

POINT OF INTEREST

THOUGHTS ON SEPTEMBER 11

-by Maria Fuentes, staff writer-

America endured a sudden change on September 11, 2001. This change left Americans fearful of what tomorrow would bring. As people went on with their daily duties, the unexpected happened. The World Trade Center was attacked as was the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Americans were taken by surprise and they united and together the country mourns over the tragedy.

People all over America are horrified and fearful of what is to come next. As news keeps repeating the tragedy, students at Brevard College feel it as hard as New Yorkers do. At one point, students gathered at the cross between Jones and

Beam dorms for a word of prayer. These students prayed over lives lost in the incident and for their families and the families of those involved in the tragedy.

Students were not the only ones with change in their hearts, though New York had the biggest change ever. It not only lost two of its major buildings, but it lost many lives of those who made some contribution to the city.

Now New York is not the beautiful city that it once was. The streets are covered with sand and remains of what used to be the World Trade Center. All because of terrorism and the people behind it.

Students are concerned about what is going to happen next. Shen Lieu said, "I am more worried about the war, but if we

just sit here and not fight back, then we might get more attacks."

Most students are worried about the war and what it is going to bring to the U.S. Ann Adachi, a student, is in opposition. She said, "the best resolution to this terrorism attack is to understand other countries' cultures and view points and we also need to keep negotiating."

It is yet to be known what is going to happen with terrorism. There is but one solution according to President Bush: war. September 11 was the worst ever terrorism attack on the USA, and now there is nothing to be done but to go after those who were involved in the action.

STUDENTS AND TERRORISM

How has your life changed since September 11?

"I have a new found respect for how fragile society is."

- Drew Walker

"It hasn't really affected me in any way at all."

- Joe Hunt

"Since September 11th, I have put more faith in our country and in God. I value my life a little more now."

- Kasey Eldridge

"I never knew that somebody hated America enough to take 5,000 lives."

- Chris Becker

"I'm getting my gun and joining the Army. Go Cocks."

- Pickett Wall

"I don't have the same sense of security that I used to have before all this happened."

- Jeffrey Storey-Pitts

-compiled by the Clarion staff-

KNOWN TERRORIST GROUPS

-compiled by Richard Andrews, editor-

Name- Abu Nidal Organization (ANO) a.k.a. Black September

Description- International group led by Sabri al-Banna

Location- Iraq, Lebanon, Sudan, Syria

Size- several hundred plus militia

Targets- U.S., U.K., France, Israel, and moderate Palestinians

Name- al-Jihad

Description- Egyptian Islamic Extremist group. Led by Ayman al-Zawahiri and Ahmad Husayn Agiza. The group has strong ties with Usama bin Ladin. Aims to overthrow the Egyptian government with an Islamic state:

Location- Cairo, Afghanistan, Pakistan, U.K., and Sudan

Size- Unknown; probably several thousand members

Targets- Egyptian government officials, United States

Name- al-Qa'ida a.k.a. al-Qaeda, the Islamic Army, the Usama bin Ladin Network

Description- Established by bin Ladin around 1990 to bring together Arabs who fought in the war against the Soviet Union. Goal is to "reestablish the Muslim state throughout the world". Bin Ladin said "it's every Muslim's duty to kill U.S. citizens, military and their allies." They also aim to remove Westerners from Muslim countries.

Location- bin Ladin and his key lieutenants are most likely residing in the caves in Afghanistan's mountains. Bin Ladin's al-Qa'ida network is capable of reaching all over the world.

Size- May have several hundred to several thousand members. Serves as the core organization to a loose umbrella of organizations.

Targets- U.S., Israel, any Westerners

Name- Gama'a al-Islamiyya (the Islamic Group)

Description- Egypt's largest militant group. Signed bin Ladin's fatwa in Feb. 1998 calling for attacks against all U.S. citizens and military. Aims to overthrow the Egyptian Government with an Islamic state.

Location- Southern Egypt, Cairo, U.K., Afghanistan, and Austria

Size- Unknown; probably several thousand

Targets- Egyptian government and security, tourists in Egypt and the U.S.

Name- Hizballah (Party of God) a.k.a. Islamic Jihad

Description- Aims to overthrow an Iranian-style Islamic republic in Lebanon; Anti-west, Anti-Israel,

Location- Bekaa Valley, southern suburbs of Beirut, Lebanon, Europe, Africa, North America, and South America

Size- several thousand

Targets- U.S. civilians, military, and government, Westerners, Israel

Name- Palestine Islamic Jihad- Shaqaqi Faction

Description- Formed by militant Palestinians in the Gaza strip, Aims to create an Islamic Palestinian state in Israel and destroy the Israeli government through holy war.

Location- Primarily Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria

Size- Unknown

Targets- Israel, U.S., U.S. interest in Jordan

