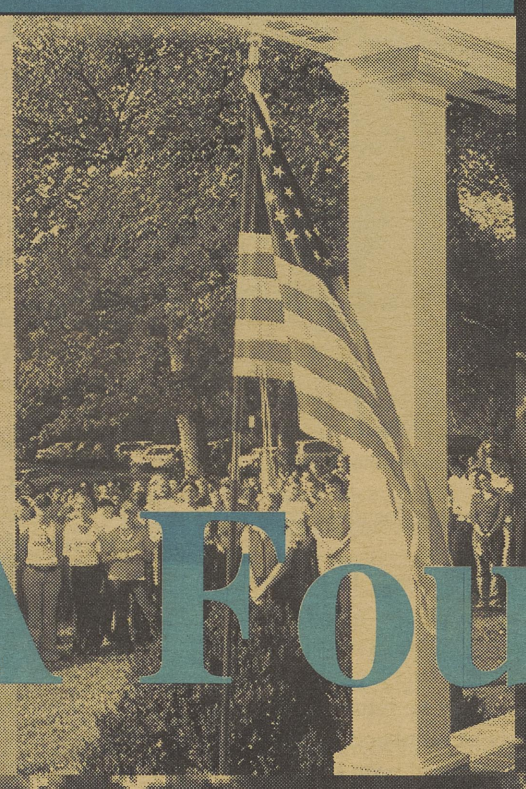
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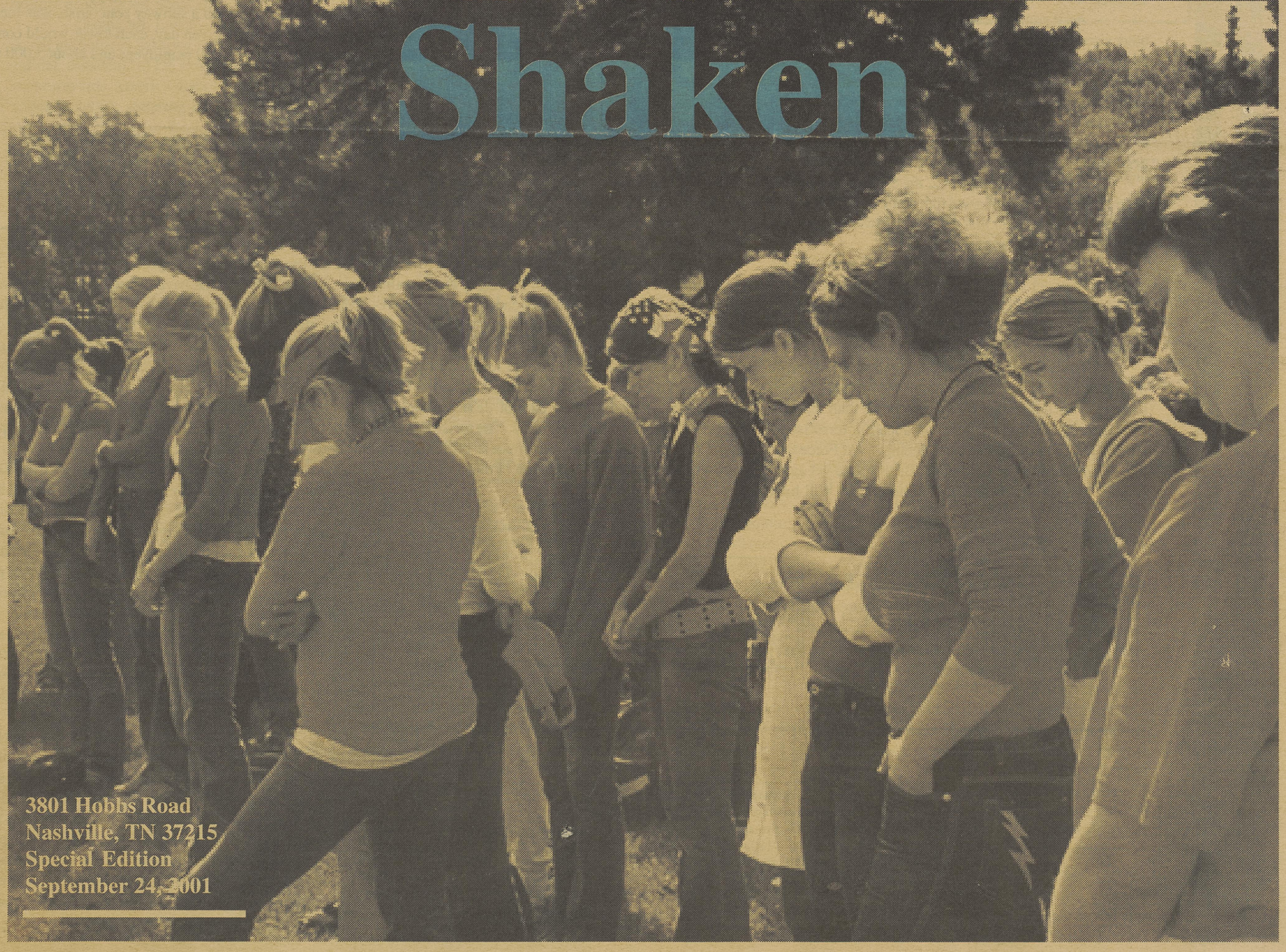
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Tragedy Strikes the East Coast

