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Campus Mourns with Nation

Forum Held on Wednesday For Community

By VICTORIA B. SEGALL
Pride Editor

Three hundred students, faculty, and staff gathered last Wednesday morning for a public forum, where many expressed their anger, concern, and sadness about the attacks on the East Coast.

"I know everyone has a lot on their minds this morning," said President Alexander Gonzalez, as he addressed the crowd gathered on and around the steps of Founders Plaza. "The purpose of this forum is to talk. I ask that we think through what this means to us, not only as individuals, but as a campus." Before he continued his address, he asked the crowd for a moment of silence.

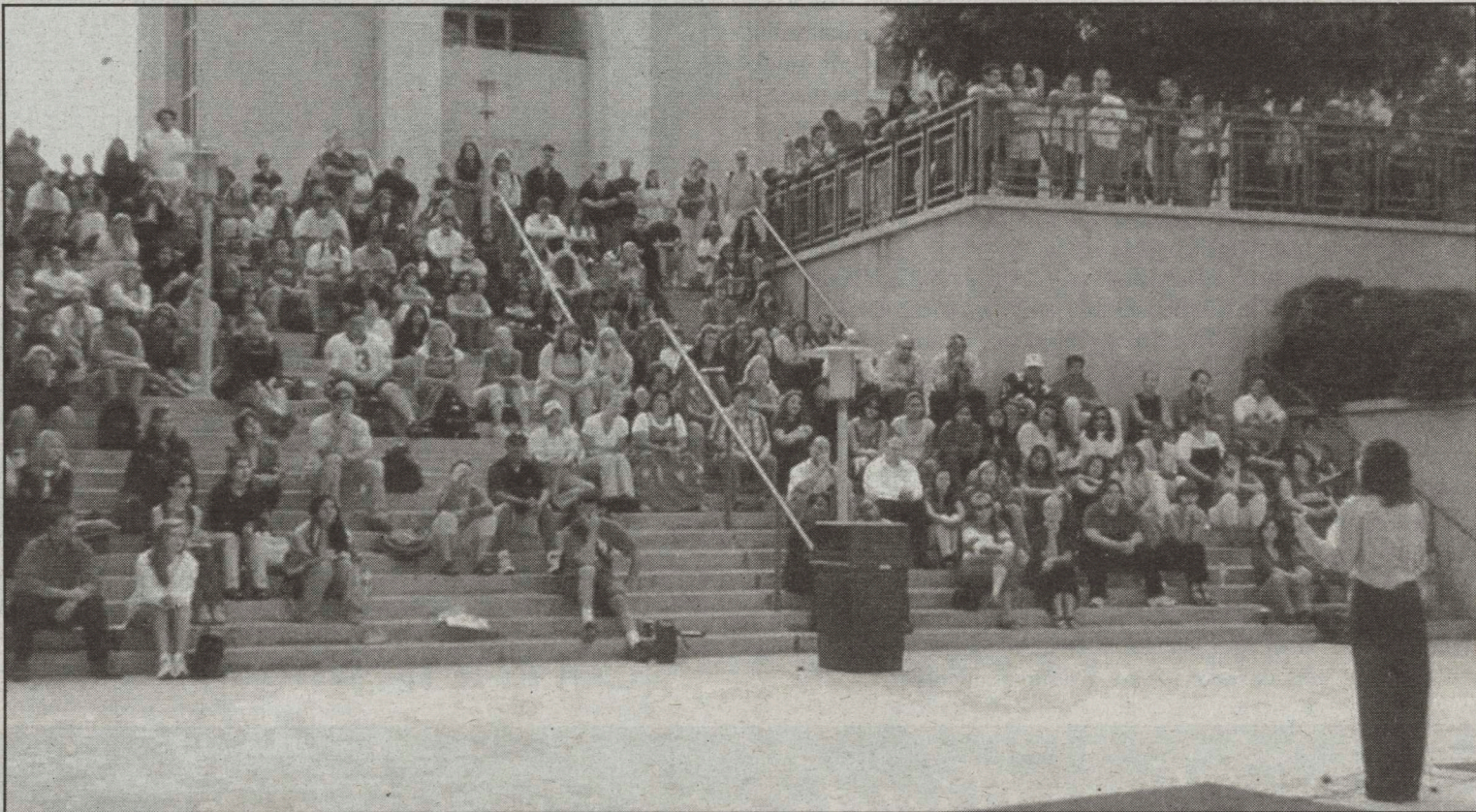
After his speech, Gonzalez introduced Campus Police Chief Tom Schultheis, who explained last Tuesday's campus evacuation.

"The police began an action plan. We brought in extra staff, maximum mobilization, and the Chief communicated with the Sheriff's Department and the FBI Command Post in San Diego," said Schultheis.

"Police patrolled the campus, looking for suspicious items, and reassuring individuals that we're there for them."

After Schultheis spoke, the forum was opened to the public; several dozen students and faculty took the opportunity to share their thoughts.

"This is a pretty tragic thing for me," said the first speaker, Sean Harris, a junior who also served three years in the U.S.



(Above) Campus gathered on the steps of Founders Plaza on Wednesday.
(Below) Francine Martinez, Vice President of Student Affairs looks on as a student shares her grief.
(Pride Photos/Melanie Addington)

Army. "This was a long time coming; I'm not surprised it's happening."

Deanna Walsh expressed her shock. "I never thought this would happen," she said. "I thought it could only happen in the movies."

Student representatives from

various clubs also spoke Tuesday morning.

"I asked how God could let something like this happen. This is evil ... this was not supposed to happen," said Scott Philips of the Inter-Varsity Christian Club. He told students that clubs such

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Campus Comes Together in Founders Plaza

By VICTORIA B. SEGALL
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On Friday at noon, more than 100 students, faculty, and staff gathered in Founders Plaza for a moment of silence on the national Day of Prayer and Remembrance.

The CSUSM community joined thousands of people around the county to remember the victims and families of those affected by the attacks. Oceanside was one of the cities that held services, including a prayer service at the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base Chapel, where more than 250 people gathered.

Elementary schools and high

schools across the district also recognized the day with a moment of silence. State Superintendent Delaine Eastin encouraged schools to observe the moment of silence, calling the day a time "to reflect on our great American heritage."

The day was observed not only by people in New York and around the United States, but also around the world.

In Rome, Pope John Paul II took a moment of silence to pray at his home in Castel Condolfo. Queen Elizabeth II, Prime Minister Tony Blair, and thousands of people gathered in and around England's St. Paul's Cathedral for a prayer service.

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Credit Card Marketers to Be Regulated on College Campuses

By MELANIE ADDINGTON
Pride Editor

New legislation to regulate the marketing practices of credit card companies on California's college campuses was signed by California Gov. Gray Davis on Thursday. The legislation will require California State University and the California Community Colleges to adopt policies regulating credit card marketing on campuses.

"I think it's appropriate legislation at this point. I agree with Gov. Davis," said CSUSM President Alexander Gonzalez.

"This bill (AB 521) is necessary to stop aggressive credit card marketing practices aimed at college students. Credit card companies induce college students with no credit history to sign up for cards by offering gifts. Often they provide these students with little or no information about the financial responsibilities of owning a credit card," said Gov. Davis.

The new policy that each campus governing board is asked to adopt includes several requirements:

First, credit card marketing sites must register with campus administration, and the number of sites must be limited. Second, credit card marketers are prohibited from offering gifts to students for filling out credit card applications.

Also, campuses must routinely offer credit card and debt education and counseling sessions as part of their campus orientations for new students. In addition, colleges and universities must utilize existing debt education materials prepared by nonprofit entities to avoid the incurring expense of new materials.

The bill is not a mandate, but is instead a request for each campus to consider adopting the

policy requirements. Each university president will receive the bill information and then "will look at the suggestions and see what can be implemented," according to Colleen Bentley-Adler, spokesperson for the CSU Office of the Chancellor.

Gonzalez said he feels that marketing abuse does occur with students. He told how his older son, a college student, received a credit card and spent a great

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Relief and Rescue Efforts: What People Can Do to Help

By JENNIFER HOLMES
Pride Staff Writer

With the aftermath of Tuesday's terrorist attack on New York and Washington, many people at CSUSM have asked, "What can we do to help?"

Locally, there are multiple ways for everyone to help the survivors, victims, and their family members.

Rescue workers need supplies.

There is still a great deal of dust and debris, including tiny glass particles in the air, so the most important item workers need is saline solution for their eyes. Other items in demand are socks, boots (steel tip), goggles, non-perishable food items, and battery chargers for cell phones. Contact the American Red Cross for more information at 1-800-HELP-NOW.

