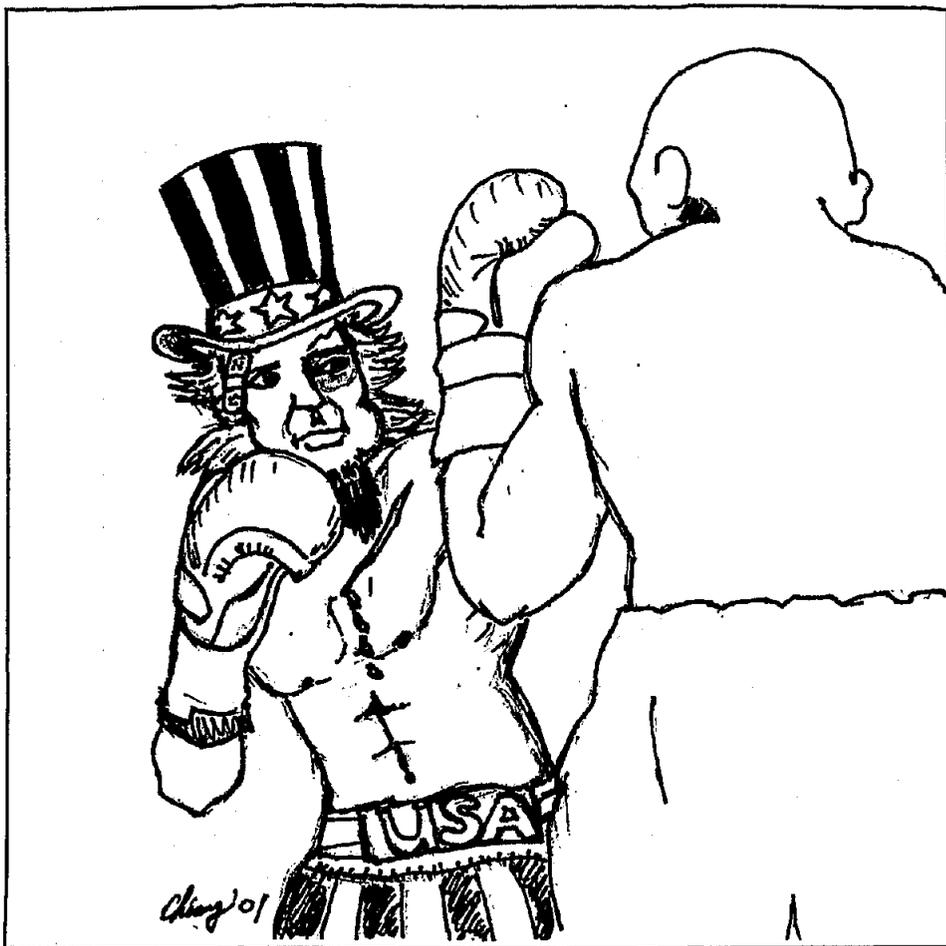
EDITORIAL tragedy, things will never be the same. But American society as a whole continues to thrive and rebuild, with an unflinching eye toward our new realities.

William Paterson goes on in this spirit. At the Ecumenical Memorial Service on September 25, local and school clergy spoke of faith and remembrance. Tears welled in many eyes as a crowded auditorium solemnly remembered those in our community who died or are missing.

Mohammed Abbasi, of the Teaneck Mosque represented the Muslim faith and addressed those responsible for the heinous acts by saying, "To those on the fringes of Islam...the least I can say to them is you are not Muslim."

After ig paralyzed for more than a wk, our nation was ready for some semblance of normal. President George W. Bush returned the flag to full staff, whelivering a spirited and ionate address to a joint ses of Congress. We resumed rting events, and were hened as the New York Giants v cheered in Kansas City, the New York Mets wore wide hats emblazoned "NYPD" or "FDNY". Eved Sox fans in Fenway Park signs that read "We Love York." The stock mt reopened, and after an al panic, appears to bable. And in a tremendous lay of solidarity, scores of adcast and radio channered "America: A Tribute to hes," an entertainment spefeaturing actors and sirs which raised over \$100 mi in disaster relief.

As timasses, though, we need not et the horrible loss of life. T does help heal wounds, and situation, while unprecated, need not be different. his remarks at the Memorialvice,



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University President Arnold Speert spoke of finding personal solace in our campus community, and said he was "...heartened by the reaction of this campus." We must echo President Speert's comments and find

comfort in each other as we heal and resume our lives. Regardless of differing religious and philosophical convictions, we can all find faith in one another - or borrow faith from each other - during these difficult times.

What the eyes see and the heart remembers

By Jillian Allinder
Staff Writer

The tragedy that occurred September 11 is an event that will forever be a memory in our minds.