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September 11, 2001 — A day many Americans will not soon forget, a day burned into this nation's memory forever, for it was on that second Tuesday of September that the United States of America fell under attack.

At 8:45 a.m., EST, it was reported that American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767 en route from Boston to LA, was deliberately steered into Tower 1, the North World Trade Center building. Approximately 18 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., another plane, this one larger, a United Airlines Flight 175, Boeing 757, also en route from Boston to L.A., was spotted flying low and veering into Tower 2, the South World Trade Center building.

Media coverage showed the aircraft as it plummeted through what seemed to be the 60th story of the 110-story building. A large fireball was then spotted emerging from the tower on impact. The use of bridges and tunnels, as well as all flights in the New York and Manhattan area, were suspended.

Forty minutes later, while this apparent tragedy was being attended to, another occurred. Another American Airlines flight, number 77, a Boeing 757, was leaving the Washington-Dulles International Airport bound for Los Angeles when it crashed into one of the five sides of the Pentagon.

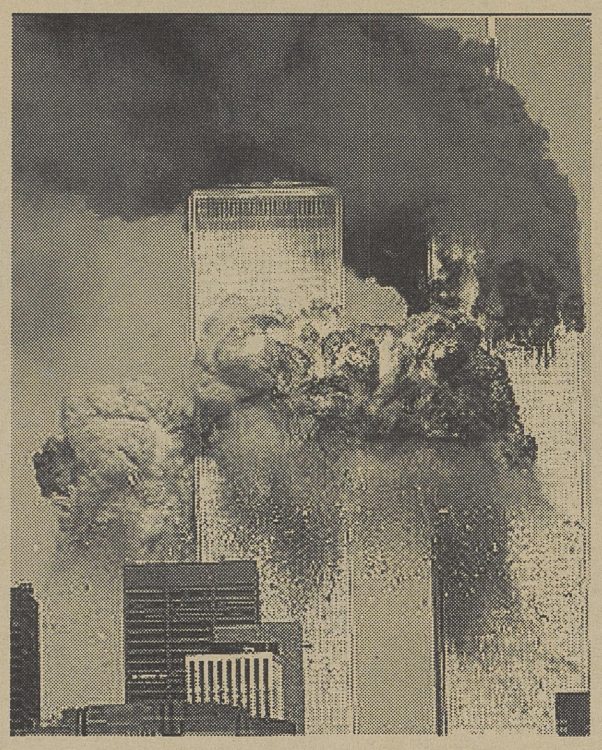
It was at this time, 9:40 a.m., nearly an hour after the first attack, that the Federal Aviation Administration grounded all nation-wide flights, government buildings within the District of Columbia were evacuated, and others throughout the nation were placed on heightened security.