Donate blood.

The San Diego Blood Bank said that their supplies have reached full capacity for now, but they urge people to donate in a week or more.

Contribute monetary donations.

Many organizations are

accepting monetary donations, including the New York City Fire and Police Departments, the United Way Fund (phone: 1-212-251-4035), the Salvation Army (1-800-SAL-ARMY), the Housing Relief Fund (1-800-874-6500), and the American Red Cross (web site: www.arcs.org).

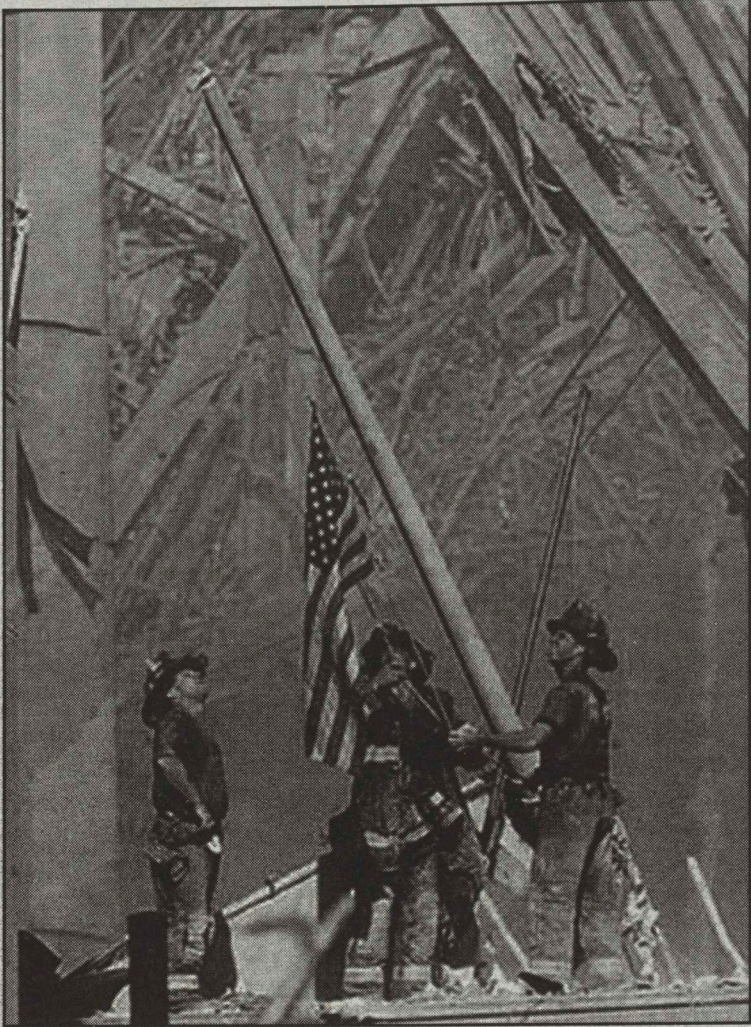
On-line donations are also accepted at www.amazon.com and www.yahoo.com. These web sites have set up virtual donation baskets to help collect funds. Donations may also be made to the Mercy Corps, an organization that provides trauma counseling and scholarships for children that have lost parents in the tragedy.

Support one another.

Many local churches and religious groups are offering prayer vigils and group counseling. Check the local paper or log onto www.signonsandiego.com for more up-to-date information.

Show your patriotism.

Show pride and devotion for the U.S. by flying a flag or displaying one on vehicles. White shoe polish may also be used to write messages on car windows to show support.



Fireman hoist the American flag over the wreckage.
(Courtesy Photo/The Record: Thomas. E Franklin)

Communicate on message boards.

Even if a person is unable to donate, he/she can show support by posting thoughts and kind words on the numerous on-line message boards devoted to this tragic event. All news web sites including www.cnn.com, www.msn.com, www.nbc739.com, have message boards. Words of support are as important as monetary donations or supplies.

If You Know Something, Contact the FBI

Individuals that have credible tips regarding the attacks and/or the persons involved are encouraged and welcomed by the FBI, and may remain anonymous. Anyone with information may contact the FBI online at www.ifccfbi.gov.

On Campus

Several clubs are working to put together various fund raisers to help aid the victims. Fundraisers may include selling carnations and blood drives. Please contact ASI for further information. ASI is located in Commons 203. The phone number is 750-4990.

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Thoughts on ... Belief

Compiled by M. Addington

"Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."

-Harriet Beecher Stowe

"When you come to the edge of all the light you know, and are about to step off into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing one of two things will happen: There will be something solid to stand on, or you will be taught how to fly."

-Barbara J. Winter

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

-Albert Einstein

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow."

-Helen Keller

"There are two ways to slide easily through life: to believe everything or to doubt everything. Both ways save us from thinking."

-Alfred Korzybski

Search for Suspects in Attack Continues

UPDATE:

Sunday: Bin Laden denies any connection with the terrorist acts. Saturday: A material witness was arrested in New York. Also, the man detained Thursday at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport for allegedly possessing a false pilot's license has been charged in connection with the investigation, according to CNN.

Editorial Note: We have tried to provide the most up to date information, but we realize that new information may be available before The Pride is printed. We apologize if we are not able to include any new updates.

By MARTHA SARABIA
Pride Staff Writer

President George W. Bush singled out Saudi extremist Osama bin Laden as a main suspect in Tuesday's attacks, the worst terrorist attack in the nation's history. When asked about bin Laden, the president told reporters, "If he thinks he can hide from the United States and our allies, he will be sorely mistaken." He added, "We will smoke them out of their holes. We'll get them running, and we'll bring them to justice."

The FBI continues to receive tips about the terrorist attacks from individuals via the Internet and telephone.

The FBI hotline has received more than 5,200 calls, as of Saturday, according to CNN reports. Last Friday U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said that the FBI had distributed a list of more than 100 people who may have information that could assist U.S. law enforcement agencies, the Federal Aviation administration, airlines, U.S. Customs, and the Border Patrol, who are all involved in the investigation.

The FBI also released the names of the terrorists implicated in the attack. The following

information is based on CNN reports from the FBI that listed, on Sept. 14, information on the suspects.

- On American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon, five terrorists were involved. Their names are: 1) Khalid Al-Midhar, who may have had residences in Los Angeles, Calif., and New York, N.Y. There are also suspicions that he lived in San Diego county, in the city of Clairemont. 2) Majed Moqed is another suspect; however there is no information at this time. 3) Nawaq Alhamzi, another suspect, is said to have had possible residences in Fort Lee and Wayne, N.J., and Los Angeles and San Diego. 4) Suspect Salem Alhamzi may have had residences in Fort Lee and Wayne, New Jersey, and Clairemont, Calif. 5) Hani Hanjour may have had residences in Phoenix, Ariz., and San Diego. It is believed that he was a pilot. Although it is not yet official, local San Diego TV news reporters said that the FBI agents were in the Clairemont searching apartments complexes. It is believed that three of these terrorists who died in the attacks occupied one of these apartments.

- There are five suspects in the hijacking of American Airlines Flight 11, which crashed into the World Trade Center's north tower. 1) Suspect Satam Al Suqami's last known address was the United Arab Emirates. His date of birth is believed to be June 28, 1976. 2) Waleed M. Alshehri used various dates of birth: Sept. 13, 1974, Jan. 1, 1976, March 3, 1976, July 8, 1977, Dec. 20, 1978, May 11, 1979, and Nov. 5, 1979. His possible residences include Hollywood, Orlando and Daytona Beach, Fla. He was believed to have been a pilot. 3) Wail Alshehri may have lived in Hollywood, Fla., and Newton, Mass. He is said to have been born July 31, 1973. He

was also believed to have been a pilot. 4) Mohamed Atta used Sept. 1, 1968 as his date of birth. His possible residences include Hollywood, Coral Springs, Fla., and Hamburg, Germany. He is also believed to have been a pilot. 5) Abdulaziz Alomari used Dec. 24, 1972, and May 28, 1979, as his dates of birth. His possible residences include Hollywood, Fla. He was believed to have been a pilot.

- Five terrorists were believed to have been aboard United Airlines Flight 175, which crashed into the World Trade Center's south tower. The terrorists are said to be: 1) Marwan Al-Shehhi whose date of birth was said to have been May 9, 1978. His possible residence was Hollywood, Fla. He is believed to have been a pilot. 2) Fayez Ahmed is considered to have had a possible residence in Delray Beach, Fla. 3) Ahmed Alghamdi's possible residence is Delray Beach, Florida. 4) Hamza Alghamdi also is believed to have had a possible residence in Delray Beach, Florida. 5) Mohald Alshehri, is also a possible resident of Delray Beach, Fla.