Because of the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, many people do not feel safe and have developed a fear of going into New York City. Even New

COMMENTARY Yorkers feel vulnerable. The city that prides itself on its independence needs help.

Initially, I like many others began to have a sense of apprehension and uncertainty about the security of the United States. I quickly changed my mind and decided to go to the city to see everything with my own eyes, and with those of a journalist.

I began my quest at a pier in Hoboken. From there, New York City looked so ordinary until my eyes came upon the big gaping hole where smoke billowed. I was still in disbelief that the towers that had seemed like just another set of trees out of a forest of buildings were absent.

I stood there looking at the blanket ofurners who all sat on the grass looking across the river at the smoke as if they were watching a movie. Some were crying and comforting one another and others were staring longingly.

I started to take pictures, but for some reason I felt guilty. I didn't want people to think that I was taking pictures to the advantage of the horrible situation.

My friend and I took the PATH train to the city. I got off at Christopher Street and walked up the stairs from underground and expected to enter into a city of death.

I expected to hear sounds of horns, and yelling.

I expected to see dust everywhere from the fires.

I expected to smell the awful smell of burnt building.

I expected to feel the hopeless pain of people who were mourning for loved ones. Instead I was shocked and somewhat taken aback from what my senses were aware of.

I saw people who were smiling and usually caring. The city was surprisingly quiet. It looked extremely clean and well kept. It did have a faint smell of burning

buildings but for the most part the air smelled fresh. I felt people's pain as I walked past them, but I also felt their hope.

As I walked closer to ground zero, I saw relief areas and volunteer sites. I was only a few blocks away from the disaster sight. People helped one another and got supplies together. Civilians stood looking at candle-lit vigils and posters with "God Bless America" written all over them. As firefighters, police officers, National Guard members and even Con-Edison workers were getting off their shift and on to busses, civilians were yelling, "Thank-you," and applauded.

The people on the streets were very talkative and ready to share their hearts with anyone. People held doors for others and smiled. It was as if they finally found a reason to be friendly toward one another.

In fact, people are realizing that we are all Americans and that as Americans we need to stand together. New York City, as well as the United States as a whole, is starting to heal from the terrorist attacks. In the words of President George W. Bush, "we shall overcome."

Paterson files complaint with FCC over radio comments

By Erik Ortiz
Staff Writer

Two days after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, the New York radio station WPLJ-FM started getting calls from listeners who condemned celebrations and rioting that they believed occurred the night before among Muslims in Paterson.

According to Paterson Police Capt. William McElraththose, those celebrations never happened. Paterson spokesman Bob Grant said the morning DJ's, Scott Shannon and Todd Pettengill were "very dismissive" when he called-in to try and quash the rumor.

"What better way to help the terrorists then get Americans against Americans," Grant said. "Those two people don't have the judgment to keep that hate off the air, so we failed a complaint with the FCC (Federal Communication Commission)."

Bruce Goldberg, executive producer for the morning show, said the two DJ's did not report the Paterson event as news and were giving callers the chance to express their feelings on any issue.

Rumor one of many

The Paterson rumor is only one of more than 500 verbal and physical harassments nationwide that the Council on American-Islamic Relations says has been occurring toward Muslims, Arab-Americans, and those who are being stereotyped as either, since the terrorist attacks.

According to The Seattle Times, a Somali woman was attacked with a knife at an Iranian grocery store by three men who told her all Muslims should leave the U.S.

The Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune reported how Northwest Airlines regretted any misunderstanding when four Arab-American men were taken off a Minneapolis flight after the passengers on the plane refused to fly until the men were removed.

And The Arizona Republic described the killing of an Indian gas station attendant, whose family says he was targeted because he wore a turban and had dark skin.

People frustrated by issue

Sociology professor Maboud Ansari says when people are frustrated over an issue, such as the World Trade Center explosion, they lash out because their anger wants instant results, even if it means hurting someone who is not associated with the issue.

"There is an understandable frustration and anger, and it is an immediate, emotional reaction," said Ansari, who has written books on the Iranian community in America. "It also has to do with what they hear or see. Arab, Afghan, and Pakistani names are mentioned on television, and in people's own mind, they establish a connection with them and target their frustration on them."

Political science professor Maya Chadda also believes the media has an important role in shaping the view of the public. She urges the media to be responsible during a time when many Americans are sensitive over the issue and may be looking for swift justice.

"They [media] have to get a balanced views of events in the Middle East," Chadda said. "I know a lot of Muslim people who were just as crushed over the events. The media was not interested in showing that aspect. It's important to humanize Palestinians."

Muslims affected by attacks

Uacanani Mohammad, a religious leader at the Islamic Center of Passaic County in Paterson, also wants people to realize that Muslims have been affected by the attacks and misconceptions about Islam need to be clarified.