As if matters could not be more dire, yet another aircraft fell from the sky. This United Airlines Flight 93, a Boeing 757, en route from Newark, N.J. to San Francisco, crashed 80 miles south of Pittsburgh. It was originally thought that this crash was a mere coincidence; however, later reports confirmed that this plane was part of the overall attack on our nation and was most likely destined for the White House or Capitol buildings.

At 10:05 a.m., Tower 2, the South Tower of the World Trade Center collapsed into a pile of rubble; it was a mere 23 minutes later that the North Tower followed in the South Tower's footsteps.

President Bush was alerted at 8:50 a.m. that the nation was under siege. The president, who was speaking to children in Florida about education, was told of the tragedy. Witnesses said he "turned ashen" at the word of the latest events.

Bush held a press briefing in the auditorium of the small Florida school and stated the obvious, which had yet to be confirmed by anyone other than those in the media. Bush said, "This is an apparent terrorist attack on our country." Later, after fleeing in Air Force One to a secure location in Louisiana, Bush spoke yet again saying, "Make no mistake, the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts."



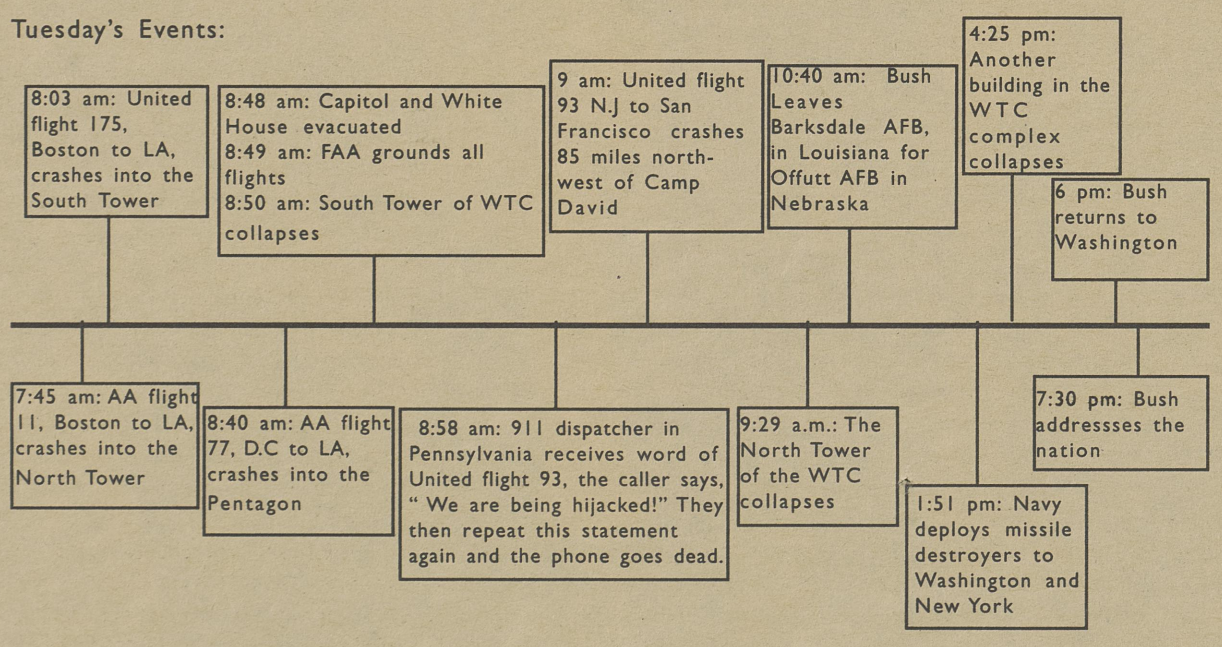
Shortly after the second plane crashed into Tower 2.

