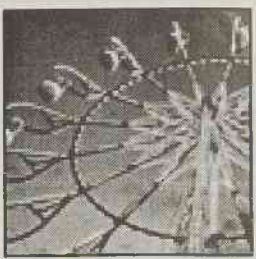


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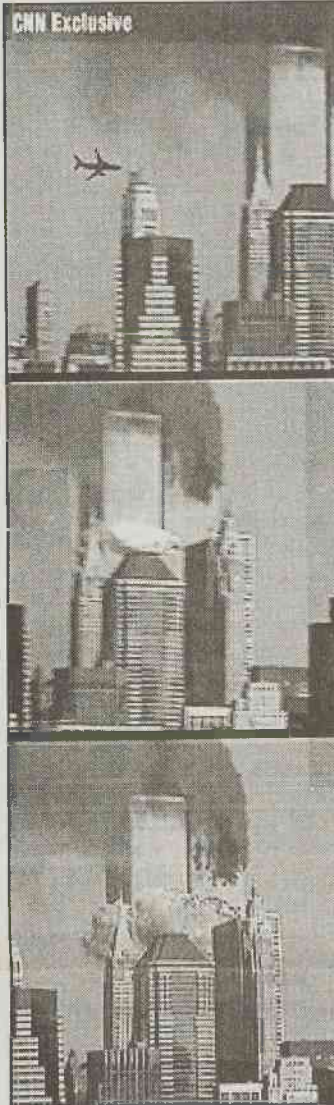
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Terrorists Attack N.Y.C., Then Pentagon



Rescue workers remove a man from one of the World Trade Center towers in New York City, early Sept. 11. The death toll is still not yet known after two commercial aircraft crashed into the 110-story buildings, causing them to crash to the ground.

SHANNON STAPLETON/REUTERS



CNN Exclusive

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The images taken from amateur video show the second plane crashing into the World Trade Center tower in New York City.

UNCA students mourn after terrorist attack

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Over 600 students and other members of the UNCA community gathered Sept. 12 at an Interfaith Prayer Service held in response to the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. UNCA canceled afternoon classes so students and faculty could meet and discuss the tragedy.

"People going through a lot of pain can see that they're not alone," said Erin Farmer, a senior Management major and senior senator of the Student Government Association. "I think the service really helped with that."

Several students said the general reaction to the attacks is shock, followed by anger and feelings of retaliation.

"Everybody has the same reaction; it's just shock and amazement," said Mateusc Pucilowski, an undeclared freshman. The television coverage "looks just like a movie; it looks like 'Independence Day.'"

"You can tell there's a lot of anger," said Kelly Genoba, a junior History and Education major. The enormity of the disaster

"never really kicked in until I had watched it for a couple of hours (on TV), and realized that this is really true. This is really happening."

At the service, some members of the audience said they felt scared, confused, numb, helpless and sad.

UNCA has counseling services available on campus for students, faculty and staff, according to Margaret Weshner, director of the counseling center, located in Weizenblatt Hall.

Although some counselors spent part of Sept. 11 and 12th in the Highsmith Center offering their services to students, Weshner said most students are depending on each other for comfort.

"What we noticed (on campus) was students really turning to each other," said Weshner. "It's a horrible thing for everybody to deal with."

UNCA presented a variety of religious perspectives at the event held in Lipinsky Hall, including the Catholic, Buddhist, Baptist, Jewish and Unitarian beliefs.

"I thought it was spiritually motivating, seeing all these different religions" communicating to students, said Genoba. "You can just see how this brings people together. It was a very powerful lecture."

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Rescue workers continue to search for survivors after terrorist attacks in New York City

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Rescue workers continue to search for survivors at the World Trade Center, after two hijacked planes crashed into the twin towers Sept. 11.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said bulldozers have been brought in to clear away the rubble in order to make rescue efforts easier.

"Ongoing fires and damaged buildings could hamper rescue efforts, but those efforts were continuing," said the mayor.

Almost 300 emergency personnel in New York, including 78 missing police officers and 200 firefighters, are among the casualties in the attack.

Officials have said that an exact number of dead may not be known for weeks. However, President Bush suggested how high the death toll may rise when he said "thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror."

The disaster began to unfold at 8:48 a.m., when American Airlines Flight 11, carrying 92 people from Boston, MA to Los Angeles, CA, crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center, the landmark glass-and-steel complex at the southern tip of Manhattan

that provided office space for 50,000 workers, according to *The Washington Post*.

Twenty minutes later, another plane, United Airlines Flight 175, a Boeing 767 headed from Boston to Los Angeles with 56 passengers, seven flight attendants and two pilots, crashed into the other tower.

