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America's Terror

By VICTORIA SEGALL
Pride Editor

Apparent terrorist attacks rocked the nation Tuesday, causing the deaths of what appears to be thousands of individuals, leaving the nation's largest city in shambles.

Shortly after 9:03 a.m., two planes crashed into Manhattan's

World Trade Center, knocking its famous Twin Towers to the ground. At 9:43 a.m., yet another plane, American Airlines' Flight 77, hit the Pentagon, causing sections of the building to collapse. A Pentagon spokesperson said that part of the Pentagon was occupied.

American Airlines' Flight 77, carrying 58 passengers and

six crew members, and Flight 11, carrying 81 passengers and 11 crew members, crashed, leaving no survivors. Both planes were headed for Los Angeles.

Two United Airlines planes were also lost, including Flight 93, heading from Newark, New Jersey to San Francisco, which crashed near Somerset, Pennsylvania. Flight 175 from Boston to

Los Angeles, carrying 56 passengers and seven crew members, is believed to be "the second plane that hit the World Trade Center," according to CNN reports Tuesday. Approximately 266 people were believed to have died on the four hijacked airplanes.

Most government buildings were evacuated, including the White House, State Departments,

and the Central Intelligence Agency. All planes in the United States have been grounded.

"Make no mistake," said President George Bush during a televised address to the country, "The United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts."

*CNN reports contributed to this article.