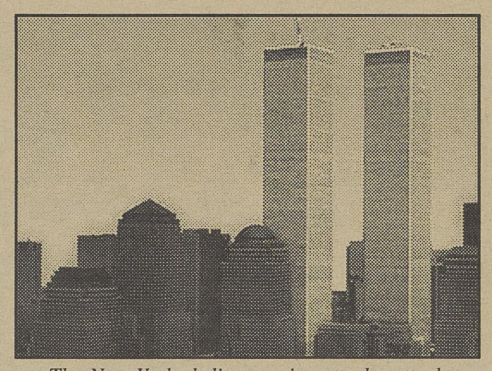
Bush was then whisked away to yet another secure location in Nebraska where he was updated at Offutt Air Force base. After demanding he return to the Capitol, the President boarded Air Force One for the third time in seven hours. When he returned home he was greeted with a grim set of numbers: an estimated 200 New York City firefighters had been killed and 78 NYC police were missing. Also, the numbers of souls lost on the ill-fated flights 11, 77, 93 and 175 all mounted to 266 dead or unaccounted for. Eight hundred Pentagon personnel were reported missing when the President returned to the White House to finalize his address to the nation. It was later estimated that at the time the planes collided into the towers, a maximum of 50,000 people occupied the World Trade Center.

The media coverage continued into the night. The President's address to the nation was at 8:30 p.m., almost 12 horrific hours after the attacks on U.S. soil began.

In his address, the President appeared in the Oval Office, creating a sense of normalcy and stability of the government. He then proceeded, calling the recent events "despicable acts of terror by a faceless coward." He spoke of the "thousands of lives that were suddenly ended by evil" and urged for the prayers and thoughts of the nation to be with those in pain. "These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve." He concluded, "Terrorist acts may shake the foundations of our greatest buildings, but they will not shake the foundation of this great nation."

Tuesday's Events:





The New York skyline previous to the attack.

"Peace" Attacked

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"The World Trade Center is a living symbol of man's dedication to world peace."

So said Minoru Yamasaki, chief architect of the World Trade Center, when the buildings were completed in 1970. As the world watched in horror and shock, major news networks all over the country repeatedly aired footage of the these symbols of peace falling victim to a well-orchestrated terrorist attack. These two towers were considered by many to be the financial center of the USA.

The World Trade Center was made up of the two 110-story towers known as the "twin towers" and five smaller buildings. The Center was a facility for businesses and agencies, government and private, involved in international trade. More than 430 businesses from 26 countries, including companies such as Xerox, Verizon Communications, Morgan Stanley, and AT&T, had offices in the complex.

The twin towers also offered many tourist attractions, including a rooftop restaurant, observation decks, and a mural depicting the history of New York. A large mall, along with a subway concourse, was located underground. On a given day, each tower would contain about 10,000 to 15,000 employees and about 5,000 visitors.

Opinion

Vigil Offers Hope

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Assistant Editor-in-Chief

"Life is good, life is hard, and life goes on." Of all the words that have preceded the events of September 11, 2001, none have offered me solace like the ones spoken by Bishop Edward Kmiec almost 36 hours after the terrible tragedy which occurred on our own American soil. I was one of over 5,000 people who gathered in Centennial Park on September 12 for "Nashville United in Prayer, Peace, and American Pride," a vigil held by local radio stations to provide solace, communion, and healing for local citizens. For over an hour, people of various ages, ethnicity, socioeconomic backgrounds, and cities convened to hear patriotic performances from Kenny Chesney, Martina McBride, and Michael W. Smith; listen to stirring words of hope from Mayor Bill Purcell and Bishop Kmiec; and join in prayer led by Dr. Jerry Sutton.

