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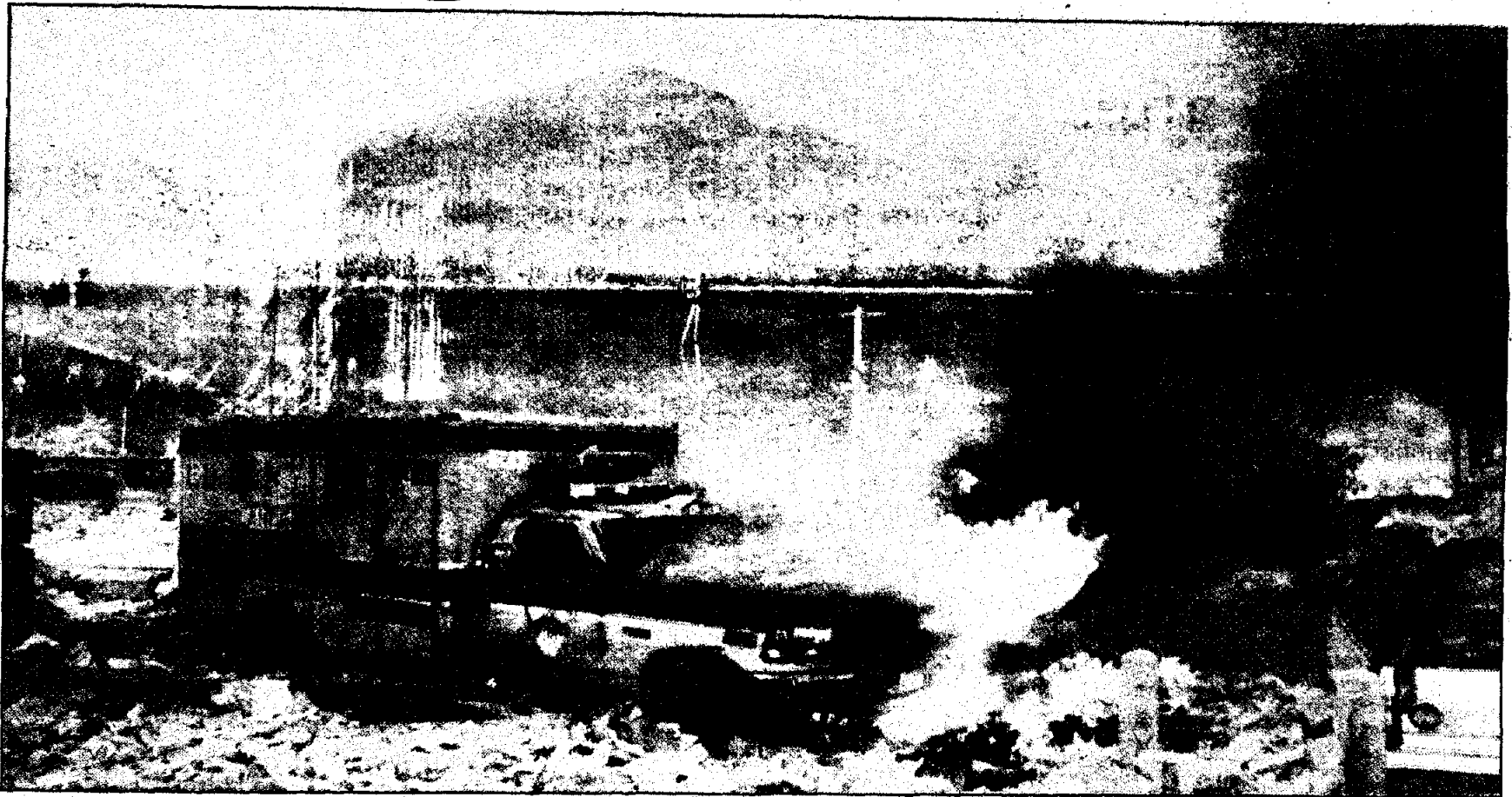


Photo by Corey Sipkin, courtesy KRT Campus

WPU soccer team in the air during attacks

By Tamara Stowe
Staff Writer

William Paterson's women's soccer team was stuck in the air at the time of Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

After playing in a tournament at the University of Redlands California, the team's plane was delayed twice due to storms in New Jersey. As a result, they didn't leave California until shortly before 6 a.m. (PST) right before the first American Airlines plane struck Tower One.

They were rerouted to Buffalo International Airport where they landed

safely.

Athletic Director Arthur Eason believes the players are extremely lucky that their flight was delayed.