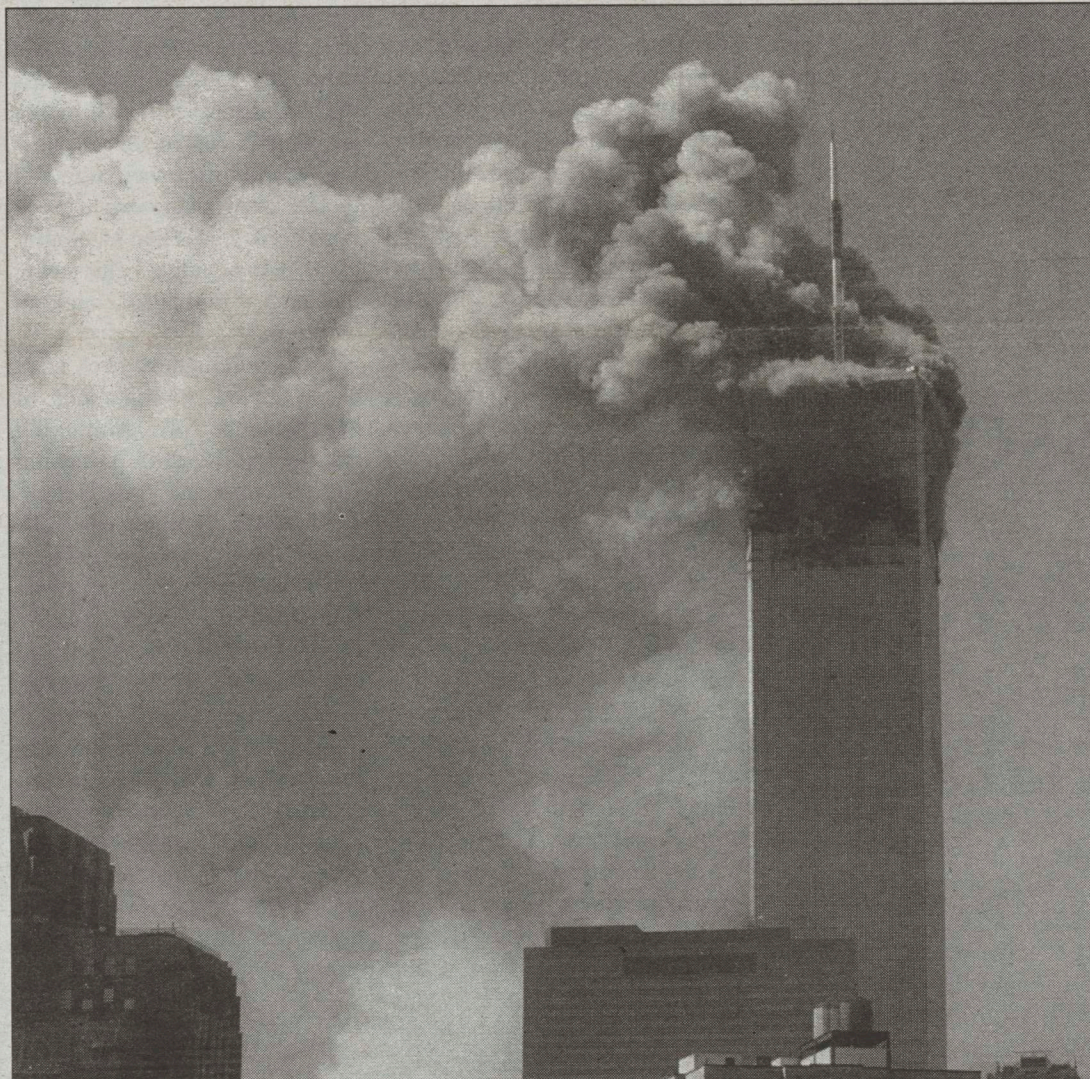
Campus Shut Down

By MELANIE ADDINGTON
Pride Editor

Campus was shutdown shortly before noon on Tuesday, Sept. 11 after California Governor Gray Davis and CSU Chancellor Charles Reed requested that all CSU campuses be closed and all classes cancelled.

"California State University campuses have cancelled all classes today (Tuesday, Sept. 11), and all non-essential university personnel are being asked to leave the campuses and return home in the wake of the American tragedy," Reed announced on Tuesday.

The decision to re-open campus on Wednesday, Sept. 12 was determined Tuesday at 6 p.m., according to Campus Police. [A message was left on the campus home page and the main telephone number for students, faculty and staff. Rick >>Article cont. on pg 4



World Trade Center 1 after WTC2 collapsed Tuesday morning. (Contribution Photo/US NEWS: Todd Plitt)

Police Evacuation

By JENNIFER HOLMES
Pride Staff writer

The Cal State San Marcos campus police were notified Tuesday morning to carry out a non-emergency evacuation of all buildings on campus. California Governor Gray Davis ordered the shutdown of all CSU campuses, after the apparent terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

"We were very impressed with how everyone on campus responded and cooperated with the evacuation," said Sgt. McCullough.

According to Sgt. Bill McCullough of the campus police, when the officers received the order, they began a systematic evacuation of all buildings on campus. They began with University Hall and worked their way westward on campus.

Some instructors had already made the decision to cancel their classes that day, even before the official order was given, said Sgt. McCullough.

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Brief History of Terrorism in America

By AMY BOLASKI
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The bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995 is regarded as the worst terrorist act in history committed on U.S. soil - until now.

168 people died in the Oklahoma bombing, and the nation waited for more than six years for some sort of resolution to the tragedy. The execution of Timothy McVeigh on June 11, 2001, brought that resolution, in some

ways, for the families and friends of the victims - indeed, the nation as a whole.

Now, three months to the day after that execution, the nation remains at a standstill - waiting for news, for instructions, for hope and for a death toll too staggering to comprehend.

The United States has been lucky in many ways to be spared the sort of large-scale terrorist activities so common to other nations, particularly those of the Middle East. Now, we face an attack of such magnitude that it

has prompted numerous comparisons to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor during World War II. The day that "will live in infamy" in the minds and hearts of Americans will, quite possibly, stand alongside Sept. 11, 2001 as one of the most brutal and tragic the American people will continue to write about and remember in history books, churches and institutions around the nation.

New York's World Trade Center was bombed Feb. 29, 1993. Five people were killed and thousands injured. Now, that same

building, one that houses more than 100,000 workers and visitors each day, is no longer intact - its famous twin towers gone from the city skyline, crumbled and smoking in the streets of New York. Nearly 300 people perished in the hijacked planes alone; between 100 and 150 people leaped to their death from the building. The death toll will continue to mount as those who perished in the building are discovered and counted.