Despite all the differences of the people attending the vigil, there was one constant: the feeling of pride that grew stronger as the program progressed. For me, it was therapeutic to convene with other Nashville residents and comforting to know that they shared the same grief and confusion that I have felt since learning of the horror. With each new song and speaker, the notion that we, as Americans, will rise above this hatred ascended to new heights.

The vigil was concluded with an emotional singing of "Amazing Grace," as thousands of people lit candles in memory of those killed and missing. As I stood there holding hands with both my best friend and a man to whom I had no attachment or relation, my eyes were overpowed by the images of American flags waving high and gleaming in the candlelight. For me, the ceremony at Centennial Park lessened my grief, elevated my love for our country, and gave me the sense of security that we shall overcome the events of September 11.

Historic Path Leads to Terror

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News Editor

On September 11, 2001, the world was shocked by the series of terrorist acts against the United States. The brutality and magnitude of these acts have already evoked much speculation around the globe. Although many suspect Osama bin Laden of being the one central perpetrator, others also regard Tuesday's events as the culmination of a historic path which began with the founding of Israel in 1948.



[AP PHOTO]

Osama bin Laden, chief suspect in the recent terrorist attacks.

According to Dr. Art Echerd of the Harpeth Hall Social Science Department, although it is too early to blame extreme Islamic fundamentalists, Tuesday's events do seem to carry religious implications which originated when modern Israel was created in the midst of Arabic nations.

Subsequent conflicts between Israel and the hostile Arab world led to the 1979 Camp David Accords (one of the hijacked planes was apparently heading towards Camp David before it crashed). Yet America's effort to forge peace in the region ended up being "very, very vague," said Dr. Echerd. The Persian Gulf War in 1991 was the next major event in this historic path. It continued to highlight American presence in the region after affirming its pro-Israel policies in the 70s and 80s. Dr. Echerd believes that America's intervention further evoked resentment from Muslims who viewed American culture as the "great seducer."

Osama bin Laden, Islamic fundamentalist and Saudi millionaire, has long viewed America as "arrogant, infidel, decadent" in Dr. Echerd's words. But his resentment towards America goes far beyond the Palestinian cause in Israel. Sharing no connection with the PLO which is a secular political force, bin Laden believes that "the most important thing is Islam." The son of an extremely wealthy Saudi family who made its fortune from construction business during the oil boom, bin Laden aided the Afghanistan rebels with logistics expertise during the Soviet invasion in the 80s. America also supported the Afghanistan rebels, but its continous presence after the war offended bin Laden deeply. There, his career of terror launched, and two *fatwas,* or religious rulings, were issued, urging Muslims to kill American civilians.

Many Islamic fundamentalist groups would love to claim the glory of past Tuesday's acts. But it is bin Laden who has consistently, yet stealthily, carried out his anti-America plans. Suspected of being responsible for a series of terrorist acts since the 90s (see Time Line), bin Laden quickly became the target of suspicions for Tuesday's events.

Of course as the true criminal's identity remains unknown, and any speculation will remain mere speculations. Yet, by looking at the Time Line, one question must be asked: could Tuesday's events have been prevented since there exists such a shadowy history of terror, as bin Laden's career is clearly leading to somewhere unthinkable?

To these questions, Dr. Echerd shrugged his shoulders.

TERROR TIMELINE

Creation of Israel	1948	
	1967	The six-day war, Israeli terrotorial gain
Israeli atheletes murdered at the Munich Olymics; Black September	1972	
	1973	The Yom Kippur War, Israeli territorial gain
Camp David Accords, Vague Territorial Compromises	1979	
	1987	PLO issused intifada (Palestinian uprisings)
The Persian Gulf War resulted in permanent US military presence	1991	
	1993	Bombing of the World Trade Center; bin Laden allegedly involved
U.S. servicemen in Somalia deliberately killed; bin Laden allegedly involved	1993	
	1998	Bombing of the U.S embassies in Kenya and Tanzania; bin Laden allegedly involved
Attack on USS Cole in Yemen; bin Laden allegedly involved	2000	Failed plan to bomb LA airport; bin Laden involved indirectly

Opinion

Humanism Is Needed

Jenny Paris ('02)
Opinions Editor

A show of patriotism may unify our country; it may combat the reactions of panic, fear, and anxiety that the terrorists intended. But what *is* patriotism?