"If they had landed at 8 a.m. (as originally scheduled) they would have been right in the heart of it," he said.

Instead of being on the ground in New York City though, the team was still in the air on its way.

At 10:20 a.m. Sabrina Grant, the athletic associate director was in a panic. "One of our teams is in the air," she said. "There are a lot of very, very concerned parents."

According to Eason, the news of the

terrorist attacks was broadcast to the passengers of the plane during the flight.

Eason spent most of the day on the phone talking to the players and their parents. He said they were all reasonably shaky but safe.

"Right now I feel relieved and frustrated," Eason said. "Relieved because I know the coaches and the team are OK, but frustrated because I wonder how, with all our sophistication and surveillance, that this could happen. It makes me feel helpless ... We are a strong nation but we've been brought to our knees."

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University president Speert speaks out

By Paul French
Staff Writer

Talk of the disaster could be heard all around campus.

"I can't believe something like this could happen," said one man.

"We should bomb the hell out of them," said another man.

"I know several people that could have been there around that time," said a woman.

Throughout the day students and faculty at William Paterson University were talking about the terrorist attack on New York City and Washington, D.C. that struck just miles away from the campus on the morning of September 11.

The president of the university, Arnold Speert, was only able to describe his reaction to the disaster in one word.

"Horror," he said.

Speert said that he heard of the news when he arrived at a meeting in Trenton, and came right back to the university as quickly as he could.

"This will take a while for us to recover from. There's a tremendous loss of life. Our hearts go out to anyone who lost someone," said Speert. "This is a large community. There are many people of this community who will certainly be touched directly."

Speert said that religious groups and counselors have been contacted and are available to students. Also, a blood

drive has been started through the Health Center and there is a university faculty meeting at which ideas about how to help the community will be discussed.

"I'm hopeful, because we are a community of over 1,000 people, we can be there for those in the community who have specific needs, just as we intend to be there in better times."

He also said that he is sure that the university will have a memorial service of some kind.

"Classes have to resume. We have to come to terms with our individual classes. It's still very early," said Speert. "As a community, we'll need to deal with our own feelings of hurt and fear. We need to come together and help."

Students react the day after

By Felicia Pettiford
and Yampira Ledesma
Staff Writers

Overcome by sadness and grief at the news of last week's terrorist attacks, Renee Gilliberti wanted to head over to Manhattan to help rescue workers and assist survivors. But when she discovered that all bridges and entrances to the city were closed, she went to see what she could do on campus.

"I was shocked, but not surprised," by the plane attacks," said Gilliberti, "because I think that for the longest time Americans thought that they were safe."

"I think this is a wake-up call. We don't pay enough attention to what's going on in the world."

There are so many people who hate us in the world and we are oblivious to it."

Gilliberti said she was inspired to help by watching news reports on television.

"I was watching the news and seeing how Mayor (Rudolph) Giuliani was asking for people to donate blood, so I decided to see if we could either transport students to hospitals to donate, or start a blood drive at school," said Gilliberti.

Gilliberti, with the

help of the Student Government Association and the Health, Wellness and Counseling Center is coordinating a blood drive on campus.

There is a sign-up table in the Machuga Student Center where students, faculty and staff can make appointments to donate blood throughout the week. They'll be contacted about a specific time later. The table is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