How does this stack up against other terrorist attacks the

U.S. has experienced? Most acts of terrorism in the nation have involved small-scale, extremist groups or movements with specific objectives. Aside from the previous bombing of the World Trade Center, the Oklahoma City bombing and incidents involving the U.S. Capitol Building and Mobil Oil Headquarters in New York, most cases of terrorism aimed at the U.S. have taken place far from home.

In 1983, the U.S. Embassy in Beirut was bombed; 63 people >>Article cont. on pg 4

Editorial

Tuesday's terrorist attacks have brought the nation together. Now what remains to be seen is how this tragedy will affect the future. Thankfully, we know that in the following months, Americans will pull together to heal the wounded and clear the wreckage.

However, what remains unclear is how to "punish" the

nameless villain/s. In his address to the nation, President George Bush vowed to "hunt down and punish" who ever is responsible for this attack. That was a passionate and immediate reaction. Now it is clear, after thousands have died, after three towers have been destroyed, after the Pentagon burned, that our nation's leaders must respond with cau-

tion rather than revenge.

There is no doubt that this event was shocking, confusing, surreal, and heartbreaking for Americans. But we must use our wits instead of our emotions.

Right now, the nation can only speculate about who the monsters are and their reasoning. So, let's speculate. The fact is that this was a well-planned attack that took a lot of time, energy, and money to carry out. If the United States takes a highly aggressive stance against a large unknown, we may be inadver-

tently initiating war. The terrorists have provoked Americans and we have the opportunity to respond with fists or respond with intelligence. We vote intelligence.

An intelligent response would include an investigation into why, followed by peace talks and negotiations. It will take a lot of courage to work with the attackers, rather than seek sudden revenge for our losses. But we at CSUSM know, "si se puede; it can be done."

Chancellor Reed Reaches out to Faculty

TO: All CSU Employees
CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed

Today our country experienced a life-changing tragedy that has left us all feeling shaken and deeply saddened. I am sure that many of you, like me, felt a sense of shock and helplessness as we watched the events unfold on television. My heart goes out to the many families who have been affected by this disaster.

At the CSU, the safety of our students and employees is our

highest priority. We will continue to monitor the security of our campuses and facilities to ensure that all students and employees have a safe working environment.

You will be receiving ongoing communication from your campus about the status of classes and other events that may need to be rescheduled.

I thank you all for your cooperation and assistance during this difficult time. You and your families remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Education Professor Speaks to Students

Dear Students,

It is with deep regret that we could not meet with you on Tuesday. Sometimes the events of the world remind us of how precious we are to each other, and I know you all join us in mourning the loss of so many of our fellow citizens. It is a tragic day that we will always remember, and in your own reflections, as you hold your loved ones a bit closer today, please keep in your hearts, thoughts, or prayers the people throughout the world whose lives are affected by this terrible tragedy. It is a day of reflection and grief.

As I sat in the auditorium of that elementary school in Massachusetts so many years ago, with all of the children and teachers of my school, watching and waiting to celebrate the first teacher's journey into space, I never imagined that any tragedy could ever more deeply pain us and leave us with a feeling of such helplessness. Yet the magnitude of today's events has certainly

done that.

As teachers, we will at times be called upon to be unreasonably strong in the face of adverse times, and to set aside our best laid plans in favor of a different and deeper level of commitment and communication. Your instincts to do so will overtake you, and you will be well and right to follow them. For those of you who go back into the public schools this week, you will have an opportunity to observe and participate in this way, however untimely and premature it may feel in your sense of professional readiness. It will be your kindness, your generous and genuine caring, and your humanity that will accompany you. Use these in abundance.

In kind, we will be here for you, and in our own ways, we will set aside less important plans to hold each other up with care and compassion.