- United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Stony Creek Township, Penn., is said to have had four terrorists on board: 1) Saeed Alghamdi, a possible resident of Delray Beach, Fla. 2) Ahmed Alhaznawi whose date of birth used was Oct. 11, 1980. He is believed to have been a resident of Delray Beach, Fla. 3) Ahmed Alnami, also a possible resident of Delray Beach, Fla. 4) Ziad Jarrahi who is believed to have been a pilot.

The FBI arrested a material witness on Friday in New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, a Justice Department official told NBC news. This is the first official witness detained by the FBI. According to CNN reports, the man was arrested for allegedly possessing a false

pilot's license. However, a material witness is not necessarily a suspect in a criminal investigation. The designation of "material witness" means that the witness is believed to have highly pertinent information and may be a flight risk, according to NBC reports. The name of this witness, as of Saturday, had not been released.

NBC news anchor Pete Williams also reported Friday night that this witness was one of 10 who had been detained Thursday at one of New York's three major airports. FBI investigators said they believe he knows more about the attacks than he has been saying since he was detained, Williams said.

Williams also reported in news reports that two men were

"We'll get them running, and we'll bring them to justice."

**George W. Bush
President of U.S.A.**

arrested Wednesday on suspicion of immigration violations after they had an argument at an Amtrak station in Fort Worth. The men are identified as Ayoub Ali Khan, 51, and Mohammed Jaweed Azmath, 47. When arrested, they were carrying \$5,000 in cash in addition to a box cutter, an object believed to be among the weapons hijackers used in Tuesday's attacks. Also, Williams reported that Khan and Azmath boarded a flight from Newark, N.J. to San Antonio, around the same time of the attacks on Tuesday morning. However, their flight was forced to land in St. Louis when all U.S. flights were grounded after the attacks. From St. Louis they

boarded an Amtrak train heading to Texas, where they were detained and interrogated. After being interrogated for two days, they were taken to New York for further investigation of their possible connections to the terrorist attacks. U.S. officials have told NBC that FBI agents are "fairly confident" that these suspects know about the network behind Tuesday's attacks and that it was organized by exiled Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden.

FBI officials told NBC reporters that they presented the most promising lead developed so far in the investigation. NBC's Jim Popkin reported Saturday that the FBI raided Khan and Azmath's former apartment at 6 Tonelle St. in Jersey City, N.J. Some neighbors said that many people were taken away for questioning, but an FBI spokeswoman told NBC only that at least one person had been detained for interviews with FBI agents in connection with the terrorists' attacks. CNN reported that FBI spokeswoman Sherri Evanina had confirmed that while searching the apartment, agents came across two other individuals who are being questioned.

Law enforcement sources told CNN reporters that they believe that the lead group in Tuesday's attacks may have been the Egyptian Islamic Jihad. The chief of this group, the sources said, is a top lieutenant of bin Laden. Bin Laden's group, al Qaeda, is an umbrella group that allegedly coordinates the actions of smaller organizations.

The investigation continues not only in the U.S., but also around the world. The FBI said they believe that nine suspects could have or are trying to flee to Mexico.

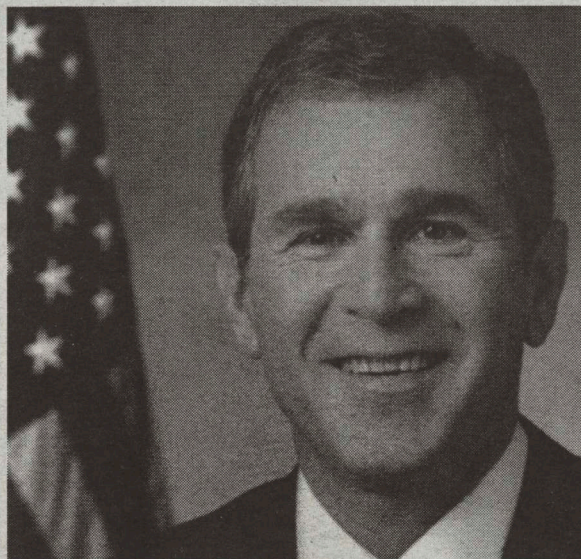
*MSN.com and CNN.com contributed to this article.

President Bush Visits New York

By MARTHA SARABIA
Pride Staff Writer

After declaring Friday a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance, President George W. Bush visited the rubble of the New York World Trade Centers. Other government officials, including New York Gov. George Pataki, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton accompanied President Bush on Friday. There was tight security for the officials, specifically the President.

He saluted rescue workers,



of the rescue workers. People who were yelling interrupted him shouting, "We can't hear you."

President Bush immediately replied, "I can hear you. The rest of the world can hear you, and the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon." Following those words, the audience began chanting, "U.S.A., U.S.A., U.S.A."

The President concluded his speech saying, "The nation sends its love and compassion to everybody who's here. Thank you for your hard work. Thank you for making the nation proud, and may God bless America."

police, and firefighters who were searching for victims that may have been trapped in the ruins of the Twin Towers.

President Bush, using a bullhorn to address the crowd, wrapped his arm around one

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CSUSM Students Speak out amidst Tragedy

By JUSTIN ANDREWS
Pride Staff Writer

Last Tuesday will make its mark, not only in history, but also in the hearts and minds of all Americans. As we painfully recall images scorched permanently into our memory, we close our eyes and it is almost as if we could project that catastrophic Tuesday in the back of our eyelids.

You will remember where you were when you heard. You'll know how you felt. You'll remember walking away from class shocked, mournful, and relieved that you're ok. As you walked to your cars, as you prepared yourself for a life-changing day with your television, I asked you, "What are your thoughts?"



Diego Aguillon: I think it's really sad that someone has the heart to do that. You know, I wonder what's going to happen politically as soon as the U.S. finds out who did this. I mean, I wonder what's going to come of it. And my prayers go to families that lost loved ones and the victims that lost their lives.

The Pride: Do you feel safe here?

Diego Aguillon: I feel, overall, we're safe, Southern California. My only concern is Miramar Base and Camp Pendleton. I think precautions, now, are being taken to make sure all of us are safe. Overall I think it's a tragedy, all those people had to lose their life.



Silvia Alvarado: I personally think that they're laughing at our airport security. There's no way four people could get on an airplane and hijack it without some kind of inside security problem. Recently they were doing this study that a lot of people that work at the airport, like in baggage claim, get background checked. I just think it a failure on our airport security system.

The Pride: Do you feel safe here in Southern California?

Silvia Alvarado: Yeah I feel safe here because our

military is on full alert, and we have the Navy out there. But it's on the East Coast and I feel pretty safe here.

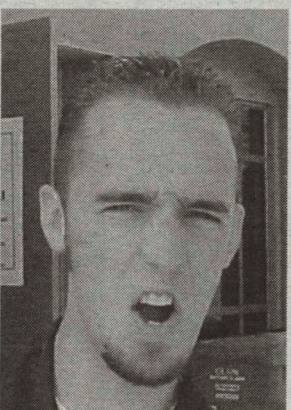


Chris Morel: It's kind of weird, I guess you could say. I feel safe, but even thought it's in the U.S., it's on the other side of the country, so it's weird. It gets frustrating.

The Pride: What gets frustrating?

Chris Morel: Well, they (the news channels) keep

saying how 50,000 people work in the World Trade Centers, and when they keep showing those two buildings collapse, I can't even comprehend that. And they say that another 100,000 visit the World Trade Center daily.



Jared Hines: My initial response was shock. I didn't believe it. I didn't think it happened. I didn't think that could ever happen in our country. Our security blanket is just so tight over us. I just didn't expect it.

The Pride: Are you worried about you safety in San Marcos?

Jared Hines: We're safe, we're not a target. I don't think anyone would waste his or her time in San Marcos.

The Pride: You just watched President Bush speak for the first time about this attack, what are your thoughts on what he just said?

Jared Hines: We need to retaliate and make an example of them, the last time someone messed with us was at Pearl Harbor and we kicked the [expletive deleted] out of them. I want to see them burn. I want to see every one of these terrorists rounded up and burned.



Christine Jarvis: Whoever killed 50,000 people has some evil in them, but I don't believe that God doesn't love them. I mean it

just depends what side you're on. If you were on the side that just killed 50,000 people maybe you see it as justice, where as to us, it just evil and there's nothing worse.

The Pride: From the other perspective, what do you think they are saying about us?

Christine Jarvis: Well definitely I think that as Americans, just because we have a lot of money and a lot of power doesn't mean we're the most powerful country in the world. And we need to be more humble. Obviously now we see that we're not invincible, you know, people can get to us. And I think that, if anything else, the people who did this are saying now, 'Well look at you, you're not as powerful as you thought you were.'