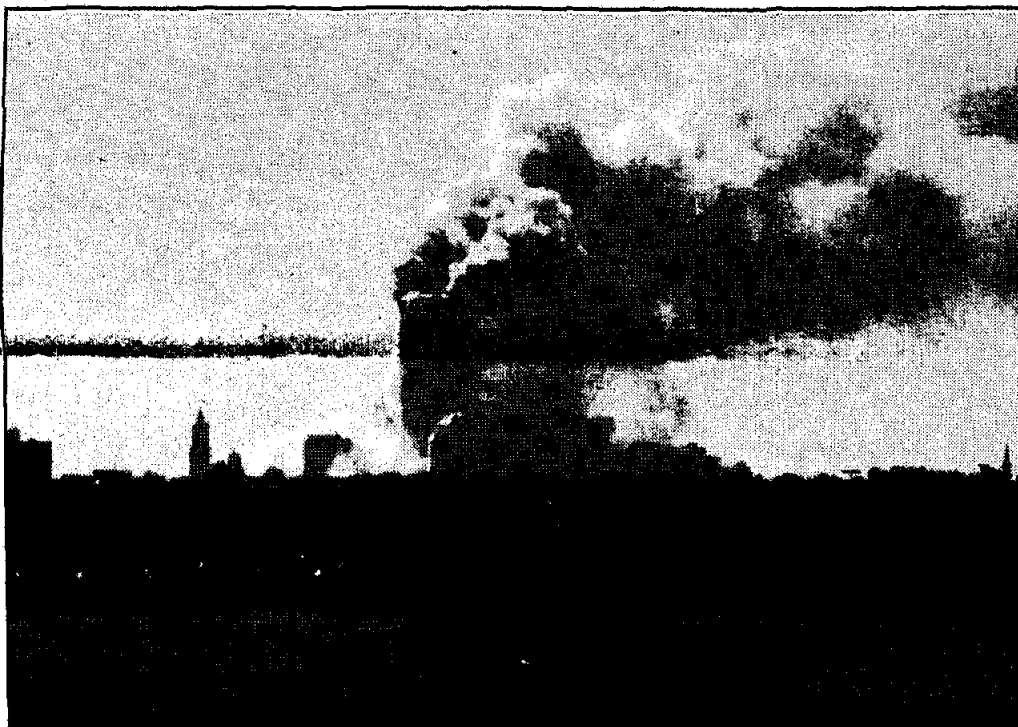
The blood drive is scheduled to take place in the Health, Wellness and Counseling Center. For more information, call x-2360.

While Gilliberti was beginning relief efforts, other students were still trying to process the worst terrorist attack on United States soil.

"It's just a shock. I can't believe something like this happened so close to us," said Melanie Holster, a freshman studying art.

Holster was relieved upon finding out that her uncle, who worked at the World Trade Center decided not to go to work that day in order to accompany his daughter on her first day of school.

Rashad Davis, president of the Student Government Association, watched in horror on TV as



PT Photo by Robi Kavanagh-Charman

Picture of the first World Trade Center tower falling as seen by onlookers on the New Jersey Turnpike going south.

the Twin Towers became little more than a pile of broken glass, bricks, and bodies.

"It was horrifying to think of all those people dying on their way to their deaths. In that situation, all you can do is pray that the loss of life is fairly minimal," said Davis.

Some students across campus believe that the country should retaliate against whoever is responsible.

"They should be punished," said Bob Orozco, a history major, who first heard the news while in psychology class.

"If this means war, so be it," said Joseph Ricardy, a senior. "America has to open its eyes and realize that it is not invincible."

Davis urged all students to remain calm and try to go on with life as usual but also to be ready to help and volunteer in any way that they can.

"In the next few weeks, the Student Government will continue to aid in this crisis by continuing the blood drive for as long as necessary, as well as setting up a food and clothing drives for those in need," he explained.

"Counseling services will also be available for students who are in need of them."

Davis commends students like Gilliberti, who took the initiative to do something and get involved immediately, however, Davis also warned students not to jump to conclusions about those responsible for the attack.

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Photo by Todd Plitt, courtesy of KRT

University professor feared for life of wife and friends

By Yamira Ledesma
Staff Writer

Dr. Barry Morganstern was in his office when he first heard the news about the terrorist attack at the World Trade Center. Immediately he started to worry about his wife who works in Manhattan.

Morganstern tried calling his wife on her cell phone but couldn't get through because the lines were down. Eventually, his wife was able to leave a messages and send e-mails saying that she was fine. She made it home once the George Washington Bridge was open.

Throughout the day, people everywhere had similar stories and similar anxieties as they waited to hear from their

loved ones.

When asked how he felt when he saw his wife, Dr. Morganstern stated, "I felt relief, thankfulness to god. I was really happy."

Although the professor's concerns were put to ease for his wife, he still feared for the life of two of his friends who worked at the World Trade Center.

Eventually he was able to speak with one of them who worked in the second tower on the 71st floor.

His friend was also in charge of the emergency plans for that floor. When the plane hit the first tower, the friend called the emergency number and the police told him to keep everybody in the building. Instead, he evacuated everybody on that floor.

It took an hour and a half to get everybody down the 71 stories. As people were rushing down the stairways, the tower was hit by a second plane. It was not long after they evacuated the building that it collapsed.

Morganstern believes that an attack like this shows that the world is in great trouble.

"Violence is a result of ethnocentric beliefs which become racist in nature," he said. "Whoever did it thinks that their culture and their religion is superior to others. They were acting against this culture."

The Pioneer Times wants to hear from you about your experiences. Write to us at PioneerTimes@student.wpunj.edu.