Toni Hood
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Campus Official in Paris Shares Thoughts

On exchange this year at our partner university near Paris, I experienced the news of the horror of the coordinated attacks in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania at a different time and in a different space than my colleagues at San Marcos. Still, I am certain that we shared a very similar moment of disbelief, disgust, disillusionment, and dismay. As I was in the middle of preparations to conduct courses and meetings that seek to extend global understanding and cooperation between our students and universities, I faced the overpowering evidence that fundamental differences remain that we cannot simply smile away as misunderstanding or misinterpretation.

Whether this heinous act had its origin within or outside of the United States, it remains terrible proof that indoctrination, zealotry, and narrow, fundamentalist thinking easily destroys the belief in our common humanity.

The terrorists believed that they were attacking a system and its ideas, without care for the individuals, their families, friends, and loved ones.

Although many have turned

against the idea of "liberal humanism" as a false promise of progress, and insist on the values that separate us, I confess that I was most horrified by the individuals, forced from a burning, crumbling tower, who felt that their only choice was a quick jump to death. When ideologies clashed, I couldn't help seeing the helpless individual caught in between.

As individuals, we must resist the easy temptations of hatred and of unthinking revenge, while still protecting our shared values of freedom and democracy. Apparently, protecting those ideologies (which I wish were realized much more fully in both the U.S. and in Europe), there will be terrible conflicts and casualties. Yet even under attack, our foremost thoughts should be of how we can best contribute to peace, prosperity, tolerance, and human understanding for all nations and peoples with whom we share this planet. We never can afford to lower ourselves to the level of unholy terrorists.

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Letters to the Editor

Only Crime is a Love for Freedom

Friends:

I am sure you have all heard about the most cowardly grotesque attack ever committed perpetrated by anti-American Pigs. The estimated death toll is now at over 10,000 innocent men, women, and children whose only crime could be their love for freedom and their residency in the U.S. While I am still trying to make sure my friends in both the New York City and the Pentagon (are safe), I hope that your family and friends are all safe.

There is urgency for blood so that the victims can receive the necessary treatments and medical aide. PLEASE, go to your nearest Red Cross or hospital and donate blood today. You can direct the location to which you donate blood to have your blood go to the victims of this barbaric act.

Sept. 11 has traditionally been a celebrated day honoring the Sept. 11, 1960, founding of Young Americans for Freedom at Bill Buckley's estate in Sharon, CT.

But Sept. 11, 2001, will ever live a day of villainy.

America will prevail, and freedom will not run!

Darren R. Marks

Price We Pay for Ignoring Wisdom

Dear Editors:

The recent terrorist attacks are the price we pay for ignoring the wisdom of the founders of this country as expressed by Thomas Jefferson: "Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations; entangling alliance with none."

The international hegemony of the United States federal government has been irritating people throughout the world for decades. End all subsidies, particularly foreign aid, terminate all treaties, terminate the CIA, and end all trade restrictions except for military technology developed with federal funding. Stop making enemies and we won't have to worry about terrorism. Vote Libertarian.

Sincerely,
Bill Holmes

Searching for Good, as the Dust Settles

By JAMES NEWELL
Pride Staff Writer

On Tuesday morning, the phone rang early, and since my girlfriend was on her way back from visiting family in Maryland, I answered thinking that she was on her way home. Instead she said, "Turn on the T.V. The World Trade Center and the Pentagon have been blown up."

Wiping the sleep from my eyes and searching for consciousness, my nightmare began. On the world scale, the U.S. was

under terrorist siege, but in my small world the effects hit more directly. I was confused and scared that Jennifer called to say she wasn't arriving in San Diego today, and possibly not for some time. Helpless to do anything, I could only listen to the fact that our country, the most powerful entity in the world, was systematically being shut down.

As the events of my morning unfolded, I noticed one overall encompassing notion. Not a half-hour passed, and I had spoken with and assured the well being

of both my families. In less than a month, Jennifer and I are getting married, and to me the good I can see behind all the pain and suffering is the family and friends. It is astounding to me to be a part of not just one, but two families. The power and importance of family has always been unmatched in my life, but to directly feel the love, support, and concern is refreshing. It was an immediate and heartfelt reaction from everyone to ensure the safety and well being of each other.

