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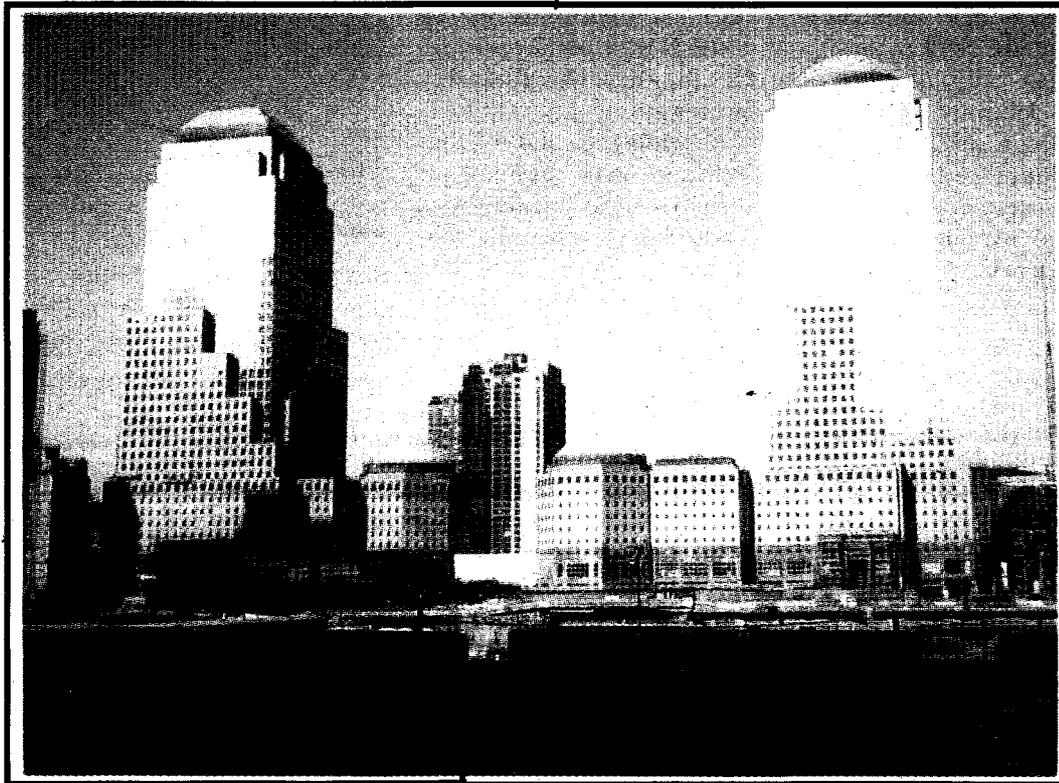
*Perspectives from the people who were there when the towers came down and are back on the sixth-month anniversary to honor the memory of those who perished, celebrate the rebuilding of New York.*

□ Last Monday marked the six-month anniversary of Sept. 11, a time to honor and remember.

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**GROUND ZERO, NEW YORK CITY**--Richard Bell is an ordinary broker. He walked into the World Trade Center every day. On Sept. 11, he was on the second story of the first building, getting a cup of coffee when he heard what he thought was a simple kitchen explosion.

He took his time as he walked outside, but suddenly a plane--the second of the two that hit the Twin Towers--seemed to come from nowhere, colliding into



Volunteer workers have been working for six months to clear the rubble at Ground Zero.

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the building right in front of him.

In disbelief, he dropped the coffee and ran to Battery Park with half a million other people. When he and fellow runners reached the lake in the park, the impact of the second building imploding blew 200 of them directly into the water.

Most survived, however one man had a heart attack right there.

"I remember it so vividly," Bell recalled, "There were people jumping from the building--chaos."

From there, look through Bell's eyes toward the mount of rubble as tall as a forty-story building where two magnificent towers stood

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## Faculty laptops nabbed over break

□ Speculated theft of laptops on campus prompts faculty and students to be on guard.

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Upon arriving on campus Monday morning, a few Meredith faculty found their laptops missing.

Suzanne Britt, professor of English at Meredith, was one such professor.

"I remembered seeing it there on Friday," recalled Britt.

Earlier that day, Britt received an email from Eloise Grathwohl alerting faculty members that Dr. Robin Colby's computer had been stolen over the weekend as well.

"I came in around ten o'clock, and I discovered things were amiss. There were noticeable things different. My first assumption was that Technology Services took it," said Colby.

After Colby realized that her computer was missing, she sent her student worker Courtney Harris to Technology Services to check things out.

Technology Services suggested that the computer had been stolen.

Colby finds these thefts to be very unsettling. She is doing what she can to make sure others know.

"I'm passing the word along and suggesting that students be more careful," said Colby.

Similarly, Harris is also bothered by the situation.

"I was kind of surprised. I really thought that it wouldn't be a problem. I thought that a professor could leave his or her computer and not worry about it," said Harris.

Although these thefts are alarming, most faculty are trying to keep a positive attitude.

"Fortunately, I don't do my grades on Excel," said Britt. "I do them the old fashioned way. Nothing else in my office was disturbed, even though there was a printer and a radio."

Britt tried to look at the situation positively.

"I had a lot more free time without the computer," she said.

Britt went on to say that Barbara McKay, the departmental assistant for the English, history and politics departments, was "shocked and amazed" with how calm Britt was about the situation.

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