Counseling and Volunteer Information

For those students who need counseling while dealing with this horrible tragedy, the counseling center on campus has extended their hours to 8:30am to 8pm. In case of an emergency after 8pm, resident students are suggested to contact their resident advisor or resident director or call the campus police at extension 2300.

The wellness center is holding a blood drive and is taking applications for donors in the upper level of the student center. The blood drive will take place next week, but the actual day and time can not be confirmed until further notice from the blood bank.

For those students who must miss classes due to being in the armed forces, they must show their papers to the dean of students. The dean will send out letters to your instructors, but it is advised that all students who miss class, ordered or volunteer, must talk to their professors personally to receive any homework or notes you may miss.

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Pioneer Commentary

Our "great people" must remain strong and hopeful

As many people began their day last Tuesday a terrorist attack of unprecedented proportions shocked the United States. Commercial airline hijackers destroyed the towers of the World Trade Center and damaged the Pentagon while another plane failed to reach the White House. We have seen a tragedy that will profoundly affect the future of our nation and its people.

These attacks were not random acts of violence, but deliberate political tactics targeting the symbols of our economy and strength. At the dawn of the 21st century, our influence is unparalleled, and our scope virtually limitless. Those responsible resent this and wanted to send a message.

Initial reflection tells us this message was not received. In his national address, President George Bush said that, "A great people have been moved to defend a great nation." Rescue crews worked tirelessly, and Americans visited blood banks and community aid centers in droves.

On campus, throngs of students crowded televisions, and it seemed that everyone's attention was focused on the enormity and horror of the situation. University President Arnold Speert said that, "As a community, we'll need to deal with our own feelings of hurt and fear. We need to come together and help."

Nationally, our leaders promise us justice and retaliation. We deserve nothing less. In the face of this challenge, the United States must show that such acts will not be tolerated. Once we have a convincing degree of evidentiary and moral certainty, our nation must respond with a military operation of tremendous magnitude.

This task will require the backing of the public, because this tragedy transcends political differences, races, classes, genders, and generations. It goes to the spirit and psyche of what it means to be American. In our time of sorrow and reflection, we must remain resolute in our belief in the sanctity of the Republic.



PT photo by Robin Kavanagh-Charman

ABOVE: Renee Giliberti addresses WPU faculty about campus blood donation at an emergency meeting for all faculty and staff. At the meeting, efforts to help those in crisis, both on campus and off, due to last week's terrorist attacks were coordinated. Blood donation, food and clothing donation, counseling for all faculty and students, addressing events in the classroom, memorial services, scholarship funds, and helping students cope with their personal situations were all addressed.

The sky is falling: A journalist's tale of horror and hope

By Robin Kavanagh-Charman
Staff Writer

I think it would be accurate to say that for all of us in the New York City area, last Tuesday, the sky fell.

I saw the commercial jet crash into the World Trade Center tower on television.

COMMENTARY With that image I raced out my door with my camera to try and get pictures of the situation for the newspaper I work for. On my journey, I saw more than just tragedy.

On Route 3, I stopped on the side of the road only to see an unnatural head of smoke engulfing the city skyline. Two women in a minibus pulled over behind me—they had not heard what happened.

The look of absolute disbelief on their faces when I told them terrorists hijacked two planes and flew them into the twin towers was more than I had expected. Mouths hung open, they could not lower their eyes from the spectacle that lay not so far away.

As I looked behind me, I saw a long line of cars and trucks pulled over, some with passengers standing on the roofs,

stretching to see what they could; in absolute shock over the mass destruction that had just taken place.

I got back into my car only to hear the words, "it gets worse," come over the radio. The Pentagon had just been hit with another plane.

"It's not going to stop with New York," was my first thought as I headed to the Turnpike for closer shots.

Still more people were gathered on the sides of the road, including a very distressed rabbi in ceremonial garb who looked on in horror. Together, we strangers stood together as the first of the two towers collapsed right before our eyes.

The smoke already there multiplied and yet at the same time, stood still. I didn't believe that what I was seeing was actually possible. I didn't want to believe that such torturous this had been done.

As the day's events unfolded, the magnitude of what had happened began to hit me. Four planes with passengers were hijacked and flown kamikaze style into buildings. The passengers saw it coming; the grounded victims did not. I didn't know which was worse.

But through these torturous hours that we all suffered through, my heart was warmed by some stories of joy. In the face

of tragedy, people poured out as much support and help could possibly be spared.

By early afternoon, there were lines at hospitals of people wanting to give blood. I saw rescue vehicles from all over New Jersey make their way toward the city. New Yorkers pulled together to help each other out of harm's way.