I have family and friends

spread out across the United States and internationally. Not only did I hear from those close by, I also received a call from my brother who lives in Costa Rica, almost immediately following the incident. He was not only checking on me, but Jennifer and her family as well, knowing they live in southern Maryland, an area not far from D.C.

Jennifer is trapped in Pittsburgh, and can only wait and see what route to take as the dust settles (so to speak). She is alone, knowing only that she wants to be

home, either in Maryland or here in San Diego, not stuck somewhere in-between.

Marriage is the symbolic act of joining two individuals and their families. It bonds together people from different lives, creating a larger family. As I share my experiences and feelings on the day the world stopped, I can only hope the image my families create is not just an isolated world, but a representation of our country as a whole, bound by love and concern for the well being of all.

World Mourns Unthinkable Loss of Life

By CHRIS ING
Pride Staff Writer

The shock of Tuesday's tragedy on the East Coast hangs palpably in the air, even here in San Diego, as the nation and the world mourn an unthinkable loss of life, the result of an apparent act of terrorism. As officials and experts speculate about who may be responsible for this atrocity, the reality is that we are only beginning to understand what exactly happened in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania. The death and injury toll may well climb into the thousands, and the cost of such an event is incalculable.

The oft-repeated phrase "unprecedented attack," accompanied by the horrific images of people jumping to their deaths from 90 floors up, and the planes slamming into the towers, will be indelibly marked not only in our minds but in the consciousness of the American public for years to come. We are only in our infancy of comprehending the effect that this tragedy will have.

For those of us lucky enough not to have been around during the Pearl Harbor era,

we have no reference point for an event of this magnitude. Although images of death and violence are sadly all too common in our culture, to have such scenes visited upon American soil elevates this tragedy to another level. Questions of national security, flight safety, and terrorist policy will all certainly be raised in the ensuing aftermath. And though we may make improvement in these areas in times to come, the damage may be already done.

Like many of us who turned on the television this morning, I was at first shocked at the image of the New York skyline irrevocably altered. (An image that only begins to convey the scope of the tragedy).

As more details became forthcoming, the reality of what this all meant hit home: all U.S. air space closed until further notice, and rumors of the U.S.-Canada and U.S.-Mexico borders closing.

Reports only seemed to induce more terror. I called my parents in Canada, friends, and loved ones, anxious to reach out to as many people as I could, to feel some human connection with the people I hold dear.

My sister-in-law called from San Francisco, a city whose historic bridges were closed indefinitely, to say she and her family were unharmed. She has a close friend whose husband was on the San Francisco-bound plane that crashed in Pennsylvania. He had called her while the plane was being hijacked, as people all around him were being stabbed and tortured. He knew he would not escape and had called to say goodbye.

I cried then as I cry now writing this. I cry for that husband whose last minutes on this Earth are the things nightmares are made of; I cry for the wife who must bear the memory of her husband on that plane as he said his last farewell; I cry for the unimaginable loss of life and the tragedy that has and will continue to touch all our lives; I cry for all the hate and violence that breeds only hopelessness and despair in our world; I cry at the thought of what consequences retaliation may bring; I cry because I am scared.

To all the people whose lives were needlessly lost and to those of us left behind to mourn: I offer love, strength, and a silent prayer for peace.

Students Respond Differently to Tragedy

By CLAUDIA IGNACIO
Pride Feature Editor
and LISA LIPSEY
Pride Opinion Editor

During Tuesday's catastrophe many students responded with reverence and compassion. Yet if someone took a short walk through Founders Plaza, one could see students reacting in a variety of ways.

Because of Club Week, many affiliations hung around to recruit new members. As we walked from *The Pride* office to Academic Hall, we saw that Commons 206 was full of students who had gathered to watch the events unfold. Further down the walkway, someone had set

out a U.S. flag. A Christian organization invited all students to, "Come and pray for New York, our nation, and our world." Their actions were fitting, considering the level of destruction that was occurring in our country.

What disappointed us, however, was the competition between the fraternities Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, who were showing off by playing loud and vulgar music. How could they do that when so many students were obviously distressed and a moment of silence was needed? In our opinion, this was clearly an act of ignorance and apathy.

