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Senior Tykesha Spivey watches news coverage of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in the Student Union.

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them, but on the other hand, it's kind of like giving in to the terrorists," he said. "We're definitely going to meet. I may ask them if they have anything they'd like to talk about."

In light of the attacks, one widely discussed concern was future treatment of people of Middle Eastern descent and international students. "I hope to God this doesn't turn into a retaliatory prejudice against Palestinian-Americans," said

law student April Zotecan as she reflected after spending four hours absorbing news coverage at Woody's. "I have a Palestinian niece, and I hope (she's) not punished for what happened today."

In the early evening hours, vigils starting popping up around campus, giving the campus an opportunity to reflect on the day's violent events that, for many, defy understanding. About 100 people attended a 5 p.m. vigil conducted by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

Students approached the flag pole on Polk Place in groups of two and three as the sun began to sink. For the next 35 min-



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Students gather at the flag pole in Polk Place on Tuesday afternoon for a vigil, offering prayer and sharing moments of silence in remembrance of those lost in the tragedies of the early morning.

utes, the group offered prayers for victims, for rescue workers, for political leaders and for themselves. "Father, I know my first response is anger, bitterness and rage," said one participant. "Have mercy on us, on people who want to exact revenge, that our hearts not be filled with passionate anger but with peace."

Moeser joined the group about halfway through the vigil. He stood on the outside of the circle bowing his head. He left for South Building a few minutes later.

Howard Rund, a former Marine from Long Island, N.Y., who attended the vigil, said his best friend called him after she escaped from the rubble of the World Trade Center. He had yet to hear from his father, who works near the buildings. "We were told today that people don't fear us,"

Rund said. "I came here to feel safe."

Later Tuesday night, a circle of people holding hands in the Pit had to continuously expand as more and more people joined to pray for the victims of the terrorist attacks. Almost 70 people eventually joined the 7:30 p.m. prayer session.

Junior Patience Whitehead, one of the speakers, said the attacks were a reminder of humanity's feebleness and humility. "I'm praying for all those who are confused, Lord, and all those whose hearts are just broken," she said.

Hannah Carlton, a freshman from Denver who attended the vigil, said the attacks were a national tragedy. "A lot of us are not even close to this, but in a way we are, because this affects all of us," she said. And while closing up shop at the end-

ing of an exhausting day, Sutton's owner John Woodard was still in a state of disbelief. He said, "I keep hoping I'm going to wake up and find out this is all a dream."

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Washington. He encouraged such students to contact their resident assistants or counselors at Student Health Service. "Students should use their regular safety net or go to the counseling center," he said.

The chancellor said he also is working with UNC programs that have placed students abroad and in

Washington and New York to keep those students safe and informed.

Sophomore Sarah Miller said she appreciated Moeser's show of support at a difficult time. Miller said, "I think we're all just in shock - he was voicing everyone's opinions for us, and it's nice to have somebody do that when we aren't able to know what to say."

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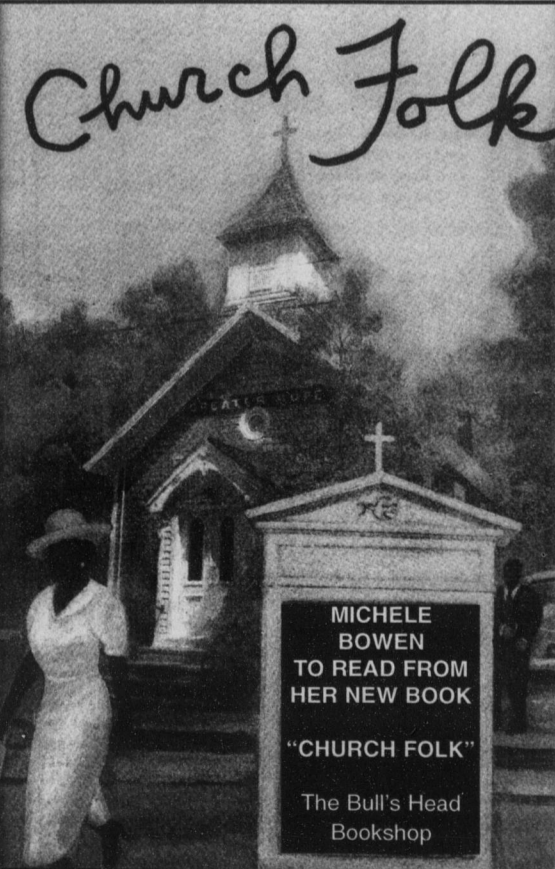
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