By 9 p.m. there were so many volunteers ready to risk their own lives to help save others', Mayor Rudy Giuliani announced that no more were needed. It was truly inspirational.

New York is famous for being cold and brutal. I always wondered how people in the New York City area would handle a major catastrophe such as this one. It renews my faith in humanity to see such solidarity and compassion amongst members of our community in the face of dire circumstances.

In the days since the bombings, there have been unprecedented scenes of lines flowing out of blood banks. Requests for food, clothing and supplies have been met with overwhelming, instantaneous response. I don't know of anyone who has not been moved by these events.

To everyone who has a loved one affected by these tragic events, my thoughts are with you.

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Campus reactions from around the country

Islamic students at Penn State U. discuss reactions to U.S. tragedies

By Laura Rudisill
Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.-- Once again a tragedy has occurred on American ground. Once again fingers are pointing. Once again al Qaeda leader and terrorist Osama bin Laden, a leading suspect in various other terrorist acts, is at the thrust of the accusations.

As speculation grows around America, concern for the safety and reputation of the Islamic faith grows at Pennsylvania State University. Last week about 60 Muslim students and other Muslim leaders gathered in a guarded Willard classroom to discuss their roles as Muslims in dealing with possible discrimination.

"We need to take a clear stance and understand Islam's view," said Ramy Nasr, director of public relations for the Muslim Student Association.

"In Islam we have basic rules of engagement. There are strict rules about how we fight." Fighting, according to Islam, never involves destruction of innocent life.

"It is against the Muslim religion to kill innocent people," said MSA president Zubair Malik.

"We are all against the terrorist acts that happened. This is not an act of Muslim faith."

During the discussion, Nasr reviewed the principles and

values of Islam. Muslims must show mercy, as their leader Mohammed did, and they must treat all life — plant and animal alike — with respect. He also reminded the group that weaker individuals should never be harmed.

"We never fight children or elderly. We never destroy the environment. If someone gives up, let him go," Nasr said.

In the light of the mercy that is to be shown to other beings, the group condemned the actions of the attacker. They hope others will know that it does not reflect the ideology of Islam.

"It's not the whole Muslim community, it's a few extreme people," said Malik. He added that he and some of his friends have received looks from people passing them on campus, causing them to feel insecure and accused.

"It feels bad to feel like you've done something wrong for following your religion," he said.

Malik said that past events have led him to feel more sensitive to the stares.

"Always right away a Muslim is accused," he said. "Even in the Oklahoma City bombing, a Muslim was accused and it wasn't a Muslim. It's hard to deal with."

The group also discussed reports of attacks on Muslims

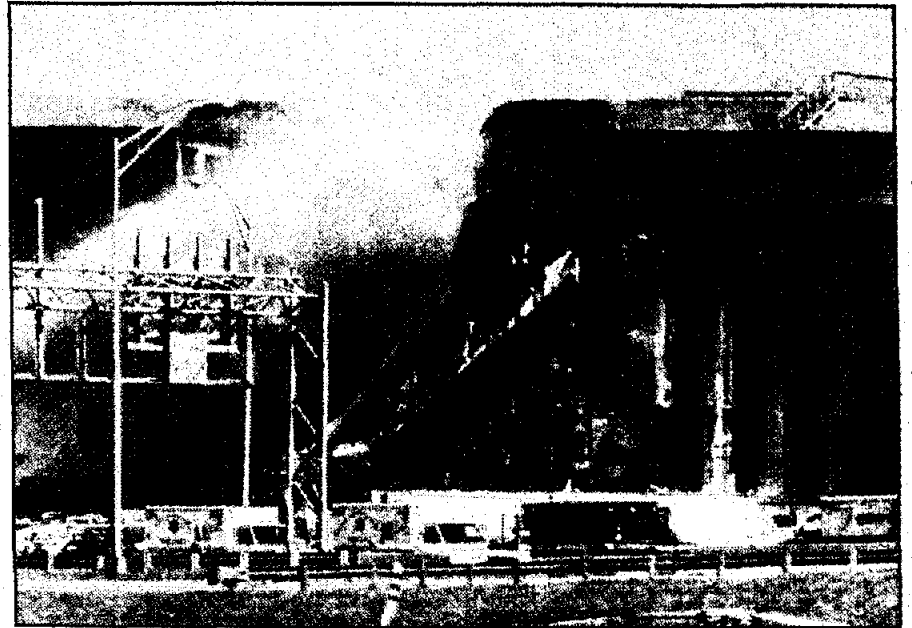


Photo by Chuck Kennedy, courtesy of KRT
Rescue efforts at The Pentagon after terrorist attack.