"This is a tragedy and it attacks every American," Mohammad expressed. "The brotherhood we [Muslims in Paterson] have is a family that condemns the terrorist attacks against this great nation. I think it's important for people to understand and communicate with each other and learn about each other's cultures. Now there is a big misunderstanding about Islam in the World and America. Terrorism is not related to any true religion."

Ever since the attacks,

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the Muslim Students Association, which started in April, has been collecting donations and passing out ribbons to support the victims.

Though president Hoda Bastani believes the attacks were

a "terrible tragedy," she also finds the harassments of Muslims and Arab-Americans an unpleasant after-affect.

Bastani said, "What's worse is there's more violence and hatred occurring as a result."

WPU's Ecumenical Memorial Service

September 25, 2001



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Francisco Diaz
Director of Campus Activities and Student Leadership

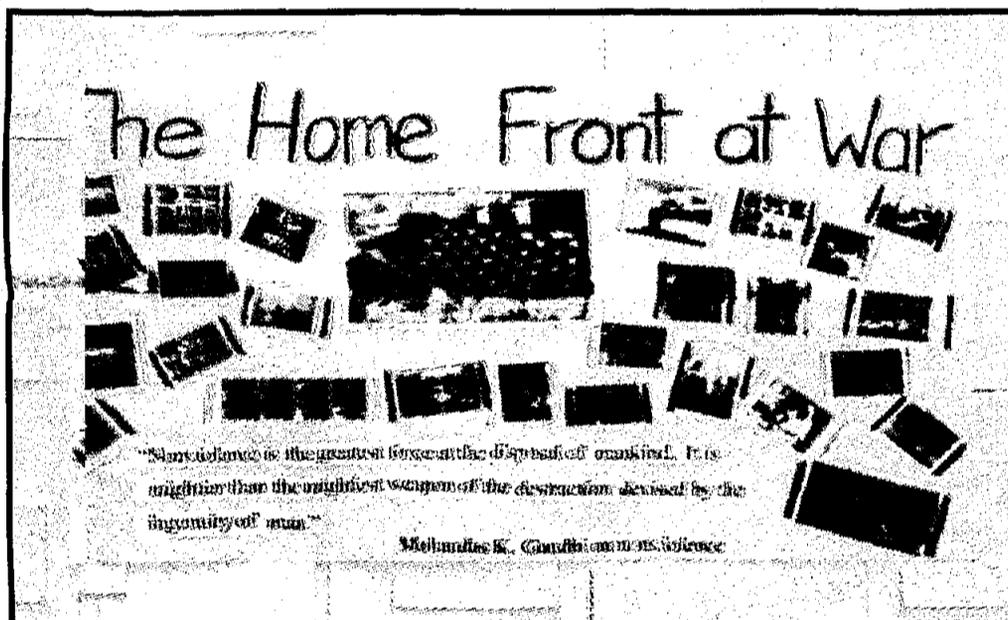
"I think that's it's very important for all of us to share as a community what has happened. I think that all of us individually have our own stories, and not that we can share them all, but I think that we all have been affected. I think that together, united, we should be doing these kinds of moments. I have friends that have been affected, one spouse of a friend and another friend that was missing for awhile, but we found her. I think that personally, beyond others being affected, just the mere fact that this cracked at the core of our security, I don't feel as safe as I did before."

ABOVE: The audience watches with patriotic colors as speakers present words of hope.

BELOW: A collage memorial that hung outside the service.

Jamon Schweitzer Freshman
Nursing major

"I'm here today to partly to remember my best friend's dad who died at the World Trade Center, and to do a paper on it for my Freshman Seminar class. It's been so hard to deal with this right now, especially with my best friend's dad dying. It hit so close to home that it affected me. Other people from across the country don't realize how much it is affecting us here. There's a big difference between how it affects us and how it affects them. I think that we are going to have to get back on our knees and start praying, and that we are probably going to war if we are not in war already, and we need to ask God to give us wisdom."



PT photo by Valerie Gross

Andy Cohen
Communication major

"I am here to pay respects to those who lost someone," he said. "It shows there is no guarantee, those people went to work and they didn't know they were going to die. Just live life to the fullest, enjoy every moment," said Cohen when asked if the tragedy has changed the way he sees life.

Lynn Orr
Assistant Director of the Career Development Center

"It gives me more of a sense of community. It gives me a little direction on how to deal with this tragedy and what will happen," said Orr, when asked how she felt after having attended the service.



PT photo by Gina Mit

A student listens intently at last week's memorial servi

WPU's Ecumenical Memorial Service September 25, 2001



PT photo by Valerie Gross

Khatib Mohammed Abbasi, from a Teaneck mosque, speaks at the service about bringing people together.