Shortly after the attack on the World Trade Center, American Airlines Flight 77, a Boeing 757 carrying a total of 64 people, crashed into Washington, D.C.'s Pentagon building, sending it into flames.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer and Secretary of State Colin Powell said there was reason to believe Flight 77 was intended to strike the White House, and that Air Force One was also a target.

They refused to elaborate on the "credible information" that led to that statement.

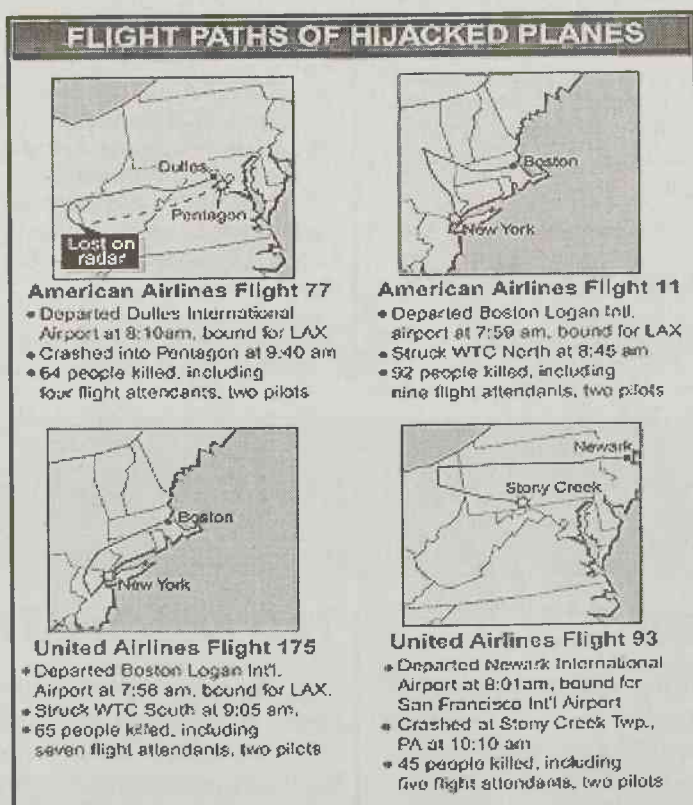
After the attack on the Pentagon, around 10 a.m., the first World Trade Center tower collapsed. Thirty minutes later, the other tower fell, sending hundreds running for their lives.

"I saw bodies falling out of the World Trade Center. Oh, God," said Elizabeth Belleau, while in tears. They were "jumping, falling, (among the) glass and smoke."

One witness told CBS News he could see no bodies, "only parts of bodies." When asked how many, he said "much, much too many."

Another witness said it looked like something out of a movie.

Another hijacked plane crashed



MICHAEL SALES/REUTERS GRAPHICS

This graphic shows the flight path of the hijacked flights out of Boston, Newark and Dulles airports that were used in terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Sept. 11.

near Shanksville, PA. Federal Aviation Administration officials said United Airlines Flight 93 was hijacked from a Newark, NJ airport en route to San Francisco, CA, and all passengers and crew, totaling 45, were dead.

A passenger from Flight 93 called her husband from the plane. Barbara Olson supposedly told her husband

the terrorists were armed only with knives and cardboard cutters, according to CNN.

The hijackings occurred during one of the busiest times of day in airports. Also, all planes were flying to the West Coast, so they were

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Community Helps Terrorist Victims

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UNCA students and Asheville residents are pouring out in enormous numbers to donate blood in response to the horrible tragedies in New York and Washington D.C. The Asheville/Mountain Area Red Cross chapter has been working almost nonstop since the terrorist attacks occurred Sept. 11.

"We have had so many UNCA students come and donate," said Joyce Brooks, Director of Volunteers and Public Relations at the Asheville/Mountain Area Red Cross chapter. "It was just phenomenal, the outpouring. It's very humbling to know that our young people are getting out to support all of this, but we need [them] to come back."

Within six hours, more than

700,000 people volunteered to give blood across the nation at American Red Cross locations. American Red Cross sent approximately 3200 units (pints) of red blood cells to Washington D.C. and New York City yesterday.

The response in Asheville was equally impressive. Over 500 people showed up to give blood Sept. 11 at the donation center on Merrimon Avenue, according to Brooks. With just the regular staff on hand, the



DREA JACKSON/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Tracy Smith, a 1992 UNCA graduate, gives blood on Sept. 12 at the American Red Cross off Merrimon Avenue in Asheville.

Red Cross was not able to process everyone that wished to donate blood.

"It was a madhouse (on Tuesday), today we are so organized... The good news about what happened yesterday was, when folks decided they couldn't stick around and wait, a lot of them made appointments for today and tomorrow," said Brooks. "As a result of that, we had 130 people scheduled

for today, and 160 people for tomorrow... but we are accepting a few

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