It is probably many things for many people, but on all levels, it is the love of the land we live in and its democratic foundation. The American people rally around a piece of cloth and three colors to represent this love. In the wake of Tuesday's events, there are flags waving from cars and in front of houses; people wearing red, white, and blue; the National Anthem being sung by HH students, and "God Bless America" by Congressmen of Washington, D.C. All may serve as a healing balm, unifying American citizens together in the face of tragedy and shock, especially when thinking of the many innocent people who lost their lives Tuesday, and the way that it will forever change the lives of thousands.

However, I hope patriotism includes a love of our country so deep that we have the courage to look at ourselves and our own foreign policies and question things done in our name. Who trained Osama bin Laden to defeat superpowers? Who is responsible for dictators like Augustin Pinochet rising to power? What is the effect on world unity by America's recent withdrawal from world summits such as the ones in Kyoto and South Africa? These are the questions that are going to have to be addressed to really combat distrust and hatred between cultures. Some "patriots" speak of making the terrorists pay in blood. Ridding the world of terrorists is one thing, addressing the issues that gave birth to them is another.

As the dire possiblity of a major conflict between the Middle East and the West increases, the kind of loyalty and patriotism that is needed is a strong love of humanity. We need to reach beyond loving only those within arbitary borders and wholeheartedly wish to defy the cruelty and unnecessary loss of life that accompanies war. There is no way to win a nuclear and chemical/biological war! We've only got each other to lose.

Opinion

Islam: A Misunderstood Religon

Lana Ismail ('02)
Contributing Writer



You had the shock of hearing about one of the most devastating acts of mankind. You felt the empathy, shed the tears, and now an insatiable thirst for justice and revenge overcomes you. It did not take the media long to aim most of this fury at an Islamic terrorist named Osama bin Laden. But many Americans geared their anger toward a much more general target: the Muslims and Arabs. In fact, there have been several reported harassments, death threats, and even a mosque shooting in our country that preaches, liberty, equality, and justice for all. But, what most non-Muslims do not know is that Muslim extremist groups follow a very distorted interpretation of the Koran,the holy book of Islam.

The Koran states that one who dies fighting in the name of Allah (God) will go to heaven. This was mainly intended for the Muslims fighting in defense (during the time of Muhammad) when they tried to spread Islam to atheists. Even at this time, Muslims did not force others with established faiths to convert. Muslim fundamentalist groups, on the other hand, simply disregard these and other parts in the Koran that explicitly state that committing suicide or taking any human life disrespect the most precious gift from God and are sins that promise Hell. Their interpretation is so far from the intended meaning that they lose the essence of religion altogether. If Christians are not judged by their actions in Ireland and by Timothy McVeigh, then Muslims should not be nailed to an image of the very terrorists who profane their religion. Therefore, condemning all Muslims and Arabs for the actions of these radical extremists is not only very hurtful; it is very misled.

But why, then, did we see a small group of Muslim Palestinians cheering for our deaths? The answer is explainable but not justifiable. Since these Palestinians have seen terror, similar to what we saw on Tuesday, on a daily basis for several months, they have had losses much like ours. America supplies a substantial amount of money and weapons to Israel, so Palestinians have come to view America as the gun that killed their loved ones. It should be noted that those in celebration shown on television were only a very small group of mainly younger people who were born into a world of devastation and death. Out of anyone in the world, they could probably empathize most with families of those killed, but they cannot get past viewing us as cold-blooded, just as we see the terrorists that attacked us. Nevertheless, their actions are ignorant and unjustified. But once again, judging all Palestinians by the few that were shown does not give fairness to the truth that most, including government officials, showed remorse and gave their condolences.