Nyrva Dononcourt
History major, Gospel Choir member

"I am here to minister to those who are saddened and hurt by this tragedy. I am here to show them that god can heal them," said Nyrva Dononcourt, who sang at the memorial

Mque Liles
Ersh major

"My uncle was switching trains under the W Trade Center when the first tower collapsed, but he got out on time," said Liles, who wit the service to sing for the choir. "I a religious person. Based on the Bible, all things that are happening now show that Je is coming. It shows we don't have too m time on this earth. It shouldn't have taken als tragedy for people to show brotherhood," sailes.



PT photo by Valerie Gross

Rabbi Len, from Temple Beth Tikvah, addresses the audie, with Father Louis Scurti sitting behind him.

Jackie Safont
Assistant Director of Employment
Equity and Diversity

"It was nice to see everyone come together as a community to share our sorrow, our healing process."

RIGHT and BELOW: Members of the WPU Gospel Choir performed at the service.



Photos by Gina Moffit



Jorna Camacho
Communication major, Gospel Choir member

"I am here to give people hope, to show them that they are not alone in all of this," said Camacho, who performed with the choir at the memorial.

Tears, relief flood soccer players after plane lands

By Tamara Stowe
Staff Writer

At 11 a.m. on September 11 a shaky and stunned Marissa Fenner and Colleen McGhee, co-captains of the William Paterson Women's Soccer team, stepped off a plane in Buffalo.

Around them, passengers from their flight overflowed with emotion as the reality of their ordeal set in.

While on a return flight from a California tournament, the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Pennsylvania began. The team learned of the attacks in air, and suffered the unknown the rest of the way to the airport.

"One lady collapsed, another man cried hysterically" after they arrived, McGhee said. "I just needed to hear a family member's voice. It wasn't until I spoke to my dad that I completely lost it. It all caught up on me and just came out. My father started crying hysterically too, and he is not one for crying."

At 6:30 (EST) that

morning, after a three-hour delay, McGhee and Fenner boarded a plane with their fellow teammates and coach. They had flown to California for the weekend to play a game against Redlands University, and now it was time to fly back to JFK International Airport.

McGhee and Fenner settled in for the flight with their teammates and, exhausted fell asleep. Coach Kevin Woods, however, stayed awake watching the news on the personal television sets on the plane.

"We were all sleeping when coach woke us up around 9 a.m." Fenner said. "He was just watching his television screen and said, 'A plane has crashed into one of the twin towers.' He was stunned."

"I turned on my set," Fenner continued, "and started to watch what was actually going on - as we were flying. At first I was so sleepy, I could only pick up bits and pieces... We had all just thought it was an accident involving a small private plane. We had no idea."

Glued to their television sets, the team could only watch as the terrorists continued to attack the city that they were

flying toward.

"We were watching the first plane crash coverage and then the newscaster screamed. That was when we saw the second plane crash into the other twin tower. The team just sat there, with our mouths wide open ... I started to worry about where we were going to land," Fenner explained.

"We called over the stewardess and showed her the television screen," McGhee said. "She went and told the pilot ... One stewardess started crying. The pilot came on and told us, 'I just heard after you did, but please don't believe everything you're told,' then later he said, 'OK this is happening', but he managed to keep everyone calm ... People were just teary-eyed staring at their screens in disbelief."

As their flight continued, so too did the terrorist attacks.

"We heard about the Pentagon and then Pennsylvania," McGhee said. "All the planes in the air seemed to be hijacked."

"I remember a strip on the bottom of the screen saying that all commercial planes had landed. I just kept thinking -

'but we're still in the air'." McGhee said.

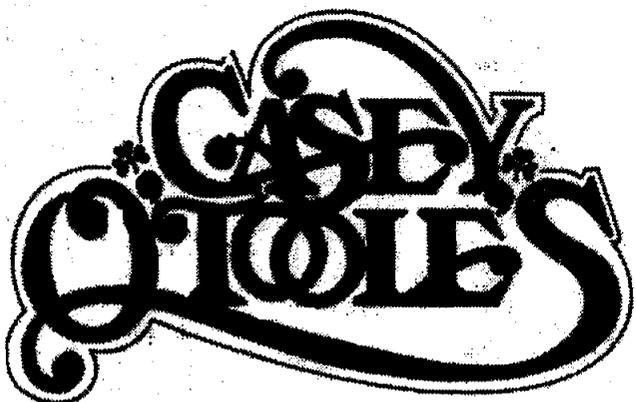
"Knowing we weren't going home was the worst part," Fenner said, who was also deeply concerned about her parents. "My parents had flown from California on a Continental (Airlines) flight that was meant to land in Newark at 6:50a.m. (EST). I didn't know what had happened. If they had landed or not."