Jennifer Hardin: I think it pretty scary, especially since Camp Pendleton is right around the corner, and I heard today people are comparing this to Pearl Harbor, which makes me even more nervous.

The Pride: Well after Pearl Harbor, the U.S. dropped two nuclear bombs on Japan, what are we going

to do about this?

Jennifer Hardin: I definitely think that something is going to come of this ... as a country we've always shown a serious warning, 'Don't mess with the U.S.' Because you know we're gonna show 'em what's up.



Jaclyn Canonizado: I'm so scared about the atomic bomb... How many people did it kill?

The Pride: 200,000 people died in Hiroshima, I'm not sure about Nagasaki, something like 70 or 80,000.

Jaclyn Canonizado: I'm just scared. My generation has not known a big war. When was the last big war? The Gulf War, that wasn't even that big of a deal to us, you know, but now school is closed. We have to evacuate, and I don't know what that means.

Settling in Aix

By LAURA HOPKINS
For The Pride

My room at Les Gazelles awaited me, but before reaching it, I first had to lug my two large suitcases, my laptop and a carry-on bag up a hill, down the stairway, and onto the hot pavement in front of the dorms.

The unsightly building and four-square foot cubicle where I laid my bags surely could not have been the room I imagined when I dreamt of student life in Aix, France.

The sweltering heat, combined with travel fatigue and the sight of the dorms earmarked for CSU International students caused me to immediately turn around and head for the "centre ville" of Aix-en-Provence. It was there that I found a hotel room with a bathroom and shower, and it was from there that I began my search for the charming picture that had hung for so long in my mind.

I arrived in Aix on Aug. 22 as a student participant of the California State University's International Program in Aix-en-Provence. The primary objective of this yearlong program, according to CSU International Programs officials, is to "enable participants to gain first-hand knowledge and understanding of other areas of the world." The Aix program includes 56 students from various California State University campuses who attend the Institut d'Études Françaises pour Étudiants Étrangers (IEFEE), more fondly referred to as the "Institute."

I began my four-week preparatory language course on Monday, Sept. 3 at the Institute after taking my language placement test. My class consists mostly of French grammar, and after one week of studies, the wheels are beginning to turn. I'm also taking a conversational practice class, which is probably the most practical, but at the same time,



Everything stopped today at noon for 3 minutes in Aix for a silent moment in memory of those who lost their lives on Tuesday. The movement on the streets came to a halt and the only sound heard was the chiming of the church bell. (Courtesy Photo/Laura Hopkins)

a little embarrassing when you can't articulate your thoughts and have to resort to comical hand gestures and phrases that consist of both English and French.

Then there's the housing problem. I found an apartment just outside of town that provides me with all the charm I need. It's part of a renovated 18th century home that comes with character and style at no additional charge. And the sounds of leaves rustling in the wind and café conversations along the Cours Mirabeau begin to meld with the

Provençal painting hanging in my mind.

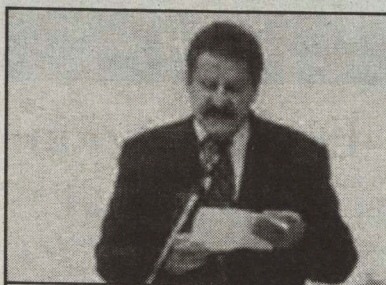
Addendum: After I wrote this piece, we received the horrific news of the terrorist attack in the United States. There is great sadness, as well as confusion among the students of the CSU International Program, as there is, I'm sure, among those of you at home. There is also heartfelt mourning and concern among the French citizens of Aix.

The media coverage is extensive, with continuous broadcasts

both on radio and television. The headlines of the local newspaper today, *La Provence*, read, "l'apocalypse," while half of the front page was covered with a photograph of the demolished Twin Towers and the scattered remains. There are frequent references to "horror films" and "science fiction" when describing the images that come our way.

Our thoughts, feelings, and speculations run rampant with questions still unanswered, as they must for you at home.

Forum Held for Campus Community in Wake of Terrorist Attack



(Above) President Gonzalez
(Rt) Student Sean Harris was the first to get up and speak.
(Pride Photos/Melanie Addington)

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as the Inter-Varsity and Priority Christian Challenge, were at the service of the students. "We want to be at your service," said Phillips. "We want to be of help." They held a prayer at 11:45 a.m., following the forum.

Members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity also told students that they, along with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, were handing out black ribbons last week and were organizing a blood drive.

M.E.Ch.A (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan), another student organization, also made plans to hold an altar dedication on Wednesday, Sept. 19, in remembrance of the attack victims and their families.

David Blasband, director of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), also addressed

the students and told them that CAPS was there to support students. CAPS is located at the San Marcos Ambulatory Care Center 102 and individuals may call (760) 750-4910 for more information about their services.

Individuals who attended the forum expressed their feelings not only with words, but also with music. "For me, dealing is processed with music," said Mtafiti Imara, a visual and performing arts professor. "I want to share my feelings in that context." He played a jazz improvisation of "Amazing Grace" on a soprano saxophone for the audience.

Other faculty members also spoke, including Vivienne Bennett, chairperson for the Liberal Studies Department. "Our government has, for years, perpetrated crimes against humanity," she said, giving examples of the U.S.'s past relationships with Vietnam and Chile. "But out of adverse circumstances comes opportunity."

During the hour-long forum, students argued for and against retaliation by the U.S.

"I think we need to react swiftly, quickly, and precisely. I choose to say that as an American," said student Susannah Christopher, who is



also a veteran. "I have the right to be angry. We need to stand up for what's right. I don't advocate hatred or violence, but I don't advocate the mass murder of my fellow Americans. We need to do something. We need to act swiftly."

Rachel Dena disagreed, "To strike now, swiftly, with anger, is foolish. But if you're going to retaliate, you'd better get the right people."

Penny Lanese, a computer science major, said, "The one emotion I didn't have was anger,

because violence begets violence. Once we start hating each other, we're going to start hurting our brother, our friends."

Lanese also spoke about the recent bombings in Afghanistan: "There are women there, children there, people who are just as innocent as we are," said Lanese. "If we bomb them, then we're just as bad as the terrorists ... a person is a person, no matter how small."

Individuals also spoke about embracing diversity.

One student, who identified herself as a Palestinian-American student, said, "I feel that I'm being targeted now. People there (Palestine) are being killed everyday and people here are getting killed everyday," she said. "It (Palestine) shouldn't be taken back through anger, though, it should be through talking to one another."

Jonathan Poullard, Dean of Students, also addressed the students. "I am an advocate of someone that thinks we're inherently connected. Oppression is intermittently interwoven, intercon-

nected," he said. "What happens to me will happen to you. We need to think in ways that will promote peace and safety. I think about when that's going to happen again in our country, or when it will happen somewhere else ... will we have the same reaction then?"

Rachel Leigh reflected on the words spoken by the other students and faculty. "Amidst all this anger and hatred, we have the opportunity," she said. "I see this image of a candle, and how a single flame can light all that darkness. We have the opportunity to make that darkness shine. We have the opportunity."

After the public finished speaking, Francine Martinez, Vice President of Student Affairs, addressed the crowd. "This is the first time that it's felt like a (campus) community," said Martinez. "We hear different voices, opinions, but there's also that same sadness, shock and fear ... and as you peers have articulately said, we need to be here for each other ... find out what we can do with these intense emotions."

National Day of Mourning

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In Berlin, more than 2000,000 people gathered at the Brandenburg Gate in remembrance of those that lost their lives.

Although the moment of silence at Cal State San Marcos was observed on a smaller scale, with only about 100 people, some students said they felt that it was a special moment.

"The bells started ringing, and more people started joining in the circle," said Melanie Addington, a senior and editor for *The Pride*. "Everyone stood silently and there was just the wind and the bells. Many people bowed their heads, some

people closed their eyes, and some stood silently looking out. It was staff, faculty, and students together."

After five minutes of silence, Francine Martinez, Vice President of Student Affairs, asked a student to help her sing "America the Beautiful."

"A few students began singing, and then more people began singing with broken voices. It was solemn. Then the song ended, and everyone broke apart and walked back to their buildings," said Addington. "I heard one student say, 'That was amazing, seeing everyone coming together like that.'"

Credit Card Marketing Changes

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deal of money with it. Gonzalez said that he made his son pay it off and that he learned his lesson. "What happens when a student doesn't learn the lesson?" Gonzalez questioned.

Gonzalez said that CSUSM will be looking at the new law and making the decision on what requirements they will consider.