Despite our fury and comfort in blaming someone(s), we should learn from our history of how unfairly we treated the Japanese Americans after Pearl Harbor, and know that racism solves nothing. The fact remains that American Muslims and Arabs also lost loved ones during this tragedy. We should be open-minded to this fact and remember that America is a wonderful melting pot of nationalities, races, and religions. It is our duty to be advocates against uncontrolled fury, racism, and ignorance to preserve the very thing that makes us most proud to be Americans.

Students and Faculty React to Recent Events

Jenny Paris ('02)
Opinions Editor

Harpeth Hall shares feelings, thoughts, and advice about the recent attack on America.

Dr. Myers, Senior English and AP Art History:

"We need to differentiate between a group of radical thinkers and the greater Islamic global community. Most of the Islamic world totally condemns what has happened. For example, most Americans don't think of themselves in the same category as Timothy McVeigh. Americans are shocked when we are stereotyped, and it is an obscenity for us to see all Arabs in this way. We need to be careful of our judgements.

If we give the terrorists what they want: fear, anxiety, and panic, then they will have succeded. Life must go on. The rest of the world has looked on us as naive for a long time, and now we are aware to the fact that we are not invincible.

Behavior does have consequences. We have national policies of poisioning oceans, plans to drill in Alaskan wilderness, and a vast majority of people totally ignoring what is going on elsewhere on the planet because it 'doesn't involve us.' We must be responsible as a country."

Jessica Turk, Senior:

"I had heard of Osama bin Laden from hearing his name occasionally in the news. I know about the conflicts in the Middle East, but now I realize that there are obviously more issues that are kept out of the public eye. I was shocked that there was next to nothing I could do. But, after watching the television on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., I couldn't take it anymore, especially the pictures of the people in the World Trade Center waving to let people know they were there, right before it crumbled.

Dr. Carter, Upper School Spanish:

"My daughter lives and works in Washington D.C . I was hysterical. My mind totally blocked out everything else but her. I called my husband and told him he must call her, and he hadn't heard the news of the attacks yet, but heard the urgency in my voice and didn't ask why. Even after I found out she was okay, I didn't want to hear or see the television. I needed to show strength and control, but thinking she could have been hurt shook me up. I thought about all the other mothers of the people who were killed or injured. When I got home, my mind finally had time to grasp the horror of it, to which nothing is comparable. I was glued to the T.V. You never know what's going to happen to you."

Mrs. Saylor, Community Service Director:

"There is not a lot you can do to help those directly affected right now. Give love and light in your own special way and hope and healing to those around you. Comfort also came to me in ultimately believing that God is in control and that he will bring justice, and comfort to the hurting."

Dr. Henderson, AP U.S. and World History

" I was a little troubled by the fact that it took 12 hours before the president tried to reassure the nation. Because of Bush's inexperience and his tendency to be completely controlled by his advisors, I think I will feel much better when Colin Powell is back in the country and calling the shots in a reasonable, measured way. I also hope that our leaders will not do anything to raise passions in such a way that result in racism and the loss of civil liberties at home as happened to Japanese-Americans during WWII and to middle-easterners during the Iran Hostage crisis of 1980. If we do, we will be no better than those who perpertrated this heinous crime."

Mr. Croker, Sophomore and AP English; Media Arts:

"I've encouraged my girls to venture past the major networks and to look at PBS and the New York and Los Angeles Times on the internet. The major networks serve almost as a cathartic position, relying on images and feature stories while the others have round table discussions, hard news, and details of possible ramifications."

Thea Nalls, Junior:

"I studied [the conflict in the Middle East], but it never touched close to home. It never triggered a response, like: "someone could attack us". I studied their past and culture... but I never processed the actual conflicts and how they could affect me. No amount of studying flashcards and test-taking could prepare me for this."