It was this fear of the unknown that stayed with the members of the soccer team, even after they had landed safely at Buffalo Niagara International airport.

"Some of the team were crying as they tried to get through to their families," Fenner said, "but all the cell lines were busy. We couldn't get through ... As soon as I got in touch with my parents I felt so much better."

If the plane had not been delayed they would have landed in New York City just 30 minutes before the first bombing.

But Fenner said, "I would have felt better on the ground than up in the air in that plane."



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On the road with Jay and Silent Bob

B Kerry Johnson
Staff Writer

The boys from Leonardo, N.J. are back in Kevin Smith's new movie, "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back".

Jay (Jason Mewes) and Silent Bob (Kevin Smith) begin their journey outside the con-

MOVIE REVIEWvenience store in Leonardo. After receiving a retraining order to stay away they head to the comic book

store and discover the comic book that is based on them is being made into a Hollywood movie.

But after learning an Internet movie site has bad-mouthed not only the movie, but Jay and Silent Bob themselves they decided to stop the production to save their good name.

What follows are a series of events that are sometimes slightly shocking, but definitely funny.

After hitching a ride with a nun (Carrie Fischer) they meet a group of girls, including Jay's love interest, Justice (Shannon Elizabeth). The girls convince them to kidnap a monkey as a cover for their jewelry heist.

While on the run from the authorities and Animal Protection Agent, played by Will Farrell, the boys finally make it to the West Coast to break up their movie.

Not wanting to ruin the

ending, this was a funny movie. Being from Monmouth County, I have to appreciate the local places shown in the movie.

There are also some very funny cameos by James Van Der Beek, Jason Biggs, Chris Rock, George Carlin, Jon Stewart, and Mark Hamill to name a few. If you haven't seen this movie, I recommend you do, especially if you're in the mood for a laugh-out-loud comedy.

Calendar of Events October 2nd-16th

Compiled by Kerry Johnson

Tuesday, October 2

The Department of Languages and Culture presents the *speaker Guillermo Martinez ABD*, at 12:30 p.m. in the Machuga Student Center, Room 213. For further information call x-3032.

The Annual College Hall Crawl takes place 12:30 p.m. in the basement of College Hall. Prizes will be awarded. For further information call x-2777.

From October 2 through December 4

The Department of Recreational Services, is offering a *course in Lifeguard Training* on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$125 for WPUNJ students and \$150 for faculty, staff, and alumni. For further information call x-2777.

Wednesday, October 3

The William Paterson University Toastmasters offer a supportive environment for anyone interested in strengthening their public speaking and leadership skills at 4:45 p.m. in College Hall, Room 312. For further information call x-3201.

The American Red Cross will hold an *Adult CPR Course* at the Rec Center from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$20 for WPUNJ students and \$25 for faculty,

staff, and alumni. For further information call x-2777.

Thursday, October 4

The Midday Artist Series presents the American Saxophone Quartet at 12:30 p.m. at Shea Center. Admission is \$3. For further information call x-2371.

The Annual Campus Walk and Breast Cancer Walk will take place in Zanfino Plaza between 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Donations are accepted but not required. In addition, prizes will be awarded. For further information call x-2777.

Friday, October 5

Secretary William S. Cohen will speak as part of the Distinguished Lecturer Series. Contact the Shea Box Office for ticket information, x-2371.

Meet at the Rec Center at 2 p.m. to *hike High Mountain*. Cost is free. Be sure to wear hiking shoes and comfortable clothing. For further information call x-2777.

Sunday, October 7

Mass at the Prince of Peace Chapel, Gate 1 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The Jazz Room Series presents the Barry Hines Trio Concert at 4 p.m. A meet-the-

artist session precedes the concert at 3 p.m. in Shea Center, Room 101. For further information call x-2371.

Monday, October 8

WPUNJ Community Blood Drive will take place in the Health and Wellness Center located in Wayne Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call x-2360.

The New Music Festival presents the NJ Percussion Ensemble. The concert is co-presented by the Composers Guild of NJ at 7 p.m. at Shea Center. Admission is free. For further information call x-2371.

Tuesday, October 9

WPUNJ Community Blood Drive will take place in the Health and Wellness Center located in Wayne Hall, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call x-2360.

Thursday, October 11

The Center for Health, Wellness, and Counseling Services presents *National Coming Out Day*. For further information call x-2360.

The Midday Artists Series presents a Jazz Concert at 12:30 p.m. at Shea Center. Admission is \$3. For further information call x-2371.

The Center for Teaching Excellence Faculty Seminar presents *The Nature and Meaning of Prompt Feedback in Teaching and Learning in the Cheng Library, Paterson Room, Second Floor* at 12:30 p.m. For further information call x-2631.