"CSUSM will limit stations, and we will let (marketers) know clearly that they can't use instru-

ments to get students to fill out applications," said Gonzalez. The most important part will be to let students know about credit cards and debt education, according to Gonzalez. "It's the perfect example of caveat emptor, buyer beware," said Gonzalez.

Assembly member Paul Koretz, a Democrat from West Hollywood, wrote AB 521. Another bill was presented last year but was vetoed. Koretz said he believed in it and rewrote the

bill because, "marketers are preying on college students," according to Sandra DeBourelando, Senior Director for Koretz.

DeBourelando said she feels that the marketing approaches are "disingenuous [because they] try and get students who don't have a job and wouldn't qualify in the real world."

Current law regulates credit card marketing practices, but not specifically with college students.

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An Eye for an Eye may Leave Us All Blind

By CHRIS ING
Pride Staff Writer

The paradox of these times of tragedy characterized by grief, pain, and loss is found in the birth of heroism, courage, and compassion emanating from the people involved. Through the gruesome test of disaster the human spirit soars to new heights.

Witness the selfless acts of rescue workers in New York, the overwhelming benevolence of both private and corporate donors, even the terminally litigious Congress bonding together in agreement to double the sum requested by President Bush for aid.

Around the country, even around the globe, people are becoming the support system that will overcome the devastating effects of this disaster.

Out of the unimaginable chaos of the recent disasters comes tremendous opportunity to create meaningful change in our country and in our world.

This time before us is criti-

cal and our response to these events will have consequences far beyond what we can envision from where we now stand. If, as President Bush suggests, we are committed to eradicating the horrors of terrorism on a global scale, then we must commit to a response that transcends the tenets of that terrorism.

Hate and violence have spawned the carnage visited upon us, yet it is the solidarity, courage, and generosity of the American public that renders such hate and violence impotent.

To avenge these crimes with the same intent that conceived them will only ensure that terrorism will continue in the world.

Annihilating one leader or even one segment of a terrorist movement will not in itself end terror; surely history has shown

us that. Recent history alone provides ample evidence of new incarnations of evil: Stalin, Hitler, Khaddaffi, Hussein and now bin Laden.

If we are truly committed to ridding the world of terrorism, we would do well to investigate,

"Let the courage, compassion, and solidarity we have shown thus far define our future."

understand, and systematically dismantle the ideologies which espouse it; if we are truly interested in creating a global vision of unity and peace, we should be brave enough to set our sights inward first and see where we, as a nation in our domestic and foreign policies, can ensure equal-

ity and justice here and abroad.

In continuing to treat perpetrators of terrorism as the disease itself, rather than symptoms of the disease, we will continue to underestimate the power it wields. Have we not repeated that mistake enough already?

The temptation to take an eye for an eye as a swift act of vengeance, seemingly justified now, may in the long run leave us all blind. So though we may be temporarily blinded by grief, let us not be blinded by hate.

We need each other now more than anything.

We need to connect with each other, regardless of race, religion or any other variable. We must cultivate solidarity of the most essential variety: we are all human beings sharing an increasingly shrinking planet.

We can be sure that the consequences of global war will be as indiscriminate in their choice of victims as the terrorists were. Let the courage, compassion, and solidarity we have shown thus far define our future.

Letter to the Editor

Egg Donation Researched

In the Sept. 11 issue of *The Pride*, a letter to the editor by a CSUSM student expressed her concern about an advertisement in the classifieds about the need for egg donors. The ad states "Egg Donors Needed" \$4000.00 compensation; Ages 19-30.

This prompted me to do a little research on the matter to help educate our readers on this subject. Susan Hernandez (contact person in the ad) was helpful in answering a few questions that some of you might have. According to Hernandez, the egg donation process (considering the candidate is chosen after submitting a 12 page application), takes approximately three months. The donor needs to be between the ages of 19 to 30, have excellent health, and must be a non-smoker. Once chosen, there is a series of events that must take place in order to provide safe and successful egg retrieval. During the preparation of egg donation, the donor is asked to abstain from sexual intercourse, and undergo certain medical treatments for 20 to 25 days. The medications include Lupron (which times the donor's cycle and prepares the uterus), and Pergonal and Metrodin (stimulates egg production). These hormones are administered both orally and through self-injection. The side effects of these treatments vary with every donor.

Some reported side effects are similar to those of oral contraception, which involves fatigue, headaches, and nausea. "It's not like donating blood," said Hernandez. Donors are genetically related to recipient's offspring, and need to be psychologically screened to be able to understand the magnitude of the procedure. Egg donation is confidential, although in the event of a medical emergency, a donor may be contacted by a third party for specific information. Hernandez says that upon successful egg retrieval the "donor" will receive \$4,000.

"Studies show that women who 'donate' for financial reasons suffer more emotional harm from the procedure and are more likely to regret their decision than women with altruistic motivations," according to the Center for Reproductive Health.

So ladies, if you think that you can make an easy \$4,000, remember that it's not that easy – and if you're getting paid, it's not a donation.

Mia Alio
CSUSM Student

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Terrorism Rooted in Hearts and Minds, Not Color or Race

By Steve Compian
For *The Pride*

I found myself rooted to the television set last Tuesday while the tragic events unfolded on our East Coast. As local stations sought reactions from San Diegans, one young woman lamented, "My daughter saw the news and asked, 'What's going on Mommy?' What am I supposed to tell her?" I recalled asking my mother a similar question on a cool November day almost 38 years ago.

I asked my mother "What's happening?" as our family huddled around the clock radio (we could not afford a television). She gave me a hug and simply said, "It's okay." How do you explain to a four-year-old that someone has assassinated the President of the United States? I could tell from the trembling of her body and the apprehension in mom's voice that her response was more of a wish than an explanation. Nevertheless, mom was right. For nearly four decades the world flirted with man-made calamities, and we always seemed willing to put things back in order – until last Tuesday.

In the aftermath of Tuesday's events, I am afraid that people might forget some lessons learned from our county's history. Angry people called for

the invasion of Cuba in 1963. However, with the benefit of nearly 40 years of hindsight, we still do not have any credible evidence implicating Fidel Castro in Kennedy's assassination. Still, many Americans were willing to advocate making war with that country to enact revenge.

"Give your children a hug ... Work with them in making our [world] safe and happy."

During this new millennium we were beginning to start recognizing terrible injustices Japanese-Americans incurred after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Our government displaced, imprisoned, and shunned families because they looked like "the bad guys." Americans were just beginning to acknowledge responsibility for terrorizing Native Americans while justifying those actions by a philosophy called Manifest Destiny.

The word "manifest" seems linked to many of our most infamous citizens. Timothy McVeigh spouted a litany of his "McVeigh-

isms" in a manifesto written before his execution. McVeigh, who exploded a bomb in a federal building in Oklahoma City, claimed that he was a patriot. He justified killing innocent people, including children, by calling their deaths "collateral damage." McVeigh was an American terrorist, who used explosives training he received in the army to terrorize other Americans.

However, military training does not make a person a potential terrorist. As many as 10,000 service men and women train with explosives every year. Many more paramilitary organizations offer similar training, but we do not have a hundred thousand McVeighs running loose in our country. Military training does no more to foster terrorism than a college education.

Theodore Kaczynski, "The Unibomber," received his training at the University of Michigan. Later he became a professor at a California university. Like McVeigh, Kaczynski had a manifesto that articulated how he justified his actions. Would it be fair to call all college students or college professors potential terrorists based on one person's actions?

Recently we have experienced terrorism perpetrated by children, homegrown terrorists who targeted our nation's safest

environments – our schools. In Columbine, Colo., and here in San Diego, we have witnessed terrorism by individuals who were not yet old enough to drive a car. If we were to postulate terrorism's roots by their actions then every white middle class family in America would be suspect, and that notion is utterly wrong. Terrorism is rooted in the hearts and minds of individuals, not in their color or race.

Acts of revenge have occurred in this country since last Tuesday. In one city a little girl was beaten because she was Arab, and in another city an angry mob attacked a mosque. Innocent lives have been disrupted and threatened out of ignorance and hate because ignorant people associate race and culture with the individual acts.

Billions of people inhabit our world and only a few threaten its safety. My advice to parents who find themselves lacking a response to the question, "What's going on?" is this: give your children a hug and tell them that they live on a planet, populated by many wonderful and fascinating people. Tell your children that they live in a great world that has a few bad people living in it. Then work with them in making our little corner of the globe safe and happy.

The View from Here
5 p.m., Wednesday,
Sept. 12, 2001.