Coping with shock, grief

By Wynne Parry
Daily Utah Chronicle (U. Utah)

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY - The day was just beginning at the University of Utah, as four airplanes fell from the sky along the East coast.

Peter Alfeld was already in the office when his wife called to tell him of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Then Alfeld, associate chairman of the mathematics department, switched on his radio.

When a faculty member asked how to handle the news in class, Alfeld sent out an e-mail informing his department of the tragedy.

"I recommend that you

inform your class, be open to discussing what has happened, let people leave if they wish and do not insist, but be open to, conducting business as usual," he wrote.

Counselors and support efforts echoed similar encouragements across campus Tuesday.

"This is a huge event in people's lives," said Kari Ellingson, assistant vice president of student affairs. "This is something that everybody, for the rest of their lives, will say this is where I was."

Gathering and processing news of such a crisis marks the start of the healing process — whether someone loses a loved one or is simply shocked

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Ohio University fears for safety of international students

By Laura Arenschiold
The Post (Ohio U.)

(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio - Although many questions have arisen from Tuesday's tragedies, the question of how the United States as a people will react is one of the most widespread.

In Athens, the question especially is important to the international students, who now face, in addition to language and cultural barriers, the possibility of prejudices some citizens are bound to feel. "In the past, the university has handled events such as this quite well.

However, this goes beyond propor-

tions of prior incidents," said Charlie Mickelson, Director of the Ohio Program of Intensive English.

OPIE typically includes students from more than 90 countries. The main goal of the program is to help students learn English so they can complete their education here.

"There certainly is a potential for a totally irrational reaction," Mickelson said. According to Linn Forhan, OPIE academic coordinator, in 1979 there was backlash against Athens' international community when the U.S. Embassy in Iran was stormed and Americans were taken hostage.

Forhan said that, although some

community and Ohio University members came together to offer support, others in the area expressed their anger towards foreigners.

"There wasn't a lot of violent ethnic backlash, but there were a few cases of students who were beat up," Forhan said.

"They assumed that because of physical features, language or clothing, some international students were from Iran."

"It's so terribly serious and it's important for everyone to be reminded how very important it is that we come together as a community and protect one another," she said.

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Calendar of Events Sept. 22th-30th

By Kerry Johnson
Calendar Editor

To list calendar items contact Kerry Johnson at
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Saturday, Sept. 22

Softball Team vs. Felician College at Wightman Field, 11 a.m.

Baseball Team vs. Sussex County College at Wightman Field, 12 p.m.

Field Hockey Team vs. Rowan at Wightman Field, 1 p.m.

For any questions regarding these events call x- 2356.

Tuesday, Sept. 25

12:30 p.m. Java and Jazz at the Machuga Student Center. For more information call x-2271.

Volleyball Team vs. Rutgers-

Newark at the Rec Center, 7 p.m. For further information call x- 2356.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

A Diversity Career Fair is being held at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City. Buses leave the University at 9 a.m. that day. The Career Development Center, Employment Equality and Diversity, OME, Women's Center, and Young Alumni and Disabilities are sponsoring this event. For further information call Tonya Blue, Career Development Center, x- 2282.

Volleyball Team vs. Stevens College at the Rec Center, 7 p.m. For further information

call x-2356.

Woman's Soccer Team vs. Montclair State University at Wightman Field, 7 p.m. For further information call x-2356.

Thursday, Sept. 27

Midday Artist Series presents the New Jersey Conservatory Chambers Players at the Shea Center at 12:30 p.m. This concert features Andrew Lamy, Clarinet; Brett Deubner, viola; and Gary Kirkpatrick, piano. Admission is \$3. For more information call the Shea Center x-2371.

Spotlight Series at the Machuga Student Center CafE, 6 p.m. For more information

call x-2271.

Saturday, Sept. 29

The Campus Activities is sponsoring a hike to Tripod Rock, Kinnelon. Those interested should meet at the Machuga Student Center CafE at 10 a.m. For further information call x-2157.

Men's Soccer Team vs. Richard Stockton at Wightman Field, 7 p.m. For further information call x-2356.

Sunday, Sept. 30

The Catholic Campus Ministry opens the Thanksgiving Awareness Program. Masses will be held at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the CCM Chapel.



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Joe Burke, OU director of residence life, said his staff is aware that the possibility of ethnic backlash exists.

