

Remembering Sept. 11 one year later



ed the tragedy that took place one year ago. UNCA students, faculty and In New York, people strain to see the remains of the World Trade Center Sept. 11, as they rem staff also commemorated the tragic day with on-campus events, including a candle-light vigil and a flag ceremony.

Many UNCA voices recount an American tragedy

Elizabeth Moe

For as long as our living memories last, the terrorist attacks on the United States Sept. 11, 2001 will loom tall as one of the most horrific and mind-numbing events our gen-eration will ever experience. Each of us struggle to find the most ap-propriate way to commemorate our losses, and muddle through the conflicting ideas and emotions as best we can.

This year, at UNCA, we began our memorial to all victims of that atrocity with a reverent moment of selence around a stock-still flag, halted at half-mast. Well over a hundred gathered there, in the growing light, as a representation of unity and remembrance. A new dawn, as brightand innocentas one just a year ago, peeked over the skyline. To some, it was a symbol of hope and new beginning-sa re-birth.

birth. As dawn faded into mid-morn-ing, and then, into a candle-litblack night, students, staff and faculty joined in a series of events designed to embody the spirit of America in times of trouble and adversity. But, it seems that it is the dialogue, the mutual understanding and healing we as a community experience to gether, that best expresses the true backbone of America, and in a way, best commemorates those who we

seek to honor. "I detest war, all its ideas and what's behind it, but at the same time, so to speak, that's what gives me the right to be who I am, too function like I do, to wart the clothes like. I can do that and a lot of people suf-fered for that. If it comes with that price, then I

price, then I sure am grate-ful for it," said Sharon Lloyd, an undeclared an undeclared junior. Those who spent the day compassion-ately listening to the melting pot of diverse community members that construct this university were rewarded J.P. AMMONS/ PHOTO EDITOR

The Student Government Association sponsored the candlelight vigil.

were rewarded with perspec-tives that enlighten and inspire. "We see this as a personal tragedy, which it certainly was," said Luther Barnhardt, a member of UNCA's board of trustes." It was a horrfic epitode, but it should give us cause to reflect on countries of this world who go through this every day." "What I hope this will do is make us more aware of our role in the

world, and more aware of the fact that there are other people in the world who are suffering so much more than we. Institutions like this with a liberal arts background aren't only focused on technology, we are focused on

students. fac

propriate, many others feltthe univer-

felt the univer-sity could address some important concepts in different ways. "It's part of the process of healing and moving forward," said Linda Cornett, director of international studies and assistant professor of political science. "Any way that people do that - through their reli-gious faith, through debare and dia-logue or through academic discus-

sions – it's got to be a positive step." "Institutions of learning have a special place in moments like this the best colleges and universities are places where people come to gether to discuss important issues to effect on important community moments. What we've got here is, na tragic way, something that has brought all of that together. Gam-puters are places of dalogue, places of to today, "aid Chancellor James H. Mallen."

for tody," said Chancellor James H. Mullen. Idealistic viewpoints about what makes the United States the coun-try it itoday floated through casual conversations on the quad and in the classroom. Somber, reflective dialogue about the poignant, indi-vidual sacrifices of this hortific day volleyed between controversial is-sues about terrorism, U.S. foreign policy and what it means to be America. Th just pappy to be here for the students. Their questions are at an extremely high level of sophistica-tion and interest," said Seamus McNerney, humanities professor. Think the wornt thing we could do, and I don't see it coming at all, oig just to quie up and not look at it objectively."

objectively." Trying to make some semblance of sense out of the unpredictable vortex of destruction that charac-terized Sept.11 has left many with a sense of helplessness and frustra-

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tion. Pausion ran high throughout the day, as the camput struggled to cope with emotional baggage built up vert the part year. The campus came togethor to pro-vide students with a way to liberate overwhelming emotions in a vari-ery of ways. Linda Pyeritz, a regis-tered nunse in the health center, even brought along a canine thera-pits, appropriately named Chance, to help community members re-lease some of their stress. She felt the dog's blind, uncompromising love was not of the most positive ways to vent heart-ending emo-tion.

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UNCA student travels to NYC for Sept. 11

> Sarah Wilkins Guest Repo

I stood at the edge of the World Trade Center remains. New York City police officers hustled onlook-ers away from blockaded streets as voices read the names of terrorist victims.

victims. I traveled over 12 hours from UNCA to witness the anniversary of America's tragedy. As I entered New York City, I understood that I would witness one of the most significant events in America's history. I listened to conversations in the remed amonent New Yorkees and

I listened to conversations in the crowd amongst New Yorkers and tourists, and empathized with their feelings of outrage, sorrow and reso-lution.

larion. As the moming continued, gust-ing wind caused national flags to studie angity, and unserted dust strug the cycs of onloaders. From blocks away, I could hear the timy sound of the stage's mi-can flags drapted on the skyccapes: before I even got close to the site. Memorials to firefighters and po-lice officers covered fences and buildings along the strees. I saw notes and gifts friom all bever the country and the world. American flags prominently appeared in the hands of bystanders, and their dress offere reflected our rational colors. I discovered police officers guard-ing many stree entrances, refusing admittance to anyone who wanted to get closer to the site. Evading police barricades, I found ur way down to Church Street, which bordens the former Trade Center location. I joined other per-sistent individuals who vanted to the training to see over poople's heads, l vitnessed the procession of freighters carrying flags as the creation of an appreciation of their flatensist. Looking and the frates, in notice that expres-sions of suchass and result the applic of the the moles of lowed ones. Looking at their face, I notice that expres-sions of suchass and results applied the ones who wanted is the Mary of mediate chargers and of suchass and results applied to the one should under the mediate the mediation of the ones. Looking at their face in the mediation to note of the could super lowed the ones when one of the ones when one should under the face of a the mediation of thore of the ones when one and under the face of a mediates and results applied to a the mediation of the ones when one one one of the ones when one one of the ones when one one of the ones when one one of the ones of such one of the ones when one one of the ones when one one of the ones of the ones when one one of the ones of the ones when one one of the ones of the ones when one one of the ones of the ones when one one of t

the crowd. Slowly the observers dispersed, drifting into small gatherings to tell stories that illustrated the terrorist attacks' effects on regular Ameri-

Then, I headed to Central Park, Then, I headed to Central Park, where thousands of people sat in the Great Lawn holding a candle-light vigil remembering the vic-tims. I gazed at the small points of flame highlighted in the darkness with the skyscapers framing the scene with more light. While the orchestra played the "Blue Danube Waltz," a tribute to freficiences syncal neople in the

firefighters, several people in the crowd had tears slipping down their cheeks.

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