I walked into my classroom this morning, and found a room full of scared, worried young women. Classes have only barely started for this semester, so my students didn't know me that well yet. As soon as I came in, they asked, "Are you from America?" When I said yes, they asked if I had friends or family in Washington or New York. I told them I had friends in Washington, but they were all right. I said I'd been awake until 3 a.m., to make sure everyone was safe.

And then we just sat and talked. Forget the lesson plans, and getting into the meat of the semester. Today wasn't a day for teaching. The quiz, the editing and the research guidelines just didn't matter today.

Being a teacher, part of my job is to help my students make sense of the world. Since my students are university age, at that stage where one minute they are mature young adults and the next minute children, I'm here to help guide them as they sort out their worlds for themselves - along with teaching the subject matter in my class description, of course.

How can I help them make sense of this when I can't make sense of it myself? I'm in just as much shock as they are. I want someone to say it's all right, just like they do. Nothing in this is straightforward. All the emotions are complex. Relief that my own family and friends are safe, combined with worry for those whose aren't, or remain unknown.

The most striking emotional cocktail of this for me is the reassurance and heartbreak at how desperately my students want this not to have been done by Arabs.

You see, I teach in the Middle East. All those young women who are my students are Arabs. Muslims. I've seen and heard of people in the U.S. saying, "Damn Arabs" or "Damn Muslims" or "Damn Middle Easterners." That, and worse.

To some of you, Arabs may be nameless and faceless, counted as suspicious or dangerous. Easy to blame. To me, Arabs are my students and their families. Arabs are as diverse a group as any other. Hating them all would be like hating all Europeans for the atrocities in Kosovo or Serbia. Let me make them less faceless for you.

My students are young women. Like university students anywhere, they're worried about grades and exams, about course requirements and majors, and, of course, about juggling their classwork with their social lives. They have dreams and plans, about their careers, about marriage and family, about places they'd like to travel to. They may dress differently than a group of women the same age in the U.S., but underneath the shayla and abaya, they're not very different at all.

Today, they're in shock. They're worried about war. They're concerned about their relatives who are in the States. They remember the Gulf War, and they're afraid this will be so much worse. Our university is near an airport. Normally, they just ignore the planes as they take off and land. Either they pause until the sound has died down, or try to talk over it. Today, they flinched. I've never seen the planes make them nervous before.

They're horrified by the attacks on the United States. While they are angry that the U.S. appears to support Israel, they cannot accept what has happened.

My students do not celebrate this, nor do they take it lightly. They say it is haram - forbidden by religion. The deaths of so many innocents can never be acceptable. Not for any reason.

My students are still learning English. They had to struggle, sometimes, to express themselves. They know how to talk about classes and majors. They know the vocabulary for the lives of university students. They don't have the words for the deaths of innocents. I find it tragic.

I can no more make sense of this for you, or for myself, than I could for my students. All I can do is pray for the victims, and pray for Peace.

Chris Tremlett
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Open Heart
and Mind

In light of the horrible events that been taking place recently, we would like to have one minute of your time. The members of the Sikh community have been getting some strange looks over the past couple of days by people who might not be aware of what their turbans and beards represent.

First of all, we belong to the peace loving Sikh religion, which originates in India. We have nothing to do with the Islamic religion or Muslims who live in the Middle East, though we do not look down upon any religion and consider all humanity equal. As far as we know, Muslims in the United States do not even wear turbans. It is not correct to think of a turban wearing Sikh to be a Muslim.

Secondly, we encourage all of you to keep an open mind and heart during these troubling times, especially towards American Muslims. Not only are American Muslims suffering as fellow Americans, but they are also becoming the scapegoat in crimes that they obviously did not commit, let alone condone.

It is especially important for us, as fellow Americans, to not let these tragic events trigger hatred and racism towards other Americans. The goal of terrorism is to tear a nation apart. Don't let them win. Irrespective of our backgrounds, let us not forget our common homeland and unite as true American patriots during these difficult times.

God Bless America.
Saand Singh
CSUSM Student

To Campus
Community

I would like to express my sincerest condolences to the friends and family of those who were injured or lost their lives in Tuesday's acts of war. I would also like to express my extreme disgust at those members of one of the fraternities who were back out Wednesday trying to encourage students to rush.

While I understand that it is Rush Week, I am disgusted at the lack of common decency that these people displayed. I was actually shocked that school was back in session because I do not under-

stand how students could be expected to go to class as if our entire lives have not been irreversibly altered.

However, barring the suspension of classes for another day or two, I think it was inappropriate to continue Rush Week activities. As a person affected both as a citizen of this country, and as a relative of a Pentagon worker, I cannot begin to express my utter horror at being forced to listen to music blaring as I walked to classes.

To watch people cavorting around as if everything were normal is ridiculous. Really, do you think you were presenting yourselves as the kind of organization people would want to join?

If you think the answer is a resounding "yes," think again.

While I do not expect everyone on campus to share in my feelings, you should at the very least show some respect for the dead and wounded. I understand the sentiment that terrorists cannot be allowed to halt our daily lives; however, we as a country must be allowed to mourn this great tragedy.

You should be ashamed of yourselves and of the image you portrayed today. You are representatives not only of your fraternity, but also of the campus.

I am ashamed to call you classmates.

Amanda Schmutz

Tired
American
not Willing
to Hate

For the students, whose minds have historically been open, and whose voices we've historically listened to.

I am a tired American today. Tired of hearing 'inescapable conclusions' and that we must 'exact retribution.' Tired of hearing how we can 'emerge triumphant' by striking back in further acts of terrible violence. Tired of the anger in which we wallow, where clear thought might buoy us up. Tired of our unwillingness to understand the 'why' behind such tragedies as Tuesday's events. How far are we willing to go in the misguided path of revenge? How many more times must we submit to hate, and thereby perpetuate violence that does not coincidentally grow worse?

The only inescapable conclusion after yesterday's historic tragedy is that many people will have died in vain if we respond to this injustice with violence. We cannot and must not. To do so would be to continue playing a game that we can never and will never win. To demonstrate

that we are no better than the perpetrators of this horrific event, except that we are capable of far greater, more calculated swathes of destruction. We cannot guarantee our safety until we finally understand why others would lash out in this way, and help provide them an alternative to doing so in the future. If we must punish, then we must not do so with violence or without understanding. I am a tired American today, yet I will be damned before I spend my remaining energy standing 'united' in the solidarity of further violence. I love this country, but I do not love it enough that I am willing to hate for it.

Brian Kent
Cornell Alumni '95

Prayer for
Our Grief

Dear Heavenly Father,

We are moved by the alarming news and crisis that our country is facing. This, the greatest nation, founded in the belief that "In God We Trust" and the "Land of the Free." Please have mercy on those suffering, hurting, and in fear, and give wisdom and strength to those who are assisting. May the forces of evil be broken by your power and may we humble before thee, our strength and refuge. Give wisdom to our President & our leaders and bring your comforting peace through the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us here to reach to those that have been affected by this tragedy.

In the name of our Lord and
Savior, Christ Jesus.
Amen
Megan Crea

Evacuation a
Concern for
Student

My main gripe about the evacuation on Tuesday was that we were stuck in the parking lot for over an hour after being evacuated. Where were the police to help empty the parking lots?

Thank you,
Judie Hathaway

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Campus President Addresses Community

By ALEXANDER GONZALEZ,
CSUSM President

Tuesday's events have changed dramatically how the country views itself and its sense of security and position in the world. While we at Cal State San Marcos are far away from what occurred, we still feel not only the pain but also the sense of shock and violation that has taken place.

As a University community, we need to take the time not only to reflect on those who have lost their lives and those who continue to suffer, but also on what is our proper role and how we should respond to these horrendous actions. It is my hope that we will resolve to continue to live as a community governed by law with a clear sense of

justice and equality, and that we not generalize the actions of a few to the many. We must be thoughtful and prudent, and while the history of our country will change forever, we must continue to live and operate as the great nation we have always been. It is up to each one of us to reflect on what these tragic events mean to us individually and how we will cope with them.

As a community, the University will make available opportunities for discussion and reflection. It is also my hope that the faculty and staff will take the time to interact with students to discuss and attempt to resolve the meaning of the events and our place individually, and collectively, as we attempt to work through the current crisis and into the future.

Americans must Put aside Their Differences

By DUSTIN NAYLOR
Pride Staff Writer

On Sept. 11, 2001, I realized the ills of the world have fallen on my American family. This is the day terrorists attacked the World Trade Towers, the Pentagon, and two other targets destined for devastation. A slap in the face is what I would like to call it. A total disregard for human life is what others say.

I would hope that I could call this a wake-up call for the United States, but this disease that has plagued my 24-year history on this planet will not seem to go away, and it is getting worse.