Friday, October 12

The Department of Recreational Services presents the *Second Annual Home Run Contest*. Pre-registration is required and the cost is free. The contest begins at noon on the softball field. For further information call x-2777.

Sunday, October 14

Mass at the Prince of Prince Chapel, Gate 1, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The Jazz Room Series presents the Bill Evans Quartet at 4 p.m. A meet-the-artist session precedes the concert at 3 p.m. in Shea Center, Room 101. For further information call x-2371.

Tuesday, October 16

The Aquila Theater Company presents *Shakespeare's "The Tempest,"* 7:30 p.m. at the Shea Center. Tickets cost \$22 standard, \$20 senior citizens and William Paterson community, \$7 William Paterson students. Limit two tickets per ID. For further information call x-2371.

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REACTION, FROM PAGE 2

up for ourselves. I guess I agree with the president."

Kathy Scala came to the memorial "out of respect for my country. I'm still very sad, but I feel I owe it to my country to come."

The junior, English major from Madelson Hall said her sister was in the financial building at the World Trade Center when it happened, but was not hurt. Her sister did not have a cell phone so she could not contact her to find out if she was okay.

"I don't think there should be war. Unfortunately, I think there will be because

people want revenge. I don't think it will solve anything."

Dorian Douglas
Assistant Director of Campus Activities

"I'm here today to lend support and sympathy to everyone that has been affected and to try and bring harmony to the effort of recognizing the tragedy that has occurred in the United States. Personally, it [the attack] makes me a little fearful to go from day to day, I know some people who were around and near the World Trade Center, but fortunately everyone I know got out okay. I have a lot of sympathy and compassion for those

family members of those that didn't get out."

Carrie Johnson
Communication major

"This tragedy makes me think about what's really important in life. How the USA needs to stop focusing on trivial things such as tabloids, affairs, issues that are not important," she said.

Tangelia Wiggins
African Studies major

"I felt sympathy for those who have lost a loved one. It made me feel that I was actually a part of something," she said.

COMMUTERS, FROM PAGE 1

To Paolo Misa, a junior, the lack of attention commuter students receive from the university is just another way "commuters get screwed on."

Senior Ian Dickson shares Misa's view and believes that commuter students are "just as important as [resident students], but you wouldn't know it by the way [commuters] are treated."

The Residence Life Department provides resident students with programs designed to teach them how to manage time for studies, work and recreation.

However, Commuter students, who face similar time management/constraint issues,

aren't aware of any similar programs for them.

Commuters believe they are faced with additional burdens that make the transition into adulthood more difficult.

Karen Lovas, a sophomore, said that by being a commuter student she is "missing out on some of the more social aspects of college life," that are easily accessible to resident students.

The Residence Life Department's web site states "residence halls offer the opportunity for social settings in a variety of areas," whereas the commuter student, according to junior Debbie Araujo, must "make connections though the classroom."

Despite what people argue is a lack of services designed for the commuter student, many commuter students said that if given the opportunity to participate in an organization specifically developed to meet their needs, they would not.

According to Student Government Association Secretary Kalli Protosaltis, previous attempts to develop a commuter-targeted organization failed due to lack of commuter enthusiasm and participation.

Commuter Justin Bates had different thoughts.

"I don't think that I would need it now because I'm a junior, but it seems like an

idea that would be welcomed by all freshman," said Bates.

However, freshman student Garry Morere disagrees and said he would not participate in such an organization. Instead, he shares the opinion of most commuter students and believes the inequality between commuter and resident student services is "not that much of a problem."

Aaron Roer, a commuter, said rather than participate in a commuter support group "commuters just want to go home."

Do you have a commuter-related problem that you want addressed? E-mail Diane Koziol at XdriveX@aol.com

BLOOD DRIVE, FROM PAGE 1

(that) week even though emotionally it would have been satisfying for me and other students to give, that blood wasn't needed that particular week," said Eson.

The day of the terrorist attacks, Ellson as well as student coordinator sent sign-up lists around the campus for people to volunteer to donate blood.

According to the American Red Cross, donated blood is only good for a certain amount of time. Platelets only last five days after donated and red blood cells only last 35 days. Once you give blood you

can't give until two months later meaning that the country would be in need of blood in October. Ellson said that by holding the blood drive in October, the blood supply would be replenished.

"What is needed is a constant supply of blood all year round. So the truly living tribute to our nation's tragedy is for students to commit in becoming a regular year round blood donor. That is the real goal," said Ellson.

"In light of recent events I feel it's my responsibility to help in any way I can," said Erin McGill a sophomore at WPU.

"I'm going to give blood because it's simple, quick and one of the few things I can do that may directly save another person's life."