Student Finds Comfort in Community Church Vigil

By Bonnie Vandewater

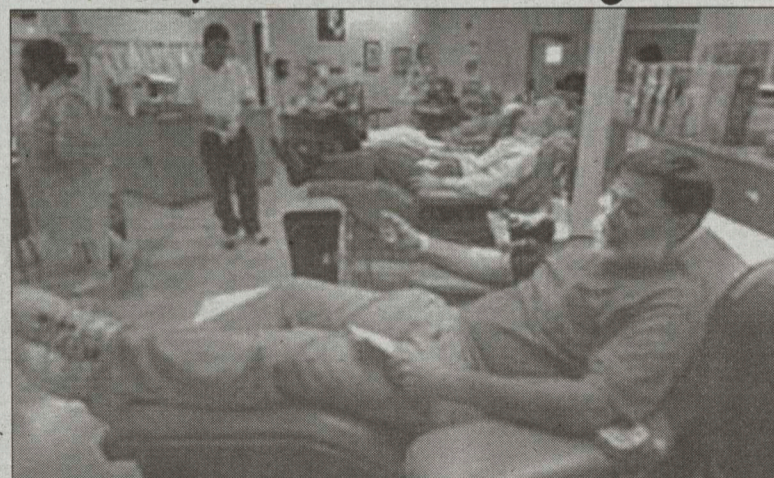
I find it unfortunate that it takes a tragedy like the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks to bring our nation together. However, I'm impressed by the way our community pulls together during disasters such as these. People seem to jump at a chance to respond in any way they can. In fact, the phone lines to the various blood banks around San Diego County were busy for hours and the blood banks had lines of more than 200 people waiting to give blood. The San Diego Blood Bank is

so overwhelmed with donations that their website urges people to make donations over the next week because they cannot accommodate all of the donations today. Yet the need for blood will still be great.

Still, I want to do something. Right now. Today. I feel guilty that I was able to walk my dog this morning, grab a bagel and coffee, and sit and watch this tragedy unfold in the comfort of my living room more than 3,000 miles away from these attacks. I can't fly to New York to volunteer my time. I can't donate

my blood today. I can't even talk to my friend who just moved to New York City last month to see if she's okay.

The only thing I can do is pray. So, tonight I will join prayer forces with Pomerado Christian Church in Poway where our nation's flag will hold prominence, people of different beliefs will join hands in prayer, candles will be lit to honor those we have lost, and perhaps a seed of hope will be restored to our little corner of the nation.



San Diego locals flooded blood banks around the county in light of Tuesday's attacks.
(Courtesy Photo/North County Times: Waldo Nilo)

Thoughts on ...

Compiled by AMY BOLASKI

"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us."

Helen Keller

"To achieve all that is possible, we must attempt the impossible – To be as much as we can be, we must dream of being more."

Karen Ravn

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

Helen Keller

"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear – not absence of fear."

Mark Twain

"To see a world in a grain of sand and heaven in a wildflower, Hold infinity in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour."

– William Blake

"It's odd that you can get so anesthetized by your own pain or your own problem that you don't fully share the hell of someone close to you."

– Schuldiner

"In this short life that lasts only an hour, how much – how little – is within our power."

– Emily Dickinson

"The beginning is the most important part of the work."

Plato

Section of Pentagon Collapses

A section of the Pentagon collapses after a Boeing 757, from American Airlines Flight 77 crashes into the building. (Contribution Photo/USNews)

Extra Precaution Taken around San Diego County

San Diego marines take extra precautions, checking vehicles shortly after attacks on Tuesday. (Contribution Photo/North County Times: Waldo Nilo)

Campus Shut Down

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Moore, spokesperson for the University, e-mailed all students with this information.] Chancellor Reed said that the campus presidents, in consultation with his office, would make determinations about classes on Wednesday and following days.

The CSU Board of Trustees meeting, which was scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday in Long Beach at the CSU headquarters, was also cancelled.

