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National tragedy felt throughout campus



Students in the Hawks Nest watch footage of Tuesday's tragedy in horror. A candlelight vigil will held today at 9 p.m. at the Campus Commons.

Tuesday's Attack on America has left the nation reeling

wall of the Pentagon.

"If we do confirm it as international terrorism, their coordination and execution was excellent in that they didn't only mobilize and spread fear amongst Americans, but also in most other nations of the world," said Dr. remonda B. Kleinberg, political science professor. "I think Americans are really grappling with who to blame and how to comprehend this."

The tragic attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon have left the campus in emotional turmoil.

Shortly before 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning, two hijacked airplanes, one belonging to American Airlines, the other to United Airlines, slammed into the World Trade Center, causing both 110-story towers to crash down. An hour later, another American Airlines plane crashed into the west

The attack broke into the veil of safety most Americans feel living in the country. Such an attack led to feelings of denial and numbness throughout the country.

"It's like watching a video in history class. Nobody really expected it, and everybody just kind of felt safe in America," student Kelly Blanchfield said.

One of the biggest consequences of the attack has been the fear generated by possible implications of the attack.

"You wonder 'are we at war?'" senior James Downey said.

Many students have family and friends in the areas affected by the attacks, and felt waves of fear and sadness in hearing the news.

Sarah van Schagen, UNCW Life editor of *The Seahawk*, was

among those for whom the event hit close to home. Van Schagen is the daughter of an American Airlines pilot based in New York. Fortunately, her father was not set to work on Tuesday.

"Our generation has never lived through a war... It's scary to think that at any moment something could happen to you or your family," she said.

In addition counseling sites were set up Tuesday in University Union in room 204, Warwick Center in room 104, in addition to resources in the Student Development Center.

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