Others agreed. "I feel that by giving blood I will be helping my country," said Paige Barton, a junior.

The blood drive will be the bottom of Wayne Hall at the Health and Wellness Center. Coordinators will call all who volunteered to make appointments. Anyone else who would like to donate blood can call x-2360 to make an appointment.

MEMORIAL, FROM PAGE 1

subject encouraging all to open their minds, hearts, and spirits especially in this time of turmoil.

"In the midst of all, we give thanks...we look at where we are, but don't look at where we could have been," said Realms. "We have much to be thankful for...I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, despite all that has transpired, and all we have gone through, the Lord is merciful."

Reading a selection from the Koran, Khatib Mohammed Abbasi, of Teaneck, spoke on where to begin to bring all people together, to create new friendships and keep old between different nations and races.

"If anyone slough a person...it would be as if he sloughed mankind...if anyone saved a life it would be as if he saved mankind," said Abbasi. "This was a crime done in the name of Islam and we absolve ourselves from it--far from it."

Dr. Miryam Wahrman from the Biology Department and Co-Director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at WPU, reminded attendees of the selfless heroes and the need for hope.

"We memorialize victims, and remember our heroes," said Wahrman. "Let us with our different faiths pray for a better tomorrow."

Dr. Neil Grant announced a new Peace Garden has also been added to the entrance to

Science Hall in the Caldwell Plaza.

Much of the faculty, students and the grounds department wanted the WPU community to maintain the peace, and remain united as a campus. Representatives hope that this garden will have plants from all the continents to remind us of the beauty and variety that the world has to offer.

"This is a small garden dedicated to peace in hope and faith and joy for the renewal of life to come," said Grant. "We are all connected, it is our duty to know and celebrate this connection."

Nearing the end of the program, time was taken to call out the names of those who are not only missing, and deceased,

but also of those who survived, but suffered. Many voices wavered in despair, others in hope and gratitude as they identified the names of their friends and loved ones. The musical selection, "On Eagle's Wings," then followed, and closed with a prayer for all that was lost.

One of the concluding musical selections was the "The Balm in the Giliad," sung by the WPU Gospel Choir; it tells the story of spiritual healing.

"There is healing for your sorrow, healing for your spirit, shelter from the rain. There is a balm in Giliad to heal your soul. Healing for your soul, healing for your soul."

*The Pioneer Times, Page 12
September 11th, 2001
By Kenneth A. Lundgren*

Bluest skies of late summer, NYU students criss-criss-crossing Washington Square Park. Lights fall from red to green, nine year olds with sticky fingers and red lollipops, and The Brighton Gardens senior citizen troop caning around the block to get some TCBY. Overhead, unmoving clouds of frosty breath, an orange sun simmering over concrete. Braided Annabelle Bugliosi squinting up to the untainted sky, her Charms lollipop sticky. Mrs. Katz, what's that plane doing? The 747-peooooo0000-and then the unimaginable. The heart-rendering shriek of concrete and steel crumpling under 300 miles an hour of Terrorist-driven hatred, the jet evaporating in a violent orange bust and blowing out the Other side of the skyscraper, comets of glass and smoldering cement plummeting away. Heads instantly to the sky, eyes never wider, and people running away in fast-forward. Inside the inferno we have Thomas running over Dean, and Sam running over Thomas, And Ted running over Sam, and Sue getting trampled underneath like a drunken matador. Glass pinballing into people's faces, men blown out the open windows with their chairs. Previously joyful offices now vamped with screams for life and a hungry, uncaring fire. The city seems to be holding its breath, and the second attack seems to occur in a minute. Like a door had been opened up in the side of the skyscraper, the 747 seems to disappear into the building, a blooming, billowing fire instantly replacing its white paint and metal. More comets race through the air, bouncing off other buildings and slaloming aimlessly. Glass pissing down, flaming concrete and beams of steel twirling like weighted leaves. More than seventy stories into the bluest sky, two separate fires shriek down at the city, Overtaking more than twenty floors of office space and an untold amount of human life. This can't be happening This can't be happening This can't be happening This can't be happening Broadway staging an uptown running of the bulls, and then the running just slows down. The city is frozen, no one gazing at each other as the blazes control the reins of the city. For the first time since its inception, the City of Lights has stopped, unblinking, waiting. Annabelle Bugliosi dropping her half-sucked Charms and turning around with the other

Boys and girls and asking Mrs. Katz why the Twin Towers are on fire. Why, Mrs. Katz?

Squad cars and ho-honk-honk-honking red fire engines knifing down Madison and Park.

This must be a video game. This must be a cartoon. This must be a dream. This must—

The city breathing swarmy air through pinched lungs, hands on knees, hands on mouths,

Eyes never able to close and open, weak knees ready to buckle in the worst anticipation.