Throughout the 80s I remember learning about terrorism. Where else could I learn about terrorists but in the news? The two decades of coverage of car bombs, suicide missions and Embassy disasters gave me insight into the minds of people who really don't like us at all.

Our national media eats this news up and regurgitates it to the American public as to make sense of it all, explaining failed foreign policy, attempting to sway the American public into believing we are safe from these monsters, all the while feeding

us images we don't want to look at, but all the while the television remains on. Through out households, restaurants, bars and department stores, we, as Americans, are feeling the painful reality of our freedom.

My mind races on of what to think of this whole situation. And as the television bombards my head with the images, the

angles, the rubble, the people, I wonder what will happen. Are we going to war? Are we as vulnerable as the incident shows? Am I ever going to ride or feel safe in an airplane again? The list goes on and on.

Thousands upon thousands of questions will be asked, with few or no answers. But

we, as Americans, must unite. This wasn't an attack on the president, a religious group or certain race, it was an attack on our personal liberty.

The individual freedom we as Americans all share, cherish and absorb into our way of life. Americans must come together, put aside their differences and anguishes to help support the families of those who lost their lives, to help answer the questions so many of us are faced with, and to protect our way of living in the United States.

Opinion

A Nation under Attack

By ZACHARY A. PUGH
For *The Pride*

As a new day began on Tuesday, Sept. 11, the citizens of this nation were not prepared for what was to be the most horrendous and malicious series of terrorist attacks in the history of Amer-

ica.

Never has there been a terrorist attack of this magnitude on American soil. This day will be another "Day of Infamy" that will haunt America and the world.

We will live with these macabre pictures of human suffering

and anguish until the end of time. We, as citizens of this nation, hope that the swift hand of justice will prevail and that the devils that have scarred our minds and destroyed many precious lives will be brought to justice.

Jewish Voice for Peace Group Speak Out

A Jewish Voice for Peace is shocked and outraged by the events that have taken place in the United States this week. As Jews, as Americans, and as peace activists we condemn, in the strongest possible terms, these murderous acts and hope that those who carried out these vicious attacks on innocent people are brought to justice.

We share in the collective sense of grief and mourning, and offer the deepest sympathy for all those affected, some of whom are surely among us. Our thoughts and our prayers are with the victims, their families, and their loved ones.

At this point, people are rightly struggling to comprehend these events, and to understand how such a tragedy could occur. Under these circumstances, it is essential to be both thoughtful

and just in our reactions. Terrorist attacks occurring on American soil often arouse anti-Arab and anti-Muslim sentiment.

It is simply not tolerable that an entire ethnic group, nation, or religion be blamed for actions carried out by individuals. As Jews we understand the scapegoating reaction only too well because it has been done to our people in the past, and it is not acceptable to us that it be done to any other group. The individuals responsible, but only those responsible, should and must be brought swiftly and decisively to justice.

We urge our government not to compound this tragedy by causing the deaths of more innocent people in its pursuit of those responsible. We call on our fellow citizens not to allow our righteous rage over this horrific

act to lead us into collective blame and acts of ethnic or religious hatred.

A Jewish Voice for Peace was born of the conviction that violence begets violence. It is the mission of our organization, and the passion of many of its members, to support and work towards lasting and equitable peace and justice as the best way to prevent atrocities such as those we have witnessed today. In light of today's events, all of us engaged in the pursuit of peace and justice must redouble our efforts.

Adam Gutride
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Peace

Open Your Eyes, not Your Mouth

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By JARED HINES
Frater of Tau Kappa Epsilon

In response to a slandering opinion piece written in *The Pride's* latest special edition, I would like to supply *The Pride* editors with the truthful information needed to write their latest erroneous article: "Students Respond Differently to Tragedy."

The members of both fraternities on campus, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, were shocked and disappointed with the comments made in one of *The Pride's* articles following the tragedies that occurred in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. The members of these fraternal organizations were portrayed as self-centered-egotist concerned only with how loud they could play their "vulgar" music in a display of macho competition. This is, of course, completely false and an ignorant opinion from two people who obviously did not take the time to observe the true events that

transpired on that catastrophic Tuesday. If time would have been taken to better observe the actions of the fraternities, it would have been apparent to the authors of this poorly written opinion to see that both, TKE and SAE, came together to discuss the situation and comfort those in need.

As far as our self-centered efforts and "showing off" as opposed to the other clubs, I would like to share a few insights. Our music is radio compliant, not "vulgar". The volume was lowered in respect. The flag that was reported in this recent media twist, flying at half-mast by the way, was placed at the TKE booth by one of our officers. Both fraternities respectfully and considerately distributed black ribbons. Within minutes of pinning these badges of American mourning on our chests, hundreds of fellow students came to join in the symbolic expression of our deep pain. Finally, when the campus was closed, the DJ at the TKE booth used the speakers to announce the cancellation of classes. There also remain many key factors that the opinion piece left out. SAE and TKE have joined forces by arranging a Greek blood drive. Another officer has taken steps to raise funds to send over as disaster relief.

Within organizations of our size, it is nearly impossible to

have not one person affected by the terrorist attacks. In fact, the members of TKE have family, friends and alumni who either live in New York or work at the Pentagon. We also have members that were placed on call due to their status in the US military. However, like the other clubs at CSU San Marcos, we remained on campus, but constantly had somebody inside of Commons 206 to update everyone in our section of the quad on any breaking news.

It is a wonder to me why these two authors would even think to print a piece that only furthers bad feelings considering the effect that this disaster has already had on all students. *The Pride* seems to have a history of attacking the Greek system, and it is in poor taste to use these terrorist attacks as another instrument of this vendetta. The motivation of the fraternities was to unite students; Greek and Non-Greek, in a casual atmosphere so that all could be consoled and feel free to express their individual opinions.

However, out of every opinion I heard, not one student went so far as to slander another student, or for that part a fellow American. I ask all students to keep the victims of these horrific events in their thoughts and prayers, and not use this time to point fingers, but to reflect on how valuable life really is.



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First Season Game for Men's Soccer

By MARTHA SARABIA
Pride Staff Writer

The men's soccer team had its first game of the season on Mangrum Field on Sunday morning against CSU Long Beach. "The players had been practicing consistently for four weeks now to get ready for this game," said Coach Khalid Al-shafie.

Although the team was defeated by CSU Long Beach, 1-5, the coach and soccer players said they believe in their potential and hope to do a good job this season.

"We will play hard and play good soccer," said soccer captain

Joseph Cafiero, a junior majoring in biology.

"The strengths of the team are their commitment to playing hard, and it seems that the players enjoy each other," said Al-shafie. He said that he does not see any weaknesses on the team.

The players agreed with the coach. "We have good players and there is a lot of potential. I hope we do a good job and we win," said Manuel Maldonado, a sophomore, majoring in computer science.

This season the men's soccer team will play against "tough schools," as Al-shafie described them, including UC Santa

Barbara and Utah State. These schools, as well as Cal State San Marcos, are playing in a league known as the National Intramural Recreation Sports Association (NIRSA).

"We are trying to develop a good team and have a good season," said Al-shafie. "We want to represent CSUSM and ASI the best we can." ASI (Associated Students, Inc) sponsors soccer, one of the intramural sports on campus.

Right now the team has 16 players. However, Al-shafie said he believes that the team will continue to grow and encourages more students to enroll. "It's fun.

At least we have some sports at Cal State San Marcos and I hope that more sport teams will be formed," said Maldonado.

The next soccer game is Friday against Pepperdine University at 4 p.m., followed by another game on Saturday at Mangrum Field at 4 p.m. against Utah State, according to Cafiero and Al-shafie.

"Of course we hope to win, although it is not going to be easy, we expect to win," said Cafiero. "We also encourage students to come support the team at the games."

Aztec Invitational Update

The Cross Country Aztec Invitational at Balboa Park scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 15 was cancelled. We will keep you posted on any rescheduled dates.