"Right now we're concerned about the welfare of all the students, with a heightened sensitivity to international students," he said. "We understand they might be subject to possible retaliation or hate."

"We're reminding people not to feed into stereotypes. Clearly, in this time of tragedy, taking it out on others is not the proper response," he said.

Burke said he believes most students will respond positively.

OPIE faculty members Cynthia Holliday and Mary Kaye Jordan said most of their students expressed feelings of sadness and shock when they heard about the attacks.

"For the most part, (my students) are very quiet," Jordan said. "They feel shock and are curi-

ous, but they don't know how to react."

Holliday said the students in her class expressed sadness.

"One student whose family lives in Pentagon City was obviously very distraught," she said.

She said the program is working to make sure international students stay safe during the national crisis, when emotions are charged throughout the country.

"We wanted to make sure (the students) are aware and know that Americans will be very upset and angry," she said.

OPIE has put together a set of guidelines for international students, compiled mostly by Mickelson and Forhan, to keep students safe against ethnic backlash.

Mickelson said the program is encouraging students to stay in at night, especially after drinking starts and in general, to maintain a low profile.

Counseling office extends hours; Blood drive sign ups in Student Center

By Paul French
Staff Writer

The Counseling Center in Morrison Hall has extended its hours and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. In case of a counseling emergency after 8 p.m., resident students are asked to contact their resident advisor or resident director or call the campus police at ext. 2300.

Students may sign up to donate blood in the Machuga Student Center from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The blood drive, scheduled for this week, will be held in the Wellness Center in Wayne Hall. Donations must be made by appointment.

Students whose armed forces reserve units are called up must show their papers to the dean of students. The dean will contact your instructors, but students who miss class — ordered or volunteer — are encouraged to talk to their professors personally to receive any homework or notes.

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"We stress that reactions may be irrational," he said. "People's reactions may not have any logical connections in any way."

Forhan said students should not be alarmed.

"We want to help students feel calm and clear-minded and to help them think through what they need to do to remain safe," she said.

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the situation, according to Ellingson.

When first confronted with the image of the smoking towers delivered by TV monitors radios and Web sites, people gather information and often feel numb with shock, she said.

Less than half a day after news of the attack broke, people met in quiet groups throughout the Union to watch CNN and network coverage.

"When the second tower went down, I said, 'this is like a Tom Clancy novel,'" she said.

A whole litany of symptoms can follow traumatic

news, according to Ellingson.

Intervention counselors have a limited time frame to combat shock, she said.

The second and third days afterward are the times to do more than just listen, to talk about personal reactions. After the third day, discussion becomes more difficult, she said.

Physical symptoms of trauma can include nausea, fever/chills, elevated heart rate and blood pressure. Cognitive problems can involve difficulty focusing, a sense of helplessness and a feeling of futility.

"These are common physical, psychological reactions," Ellingson said.

Outlets of information and support appeared across campus to start the healing process.

The Counseling Center sent representatives out while opening its own doors to anyone who might wish to drop by.

"We're trying to clear the schedule as much as possible for people who need to come in," said Lauren Weitzman, a staff psychologist at the Counseling Center.

Counselors were available in the Union during the day to encourage informal discussions, Weitzman said.

"Being scared and being numb is normal," she said. "One of the most important

things is just to talk to other people."

As with the Columbine shooting and the Challenger space-shuttle explosion, some people are surprised to find themselves so emotionally affected, Roeder said.

"Those with connections will surface rather quickly several days afterward," he said.

"Right now, people are just glued to the TV sets, so I think this is going to unfold over the next few days," Weitzman said.

For further information on crisis intervention go to www.saff.utah.edu/counsel.

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since the explosions. Nasr was informed that there have been over 100 reports of women being harassed all around the nation. Though they have heard no reports of Muslim discrimination at Penn State, MSA leaders encouraged the group to be careful and to act peacefully.

"We need to conduct ourselves properly in a situation like this," Malik said. "Watch

your words. Be patient with (those who are threatening). Be rational in your thought process."

Nasr added that it is important to remain calm should a threatening situation arise. "Do not get angry," he told the group.

Leaders of other organizations have stepped up to offer their support of the Muslims at this time. Among them was Hal Needham, who is

involved with international student relations at Penn State and a self-proclaimed Christian.

"We stand behind you," he said. "A major initiative must be taken at Penn State to educate people of the true message of Christianity and Islam."