The 23 CSU campuses maintained essential operations, such as police and security, plant operations, libraries, residence halls and food services.

The CSU Chancellor's Office remained open.

Tragic Events Prompt Campus Evacuation

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Although many students experienced a traffic jam as they tried to get out of parking lots, Sgt. McCullough said the backup was not viewed as a problem and that traffic control was not needed.

All campus buildings were searched multiple times to ensure that there was no one on campus, with the exception of "essential personnel," which included the campus police and facility workers.

The campus was on com-

plete lockdown Tuesday, which meant that no one was allowed on campus, until further notice.

According to Sgt. McCullough, there is no reason to believe that the campus is or was under any kind of direct threat from terrorist activity at this time.

The campus was re-opened Wednesday morning. The campus website and phone line provided updates for students wanting to know if they should attend classes on Wednesday.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is here to help students.

Services are available to enrolled Cal State San Marcos students at no charge.

We provide a safe, supportive, confidential setting in which students' concerns can be addressed.

If you feel the need to talk with someone about anything that concerns you during this difficult time, or at any other time, please call us at (760) 750-4910.

CAPS Office: San Marcos Ambulatory Care Center (SMACC), Suite 102

(SMACC is located on the corner of Twin Oaks Valley Road and Craven Drive).

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Sept. 11, a Tragic Day in History

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were killed, including 17 Americans. That same year, 254 Marines were killed in Beirut, an attack the Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for. In Lebanon, in 1984, 14 people died at the U.S. Embassy Annex in Akwar. Jihad also claimed responsibility for this attack, calling it "part of the Islamic Revolution."

TWA Flight 847, en route from Athens to Lebanon, was hijacked, resulting in the death of a U.S. Navy diver in Beirut. The bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 killed 259 people and 11 people on the ground in Lockerbie, Scotland, where it crashed.

1996 marked the deaths of 19 military members in Saudi Arabia resulting from a terrorist explosion at an airbase. Osama bin Laden, the Arab terrorist affiliated with the Taliban regimens in Afghanistan and one of the prime suspects in Tuesday's

attack, was affiliated with the bombing of embassies in both Tanzania and Kenya in 1998. More than 5,000 people were wounded in the 1998 attack, and 291 people were killed.

There have been numerous other terrorist attacks in which U.S. citizens have been involved, too numerous to mention. But most of them have, again, taken place elsewhere – this unprecedented attack on U.S. soil has left the nation reeling. While it's too soon to point fingers, bin Laden's involvement is highly suspect, despite Yasser Arafat's denial of his involvement.

The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) is also a suspect – and its dense and violent history is hard to trace. The PLO was founded in Jerusalem on Fatah Day, Jan. 1st, 1964. (The state of Israel was proclaimed in May of 1948). Almost immediately, after British mandates

expired in Palestine, the Arabs launched attacks on Israel. The Palestinians have continued to fight Israel ever since, despite multiple attempts to reach peace agreements. A Palestinian State was declared at the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 1998, and on Sept. 9, 1993, the PLO and Israel signed a mutual recognition agreement, signing a peace agreement in Washington D.C. on Sept. 13. On Oct. that same year, the PLO approved chairman Yasser Arafat's peace deal with Israel.

These peace treaties didn't last – and various, extremist groups, branched off the PLO, have continually opposed the Israel – PLO peace agreement. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine split, which is where the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine emerged.

Detailing a complete history

of Palestinian/Israel negotiations would be next to impossible – suffice it to say, at this point, there is serious opposition to U.S. support of Israel. The U.S. decision to pull out of last week's racism conference has prompted (speculated) threats to the U.S. by Palestinian groups, including a threat to the safety of New York. Yasser Arafat continues to deny, even condemn, the attacks, and in the course of this writing yet another structure, Building 7, has collapsed.

Whether bin Laden was involved, the PLO and/or any of its offspring or someone else entirely, the fact remains that many more perished Tuesday than in any other terrorist attack in U.S. history, many more than in most of the afore-mentioned attacks combined. Our nation mourns its loss.

*The State Department contributed to this article.