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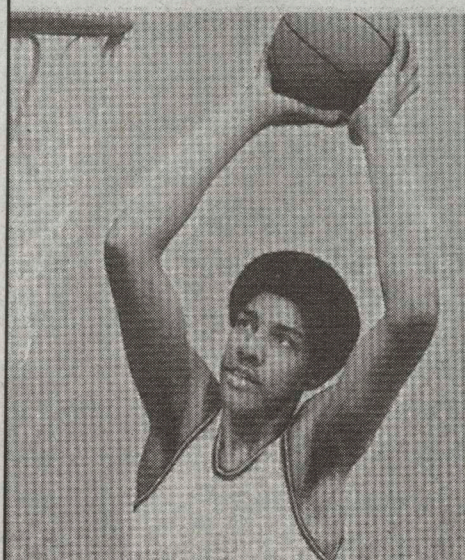
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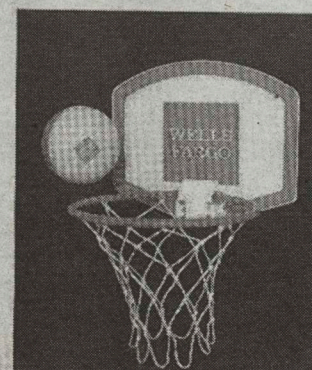
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*Destroyed
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A Student
Expresses Her
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SIERRA NEAL
For *The Pride*

I'm sorry that so many of your children died.
The pain that you must be facing is worse than all life.
To find out that someone you love so much, turns around and kills so many of your children, is very heart breaking.
What an evil man to kill so many of your precious gifts.
You gave life to us, why would anyone want to take that life away.
As small and precious or grown up and old as we may be, we are all still your children.
You look after us and love us like no other.
You give us shelter; warmth, compassion, and you give us forgiveness.
Forgiveness for all our sins, forgiveness of our selfness and pride.
You take that forgiveness with all the light you have and make it into something we can't see ourselves.
So you give us teachers, all kinds to help us along of our path of enlightenment.
You mold us, you train us for something unexpected, something like today, Sept. 11,2001.
No one expected it, no one was prepared, and no one was ready to die.
Please help those that are in need.
Help those that are now floating spirits to find their way back to you.
Help those that are in need, to have no more tears as you will wipe out their pain and fear and fill their hearts with happiness again.
Help those families who are suffering dearly,
Help them pray for the lost ones.
Help the terrorist seek forgiveness for those lives that he took, so his heart can be whole.
Help him find the way of God, which is almighty and strong, with love instead of hate.
Help him pray for his brothers and sisters.
Let him cry out, with regret and say that he is sorry!
Let him cry out to you and say, I want to be with you instead of against you!
It's a different kind of beauty but life goes on.
We learn from our mistakes that unfortunately harm others.
God, please continue to be our teacher and be there for us, as we are weak.
You are strong, you are loving, and most of all you are forgiving!

Heroes Walk among Us

Compiled by JAMES NEWELL
Staff Writer

In light of the overwhelming media coverage of our nation's recent tragedies and the ensuing aftermath, I compiled a list of heroic deeds and other interesting stories that occurred last week.

1. Blood banks have to turn donators away. They achieved full capacity and asked people to return in a week.
2. Stores locally and around the country sold out of our national symbol, the American flag.
3. In spite of the possible danger, travelers awaited the FAA

- (Federal Aviation Administration) decision to reopen the airways, vowing to not let the terrorists scare them to submission.
4. A military band in England played the U.S. national anthem at Buckingham Palace during the changing of the guard.
5. Pakistan promised full cooperation with U.S. investigation.
6. Passengers aboard Flight 93, which crashed in a vacant area near Shanksville, Pa., were said to have rushed hijackers in an attempt to keep the plane from crashing into another landmark.
7. Firefighters and police ran

up the stairs of the World Trade Center Towers to aid people, discarding their own well-being.

8. Restaurants throughout Manhattan pass out food and water to rescue workers.
9. Bush asked for \$20 billion in aid. Congress did not question the request, but awards \$40 billion as a start in the efforts.
10. Four-thousand FBI agents and 3,000 support personnel from across the nation search for those responsible for the attacks.
11. Wall Street closed for the longest period in history.
12. All NFL (National Football League) games were cancelled last week.

13. Two hundred thousand people gathered in Berlin to have a moment of solidarity for the U.S.
14. Bush viewed what was left of the World Trade Towers, and spoke with rescue workers: "I can hear you. The rest of the world hears you, and the people who knocked these building down will hear all of us soon." Gatherers chanted, "U.S.A., U.S.A."
15. Millions of people across the world participated in a moment of silence for those lost. American patriotism shines brighter than most can remember.

Student Profile: Lending a Hand in El Salvador and Home

By VICTORIA B. SEGALL
Pride Editor

Thanks to the donations from students, clubs, and staff at Cal State San Marcos, Anna Fleming, a 21-year-old junior, brought smiles to the tiny faces of hundreds of school children in El Salvador this past summer.

With more than 250 bags of school supplies, Fleming flew to Santa Tecla, a suburb of San Salvador that was hit by a 7.6 earthquake Jan. 13, 2001. Several hundred aftershocks caused a major landslide in Santa Tecla.

More than 1,159 people died from the quakes, 8,122 were injured, 185,338 homes were damaged, and 149,528 were homes destroyed, according to El Salvador's National Emergency Committee (COEN).



Anna Fleming in Santa Tecla, El Salvador last summer. She took school supplies to the children after the earthquakes devastated the community.
(Courtesy Photo/Anna Fleming)

"The landslides took out both the homes and the people in them," said Fleming, a liberal studies major. "There's now a camp for the people who are homeless."

The bags Fleming brought

from the U.S. were filled with supplies donated by the CSUSM community and the service organization, Kiwanis. Fleming personally handed out individual bags to the school children in the camps at Santa Tecla, which

are tents that house temporary medical clinics and school for the residents of the town.

The camp in Santa Tecla houses more than 400 families.

"There are problems everywhere, in your backyard, internationally," said Fleming. "To open your eyes to that makes you realize that there are needs all over that need to be met."

Such community (or international)-service work is not new to Fleming, who is president of the university's Circle K International Club, a community-service based club that primarily works with children. This year the club will hold their annual Angel Tree Drive, a toy drive for children during the winter holiday.

"Joining this club was an opportunity for me to meet people," said Fleming. "It wasn't specific like a lot of other groups are. It's people from other cultures and majors."

In addition to her club leader position, Fleming also works as a support staff person for

the faculty-mentoring program. When asked how she handles the juggle of school, work, and other activities, Fleming said, "It is hard, this time of the year. We're busy starting out with new classes, jobs, trying to recruit for Circle K, or other clubs, but you can choose to limit how involved you are. You can still be in a club or work, and not commit too many hours. But I definitely encourage others to get involved in student life."

Fleming also talked about the support for clubs on campus. "I could see more support for clubs," she said. "There seems to be a good amount of support for fraternities, but there could be more outreach."

Although Fleming said she is not sure what she will do after she graduates, she said she has an idea of what she wants to do at the moment, "If I can find so many things to get involved with at school, it shouldn't be hard for me to figure out what I can do with the rest of my life."

Calendar for the Week of Sept. 18

Clubs

Thursday, Sept. 13
M.E.Ch.A. Officer's Meeting
Location: Craven 1258
Time: 7-8 p.m.

Workshops

Tuesday, Sept. 18
Career Services
Time: 5-6 p.m.
Location: Craven 4201
Need a job? Confused about your career options? Learn about the resources available to you on campus.

Wednesday, Sept. 19
Career Services
Time: 3-4 p.m.
Location: Craven 4201
Learn about the job resources available to you on campus.

Monday, Sept. 24
Nutrients in College
Time: 3 p.m.
Location: ACD 402
Learn creative and quick ways to make healthy, inexpensive, and great meals.

Careers for Psychology and Sociology Majors
Time: 4-5 p.m.
Location: Craven 4201
Explore post-graduate options available to you.

Events

Now-October 3
La Paz Tras el Cerco: Peace Under Siege in Mexico
Location: Library Gallery
A photo exhibit on violence, war, and nonviolent resistance in Mexico.

Wednesday, Sept. 19
M.E.Ch.A. Altar Dedication
Time: 1-1:30 p.m.
Location: Founders Plaza
M.E.Ch.A. will hold an altar dedication in remembrance of the victims and their families effected by the recent attacks on the East Coast.

Auditions/Interviews for Pastorela
Location: Visual and Performance Annex 441 La Moree Drive (CSUSM)
Time: 6 p.m.
The Pastorela is the traditional Christmas shepherd's play performed throughout Mexico and Latin America. Performances will be held in the CCAE Center Theater Nov. 30 to Dec. 2. For more info., call 750-4150.

"From Dances with Wolves to Smoke Signals: Reinventing Indians On-screen"
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: ACD 102
Director Chris Eyre discusses his perspectives and award-winning film projects during the special lecture.
Tickets may be purchased at the door 30 min. before the lecture, unless it is sold out. (\$3 for students with ID and \$5 general admission. Children 12 and under are free).

Monday, Sept. 24
Charles McPherson, Jazz Artist
Time: Noon
Location: Dome Plaza

Tuesday, Sept. 25
Peter Sprague, Jazz Guitarist
Time: Noon
Location: Dome Plaza