Dan Ten Kate, president of Alliance Christian Fellowship, shared the concern and sympathized with the discrimination by association that the Muslims

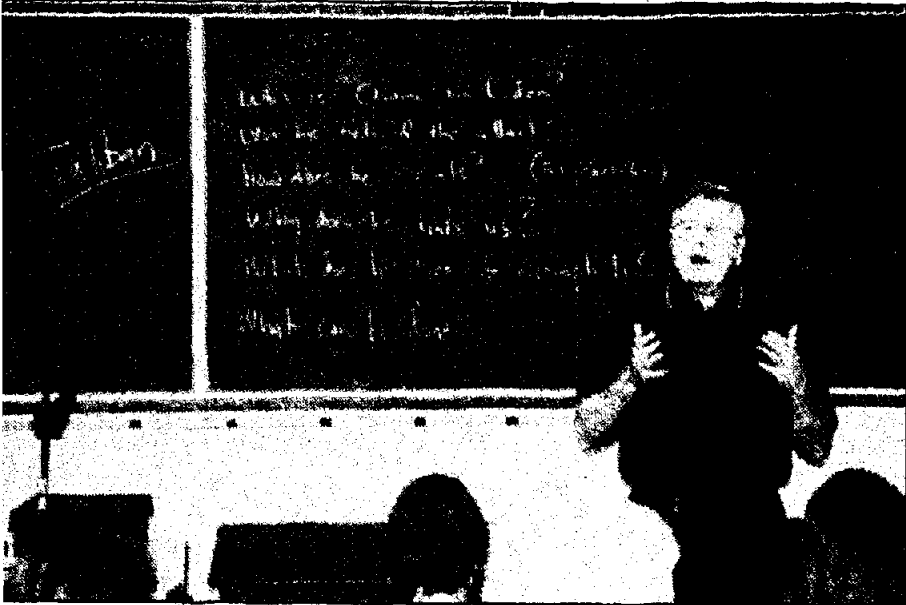
are experiencing.

"You can't paint a whole religion with one brush. It's like how the Klu Klux Klan was not a representation of Christianity," he said.

In the midst of the concern for the safety of Muslims at Penn State, there is also sympathy for those affected by the tragedy.

"Our support goes out to the families of the victims," said Malik.

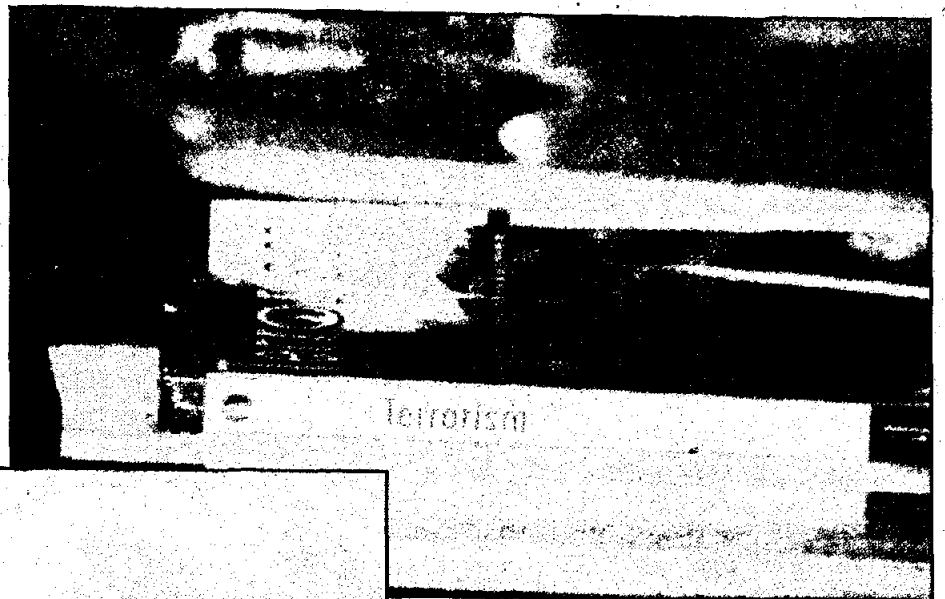
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BOVE LEFT: Bob King, president of the local chapter of the American Federation of Teachers addresses faculty and staff at last week's emergency meeting.

RIGHT: The twin towers burn just seconds before closing.

BELOW: Mike Hemshard, new rector of the Counseling Center, asks questions at the emergency meeting.



ABOVE: Only a day after the New York and Washington, D.C. bombings a book about terrorism is on a student's desk. BELOW: Motorists stop on the side of Route 3 to see the towers engulfed in smoke. Some did not know what was happening.