Sarah Mayhan, Sophomore:

"It's interesting to talk about, but I feel like at a certain point, I can't do it anymore. Before, I had a vague idea about conflict over there and I knew they didn't like Americans... I'd seen terrorist attacks around the world, and I was not so surprised that it happened here."

Anna Smith, Sophomore:

"I've been reading a lot about it. I think more hate is just going to add to the turmoil."

9-11: AMERICA ON ALERT

11 Results of Tuesday's Terror

1. Most Nashville radio stations substituted music with a broadcast of Nashville Public Radio (90.3) and news of the tragedy.
2. The majority of television stations cancelled sheduled programming in order to show continuous coverage of the events, including MTV and VH-1.
3. For the first time in United States history, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) halted all flights with the exception of military personnel.
4. Other American monuments, including the Seattle Space Needle in Seattle, the Sears Tower in Chicago, and Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, closed.
5. National and state federal buildings across the U.S. were evacuated.
6. Citizens across the country – fearing an imminent war with the Middle East, a significant fuel source for the US – lined up at gas stations.
7. U.S. stock markets (including New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq) closed.
8. Major league baseball games for the week were canceled, along with some NCAA football games.
9. The Latin Grammy Awards and Prime time Emmy Awards were postponed.
10. Postal air services were grounded, and mail was limited to a 600-mile delivery radius (on a local note, this prevented the cast and crew of Harpeth Hall's *Annie Get Your Gun* from receiving essential costuming from Canada).
11. Within hours of the tragedy, citizens flocked to blood donation centers in record numbers to give blood.

Harpeth Hall Alum Escapes from WTC

Kathryn Larson ('02)
Entertainment Editor

It has been eleven years since Anne Prosser ('90) graduated from HH, but two faculty members thought of her on Sept. 11. Anna was in the World Trade Center when the two hijacked planes crashed into both towers. To imagine that one woman could have successsfully found her way out of a collapsing 110-story building is astonishing.

Anne was working on the 90th floor as a finance manager of Clearstream Banking when the terrorist attacks occurred. As she stood trapped inside the building, Anne managed to get in touch with her father, telling him, "I'm okay. We can't get out now but we're all right. We're going to get out. I'll call you when we do [get out]." She was fortunate to accomplish this, making it out of the WTC alive and physically unmarred.

Prosser stated in the Sept. 12 *Tennessean*, "It was like you were in hell, looking out at the flames and the corpses." One can only imagine the fear that grew in her stomach as fumes engulfed her surroundings while she forced herself to find a way out of the World Trade Center on that fateful morning.

When news reached Nashville that Anne Prosser was in New York, one of Prosser's former teachers, Mrs. Janette Klocko, said, "I had an absolute stab of fear because I knew that about two summers ago, she [Prosser] was working on Wall Street." Concerning her former student, Mrs. Klocko commented that "she was a grounded person, not one with her head in the clouds. If she sets out to do something — she will do it." It was this exact quality that Prosser possessed which strongly contributed to her escape amidst the terror and chaos.



Anne Prosser ('90) in her publicity photo from the suspense play Nightwatch.

Anne's bravery and calm behavior is apparent to many of her prior teachers. According to Dr. Echerd, "No one knows what they will do in a situation like this, but she was very self-possessed. Harpeth Hall does allow students to learn authority and leadership and hopefully gives you self confidence, so Anne definitely is an example."

A First-Hand Account

Erika Wilkinson ('00), current sophomore at New York University, is another HH alumna who witnessed the events of September 11:

"While walking to my classes, I saw the second airplane hit the second building. Later, I heard screams and then a huge noise; the first building had collapsed. After that, NYU closed its campus and canceled all classes. Dorms that are very close to the WTC were evacuated. My suitemates went down to Washington Square Park and actually saw people jumping from the buildings. Thick smoke remained for days afterwards. Everything from 14th street and down is closed, so nothing is really open where I live. NYU is giving out free food to anyone, and a lot of places are helping out.

It was complete chaos here."