The world has stopped, red eventuallllllly falling to green, slow motion cranking its way

Through the snowfall, through the limbs and eyes of the alive human beings who stand

Rooted to the ground as twinkles of glass snicker in circles around an unwanted audience.

Oh God, I hope everyone is okay up there, oh me, oh look at what's going on up there.

Heroes with batons and axes and gasmasks and firesuits racing through the cramped Trade Center lobby, screaming people rollercoastering over one another without aim. Hands clawing at fellow flesh, feet climbing on top of shoulders and matting ears down. People drooling for life like famine-tortured sailors lost at sea, waves of men and women Jaggedly splashing towards the beams of slippery golden sunlight outside the gray walls. Flailing human beings flooding out into the street and spreading apart like magnet ends. Inside, a tremble under feet, and then a tremor, and this is New York, not San Francisco.

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The World Trade Centers, the feature on an uncountable amount of postcards, deleted. Muted death everywhere, hanging over street corners and eyes like a sudden avalanche. A sobbing mother in Saddle Brook who loves her only son, still awaiting his phone call. Muted death everywhere, hanging in the mist that plugs up the urban air, never settling. The divorced, bald father from Paramus, still looking for his son in every NYC shadow. Scotch tape and a stack of posters that look very professional thanks to an office scanner.

The son, a premiere bond analyst from the 102nd floor who was never late to work, had Kicked my ass in going up Closter Dock Road during the Sunday club ride to Piermont. He had just gotten his new Trek 5900, the silverest of silver, his eyes beaming with pride As if he were a father who just watched his son clobber a homerun during Little League. That son-of-a-bitch had torn my legs off going up that monster hill, and when I got to the Top, finishing ahead of everyone but Mikey, I couldn't breathe and my legs had so much Lactic acid in them they were ready to implode, ready to never touch another pedal again.

I still tried to smile teeth at him as I asked, "How the hell did you do that, Armstrong?"

His answer as we rolled along the top of Closter Hill: "This week's my lucky week, huh."

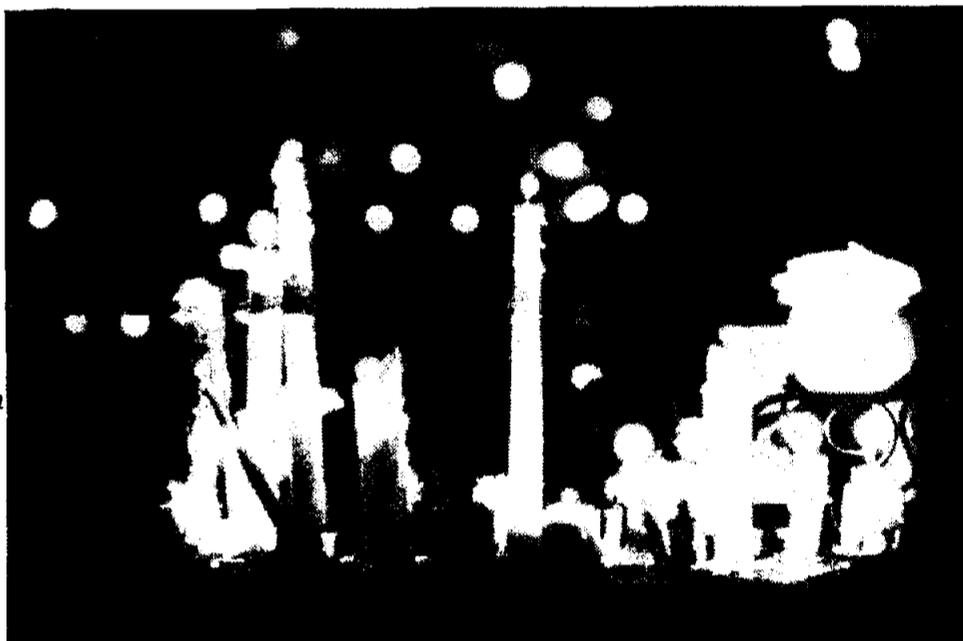
His face hangs outside every surrounding hospital, spinning lights dancing over his smile.

Hospitals, hate the smell of hospitals and the siren of an ambulance screaming for the ER.

His picture hangs with the thousand others in deli windows and on telephone poles and the uneven bricks of squat office buildings and the doors of fancy restaurants and hotels.

Have you seen this person? Missing. If found, please call this number. God bless you.

Papers and initialed pens and desk blotters with phone numbers and blue and black Doodles and mumbo jumbo roll around the streets of the Financial District, lost forever.



**FOR MICHAEL
BENNETT**

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I love you, buddy**

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